

# International Adoption Chart

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CHINA		COLOMBIA		ECUADOR		INDIA		SOUTH KOREA	
Children	Age (at referral)	1 - 16 years	8 - 15 years	2 - 15 years	6 months - 14 years	12 - 16 months			
	Sibling groups	Rare	Yes	Yes	Rare	No			
	Number of children placed in FY20	0	4	2	19	11			
Prospective Adoptive Parent(s)	Age (at application to CH/LSS unless otherwise noted)	Minimum age is 30	25-55. Age of child to be adopted is determined by parents’ ages at child referral. See chlss.org/colombia for details.	25-51	Married couples: 25-54. Singles: 25-54. Age of child to be adopted determined by single parent's age or married couple's combined ages at time of CARA registration. See chlss/india for details.	General guideline: 25-44 at home study approval. There is an age exception, allowing applicants to be 25-49 at home study approval if: 1) applicants have previously adopted from Korea; or 2) at least one parent is of Korean heritage.			
	Age difference between parent(s) and child	For married couples, no more than a 50-year age difference between younger parent and child; for single women, no more than a 50-year between parent and child.	Parents must be at least 15 years and no more than 45 years older than the child they wish to adopt.	Youngest parent must be at least 14 years but no more than 45 years older than the child to be adopted.	No less than 25-year age difference between parent and child.	No more than 50-year age difference between younger parent and child.			
	LGBTQ individuals and couples	No	Yes	No	No	No			
	Singles	Yes - single women	Yes - singles are eligible to adopt older children or children with identified needs; single men can adopt boys only.	Yes - single women	Yes - single women can adopt boys or girls; single men can adopt boys only.	No			
	Marriage: Minimum length	Married a minimum of 2 years with no divorce history or 1 divorce. Married couples with 2 or more divorces must be married 5 years. Time spent cohabitating prior to marriage may be included.	2 years. If cohabitating but not married, please inquire.	3 years	2 years	3 years			
	Marriage: Maximum divorces	No more than 2 divorces on either side	Not specified	Not specified	Not specified	2 per couple			
	Choosing gender	Allowed	Not allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Not allowed			
	Current family size	No more than 5 children (minors) residing in home	No restriction	No restriction	No more than 3 children currently in the home	No more than 4 children currently in home			
	Health requirements	Body mass index considered; no serious health issues; please inquire and see chlss.org/china.	No serious physical or mental health issues; please inquire about specific situations.	No serious health issues; please inquire or submit Application Part 1 about specific situations.	No serious, chronic, or life-threatening health issues; must be physically, mentally and emotionally stable; please inquire	No serious physical or mental health issues, including weight restrictions. Medical history considered case-by-case; please inquire.			
	Financial requirements	Minimum income \$30,000 + \$10,000 per child living in home. Couples: Minimum net worth of \$80,000. Singles: Minimum net worth of \$100,000.	No additional requirements.	No additional requirements.	Must be able to demonstrate financial security and stability.	Minimum income of \$35,000 + \$10,000 per child in home.			
	Background requirements	Restrictions may apply, please inquire.	Restrictions may apply, please inquire.	No criminal history allowed.	Medical and criminal history considered case-by-case.	Medical and criminal history considered case-by-case.			
	Other requirements	High school diploma or equivalent. Home study must be completed by a Hague- or COA-accredited, nonprofit agency.	None	Please inquire regarding relative and pre-identified (designated) adoption cases	If NRI or OCI card holders, please inquire.	High school and some post-secondary education required. Home study must be completed by a Hague-accredited agency.			
Prospective Adoptive Parent(s)	Estimated wait for referral	Up to 24 months from sending dossier to China Dependent on openness to identified needs.	6-18 months from dossier approval	Varies by case	3-18 months after USCIS I-800A approval and approval from CARA. Dependent on openness to gender and identified needs.	9+ months from dossier submission to Korea.			
	Estimated wait for travel (after referral acceptance)	4-6 months from referral acceptance	5-9 weeks	Varies by case	7-11 months after referral acceptance dossier is sent to India.	First trip is 8-11 months after completion of referral acceptance dossier. Second trip is 2-3 months after the first.			
	Travel requirements: number of trips	1 trip	1 trip	1 trip	1 trip (2 trips in select regions)	2 trips			
	Travel requirements: length of trips	2 weeks on average	Approximately 3-5 weeks	Minimum 8-10 weeks	2-3 weeks (minimum stay 10 days in country); varies by state in which child resides and child's age.	Each trip is approximately 5-6 days in length.			
	Travel requirements: who travels	At least one parent must travel.	If married, both parents must travel; one parent must remain in country for entire trip.	If married, both parents must travel; one parent must remain in country for entire trip, one parent can return home after about 4 weeks	One parent must travel in most states; a few states require both parents travel.	Both parents must travel for both trips.			
	Country program fee	\$6,900-\$7,250	\$17,500	\$14,000	\$10,500	\$26,500			

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The countries below are open to families adopting relatives or identified children only. Note, we also have a relative-only program in Honduras.  
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		JAMAICA (PROCEDURAL CONSULTATION SERVICES)	ST. VINCENT & THE GRENADINES (SVG)
Children	Age (at referral)	Infant - 15 years	Infant to 8 years
	Sibling groups	Yes	Yes
	Number of children placed in FY20	2	5
Prospective Adoptive Parent(s)	Age (at application to CH/LSS unless otherwise noted)	Minimum age is 25, families who are over 50 years of age will be assessed case-by-case.	Minimum age is 25, families who are over 50 years of age will be assessed case-by-case.
	Age difference between parent(s) and child	No requirement for relative cases, all others considered case-by-case.	No requirement for relative cases, all others considered case-by-case.
	LGBTQ individuals and couples	No	No
	Singles	Yes - single women and men	Yes - single women
	Marriage: Minimum length	No requirement.	No requirement.
	Marriage: Maximum divorces	No requirement.	Not requirement.
	Choosing gender	Yes	Yes, may impact expected wait time.
	Current family size	Families with 4 or more children at home will be considered on a case-by-case basis.	Families with 3 or more children currently in home will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
	Health requirements	No additional requirements.	No additional requirements.
	Financial requirements	No additional requirements.	No additional requirements.
	Background requirements	Restrictions may apply, please inquire.	Medical and criminal history considered case-by-case.
	Other requirements	None	Families must be open minimally to a child 0-4 years of age at time of referral. Eligibility requirements may be flexible for relative/identified cases.
Prospective Adoptive Parent(s)	Estimated wait for referral	N/A, this program is only for relative or identified child adoption.	Families awaiting a match with a child who is a Ward of the State can anticipate up to a 3 year wait.
	Estimated wait for travel (after referral acceptance)	Varies	6-9 months
	Travel requirements: number of trips	2 trips	2 Trips for Traditional Program Families; Usually 1 Trip for Procedural Consult Families who have already met the child/ren they are adopting.
	Travel requirements: length of trips	Varies	Traditional Program Families: Trip 1 is 3-4 days; Trip 2 is 1.5 weeks. Procedural Consult Families: Usually just one trip of 1.5 weeks.
	Travel requirements: who travels	Both parents must be prepared to travel for trip one, exceptions may be made. One or both parents may travel for trip two.	At least one parent must travel.
	Country program fee	\$3,000	Country Program or Procedural Consultation Services (PCS) fee: \$15,000 OR \$4,850 (PCS)

