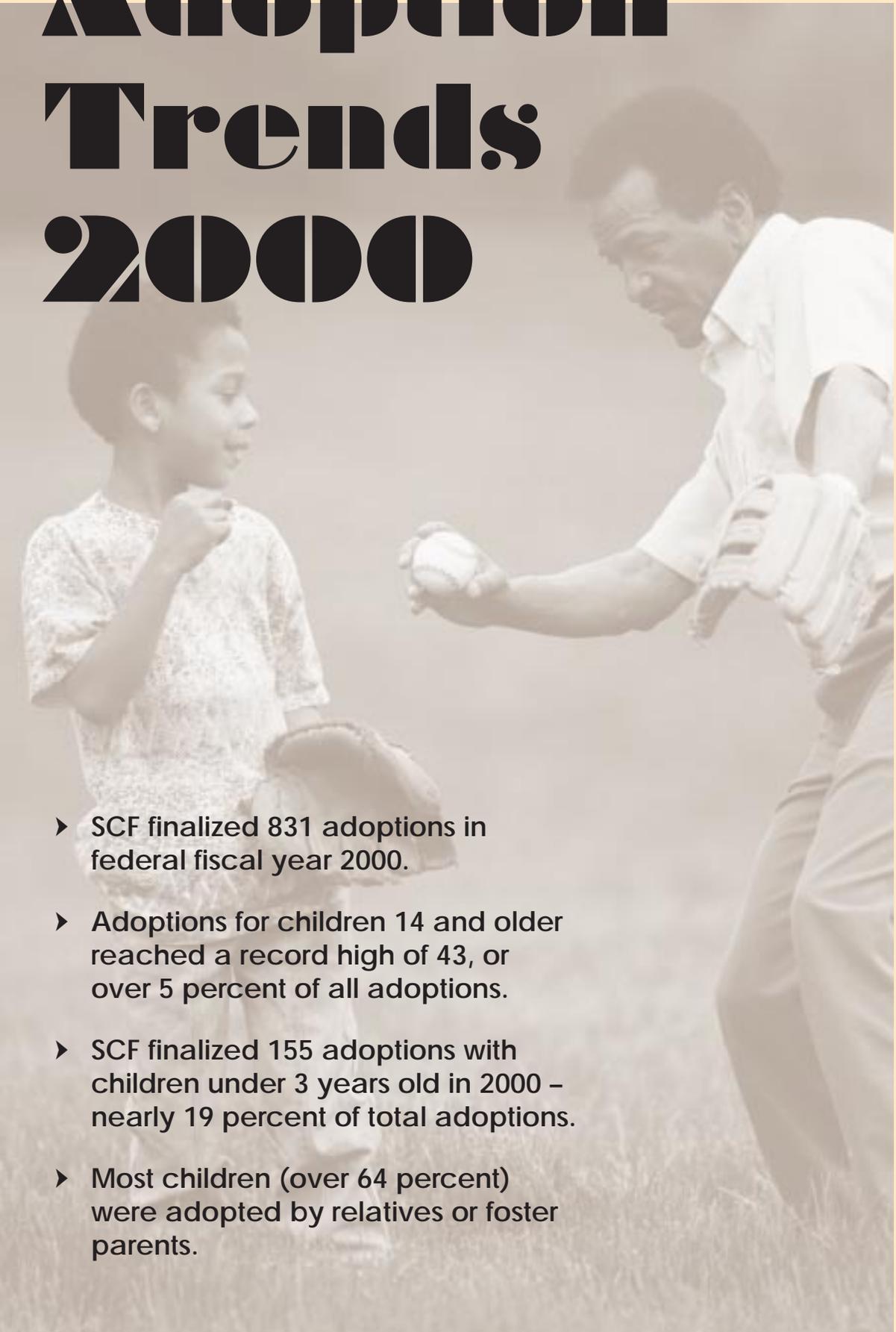


Adoption Trends 2000



- ▶ SCF finalized 831 adoptions in federal fiscal year 2000.
- ▶ Adoptions for children 14 and older reached a record high of 43, or over 5 percent of all adoptions.
- ▶ SCF finalized 155 adoptions with children under 3 years old in 2000 – nearly 19 percent of total adoptions.
- ▶ Most children (over 64 percent) were adopted by relatives or foster parents.

The Children

One-hundred-fifty-five (155) children under the age of three years were adopted in the federal fiscal year which ended September 30, 2000. As children get older, the chances for an adoptive placement decrease dramatically, creating a severe need for adoptive homes for children over age 7.

Age

AGE of ADOPTED CHILDREN

less than 3	155	18.7%
3-4 yrs	194	23.3%
5-7 yrs	206	24.8%
8-10 yrs	157	18.9%
11-13 yrs	76	9.1%
14 and older	43	5.2%

Ethnicity

CHILD'S ETHNICITY

White	590	71.0%
African-American	96	11.6%
Hispanic	100	12.0%
Native American	36	4.3%
Asian	4	0.5%
Unknown ethnic	3	0.4%
Multiracial	2	0.2%

28.6% of children adopted in the federal fiscal year which ended September 30, 2000 belonged to ethnic minorities.



The 831 children adopted in 2000

	Came from:	Went to:
Metro Region	312	189
Western Region	231	242
Eastern Region	60	76
Southern Region	226	164
Oregon private licensed adoption agencies or out of state		160

Gender

FINALIZED ADOPTIONS IN 2000 INCLUDED MORE GIRLS THAN BOYS:

444 (53.4%)	Females
387 (46.6%)	Males

After the adoption

Low disruptions

SCF works diligently to recruit families who match the needs of the child. This careful adoption process helps assure that the adoption will be successful. Statistics show 92.5 percent of Oregon adoptive placements continued without disruption. The national average is 85-90 percent.

92.5 PERCENT OF OREGON ADOPTIONS CONTINUE TO FINALIZATION WITHOUT DISRUPTION

Partnerships

The success of SCF's Adoptions Program in achieving timely adoptions for children relies on strong partnerships with a wide variety of private sector agencies

and individuals. These partnerships include the Special Needs Adoption Coalition, a group of 11 licensed Oregon private adoption agencies that recruit, train, and link adoptive families with children; the Boys and Girls Aid Society, which coordinates recruitment, training, screening families, and contracts to operate the foster/adopt family inquiry telephone line; Northwest Adoption Exchange for nationwide recruitment of qualified adoptive families; and more than three dozen out-of-state private adoption agencies who bring forward prospective adoptive families.

Preserve families

SCF provides services to preserve adoptive families. As of December 2000, 6,641 adopted Oregon children had identified special needs and were receiving one or more adoption support

services. The Adoption Assistance program provides benefits such as medical coverage, monthly payments, or one-time payments for unexpected needs until a special needs adopted child reaches the age of 18. The number of children receiving Adoption Assistance has increased 123 percent from 1995 to 2000.

Support

The 1999 opening of the Oregon Post Adoption Resource Center (OPARC) to serve the families of children adopted from foster care has gained national attention as a model support program for adoptive families. Services include regional trainings, a lending library and resource center, a website, and assistance to start local adoption support groups.

