

Adoption Survey

Fieldwork : October 20th-22nd 2006

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Table 1
Q.1 I am now going to read out questions and I would like you to answer yes or no to each...
Base: All respondents

	Sex			Age						Social Class				Region				
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	South East	Mid-lands	North Eng-land	Wales & South West	Scot-land
Unweighted base	1019	456	563	96	161	246	187	171	158	289	254	203	273	267	264	252	140	96
Weighted base	1019	489	530	112	173	204	173	153	204	255	296	214	255	271	266	250	142	90
<u>Have you yourself ever adopted a child or children?</u>																		
Yes	25 2%	11 2%	14 3%	3 3%	4 2%	5 3%	3 2%	4 3%	5 2%	3 1%	9 3%	4 2%	8 3%	2 1%	14 5%	6 2%	2 1%	1 2%
No	994 98%	478 98%	516 97%	109 97%	169 98%	199 97%	170 98%	148 97%	199 98%	251 99%	287 97%	210 98%	247 97%	270 99%	252 95%	245 98%	140 99%	88 98%
<u>Would you ever consider adopting a child/ children?</u>																		
Yes	268 26%	123 25%	145 27%	58 52%	96 55%	63 31%	31 18%	16 10%	4 2%	81 32%	88 30%	49 23%	51 20%	80 29%	75 28%	60 24%	40 28%	14 16%
No	743 73%	361 74%	382 72%	53 47%	76 44%	138 68%	141 81%	136 89%	199 98%	172 68%	205 69%	164 77%	202 79%	189 70%	189 71%	189 75%	102 72%	75 84%
Don't know	8 1%	5 1%	3 1%	1 1%	1 1%	3 1%	2 1%	1 1%	-	2 1%	3 1%	1 *	2 1%	3 1%	2 1%	2 1%	1 1%	-
<u>Under your present circumstances do you think you would be eligible to adopt a child or children?</u>																		
Yes	329 32%	173 35%	156 29%	32 29%	88 51%	116 57%	67 39%	19 12%	6 3%	104 41%	106 36%	77 36%	42 17%	87 32%	88 33%	83 33%	48 34%	23 25%
No	658 65%	297 61%	361 68%	75 67%	77 44%	80 39%	102 59%	132 86%	193 95%	141 55%	181 61%	130 61%	206 81%	169 62%	172 65%	160 64%	91 64%	67 75%
Don't know	32 3%	19 4%	12 2%	5 4%	9 5%	8 4%	5 3%	2 1%	4 2%	9 4%	9 3%	7 3%	6 2%	15 6%	5 2%	8 3%	3 2%	-

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Table 2
Q.2 Why do you think you would not be illegible to adopt a child/children?
Base: All respondents who don't think they would be eligible to adopt a child or children

