



Child  
Adoption  
**IN**  
Nigeria.

## ❖ Introduction

Globally, Child adoption has been described as an old phenomenon due to its fundamental implications on family ties. According to United Nation Population Division Statistics, it is estimated that 260,000 children are adopted every year, with U.S recording over 127,000 adoptions, followed by China (46,000) in 2001. Hence, child adoption remains relatively a rare event in most developing countries of the world.

It has also been argued that informal child adoption is more predominant than the formal child adoption. Essentially, informal child adoption involves adoption through family or close relatives, while the formal adoption is usually done through orphanage, public adoption agencies and intercountry adoptions.

A country level survey conducted by the United Nations revealed that child adoption has recently been on the increase due to health challenge, resulting in the inability of some people to achieve their desired family size.

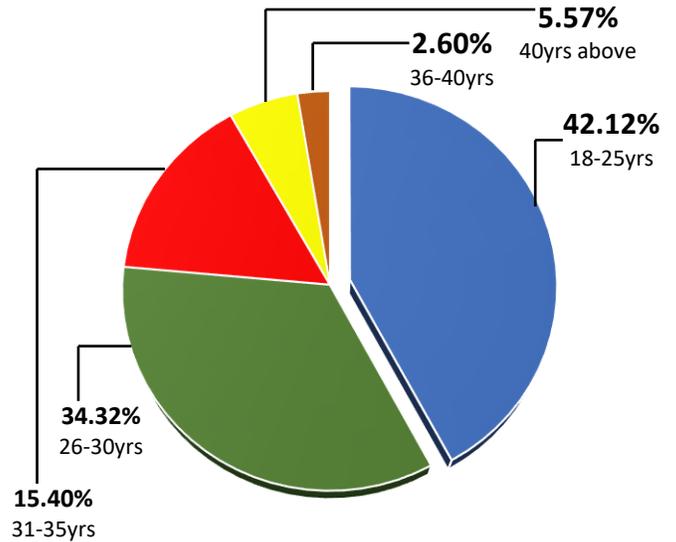
In many developing countries, like Nigeria, the poor accessibility of data on the rate of child adoption is a major obstacle to understand the reasons why people would adopt a child or not, and the factors influencing their decisions. Hence, this report contains a survey conducted by GetJama Research, to help determine the perception of Nigerians on child adoption.

## ❖ Methodology

An Online survey was conducted through the qualitative Jama online platform with thousands of registered users across the Six geopolitical zones in Nigeria. A total of 539 responses were collected.

## Synopsis:

### • Age of Respondents



Respondents with age range between 18 and 25 recorded the highest number of responses at 42%, followed by age group 26-30 at 34%, 31 -35 with 15%. The least responses were from age group 36-40 with approximately 3% responses.

### • Child Adoption by gender category

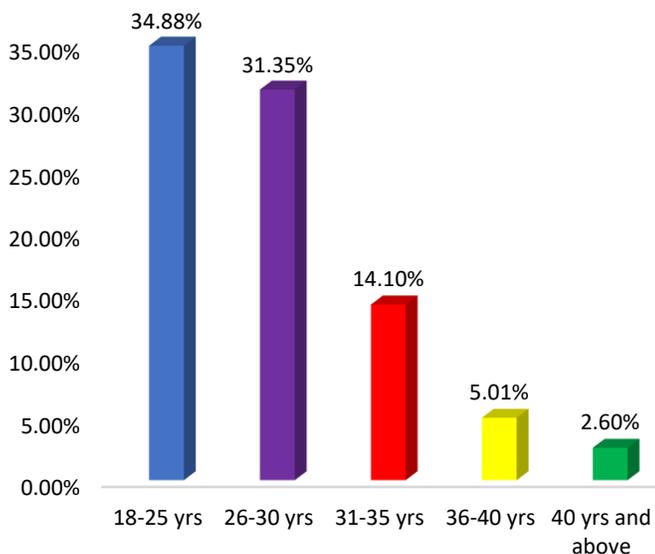


Out of the respondents who supported child adoption, 65% are male, while 23% are female. This suggests that more male Nigerians support child adoption than the female counterpart.

