

ADOPTION STATISTICS



An at-a-glance overview of United States adoption trends by type since 2000.



40%

Increase in adoptions from foster care between 2000 and 2019



20,010

Number of youth who aged out of foster care without a permanent family at the end of fiscal year 2020



117,470

Children waiting to be adopted at the end of fiscal year 2020



24%

Decrease in private domestic adoptions from 2019 - 2020



32+ months

Average time children waiting for adoption have been in the foster care system

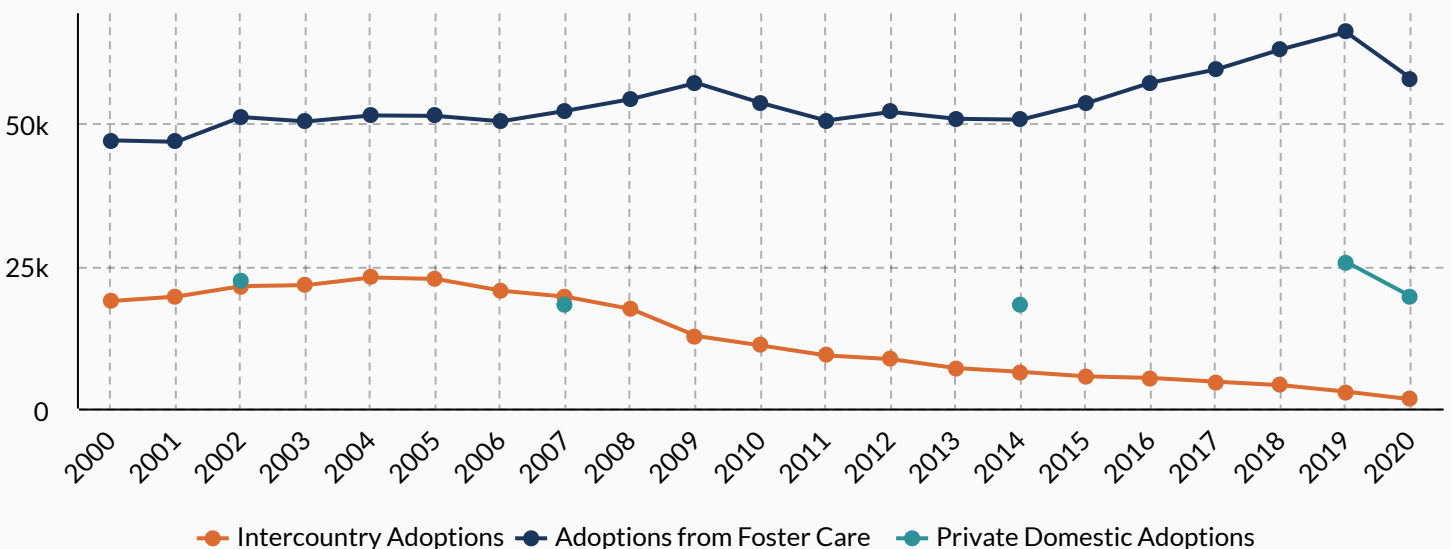


93%

Decline in intercountry adoptions since peaking in 2004

Annual Adoptions by Type

Sources:
[AFCARS Reports](#)
[U.S. Department of State Statistics](#)
[Adoption by the Numbers, NCFA](#)



Notes: Foster care and intercountry data reflect the fiscal year reporting period October 1 - September 30. Private Domestic Adoptions have been counted through NCFA's Adoption by the Numbers report. The 2014 methodology was unrelated domestic adoption of infants only (including from the public system) and excluded relative placements. The 2019 and 2020 methodology includes relatives and non-relatives, but excludes those from the public system. Current methodology was not limited to infants only, and included any private, domestic, non-stepparent adoption.