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AdoptUSKids Photolisting Website: Characteristics Report for Children and Families

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INTRODUCTION

Of adoptions with public agency involvement reported in The AFCARS Report Preliminary FY 2015 Estimates, 52% were completed by foster parents, 34% were by relatives, and less than 1% were by stepparents, whereas 14% were completed by non-relatives.¹ The AdoptUSKids photolisting website is designed as a tool for connecting prospective adoptive families with children waiting for adoption throughout the United States, who may not have relatives or non-relative foster parents as potential adoption matches. The AdoptUSKids website offers a number of features that can be utilized to increase adoptive placements for this group of children.

A key role of the website is to provide an online forum where both prospective adoptive families and professional users can actively search for children waiting for adoption. Upon registration, families can search for children by various demographic characteristics, and then inquire further about the children they are interested in by sending the child's caseworker an inquiry note. Children's caseworkers and other state staff not only register children, manage their information, and respond to families' inquiries, they also can search for registered families who may be considered a good fit for their children waiting for adoption, by using the AdoptUSKids website as an online matching tool.

This report provides characteristics summaries for the following groups:

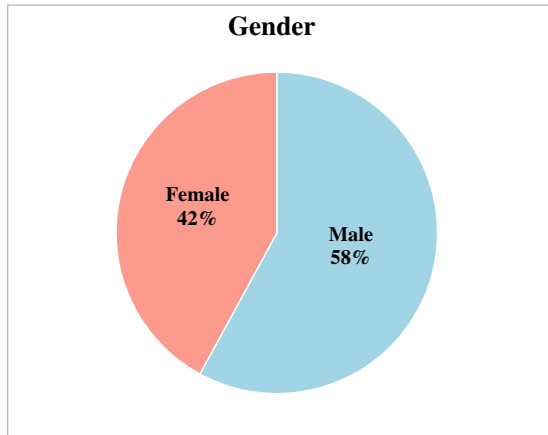
- Children and Youth Photolisted on the AdoptUSKids Website Who Were Subsequently Reported as Placed in Adoptive Homes, with a Placement Date between October 1, 2002 and March 31, 2017
- Children and Youth Who Were Actively Photolisted on the AdoptUSKids Website and Waiting for Placement in Adoptive Homes, as of March 31, 2017
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Throughout the sections that follow, characteristics representing more than 50% of children and youth and families are presented in **bold, blue text**.

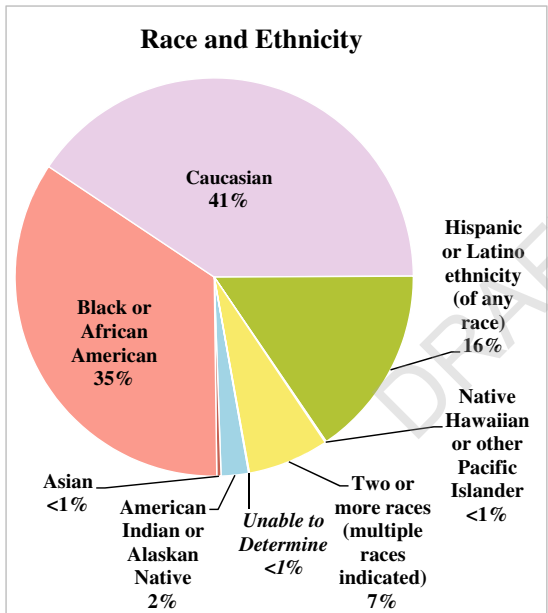
¹ U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. (2016). *The AFCARS report: Preliminary FY 2015 estimates as of June 2016 (23)*. Retrieved from <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/cb/afcarsreport23.pdf>

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N = 27,679 children and youth placed



Gender	N	% of All Children and Youth Placed
Male	16,035	58%
Female	11,644	42%
Total	27,679	100%

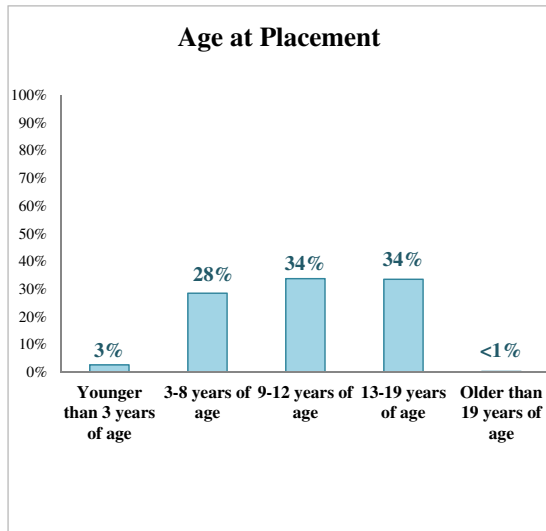


Race and Ethnicity*	N	% of All Children and Youth Placed
American Indian or Alaskan Native	618	2%
Asian	93	<1%
Black or African American	9,570	35%
Caucasian	11,226	41%
Hispanic or Latino ethnicity (of any race)	4,309	16%
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	28	<1%
Two or more races (multiple races indicated)	1,822	7%
Unable to determine	13	<1%
Total	27,679	100%

