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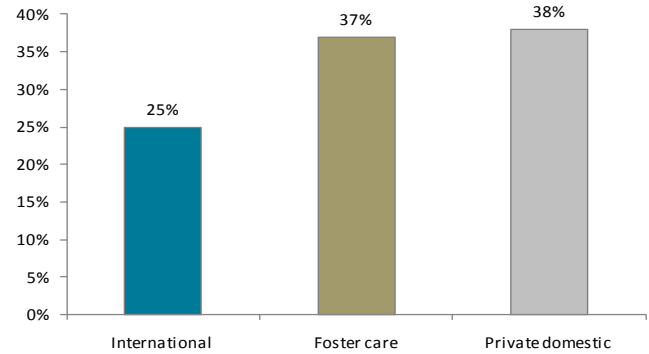
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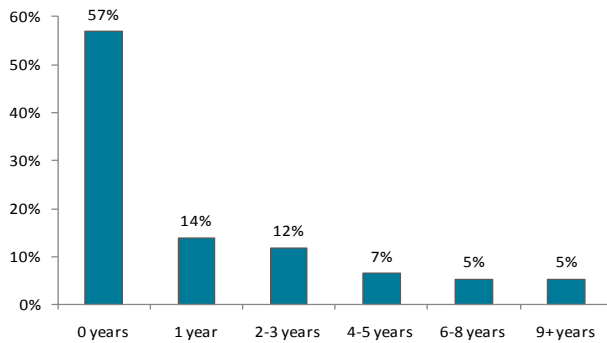
This Family Profile uses National Survey of Adoptive Parents (NSAP) data to describe the approximately 1.8 million adopted children in the U.S. The NSAP is an offshoot of the 2007 National Survey of Children's Health and is the first-ever large, nationally representative dataset describing adopted children aged 0-17 years, as well as their adoptive families (excluding stepparent adoptions). One quarter of these children were adopted internationally; the remaining children were adopted from the public foster care system (37%) or through a private adoption agency (38%). For more information on the NSAP, please visit [The Data Source: National Survey of Adoptive Parents, 2007](#) on the NCFMR webpage.

Figure 1. Distribution of Adoption Types



Source: 2007 National Survey of Adoptive Parents, NCFMR tabulations

Figure 2. Child's Age When Placed in Adoptive Home



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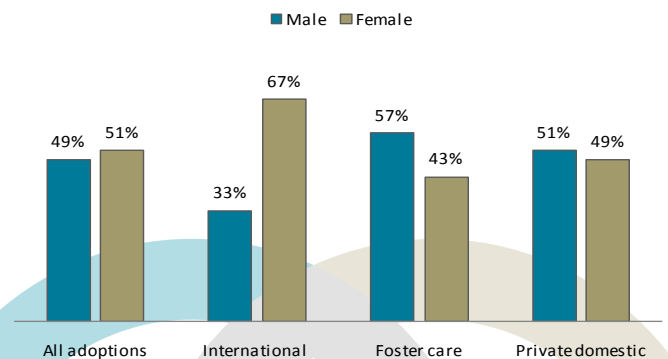
### Age

- Over half (57%) of all adopted children were under one year old when placed in their adoptive homes; 83% of children were placed before the age of four.

### Sex

- For adopted children as a whole, the sex distribution is nearly equal (49% are male and 51% are female).
- A majority (57%) of children adopted from foster care are male, while over two-thirds (67%) of children adopted internationally are female.

Figure 3. Sex Distribution by Adoption Type



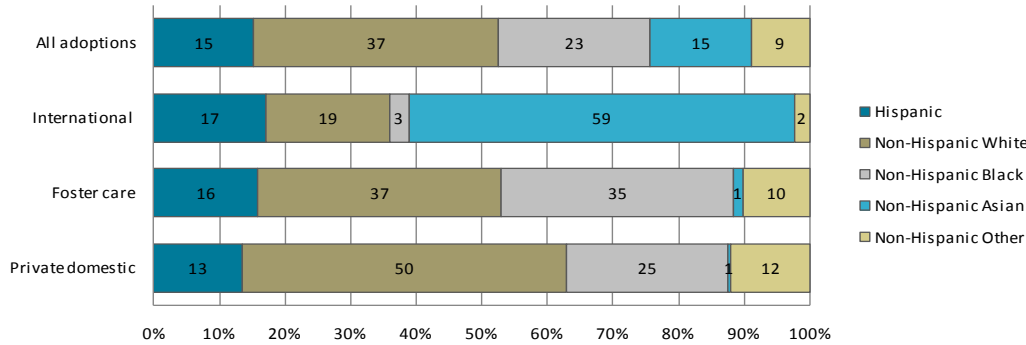
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### Race/Ethnicity

- Internationally adopted children are far more likely than other adopted children to be Asian.
- Foster care adoptions are most often Black or White children.
- Half of privately adopted children are White and one-quarter are Black.

Figure 4. Racial/Ethnic Distribution, by Adoption Type

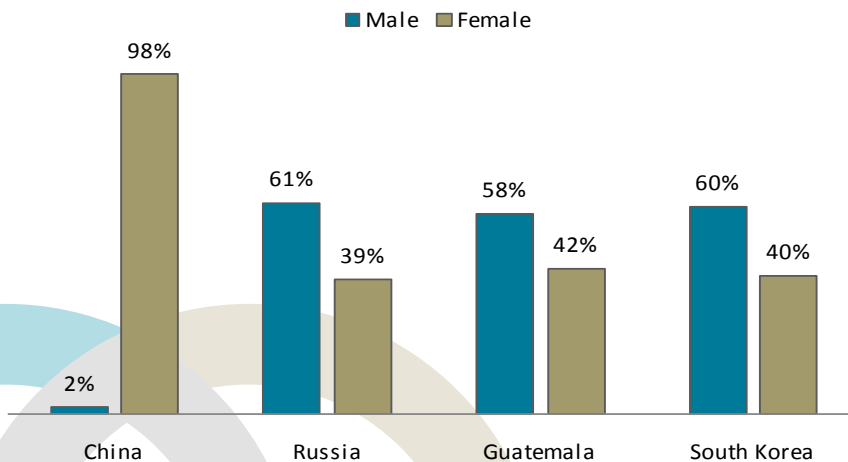


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### Country of Origin

- The top four countries of origin for children adopted internationally are China (33%), Russia (13%), Guatemala (11%), and South Korea (11%), which together account for 68% of all children adopted internationally in the US. These countries' representation among adopted children varies by sex.
  - The top three countries of origin for boys adopted internationally are Russia (25%), Guatemala (20%), and South Korea (20%).
  - The top three countries of origin for girls adopted internationally are China (49%), Russia (8%), and Guatemala (7%).
  - Taken together, one-third of all children adopted internationally in the U.S. are girls born in China. Boys outnumber girls among children adopted from the other three top countries of origin.

Figure 5. Sex Distribution for Children Adopted From Top Countries of Origin



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