

ADOPTION MYTHBUSTERS

NO ONE IS
ADOPTING THE
KIDS WHO ARE
HERE!

MYTH #1



ESTIMATED 862,320 U.S. ABORTIONS IN 2017

(Unfortunately, we have to rely on pro-abortion Guttmacher.org for this estimate.)

THERE WERE 110,373 ADOPTIONS IN 2014.

AS OF 2019, 2014 IS THE MOST RECENT YEAR THAT WE HAVE THESE REPORTED ESTIMATES FROM THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON ADOPTION. THERE WERE **17.3** INFANT ADOPTIONS FOR EVERY **1,000** ABORTIONS. AMONG NON-MARITAL BIRTHS, THERE WERE **11.4** INFANT ADOPTIONS FOR EVERY **1,000** ABORTIONS, MEANING ONLY **1 PERCENT** OF UNMARRIED MOTHERS CHOSE ADOPTION IN 2014.

IN 2017, THERE WERE 123,437 U.S. FOSTER CHILDREN AWAITING ADOPTION. NEARLY HALF (59,430) WERE ADOPTED.

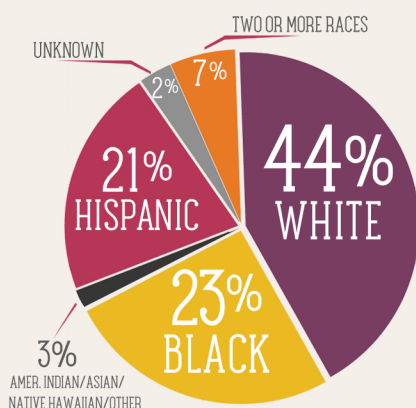
OF THE **442,995** IN FOSTER CARE **121,203 (OR 27.4%)** WERE REUNITED W/ BIOLOGICAL PARENT(S).

DATA SOURCES: www.guttmacher.org/fact-sheet/induced-abortion-united-states • www.adoptioncouncil.org/files/large/249e5e967173624 • www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/cb/afcarsreport25.pdf

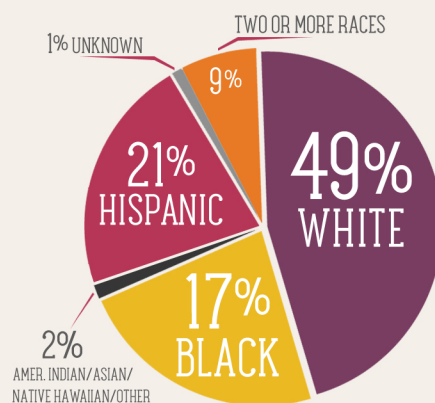
MOST FOSTER
CHILDREN ARE
BLACK & NOBODY IS
ADOPTING THEM.

MYTH #2

FOSTER CHILDREN IN CARE



FOSTER CHILDREN ADOPTED



DATA SOURCE: www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/cb/afcarsreport25.pdf

BLACK CHILDREN **ARE** DISPROPORTIONATELY REPRESENTED IN FOSTER CARE, MOSTLY DUE TO POVERTY & FAILURE OF **KINSHIP CARE** ACCORDING TO THE FEDERAL GAO.

ADOPTION ISN'T AS
TIGHT A BOND AS
THE BIOLOGICAL.

MYTH #3

90%

OF ADOPTED CHILDREN
HAVE A **POSITIVE**
VIEW AND FEELINGS
ABOUT THEIR ADOPTION

81%

OF ADOPTIVE PARENTS
REPORT HAVING "WARM
& VERY CLOSE" RELATIONSHIP
WITH THEIR ADOPTED CHILDREN

73%

OF ADOPTED CHILDREN ARE
SUNG TO BY THEIR PARENTS
COMPARED WITH **59%** OF
THOSE IN GENERAL POPULATION

DATA SOURCE: <https://aspe.hhs.gov/report/adoption-usa-chartbook-based-2007-national-survey-adoptive-parents>



Sadly, there are no comprehensive federal statistics on adoption since 1992, when the National Center for Social Statistics was dissolved. To this day, states provide information only on a voluntary basis. We need federal legislation that makes both abortion and adoption reporting mandatory so we have an accurate picture of what is happening to the most vulnerable among us: our children.

