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# **Adoption Leadership Board headline measures and business intelligence**

**Further adopter analysis 2014 to 2015**

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## Individual Adopters – Age, Gender, Ethnicity, Religion, Sexual Orientation and Disability

The table below shows the characteristics of individual adopters approved during 2014-15 and those approved but not yet matched at 31 March 2015.

	All approved during 2014-15			Approved and not yet matched at 31 March 2015		
	Local Authority	Voluntary Adoption Agency	Total	Local Authority	Voluntary Adoption Agency	Total
<b>Age</b>	<b>7,970</b>	<b>1,490</b>	<b>9,460</b>	<b>5,010</b>	<b>1,030</b>	<b>6,040</b>
Under 20 years old	20	x	20	10	x	10
20 to 29 years old	340	70	410	150	40	190
30 to 39 years olds	3,010	570	3,580	1,640	330	1,970
40 to 49 year olds	3,770	720	4,490	2,680	540	3,220
50 to 59 year olds	600	110	710	410	120	530
60 years olds or over	40	10	50	20	10	30
Unknown	200	0	200	100	0	100
<b>Gender</b>	<b>7,970</b>	<b>1,490</b>	<b>9,460</b>	<b>5,010</b>	<b>1,030</b>	<b>6,040</b>
Female	4,120	800	4,920	2,620	560	3,180
Male	3,770	690	4,460	2,340	470	2,820
Unknown	80	0	80	50	0	50
<b>Ethnicity</b>	<b>7,970</b>	<b>1,490</b>	<b>9,460</b>	<b>5,010</b>	<b>1,030</b>	<b>6,040</b>
White	7,220	1,330	8,550	4,400	910	5,310
Asian or Asian British	250	70	320	240	70	310
Black or Black British	180	40	210	130	20	150
Mixed	90	30	110	50	20	70
Other ethnic groups	40	20	60	40	10	60
Unknown	200	10	210	140	10	150
<b>Religion</b>	<b>7,970</b>	<b>1,490</b>	<b>9,460</b>	<b>5,010</b>	<b>1,030</b>	<b>6,040</b>
Buddhist	20	x	30	20	x	20
Christian	4,160	850	5,000	2,570	580	3,160
Hindu	40	30	60	60	20	80
Jewish	30	x	30	20	x	20
Muslim	170	30	200	140	30	170
None	2,240	450	2,690	1,370	300	1,670
Other	200	30	230	130	20	150
Unknown	1,110	90	1,210	710	60	770
<b>Sexual Orientation</b>	<b>7,970</b>	<b>1,490</b>	<b>9,460</b>	<b>5,010</b>	<b>1,030</b>	<b>6,040</b>
Heterosexual	6,380	1,350	7,740	3,980	960	4,950

Lesbian, Gay or Bisexual	690	110	800	390	60	450
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unknown	900	30	930	630	630	650
<b>Disability</b>	<b>7,970</b>	<b>1,490</b>	<b>9,460</b>	<b>5,010</b>	<b>1,030</b>	<b>6,040</b>
Yes	50	20	80	30	20	50
No	7810	1470	9,280	4910	1020	5,930
Unknown	110	0	110	70	x	70

Source: Adoption Leadership Board (ALB) quarterly returns

Notes:

Figures are rounded to the nearest 10. 'x' represents figures of 5 or fewer.

Age is either age at approval or age at 31 March 2015.

'Other Ethnic Groups' includes 'Chinese' and 'Other'.

'Unknown' includes information not obtained, missing and refused.

## Adoptive families – Relationship Status

The table below shows the marital status of adoptive families approved during 2014-15 and those approved but not yet matched at 31 March 2015.

	All approved during 2014-15			Approved and not yet matched at 31 March 2015		
	Local Authority	Voluntary Adoption Agency	Total	Local Authority	Voluntary Adoption Agency	Total
<b>Relationship Status</b>	<b>4,460</b>	<b>810</b>	<b>5,260</b>	<b>2,780</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>3,350</b>
Single	460	100	550	340	80	430
Married	3,110	550	3,660	1,890	380	2,270
Civil Partnership	180	20	210	100	10	110
Male/female partnership	410	70	470	270	60	330
Same sex partnership	160	20	180	80	10	90
Other	30	10	40	20	10	30
Unknown	120	40	150	80	20	100

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Notes:

Figures are rounded to the nearest 10. 'x' represents figures of 5 or fewer.

'Unknown' includes information not obtained, missing and refused.

## Data Sources

**ALB quarterly survey** This document contains data from the Adoption Leadership Board (ALB) quarterly survey providing information on adopters in 2014-15 (April 2014 to March 2015).

**Response rate** In quarter 4 2014-15 the response rate for the adopter level section of the return was 95%. Therefore national and regional figures on adopters include estimates made for non-responses. Estimates are made by scaling to the regional level based on the number of adoptions in each LA during 2013-14 (from the SSDA903 data).



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