



2.6.7 Adoption

An **adoption** serves to provide a child who cannot live with their birth family long-term with the opportunity to grow up in a (legally) stable family environment under the care of social parents.

In 2019, 3,744 underage children were adopted in Germany. Various forms of adoption exist:

Form of adoption	% share of all adoptions (n = 3,744) in 2019
Domestic third-party adoptions	30%
International third-party adoptions	3%
Adoption of a step-child (domestic/international)	63%
Adoption by relatives (domestic/international)	4%