

**Table 2.3: Adoptions by type of adoption and by type of adopter(s), 1999 - 2012**

Year	Total	Type of adoption			Type of adopter(s)					
		Regular	Foreign <sup>1</sup>	Parental Order	Male + female joint	One male <sup>2</sup>	One female <sup>2</sup>	Two males <sup>3</sup>	Two females <sup>3</sup>	Not known
1999	486	485	1	-	248	221	17	-	-	-
2000	391	391	-	-	207	170	14	-	-	-
2001	470	469	1	-	289	164	16	-	-	1
2002	385	382	3	-	260	112	13	-	-	-
2003	467	450	16	1	297	159	11	-	-	-
2004	393	378	11	4	247	119	27	-	-	-
2005	439	433	4	2	285	143	11	-	-	-
2006	418	410	5	3	260	122	36	-	-	-
2007	441	429	9	3	294	126	21	-	-	-
2008	421	412	7	2	298	110	13	-	-	-
2009	455	439	10	6	314	105	36	-	-	-
2010	466	455	3	8	330	102	22	4	8	-
2011	496	477	4	15	367	95	30	1	3	-
2012	495	484	2	9	357	92	36	7	3	-

**Footnotes**

1) Includes overseas adoptions in earlier years: these were cases where children born in Scotland were adopted abroad, and the adoption was registered in Scotland. Since 2009, National Records of Scotland has been unable to register such cases.

2) The vast majority of 'one adopter' cases are people who have become step-parents of the children of their spouses or partners.

3) Adoptions by same sex couples have been possible since the Adoption and Children (Scotland) Act 2007 came into force on 28 September 2009.