

ADOPTION
Trends en analysis

Statistic overview intercountry adoption over the years
2012 up to and including 2016

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1.1.

Overview concerning the procedure for the placement of foreign children into families in the Netherlands over the years 2012 - 2016

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Applications for a permit in principle	842	688	722	631	717
withdrawals of the application	713	266	202	209	173
Number of granted permits in principle	589	396	346	332	217
Total of placements into families in the Netherlands	488	401	354	304	214
Number of placements under the Hague Adoption Convention*	375	295	288	235	164
Number of rejections	26	39	140	132	78

This overview shows a slight increase in 2016 of the number of applications for a permit in principle in relation to 2015. The number of granted permits in principle and the number of placed children however show a more constant decrease. It is to be expected that the number of placed children will structurally continue to stay at a low level. Of the number of children placed in 2016, 80% has special needs. The number of placements under the Hague Adoption Convention was in 2016 77%.

1.1.1.

Overview concerning the division of applications for a permit in principle over the years 2012 - 2016

<i>Applications for a permit in principle</i>	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
- for a first child	657	540	572	528	597
- for a second or subsequent child	185	148	150	103	120
	842	688	722	631	717

The number of applications for a first child shows in 2016, in comparison to 2015, a slight increase. The same goes for the applications for a second or subsequent child.

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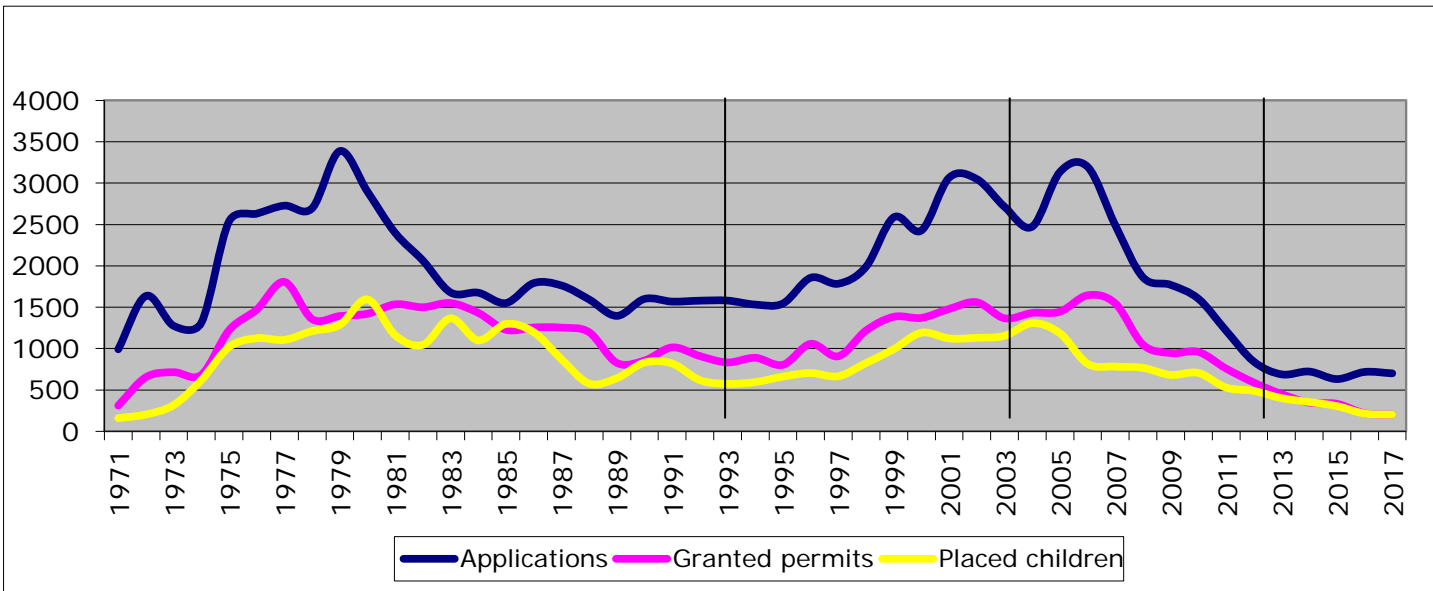
Overview of the number of granted permits in principle over the years 2012 - 2016

<i>Nbumber of granted permits</i>	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
- for a first child	420	288	213	235	147
- for a second child	143	83	105	83	63
- for a third or subsequent child	26	25	28	14	7
	589	396	346	332	217

This overview shows that the number of granted applications has decreased considerably in comparison to 2015.