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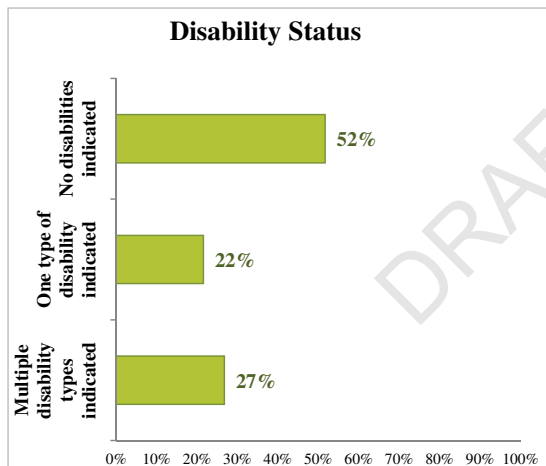
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Age at Placement [†]	N	% of All Children and Youth Placed
Younger than 3 years of age	726	3%
3-8 years of age	7,887	28%
9-12 years of age	9,336	34%
13-19 years of age	9,276	34%
Older than 19 years of age	76	<1%
Missing due to placement date errors	378	1%
Total	27,679	100%

[†] Age at placement is only a rough estimation for children and youth placed before June 1, 2011. For these children and youth age at placement is estimated based on the duration of time between the child's date of birth and the date of the last status change to 'placed'. Unless professional users change the status of the children and youth to 'placed' on the actual date they are placed, the age is likely to be an overestimation of the true figure. Due to a change on the AdoptUSKids website, beginning June 1, 2011 professional users began to have the opportunity to enter a placement date separate from the date they update the child's status. Thus, for children and youth placed on or after June 1, 2011, age at placement is calculated based on the duration of time between the child's date of birth and the placement date entered by professional users.

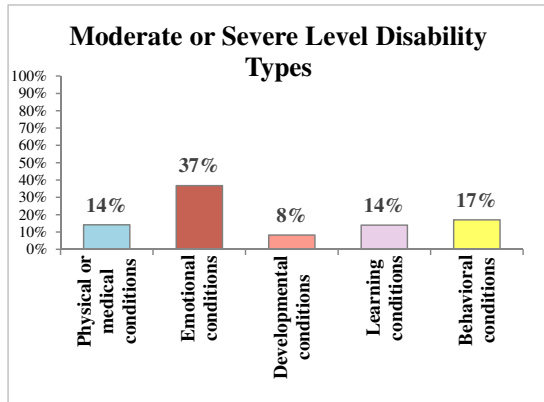


Disability Status [‡]	N	% of All Children and Youth Placed
No disabilities indicated	14,308	52%
One type of disability indicated	5,967	22%
Multiple disability types indicated	7,404	27%
Total	27,679	100%

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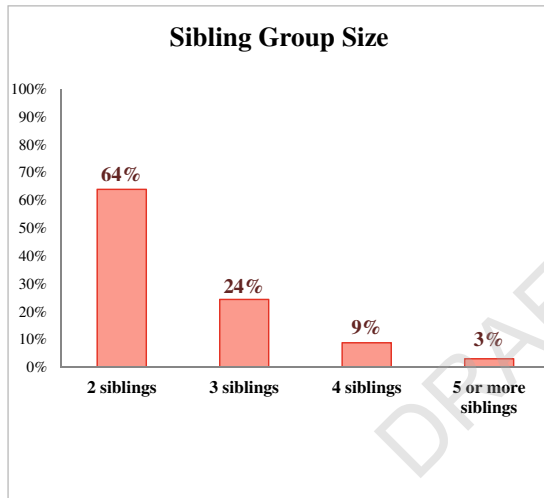
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Children and Youth Placed with Moderate or Severe Level Disability Types	N	% of All Children and Youth Placed [†]
Physical or medical conditions	3,924	14%
Emotional conditions	10,165	37%
Developmental conditions	2,287	8%
Learning conditions	3,866	14%
Behavioral conditions	4,699	17%

[†] Percentages do not total 100% because children and youth could have none or more than one moderate or severe level disability type indicated in their profile.



Children and Youth in a Sibling Group When Placed	N [§]	% of All Children and Youth Placed
All siblings placed	11,611	42%
Child or youth placed with one or more siblings while other sibling(s) remain in care and / or were withdrawn	479	2%
Total	12,090	44%

Sibling Group Size	N	% of All Sibling Groups Placed
2 siblings	3,071	64%
3 siblings	1,169	24%
4 siblings	421	9%
5 or more siblings	142	3%
Total	4,803	100%

[§] An additional 1,932 children and youth placed were previously registered as part of a sibling group, but were no longer registered with any siblings as of March 31, 2017.

Notes:

The above summary characteristics are based on the group of 27,679 children and youth photolisted on the AdoptUSKids website who were subsequently reported as placed in adoptive homes with a placement date between October 1, 2002 and March 31, 2017. All data were queried from the AdoptUSKids database on April 1, 2017.

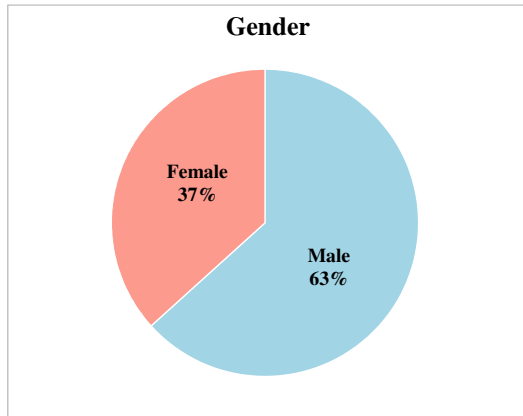
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It is not known whether these placements occurred as a direct result of registration on the AdoptUSKids website, nor is it known whether these placements resulted in legalized adoptions.

