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## Adopter Approvals and Matching Variations Since RAA Launch

Approved Adopters for Sibling Groups of Three or More - For each year since the launch of the RAA model, please provide:

1. The number of adopters approved to adopt sibling groups of three or more children.
2. A breakdown by year, specifying:
  1. Whether the adopter was a single applicant or part of a couple.
  2. The exact number of children each adopter was approved to adopt.

Together for Adoption's data is gathered from April – end of March.

Sept 2017 – March 2018 =none.

April 2018 – March 2019 =none

April 2019 – March 2020 = 2 (both sets of adopters were couples and both had been approved for up to 3 children.)

April 2020 – March 2021 = 2 (both sets of adopters were couples and both had been approved for up to 3 children.)

April 2021 – March 2022 = 2 (both sets of adopters were couples. Both were approved for up to 3 children)

April 2022 --- March 2023 = none

April 2023 – March 2024 = 1 (couple. Were approved for up to 3 children)

April 2024 – March 2025 = none.

April 2025 – October 2025 = none

## Changes in Number of Children During Matching - For the same time period, I would like to know:

1. The number of cases where adopters were initially approved for a specific number of children (e.g., one child) but were subsequently matched with a sibling group of three or more.
2. A breakdown by year, indicating:
  1. The original approval (number of children).
  2. The final matched sibling group size.
  3. Whether the adopter was single or part of a couple.

Within the last 8 years no adopters have been approved for less than 3 children and then increased to 3 children during the family finding and matching process.