

Table 2.3: Adoptions by type of adoption and by type of adopter(s), 1999 - 2010 ¹

Year	Total	Type of adoption			Type of adopter(s)					
		Regular	Foreign *	Parental Order	Male + female joint	One Male **	One Female **	Two Males ***	Two Females ***	Not known
1999	486	485	1	-	248	221	17	-	-	-
2000	391	391	-	-	207	170	14	-	-	-
2001	469	468	1	-	289	163	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	422	413	7	2	298	111	13	-	-	-
2009	455	439	10	6	314	105	36	-	-	-
2010	466	455	3	8	330	102	22	4	8	-

¹ Totals for 1999, 2001, 2003 and 2008 have been changed since they were last published. This is due to corrections made to the adoptions data.

* 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, NRS has been unable to register such cases.

** the vast majority of "one adopter" cases are people who have become step-parents of the children of their spouses or partners

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