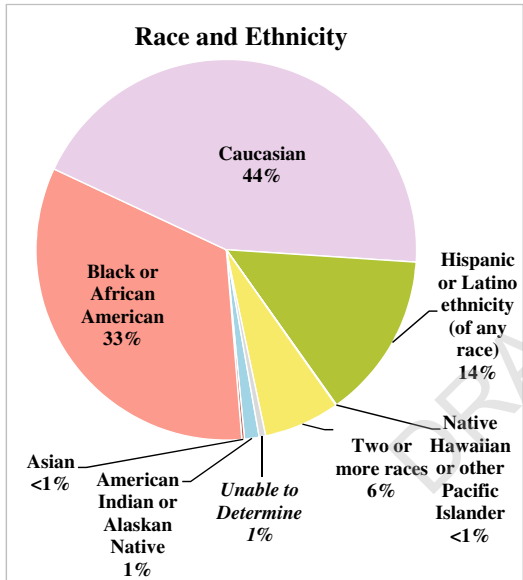
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N=5,482 children and youth waiting for placement, 86% of whom were indicated as legally free for adoption



Gender	N	% of All Children and Youth Waiting for Placement
Male	3,470	63%
Female	2,012	37%
Total	5,482	100%



Race and Ethnicity*	N	% of All Children and Youth Waiting for Placement
American Indian or Alaskan Native	68	1%
Asian	13	<1%
Black or African American	1,824	33%
Caucasian	2,416	44%
Hispanic or Latino ethnicity (of any race)	774	14%
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	3	<1%
Two or more races (multiple races indicated)	354	6%
Unable to determine	30	1%
Total	5,482	100%

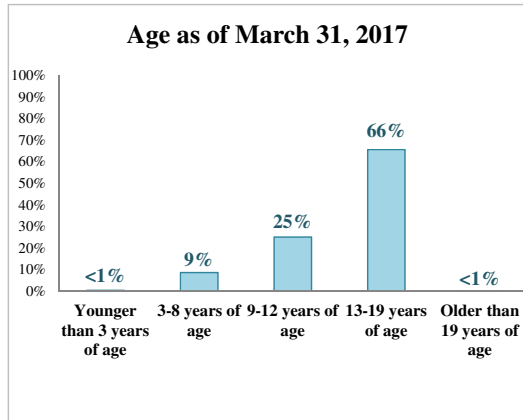
ICWA was indicated as applicable in the child and youth profiles of 77 (1%) photolisted children waiting for placement.

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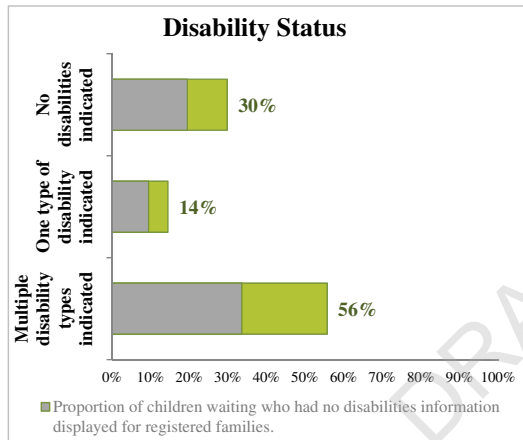
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Age as of March 31, 2017	N	% of All Children and Youth Waiting for Placement
Younger than 3 years of age	24	<1%
3-8 years of age	476	9%
9-12 years of age	1,379	25%
13-19 years of age	3,595	66%
Older than 19 years of age	8	<1%
Total	5,482	100%



Disability Status [‡]	N	% of All Children and Youth Waiting for Placement
No disabilities indicated	1,635	30%
One type of disability indicated	793	14%
Multiple disability types indicated	3,054	56%
Total	5,482	100%

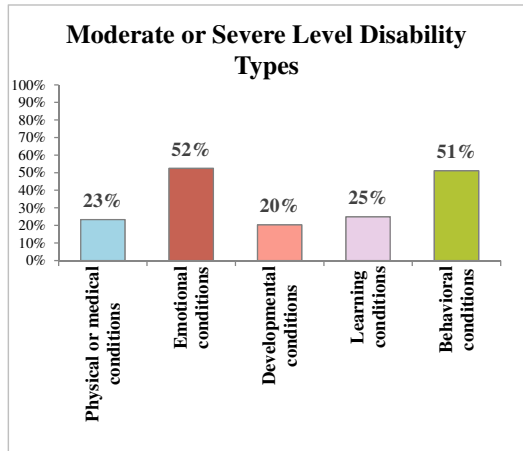
In the majority (n=3,426, 62%) of profiles for children and youth waiting for placement in adoptive homes, workers opted to not share disability information with registered families.

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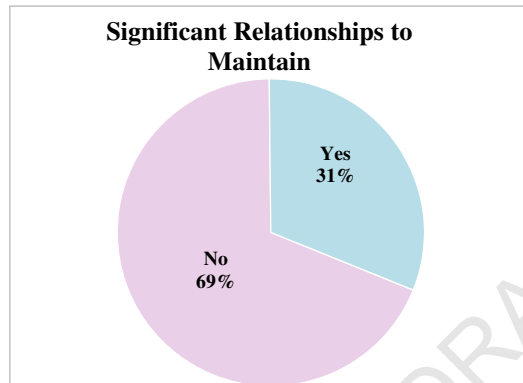
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Children and Youth Waiting for Placement with Moderate or Severe Level Disability Types

	N	% of All Children and Youth Waiting for Placement ¹
Physical or medical conditions	1,276	23%
Emotional conditions	2,872	52%
Developmental conditions	1,112	20%
Learning conditions	1,363	25%
Behavioral conditions	2,798	51%

¹ Percentages do not total 100% because children and youth could have none or more than one moderate or severe level disability type indicated in their profile.



