

TABLE 8. National estimates of related and unrelated adoptions: United States 1951 to 2014

Year	Total adoptions	Unrelated adoptions	Related adoptions	Percentage unrelated adoptions	Percentage related adoptions
1951	72,000	33,800	38,200	47	53
1955	93,000	48,400	44,600	52	48
1957	91,000	48,200	42,800	53	47
1958	96,000	50,900	45,100	50	50
1959	102,000	54,100	47,900	53	47
1960	107,000	57,800	49,200	54	46
1961	114,000	61,600	52,400	54	46
1962	121,000	62,900	58,100	52	48
1963	127,000	67,300	59,700	53	47
1964	135,000	71,600	63,400	53	47
1965	142,000	76,700	65,300	54	46
1966	152,000	80,600	71,400	53	47
1967	158,000	83,700	74,300	53	47
1968	166,000	86,300	79,700	52	48
1969	171,000	88,900	82,100	52	48
1970	175,000	89,200	85,800	51	49
1971	169,000	82,800	86,200	49	50
1972	148,701	65,335	83,366	44	56
1973	148,000	59,200	88,800	40	60
1974	138,000	49,700	88,300	36	64
1975	129,000	47,700	81,300	37	63
1982	141,861	50,720	91,141	36	64
1986	104,088	51,157	52,931	49	51
1992	115,689	55,706	59,870	48	52
1996	108,463	54,492	53,971	50	50
2002	130,269	76,013	54,256	58	42
2007	133,737	76,489	57,248	57	43
2014	110,373	69,350	41,023	63	37

NOTE:

Data for years 1951, 1955, 1973, 1974, and 1975 are estimates developed by Penelope Maza (“Adoption Trends: 1944–1975”, Child Welfare Research: Notes #9, August 1984, Administration for Children, Youth, and Families, Washington, D.C.). All other 1955–1971 estimates are as originally published, with appropriate references cited by Maza (1984). The terms “unrelated petitioners” and “related petitioners” were used 1951 through 1975; “unrelated and related adoptions” are used in 1986 and thereafter. 1972 data were adapted from Hoepfner (1977) by National Committee For Adoption as specified in table 6 of NCFAs 1985 *Adoption Factbook*. Data for 1982, 1986, 1992, 1996, 2002, 2007, and 2014 were collected by National Council For Adoption and exclude intercountry adoptions.