

## Outline for Introduction to Domestic Infant Adoption

- How many domestic private infant adoptions happen in the US each year?
- Average cost of adopting a baby in the US.
- Average length of time prospective parents wait for an adoption match.
  - Creating a Family article: [Adoption in the US: How Many? How Much? How Long?](#)
- What is the domestic infant adoption process at your agency or organization?
- How does the process differ when using an adoption attorney rather than an adoption agency?
- How do domestic infant adoptions today differ from how many people think about adoptions?
- What type of expectant mom considers adoption for their child?
- How many adoptive parent profiles are usually shown to an expectant mom?
- What do you see that expectant moms or couples look for when choosing adoptive parents?
- Is it harder for single women to be selected by expectant moms or couples?
- Is it harder for same-sex couples or singles to be selected by expectant moms or couples?
- After an expectant mother or couple chooses an adoptive family, what is the next step?
- What type of counseling is available for expectant parents both before and after the adoption is finalized?
- What are the ways that different adoption agencies and attorneys handle birth parent expenses?
- How early in the pregnancy do adoption agencies and adoption attorneys match expectant moms with adoptive families?
- What does open adoption look like?
- What percentage of domestic infant adoptions in the US are open?
- What are some typical “special needs” that prospective adoptive parents may be faced with in matches? What situations are the hardest for adoptive parents to decide about?
- How much information will adoptive parents have in deciding whether they should accept a match?
- What factors influence the cost of adoption?
- What factors influence how long families wait for an adoption match?
- What’s your best advice if someone has applied to adopt an infant and is not getting selected by an expectant mom?
- [Failed Adoption Matches: How Common? How Costly? How to Survive](#)