	Sex		Age							Social Class				Region				
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	South East	Mid-lands	North Eng-land	Wales & South West	Scot-land
Unweighted base	648	273	375	61	74	102	112	149	150	157	153	122	216	163	170	160	86	69
Weighted base	658	297	361	75	77	80	102	132	193	141	181	130	206	169	172	160	91	67
Age concerns/ too old	374 57%	162 54%	212 59%	29 38%	5 6%	22 27%	59 58%	103 78%	157 81%	78 55%	101 56%	71 55%	123 60%	90 53%	106 61%	89 56%	51 56%	38 57%
Single parent/ not married/ living alone	107 16%	58 20%	49 14%	13 17%	24 31%	20 25%	23 23%	19 14%	9 5%	23 16%	44 24%	13 10%	26 13%	34 20%	28 17%	29 18%	10 11%	6 9%
Financial circumstances	78 12%	38 13%	39 11%	25 33%	22 28%	9 12%	8 8%	3 2%	10 5%	12 9%	24 14%	17 13%	25 12%	26 15%	19 11%	18 11%	11 12%	4 6%
Already have children/ a family/ grandchildren	66 10%	24 8%	42 12%	3 4%	10 13%	15 19%	7 7%	13 10%	18 9%	15 10%	13 7%	20 15%	19 9%	14 8%	18 10%	18 11%	8 9%	9 14%
House is too small/not enough space	47 7%	14 5%	33 9%	4 5%	14 19%	15 18%	5 5%	7 5%	3 2%	5 4%	16 9%	13 10%	12 6%	14 8%	11 6%	10 6%	8 9%	4 6%
Due to health problems	42 6%	11 4%	32 9%	1 2%	3 4%	4 6%	15 15%	8 6%	9 5%	5 3%	5 3%	11 9%	21 10%	7 4%	9 5%	11 7%	7 8%	8 12%
Do not have the time/ too busy/ working	33 5%	10 3%	23 6%	5 7%	5 7%	13 16%	2 2%	5 4%	3 2%	10 7%	10 5%	7 5%	6 3%	4 2%	9 5%	9 6%	4 4%	7 10%
Personal circumstances/ lifestyle	22 3%	17 6%	5 1%	9 13%	4 6%	4 5%	1 1%	1 1%	1 1%	6 4%	9 5%	2 2%	5 2%	12 7%	3 2%	4 2%	3 3%	1 1%
Dont want to adopt/ don't like the responsibility	18 3%	7 2%	11 3%	3 4%	2 3%	4 5%	4 4%	3 2%	1 1%	4 3%	1 1%	8 6%	4 2%	6 4%	6 3%	4 3%	1 1%	1 1%
Dont own home/ unsuitable living conditions	7 1%	2 1%	5 1%	4 6%	1 1%	1 1%	1 1%	- -	- -	2 2%	- -	1 1%	3 2%	2 1%	1 1%	3 2%	1 1%	1 1%
Other	7 1%	6 2%	1 *	- -	3 3%	2 3%	1 1%	- -	1 1%	2 2%	2 1%	- -	3 2%	* *	1 1%	4 3%	1 1%	- -
Refused	1 *	- -	1 *	- -	- -	1 1%	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 *	- -	1 *	- -	- -	- -
Don't know	70 11%	33 11%	37 10%	7 9%	11 15%	6 8%	7 7%	14 11%	25 13%	21 15%	19 11%	10 7%	20 10%	17 10%	17 10%	15 9%	13 14%	8 13%

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Table 3
Q.2a If you were to adopt a child or children from which of the following would you consider?
Base: All respondents who would consider adoption

	Sex			Age						Social Class				Region				
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	South East	Mid-lands	North Eng-land	Wales & South West	Scot-land
Unweighted base	275	115	160	49	88	78	36	19	5	96	74	44	61	81	75	60	42	17
Weighted base	268	123	145	58	96	63	31	16	4	81	88	49	51	80	75	60	40	14
Adopt from UK	247	111	137	56	86	59	28	14	4	74	82	46	46	75	65	55	39	14
	92%	90%	94%	96%	90%	93%	92%	87%	100%	92%	93%	92%	91%	94%	87%	91%	97%	100%
Adopt siblings	206	93	113	49	74	45	25	10	4	58	74	36	38	64	59	42	28	12
	77%	75%	78%	83%	77%	72%	83%	61%	86%	72%	84%	73%	75%	80%	80%	71%	72%	85%
Adopt an older child	177	75	103	39	64	38	25	8	3	53	58	36	30	58	44	40	26	10
	66%	60%	71%	67%	67%	60%	83%	48%	72%	66%	66%	72%	60%	72%	59%	66%	66%	72%
Adopt a child with a disability	177	80	98	43	56	42	24	9	4	53	55	31	39	45	51	41	28	13
	66%	64%	67%	73%	59%	67%	77%	55%	86%	65%	63%	63%	76%	57%	68%	67%	71%	89%
From abroad (such as Malawi)	161	70	92	40	65	30	17	6	4	47	57	30	28	43	45	37	28	8
	60%	56%	63%	68%	68%	47%	55%	37%	82%	58%	65%	62%	54%	54%	60%	62%	71%	58%
None of these	2	1	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	-
	1%	1%	1%	-	1%	2%	-	-	-	1%	-	2%	-	1%	1%	-	-	-
Refused	2	2	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
	1%	2%	-	-	2%	-	-	-	-	-	2%	-	-	-	-	3%	-	-
Don't know	1	1	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	-
	1%	1%	*	-	1%	1%	-	-	-	1%	-	-	2%	-	1%	-	1%	-