*Hague Adoption Convention: The on 29 may 1993 established Convention on protection of children and cooperation in respect of intercountry adoption. The Netherlands became party to this convention on 1 october 1998.

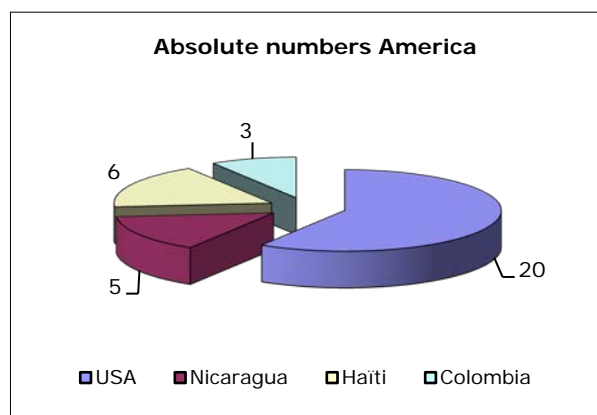
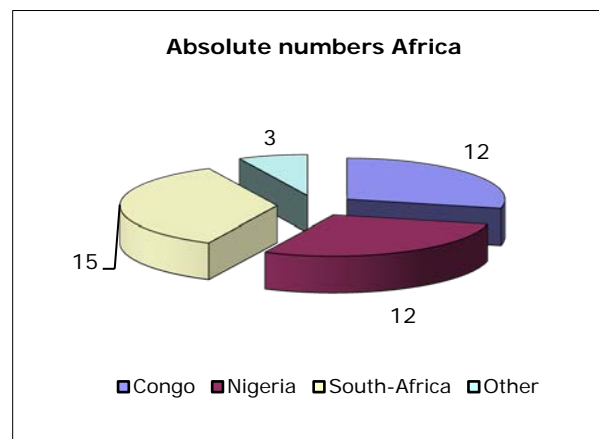
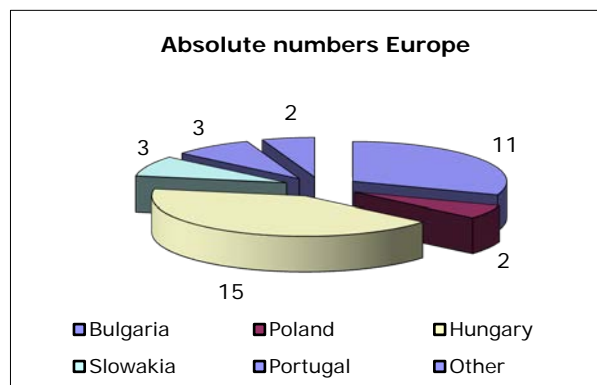
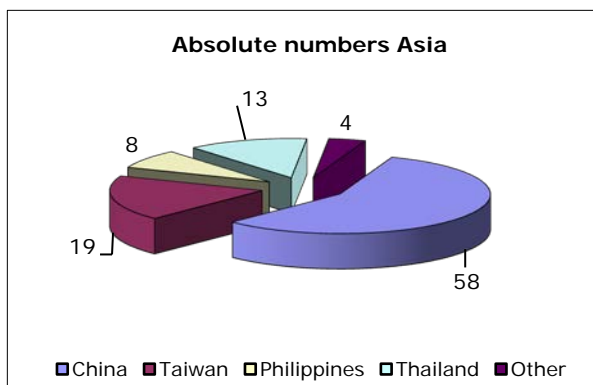
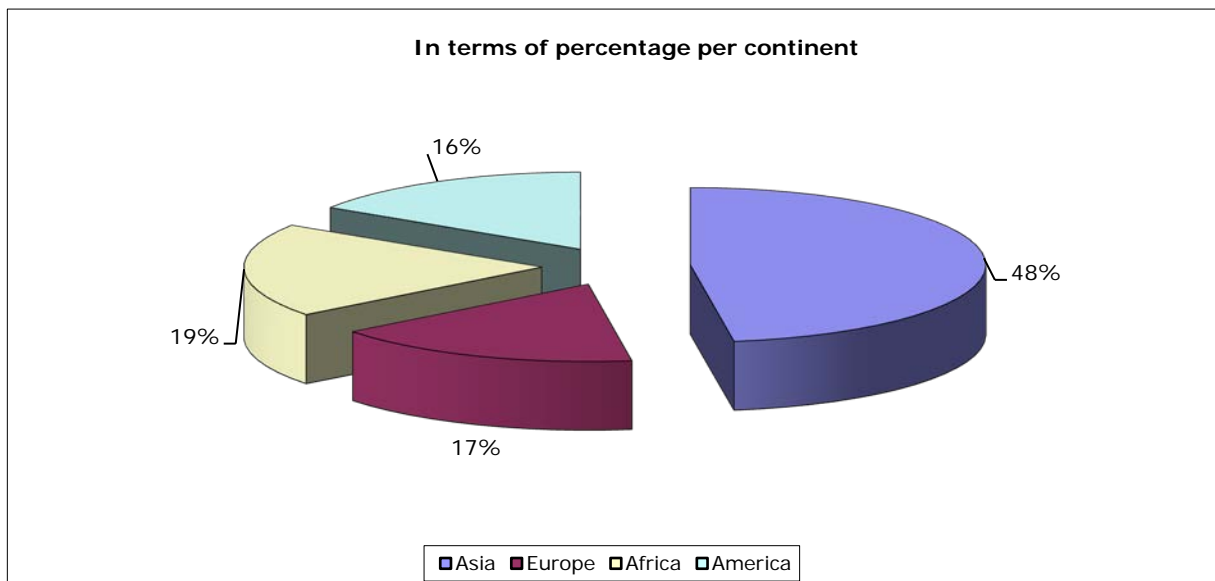
1.1.3 Adoption data over the past few years



