

**TABLE 9. National estimates of domestic unrelated adoptions and type of agency making adoptive placement: United States 1951 to 2014**

Year	Total unrelated adoptions	Public agency	Private agency	Independent	Percentage public agency	Percentage private agency	Percentage independent
1951	33,800	6,100	9,800	17,900	18	29	53
1955	48,400	9,700	14,000	24,700	20	29	51
1957	48,200	10,600	14,500	23,100	22	30	48
1958	50,900	10,200	16,800	23,900	20	33	47
1959	54,100	11,400	16,800	25,900	21	31	48
1960	57,800	13,300	20,800	23,700	23	36	41
1961	61,600	15,400	22,200	24,000	25	36	39
1962	62,900	14,500	25,800	22,600	23	41	36
1963	67,300	17,500	26,900	22,900	26	40	34
1964	71,600	18,600	29,400	23,600	26	41	33
1965	76,700	20,700	32,200	23,800	27	42	31
1966	80,600	23,400	33,800	23,400	29	42	29
1967	83,700	25,100	36,800	21,800	30	44	26
1968	86,300	26,800	37,100	22,400	31	43	26
1969	88,900	28,400	38,300	22,200	32	43	25
1970	89,200	29,500	40,100	19,600	33	45	22
1971	82,800	29,800	35,600	17,400	36	43	21
1972	65,335	24,853	26,794	13,688	38	41	21
1973	59,200	22,500	23,700	13,000	38	40	22
1974	49,700	19,400	17,900	12,400	39	36	25
1975	47,700	18,600	18,100	11,000	39	38	23
1982	50,720	19,428	14,549	16,743	38	29	33
1986	51,157	20,064	15,063	16,040	39	29	31
1992	55,706	22,392	16,178	17,136	40	29	31
1996	54,492	24,366	16,791	13,335	45	31	24
2002	76,013	42,942	17,007	16,058	56	22	21
2007	76,489	42,978	20,254	13,257	56	26	17
2014	69,350	47,094	16,312	5,944	68	24	9

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. 1972 data were adapted from Hoepfner (1977) by National Committee For Adoption as specified in table 6 of NCFAs 1985 *Adoption Factbook*. 1982, 1986, 1992, 1996, 2002, 2007, and 2014 data represent domestic adoption information collected by the National Committee For Adoption and exclude intercountry adoptions. Percentages may not add to 100.0 due to rounding.