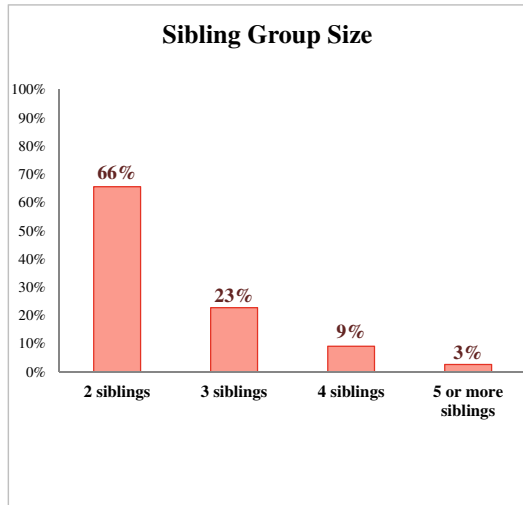
Significant Relationships to Maintain Were Indicated in Child's or Youth's Profile

	N	% of All Children and Youth Waiting for Placement
No	3,767	69%
Yes	1,715	31%
Total	5,482	100%

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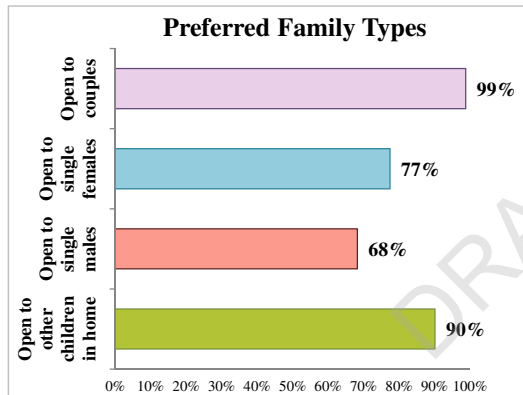


Children and Youth Waiting for Placement in a Sibling Group

	N [§]	% of All Children and Youth Waiting for Placement
All siblings waiting for placement	1,081	20%
Child waits for placement with one or more siblings while other sibling(s) are either on hold, withdrawn or placed	75	1%
Total	1,156	21%

Sibling Group Size	N	% of All Sibling Groups Waiting for Placement
2 siblings	304	66%
3 siblings	105	23%
4 siblings	42	9%
5 or more siblings	12	3%
Total	463	100%

§ An additional 476 children and youth waiting for placement were previously registered as part of a sibling group, but were no longer registered with any siblings as of March 31, 2017.



Preferred Family Types Indicated in Child's or Youth's Profile

Family Type	N	% of All Children and Youth Waiting for Placement ^{††}
Open to couples	5,412	99%
Open to single females	4,243	77%
Open to single males	3,739	68%
Open to other children in home	4,938	90%

†† Percentages do not total 100% because workers could indicate a preference for more than one family type category.

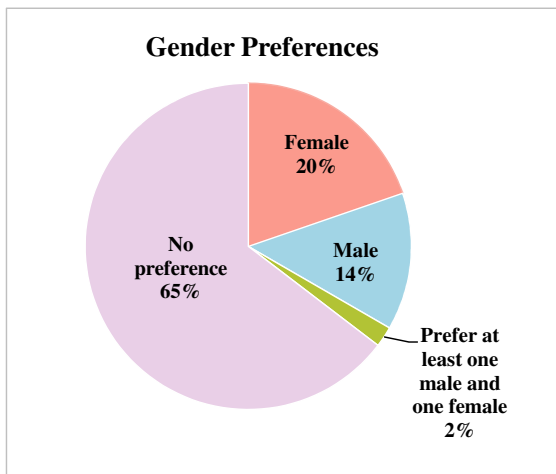
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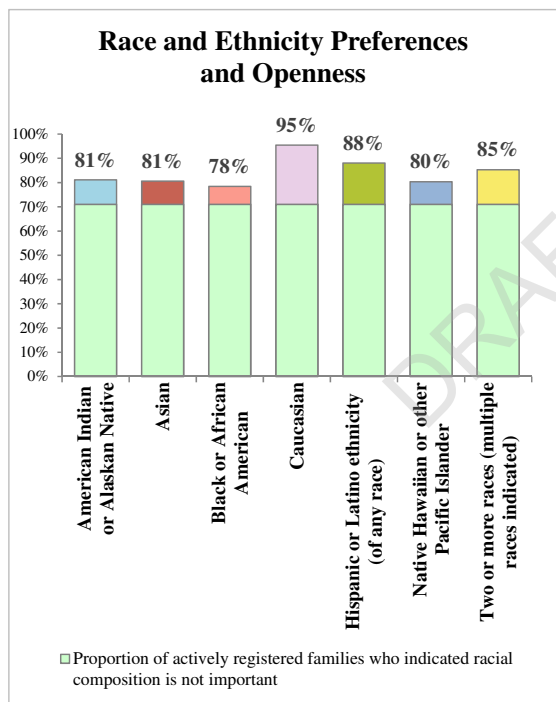
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**Characteristics Summary of Families Who Were Actively Registered on the AdoptUSKids Website as of March 31, 2017:
Preferences for Prospective Adopted Children
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N=2,606 actively registered families



