

Budgeting for Adoption

	Russia	China	Independent domestic infant	Agency domestic infant	Fost-adopt ⁴
Preparation					
Homestudy	\$750–\$2,000	\$750–\$2,500	\$750–\$3,000	\$750–\$3,000	\$0–\$2,500
Documentation & authentication	\$1,000–\$2,500	\$1,000–\$2,000	\$500–\$650	\$800–\$1,200	
I-600 visa application	\$500–\$600	\$500–\$600			
Postage/telephone	\$200–\$500	\$200–\$500	\$200–\$500	\$200–\$500	
Adoption					
Application fee	\$150–\$600	\$150–\$600		\$100–\$600	
Program fee	\$16,000–\$28,000	\$3,000–\$5,000		\$1,600–\$6,000	
Child's passport/visa	\$300–\$400	\$300–\$400			
Child's medical exams	\$200–\$500	\$100–\$200			
Gifts	\$100–\$200	\$100–\$200			
Foreign fees		\$2,000			
Orphanage donation		\$5,000			
Post-placement reports ¹	\$400–\$1,000	\$300–\$500	\$400–\$1,000		
Attorney fees			\$4,500–\$10,000	\$500–\$6,000	\$0–\$2,000
Advertising/networking			\$0–\$5,000		
Birth family counseling			\$700–\$2,500	\$700–\$2,500	
Birthmother expenses			\$0–\$6,000	\$0–\$5,000	
Foster care			\$0–\$2,000	\$0–\$2,000	
Travel					
(Airfare, hotels, etc.)	\$10,000–\$20,000 ²	\$4,000–\$10,000 ³	\$0–\$5,000	\$0–\$2,000	\$0–\$2,000
Average Cost					
(Before tax credit)	\$40,000–\$50,000	\$20,000–\$30,000	\$20,000–\$35,000	\$20,000–\$35,000	\$0–\$5,000
Tax Credit ⁵					
Maximum credit	\$13,360	\$13,360	\$13,360	\$13,360	\$13,360
	per finalization	per finalization	per attempt	per attempt	

Notes

- (1) May be included in program fee or homestudy fee.
- (2) Two round-trips for two adults; one-way fare for child.
- (3) One round-trip for two adults; one-way fare for child.
- (4) Costs of adopting a child from foster care may be eligible for reimbursement (up to \$2,000) by the child's state, depending on state regulations. Also, adoptions of U.S. children with special needs are eligible for the full federal tax credit, regardless of actual expenses.
- (5) Subject to income limitations.