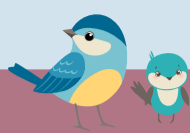




# Did You Know?

## Facts about Adoption in Ireland

### GENERAL FACTS



“The Adoption Authority of Ireland (AAI) is a state agency established under the Adoption Act 2010. Our mission is to ensure the provision of adoption and related services to the highest possible standard, with the best interests and safety of the child as our primary objective.”



#### The Board

There are 7 members on the AAI Board.  
Chairperson: Orlaith Traynor



#### Domestic Adoption

Since 1952, there have been over 45,000 domestic adoptions



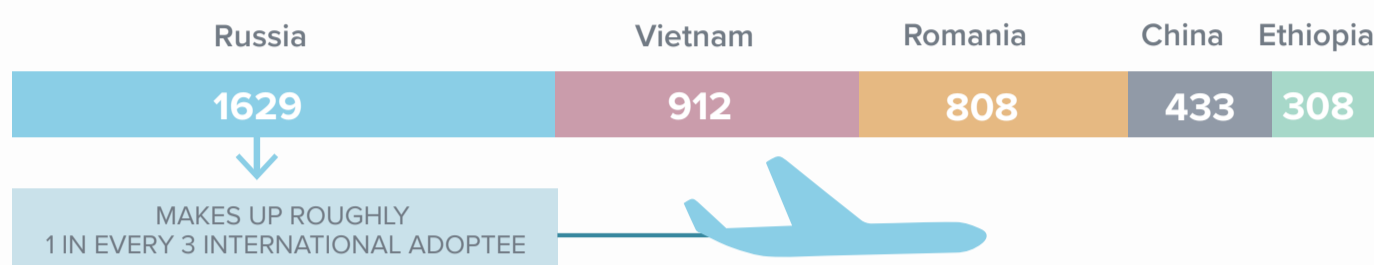
#### International Adoption

There have been over 5,000 international adoptions into Ireland



Children have been adopted into Ireland from over 27 different countries since 1991

### TOP 5 COUNTRIES\*



### Information and Tracing

National Adoption Contact Preference Register (NACPR): Established in 2005, this is a register to make connections and share information between adopted people and their families.

NEARLY **14,000**

people have registered with the NACPR  
Including Adoptees, Birth Fathers, Birth Mothers, and other relatives



What I had to say at my adoption order hearing

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### Supports and Services

OUR 3 ACTIVE REGULATED BODIES ARE



**Barnardos Post Adoption Service** - Information and Tracing Service

**Pact** - Information and support on adoption, domestic and intercountry adoption assessments and temporary short term pre-adoptive foster service

**Helping Hands Adoption Mediation Agency** - Arranging/Facilitating intercountry adoption

### In 2020 there were...

**58**  
Stepfamily adoptions

**16**  
Adoptions from long term foster care

**81** Domestic adoptions

**5**  
Infants placed for adoption in Ireland

**2**  
Adoptions by extended family members

### REGISTERED WITH THE NACPR IN 2020

**211**  
Adoptees

**11**  
Birth fathers

**50**  
Birth mothers

**50**  
Siblings

**21**  
Other relatives

### Domestic Adoption

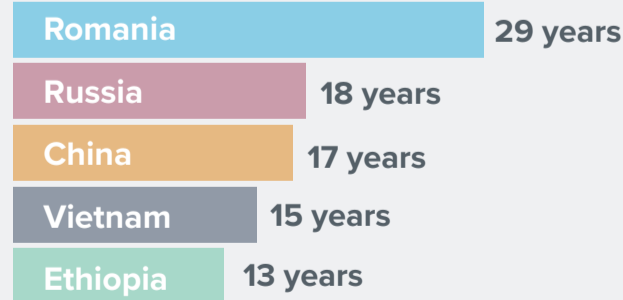
IN 2020, THERE WERE

**57**  
CHILDREN ADOPTED ABOVE THE AGE OF 12



### International Adoption

AVERAGE AGE NOW  
As of October 2020



### Adoption Orders

IN 2020, THERE WERE

**39**  
Adoptions granted over Zoom during the COVID-19 lockdown

**42**  
Adoptions granted in person with social distancing guidelines



Aoife's adoption order hearing day

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\*For further information, including a list of the countries we currently deal with, and how to apply with the NACPR, please visit our website: [www.aai.gov.ie](http://www.aai.gov.ie)



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