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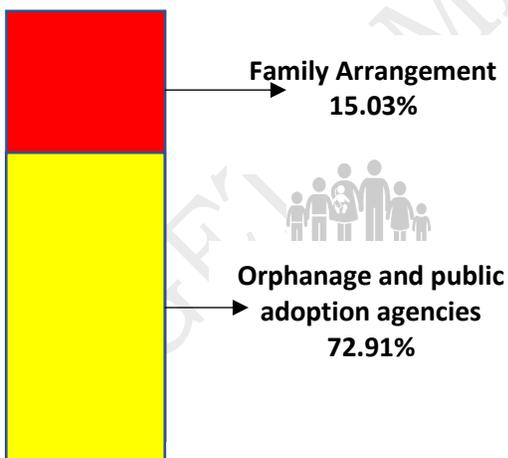
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- Child Adoption by age category**



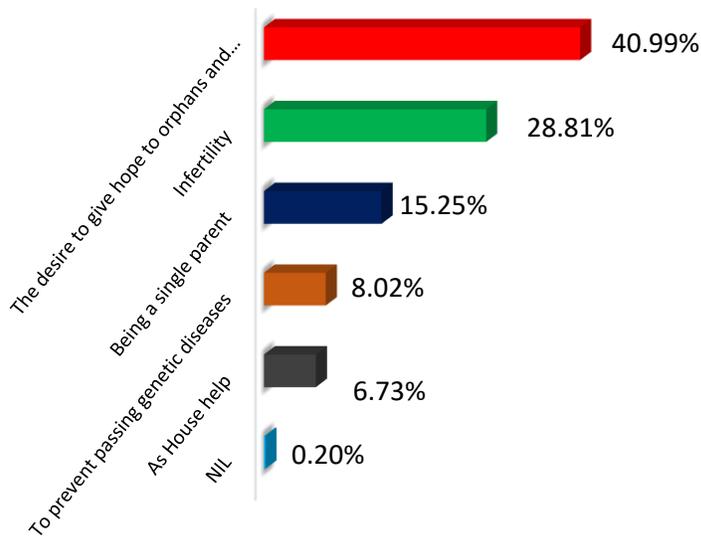
Analyzing the age category of the child adoption survey, the data collected shows that 35% of Nigerians between age 18-25 support child adoption, followed by age group 26-30years. Nigerians with ages of 40years and above recorded the least at 3%. This implies that in future, child adoption is projected to be on the increase in Nigeria.

- Preferred Adoption Type**



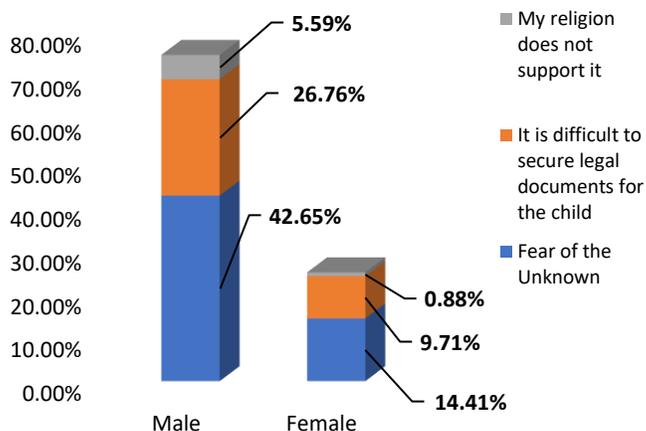
Respondents who supported child adoption were asked to select their preferred choice of child adoption. Data revealed that approximately 73% of Nigerians opt for child adoption through orphanage and public adoption agencies, while 15% prefer adoption through family arrangement.

- Motivations for child adoption**



Also, evaluating the motivation behind the support for child adoption, approximately 41% chose the option of desiring to give hope to orphans and abandoned children, 28.81% due to infertility, 15.25% want to be a single parent, 8.02% to prevent passing genetic diseases, 6.73% for house help reasons and 0.20% did not respond.

- Motivations for not supporting child adoption by gender**



Analyzing motivations of respondents who do not support child adoption, in both male and female gender categories, the fear of the unknown tops the list with 43% (male) and 14% (female), followed by the difficulty in securing legal documents. This suggests that the fear of uncertainty is the major factor why some Nigerians do not engage in child adoption.

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