Gender Preferences	N	% of All Registered Families
Female	514	20%
Male	355	14%
Prefer at least one male and one female	53	2%
No preference	1,684	65%
Total	2,606	100%



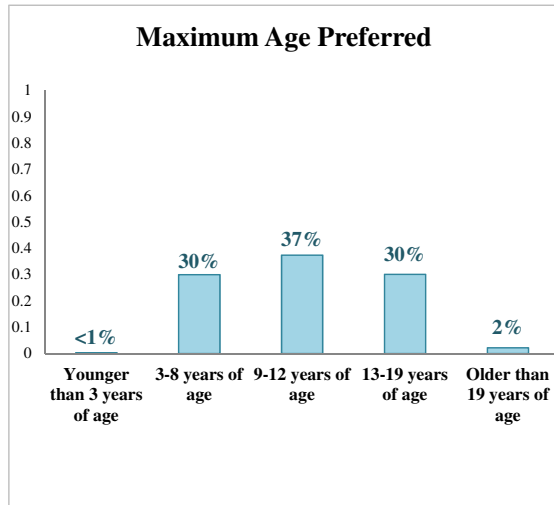
Race and Ethnicity Preferences and Openness	N*	% of All Registered Families†
American Indian or Alaskan Native	2,114	81%
Asian	2,101	81%
Black or African American	2,044	78%
Caucasian	2,488	95%
Hispanic or Latino ethnicity (of any race)	2,295	88%
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	2,094	80%
Two or more races (multiple races indicated)	2,223	85%

* As of FY 2012, these totals are a combination of families who selected a specific racial or ethnic preference and the majority of families (n=1,849, 71%) indicated racial composition is not important.

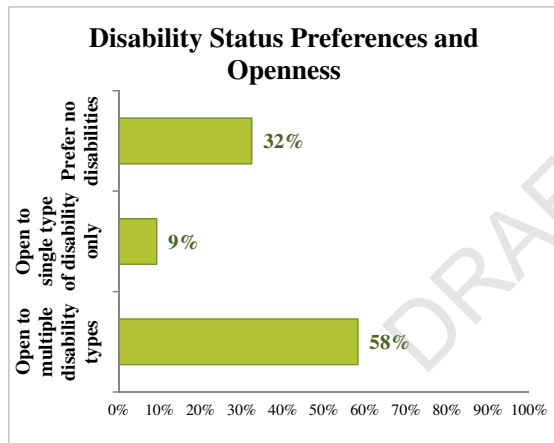
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Maximum Age Preferred	N	% of All Registered Families
Younger than 3 years of age	8	<1%
3-8 years of age	782	30%
9-12 years of age	975	37%
13-19 years of age	784	30%
Older than 19 years of age	57	2%
Total	2,606	100%

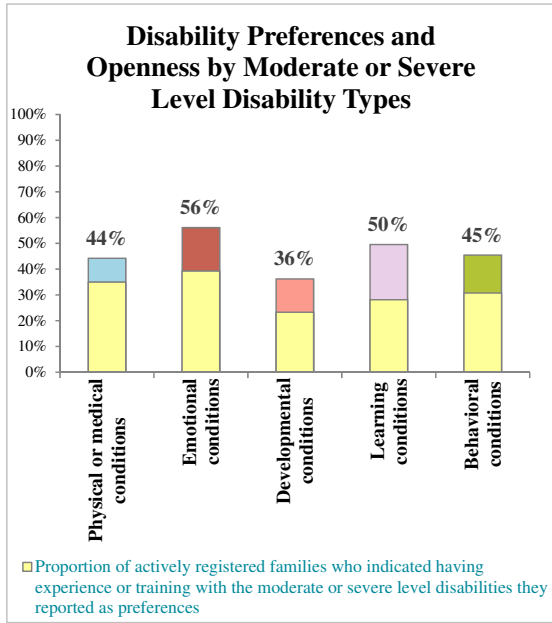


Disability Status Preferences and Openness [‡]	N	% of All Registered Families
Prefer no disabilities	845	32%
Open to single type of disability only	242	9%
Open to multiple disability types	1,519	58%
Total	2,606	100%

[‡] To parallel how disabilities are categorized for children, registered families who indicated they were willing to consider a disability level of 'none' or 'mild' were considered to prefer "no disability"; families who indicated they were willing to consider a disability level of 'moderate' or 'severe' were considered open to children with disabilities.

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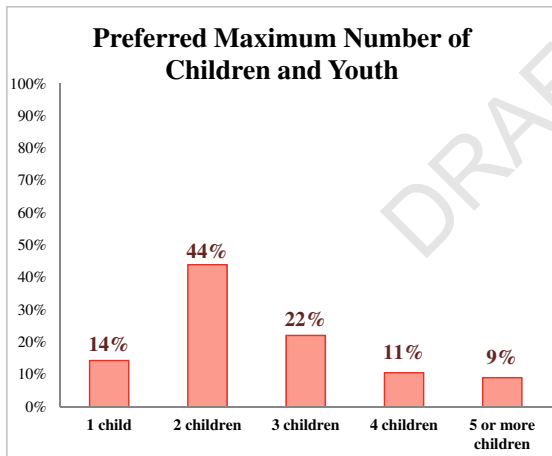
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	N	% of All Registered Families [†]
Physical or medical conditions	1,152	44%
Emotional conditions	1,462	56%
Developmental conditions	944	36%
Learning conditions	1,291	50%
Behavioral conditions	1,185	45%

Of the 1,761 actively registered families who reported being open to moderate or severe level disabilities, the majority (n=1,441, 82%) also indicated having experience or training with one or more of the conditions they checked as willing to consider.

