

Budgeting for adoption

	Russia	China	Independent domestic infant	Agency domestic infant	Fost-adopt ⁴
Preparation					
Homestudy	\$750–\$3,000	\$800–\$1,200	\$750–\$2,500	\$500–\$3,000	0–\$2,500
Documentation & authentication	\$1,140–\$1,680	\$1,895–\$2,425	\$35–\$300		
I-600 visa application	\$460	\$460			
Postage/telephone	\$200–\$300	\$200–\$500			
Adoption					
Application fee	\$125–\$600	\$100–\$200	\$0–\$200	\$100–\$600	
Program fee	\$16,000–\$28,000	\$3,000–\$5,000		\$1,600–\$6,000	
Child's passport/visa	\$365–\$395	\$325			
Child/s medical exams	\$225–\$550	\$60			
Gifts	\$100–\$200				
Foreign fees		\$1,980			
Orphanage donation		\$3,000			
Post-placement reports ¹	\$400–\$1,200	\$300–\$500	\$300–\$1,500		
Attorney Fees			\$4,500–\$9,500	\$500–\$3,000	0–\$1,500
Advertising/networking			\$0–\$5,000		
Birthfamily counseling			\$700–\$2,500	0–\$6,500	
Birthmother expenses			\$0–\$5,000		
Foster care				0–\$2,000	
Travel					
Airfare	\$2,000–\$6,000 ²	\$1,400–\$2,000 ³			
Meals	\$840–\$1,680	\$500–\$800			
Accommodations	\$1,260–\$3,675	\$800–\$1,200			
Driver/interpreter ¹	\$2,100	\$400–\$800			
General travel			0–\$5,000	0–\$2,000	0–\$2,000
Total Cost (Before Tax Credit)					
Average range	\$25 to 30,000	\$15 to 20,000	\$15 to 20,000	\$15 to 20,000	\$2–5,000
Tax Credit ⁵					
Maximum credit subject to income limitations	\$10,160	\$10,160 per finalization	\$10,160 per finalization	\$15 to 20,000 per attempt	\$2–5,000

All budgets

- (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 a \$10,000 tax credit, regardless of actual expenses.
- (5) Subject to income limitations.