



Adoption Fact Sheet for

**IN ON IT: What Adoptive Parents
Would Like You To Know About
Adoption
A Guide for Relatives and Friends**
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As of 2008, there were 1.8 million adopted children in the U.S.

This represents more than 2 percent of all U.S. children.

(Source: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services *Adoption USA* survey of adoptive parents; 2009)

There are approximately 100,000 adoptions in the U.S. annually.

About 25 percent are international adoptions; about 25 percent are domestic newborns; about 50 percent are from U.S. foster care.

(Source: "You Can Adopt" by Susan Coughman; in conjunction with *Adoptive Families Magazine*, 2009)

About 60 percent of Americans have a personal connection to adoption.

An estimated 6 in 10 Americans know someone who has been adopted, has adopted a child or has relinquished a child for adoption.

(Source: Evan B. Donaldson Adoption Institute, 1997)

Adoption-related discrimination is a reality. There is a need for more informed "adoption circles" around adoptive families.

In studies, significant numbers of adoptees report adoption- and race-related discrimination from extended family, classmates, teachers and childhood friends.

(Source: Evan B. Donaldson Adoption Institute, 2010)

Top states for all adoptions, based on annual adoptions per capita:

CA, NY, TX, FL, IL

Top states for international adoption, based on annual adoptions:

CA and NY; followed (in alphabetical order) by FL, GA, IL, MA, MI, MN, NJ, NC, OH, PA, VA, WA, and WI

(Source: United States Department of State, 2009)