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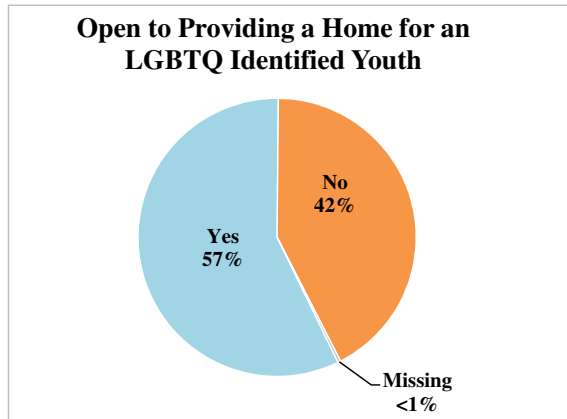


	N	% of All Registered Families
1 child	373	14%
2 children	1,147	44%
3 children	576	22%
4 children	275	11%
5 or more children	235	9%
Total	2,606	100%

[§]Although the AdoptUSKids website does not collect registered families' interest in adopting sibling groups, families have the option to indicate the minimum and maximum number of children and youth they are willing to adopt.

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Open to Providing a Home for an LGBTQ Identified Youth	N	% of All Registered Families
Yes	1,495	57%
No	1,103	42%
Missing	8	<1%
Total	2,606	100%

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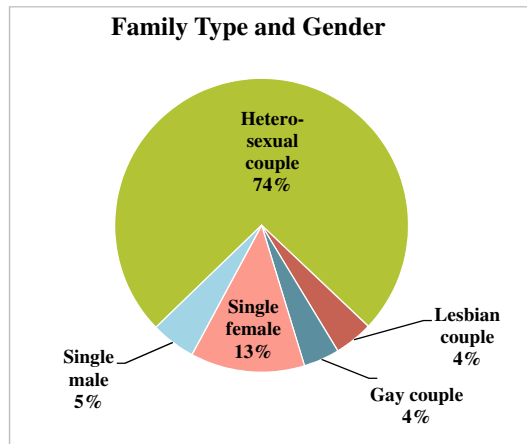
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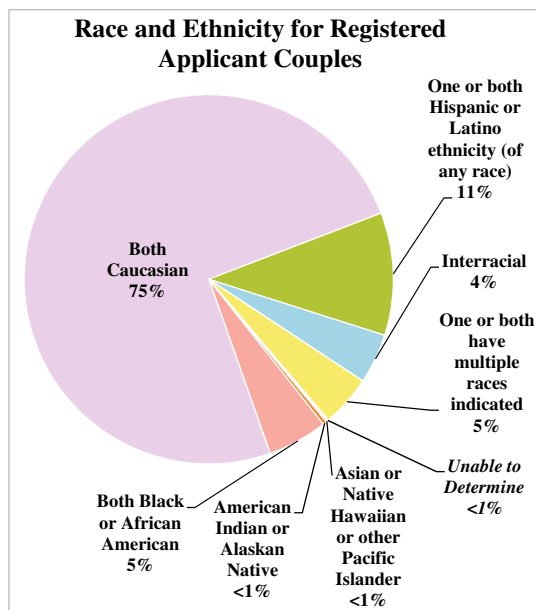


Family Type and Gender	N	% of All Registered Families
Heterosexual couple	1,936	74%
Lesbian couple	111	4%
Gay couple	103	4%
Single female	328	13%
Single male	128	5%
Total	2,606	100%

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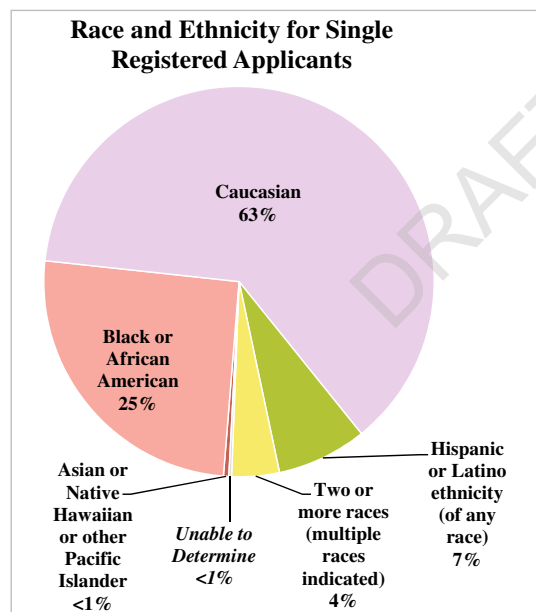
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Race and Ethnicity for Registered Applicant Couples*	N	% of All Registered Couples
Both American Indian or Alaskan Native	3	<1%
Both Asian or Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	7	<1%
Both Black or African American	113	5%
Both Caucasian	1,603	75%
One or both Hispanic or Latino ethnicity (of any race)	231	11%
Interracial	94	4%
One or both have multiple races indicated	97	5%
<i>Race reported as "Unable To Determine" by one or both applicants in couple</i>	2	<1%
Total	2,150	100%

In 38 (2%) actively registered couples, one or both individuals indicated being a member of a federally recognized tribe; and in 30 (1%) couples, one or both individuals reported being enrolled and able to show documentation of enrollment.



