

Alaska earns a D+ for its civil forfeiture laws:

- Low bar to forfeit: Once the government seizes property, the owner must prove by preponderance of the evidence that it is not connected to a crime.
- Poor protections for the innocent: Third-party owners must prove their own innocence to recover seized property.
- Large profit incentive: In general, up to 75% of forfeiture proceeds go to law enforcement; 100% in cases of non-monetary property worth \$5,000 or less.

Recent Reforms

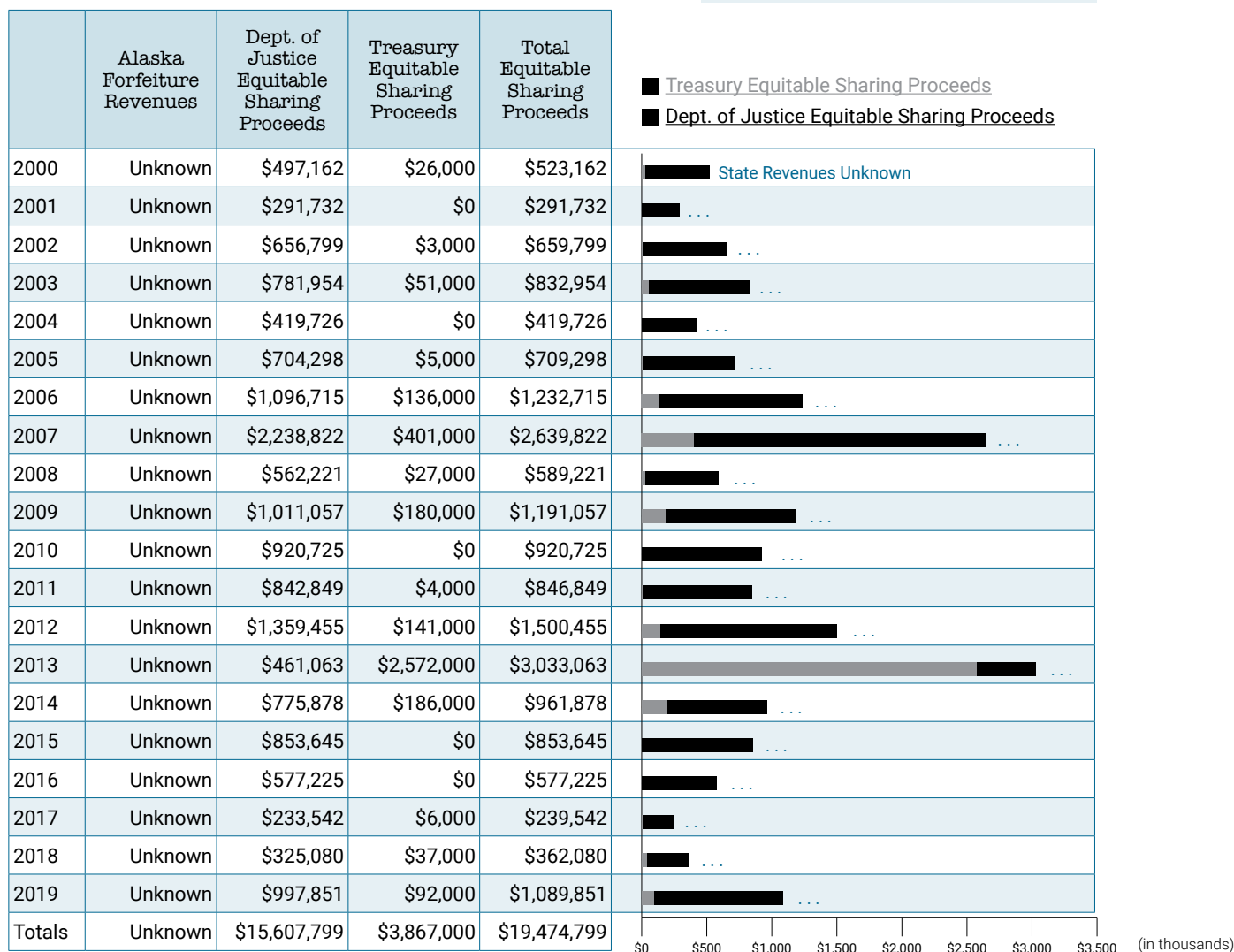
- None.

State and Federal Forfeiture Revenues, 2000–2019

Between 2000 and 2019, Alaska law enforcement agencies generated more than \$19 million in forfeiture revenue from federal equitable sharing. Alaska ranks 15th for its participation in the Department of Justice’s equitable sharing program. The state does not prevent state and local agencies from using equitable sharing to circumvent state forfeiture law.

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in federal forfeiture revenue**

2000–2019



All revenue figures include both civil and criminal forfeitures. Revenues are not adjusted for inflation.

Alaska's Forfeiture Transparency and Accountability Report Card

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| Tracking Seized Property | F | Accessibility of Forfeiture Records | F |
| Accounting for Forfeiture Fund Spending | F | Penalties for Failure to File a Report | Incomplete[†] |
| Statewide Forfeiture Reports | F | Financial Audits of Forfeiture Accounts | F |

[†] No reporting requirements to enforce.

For full transparency and accountability grades, visit www.ij.org/TransparencyReportCards.

Forfeitures Under Alaska Law: Key Facts

Median Value

UNKNOWN

Alaska does not report property-level data necessary to calculate median forfeiture value.

Property Types

UNKNOWN

Alaska does not report the types of property forfeited.

Civil vs. Criminal

UNKNOWN

Alaska does not report whether forfeitures are processed under civil or criminal forfeiture law.

Expenditures

UNKNOWN

Alaska does not report how forfeiture funds are spent.

Data Notes

No statewide records available. Agencies are not required to report forfeiture activity. Equitable sharing data are from DOJ's and Treasury's annual forfeiture reports.