1989 implementation Act concerning the placement of foreign children with a view to adoption
 1998 Entry into force of the Hague Adoption Convention in the Netherlands
 2006 Entry into force of the Hague Adoption Convention in the Peoples Republic of China

This diagram shows the development throughout the years of the numbers of applications for a permit in principle, the numbers of granted permits and the numbers of placements of children. Obvious is the decrease since 2006 in the interest for adoption. The decrease is a worldwide phenomenon. It is a prognosis that the number of children to be adopted in the Netherlands, will stay at a low level. The number of children who come available for intercountry adoption, are increasingly children with special needs. Was this share in 2012 57%, in 2016 80% has special needs.

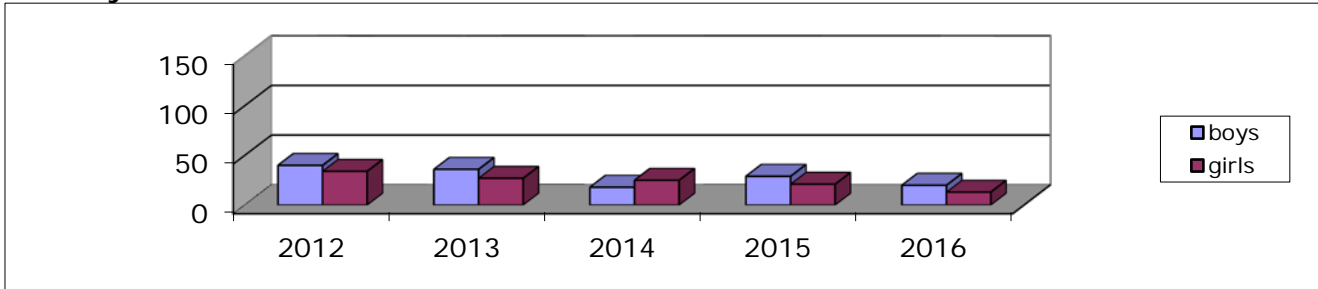
2. Division of the number of children placed in 2016, per continent