Race and Ethnicity for Single Registered Applicants*	N	% of All Single Registered Applicants
American Indian or Alaskan Native	--	--
Asian or Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	2	<1%
Black or African American	116	25%
Caucasian	285	63%
Hispanic or Latino ethnicity (of any race)	34	7%
Two or more races (multiple races indicated)	18	4%
<i>Race reported as "Unable To Determine"</i>	1	<1%
Total	456	100%

No actively registered single applicants indicated being a member of a federally recognized tribe.

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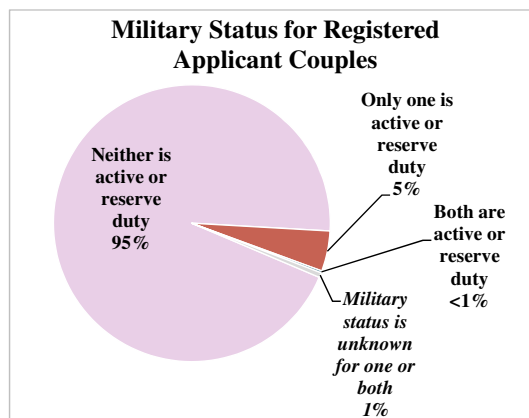
Age of Males and Females (Couples)	Means and Medians	Range	N
Mean Age of Males	41.2	22--76 years old	2,142
Median Age of Males	41.3		
Mean Age of Females	40.1	22--69 years old	2,157
Median Age of Females	39.3		

Age of Single Males and Single Females	Means and Medians	Range	N
Mean Age of Single Males	46.6	27--77 years old	128
Median Age of Single Males	47.4		
Mean Age of Single Females	45.7	23--74 years old	328
Median Age of Single Females	45.6		

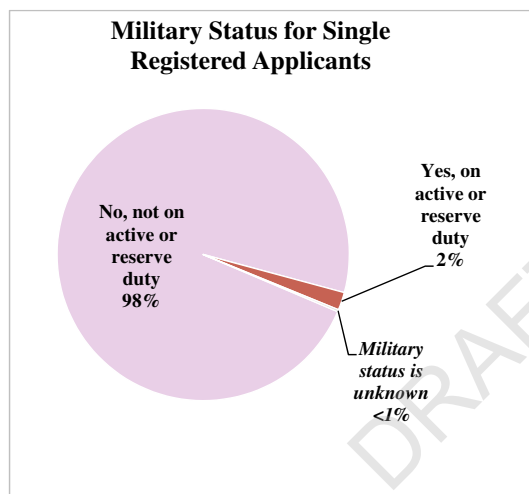
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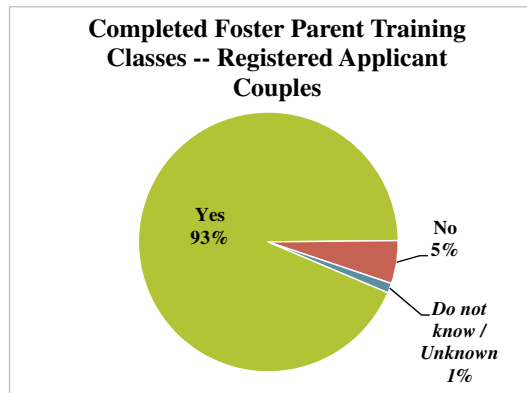
Military Status for Registered Applicant Couples	N	% of All Registered Couples
Neither is active or reserve duty	2,032	95%
Only one is active or reserve duty	101	5%
Both are active or reserve duty	5	<1%
Military status is unknown for one or both	12	1%
Total	2,150	100%



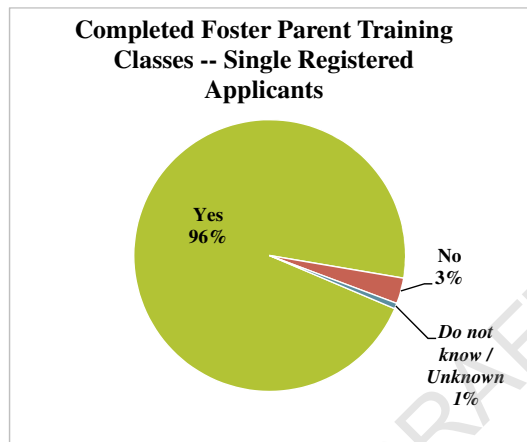
Military Status for Single Registered Applicants	N	% of All Single Registered Applicants
No, not on active or reserve duty	446	98%
Yes, on active or reserve duty	9	2%
Military status is unknown	1	<1%
Total	456	100%

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N=2,606 actively registered families



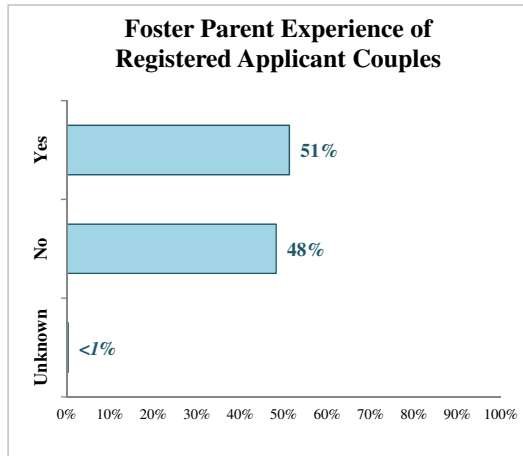
Completed Foster Parent Training Classes -- Registered Applicant Couples	N	% of All Registered Couples
Yes	2,009	93%
No	115	5%
Do not know / Unknown	26	1%
Total	2,150	100%