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Table 4
Q.3 Thinking generally which of the following do you think would prevent someone from adopting a child?
Base: All respondents

	Sex			Age						Social Class				Region				
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	South East	Mid-lands	North Eng-land	Wales & South West	Scot-land
Unweighted base	1019	456	563	96	161	246	187	171	158	289	254	203	273	267	264	252	140	96
Weighted base	1019	489	530	112	173	204	173	153	204	255	296	214	255	271	266	250	142	90
Too old	686 67%	324 66%	362 68%	51 45%	96 55%	116 57%	132 76%	120 78%	172 84%	177 69%	184 62%	140 66%	185 73%	182 67%	178 67%	160 64%	98 69%	68 76%
Unemployed	537 53%	270 55%	267 50%	88 79%	113 65%	93 46%	74 43%	62 40%	106 52%	138 54%	158 54%	117 55%	124 49%	164 61%	123 46%	131 52%	74 52%	45 50%
Smoker	405 40%	194 40%	211 40%	40 36%	66 38%	87 43%	67 39%	62 41%	82 40%	110 43%	114 38%	81 38%	101 39%	113 42%	104 39%	94 38%	54 38%	40 44%
Disability	402 39%	191 39%	212 40%	58 52%	78 45%	58 28%	57 33%	58 38%	93 46%	91 36%	112 38%	82 38%	117 46%	113 42%	103 39%	98 39%	56 39%	33 36%
Single	395 39%	241 49%	155 29%	55 49%	71 41%	65 32%	68 39%	61 40%	75 37%	106 42%	122 41%	70 33%	97 38%	117 43%	89 34%	100 40%	58 41%	31 35%
Overweight / Obese	318 31%	139 29%	179 34%	32 29%	42 24%	53 26%	69 40%	51 33%	72 35%	79 31%	83 28%	64 30%	93 36%	96 35%	78 29%	71 28%	50 35%	24 27%
Gay person/ Gay couple	273 27%	157 32%	116 22%	28 25%	40 23%	51 25%	40 23%	40 26%	73 36%	71 28%	79 27%	49 23%	74 29%	80 29%	60 22%	62 25%	51 36%	20 23%
Unmarried couple	216 21%	109 22%	107 20%	32 28%	36 21%	27 13%	39 22%	39 26%	43 21%	51 20%	51 17%	43 20%	71 28%	62 23%	62 23%	45 18%	27 19%	20 22%
Already have children	207 20%	109 22%	97 18%	30 26%	35 20%	32 16%	29 17%	26 17%	54 27%	47 18%	58 19%	43 20%	59 23%	48 18%	54 20%	47 19%	29 20%	28 32%
Renting	178 17%	90 18%	88 17%	36 32%	42 24%	30 15%	18 10%	20 13%	32 16%	44 17%	51 17%	35 16%	49 19%	49 18%	47 18%	41 17%	26 18%	15 17%
Ethnicity	172 17%	91 19%	81 15%	22 19%	29 17%	32 16%	21 12%	19 12%	49 24%	41 16%	49 17%	35 16%	47 18%	48 18%	41 15%	44 17%	24 17%	15 16%
None of these	71 7%	29 6%	42 8%	6 6%	15 9%	25 12%	12 7%	4 3%	8 4%	21 8%	19 6%	17 8%	14 6%	18 7%	16 6%	21 8%	15 11%	2 2%
Don't know	5 *	3 1%	2 *	- -	1 *	3 1%	- -	- -	1 1%	1 1%	- -	- -	3 1%	3 1%	1 *	- -	- -	- -