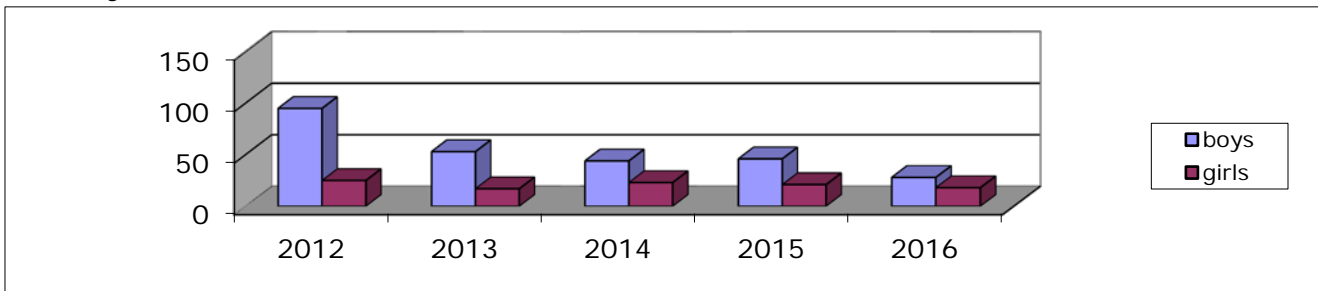
Although most of the children, specifically from China, come from Asia, this number decreases gradually. Except Europe, the number of children from other continents shows the same decrease. The effect of this development is, that the percentages of Asia on the one hand and those of the other continents gradually meet each other.