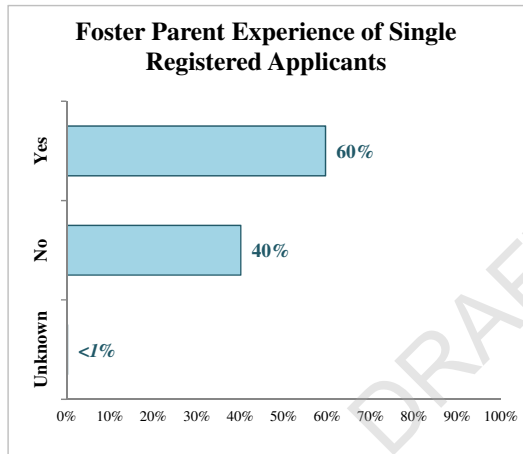
Completed Foster Parent Training Classes -- Single Registered Applicants	N	% of All Single Registered Applicants
Yes	439	96%
No	14	3%
Do not know / Unknown	3	1%
Total	456	100%

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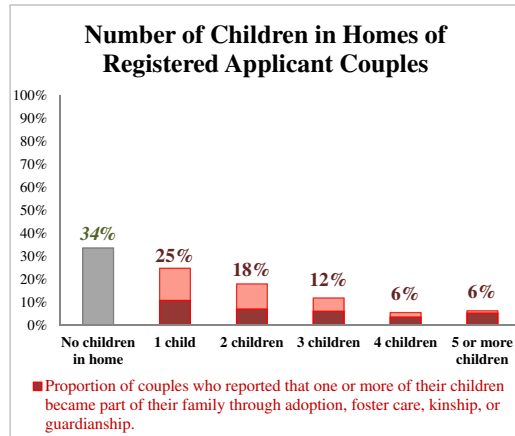
Foster Parent Experience of Registered Applicant Couples	N	% of All Registered Couples
Yes	1,104	51%
No	1,038	48%
Unknown	8	<1%
Total	2,150	100%



Foster Parent Experience of Single Registered Applicants	N	% of All Single Registered Applicants
Yes	272	60%
No	183	40%
Unknown	1	<1%
Total	456	100%

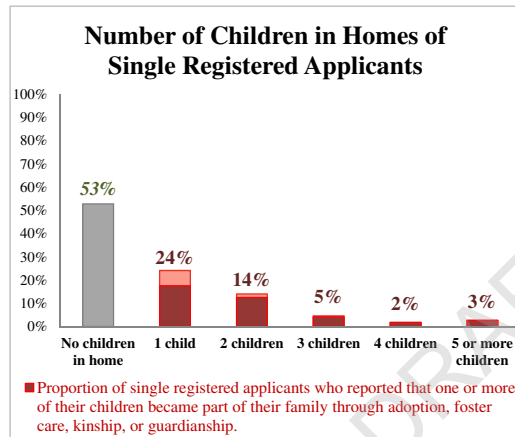
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Number of Children in Homes of Registered Applicant Couples	N	% of All Registered Couples
<i>No children in home</i>	722	34%
1 child	533	25%
2 children	386	18%
3 children	255	12%
4 children	119	6%
5 or more children	135	6%
Total	2,150	100%

Of couples with children in the home, approximately 49% (n=704) reported that one or more of their children became part of their family through adoption, foster care, kinship, or guardianship.



Number of Children in Homes of Single Registered Applicants	N	% of All Single Registered Applicants
<i>No children in home</i>	<i>241</i>	<i>53%</i>
1 child	110	24%
2 children	64	14%
3 children	21	5%
4 children	8	2%
5 or more children	12	3%
Total	456	100%

Of single registered applicants with children in the home, approximately 82% (n=176) reported that one or more of their children became part of their family through adoption, foster care, kinship, or guardianship.

Notes:

The above summary characteristics are based on the group of 2,606 families actively registered on the AdoptUSKids website who were waiting to adopt as of March 31, 2017. All data were queried from the AdoptUSKids database on April 1, 2017.

For some tables and figures, percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding.

**Age of Single Males and Single Females by Ethnicity and Race Who Were Actively Registered
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N=455 actively registered single applicants

**Age of
Single Males and Single Females
by Ethnicity and Race**

	Mean	Median	Range	N
Age of American Indian or Alaskan Native Single Males	--	--	--	--
Age of Asian or Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander Single Males	*	*	*	2
Age of Black or African American Single Males	42.6	42.6	29--56 years old	22
Age of Caucasian Single Males	47.8	48.0	27--77 years old	84
Age of Hispanic or Latino ethnicity (of any race) Single Males	44.9	45.2	31--61 years old	13
Age of Single Males with Multiple Races Selected	49.2	46.9	37--65 years old	7
Age of American Indian or Alaskan Native Single Females	--	--	--	--
Age of Asian or Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander Single Females	--	--	--	--
Age of Black or African American Single Females	45.8	46.4	23--70 years old	94
Age of Caucasian Single Females	46.0	45.2	26--74 years old	201
Age of Hispanic or Latino ethnic (of any race) Single Females	43.9	42.7	30--62 years old	21
Age of Single Females with Multiple Races Selected	44.2	44.4	27--62 years old	11

** Mean and median data not available due to fewer than 5 families in ethnicity or racial category.*

Notes:

The above summary characteristics are based on the group of 455 single applicants actively registered on the AdoptUSKids website who were waiting to adopt as of March 31, 2017. All data were queried from the AdoptUSKids database on April 1, 2017.