3. Division between the number of placements of boys and girls in the years 2012 - per age category

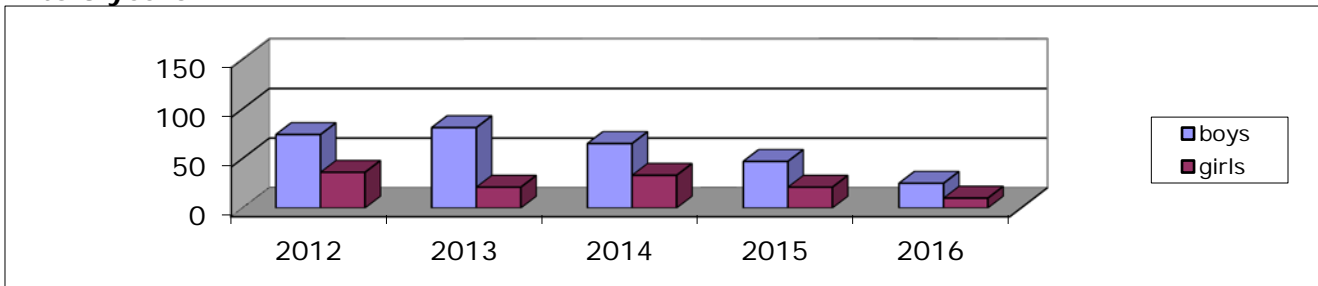
0 to 1 year



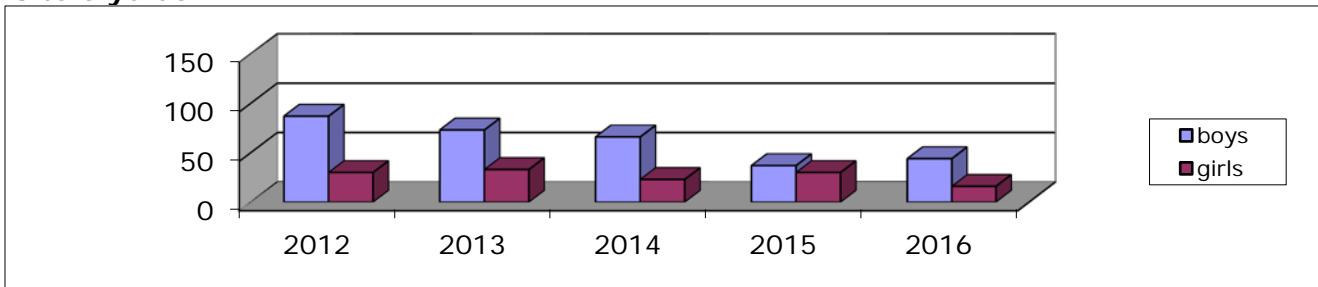
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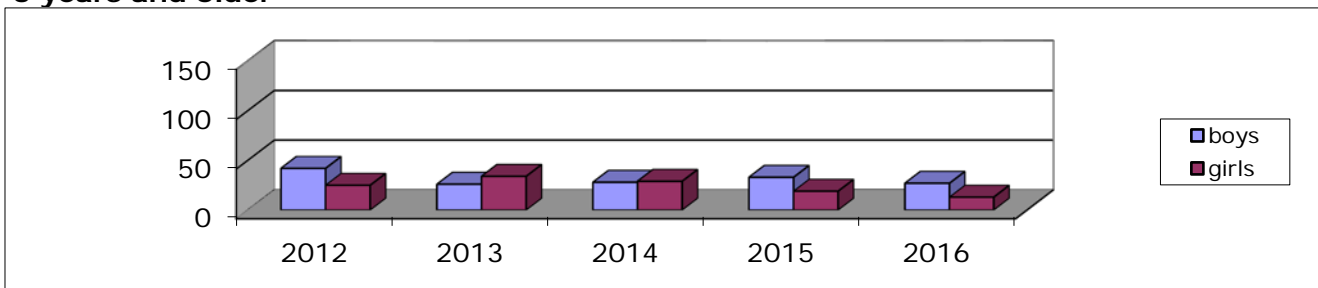
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3 to 5 years

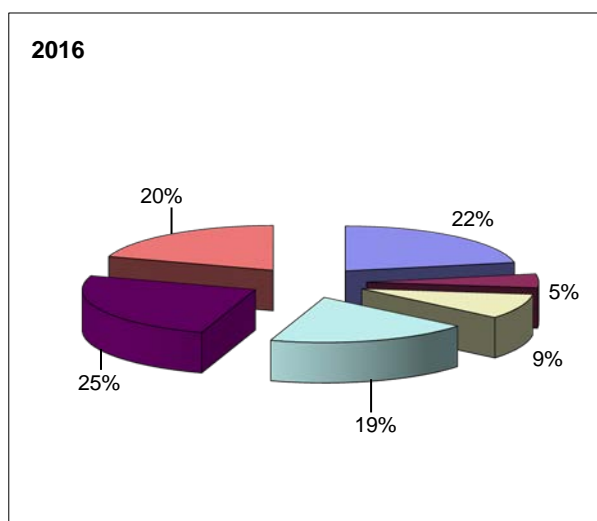
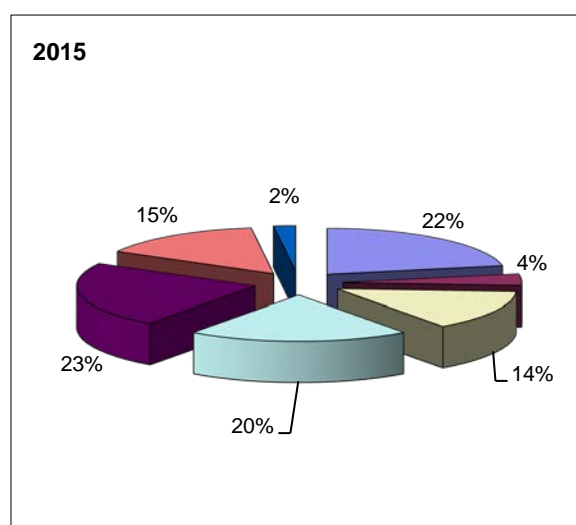
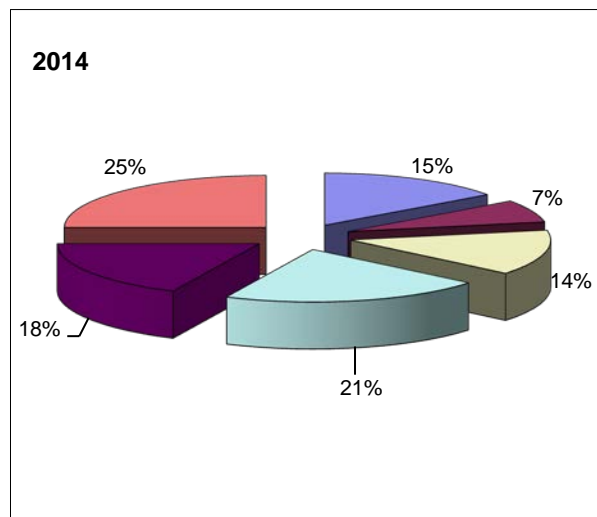
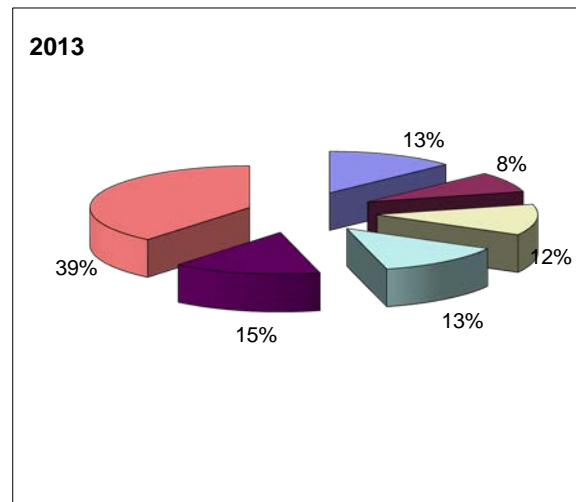
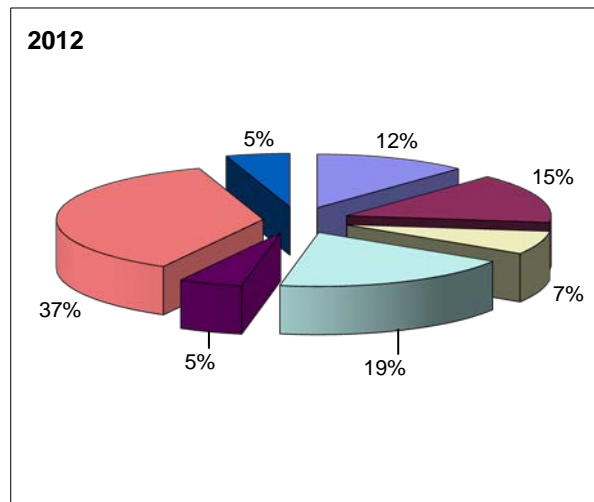


5 years and older



This overview shows that the number of children, younger than 1 year, has decreased again in 2016 in comparison to 2015. The number of children aged 1 to 2 years and 2 to 3 shows a further decrease. The number of children aged 3 to 5, shows however a slight increase in comparison to 2015.

4. Division in terms of percentage between healthy children and children in various categories of special needs over the years 2012-2016



- Increased medical risks
- < 4 surgeries
- Surgeries + therapy
- Permanent disorder
- Defective social-emotional background
- Healthy
- Unknown

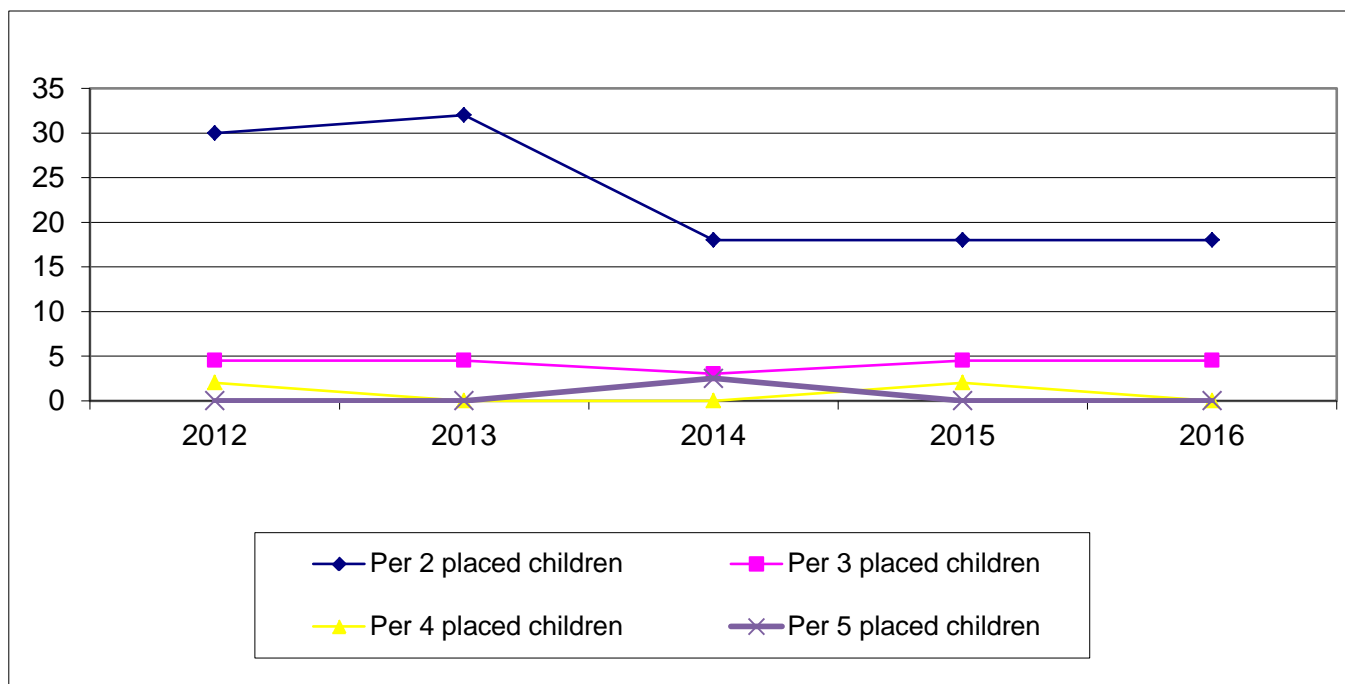
This overview shows the proportion in percentages of placed children with special needs, divided into categories of disorders.

5. Overview according to age and sex of sibling children placed together with 2, 3, 4 or 5 into one family over the years 2012 up to and including 2016

	2012		2013		2014		2015		2016	
	B	G	B	G	B	G	B	G	B	G
Per 2 placed children	46	14	35	29	14	22	23	13	23	13
Per 3 placed children	3	6	4	5	1	5	5	4	8	1
Per 4 placed children	1	3	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0
Per 5 placed children	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	0	0
Totaal	50	23	39	34	18	29	29	20	31	14

Placement of two children together happens most frequent. After an initial increase in 2013, the number of sibling children placed in 2016 remained almost equal to the number in 2014 and 2015. The proportion between boys and girls differs each year.

6. Development in the number of sibling placements.



7. Division according to continent and age category over the years 2012 - 2016

Africa

AGE	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
0 to 1 year	14	11	6	3	3
1 to 2 years	29	24	18	20	8
2 to 3 years	23	31	27	13	6
3 to 5 years	34	31	13	16	7
5 years and older	35	28	14	21	18
Total	135	125	78	73	42

America

Age	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
0 to 1 year	48	35	29	35	22
1 to 2 years	4	1	8	2	0
2 to 3 years	5	3	3	3	2
3 to 5 years	9	13	10	6	4
5 years and older	6	14	12	6	6
Total	72	66	62	52	34

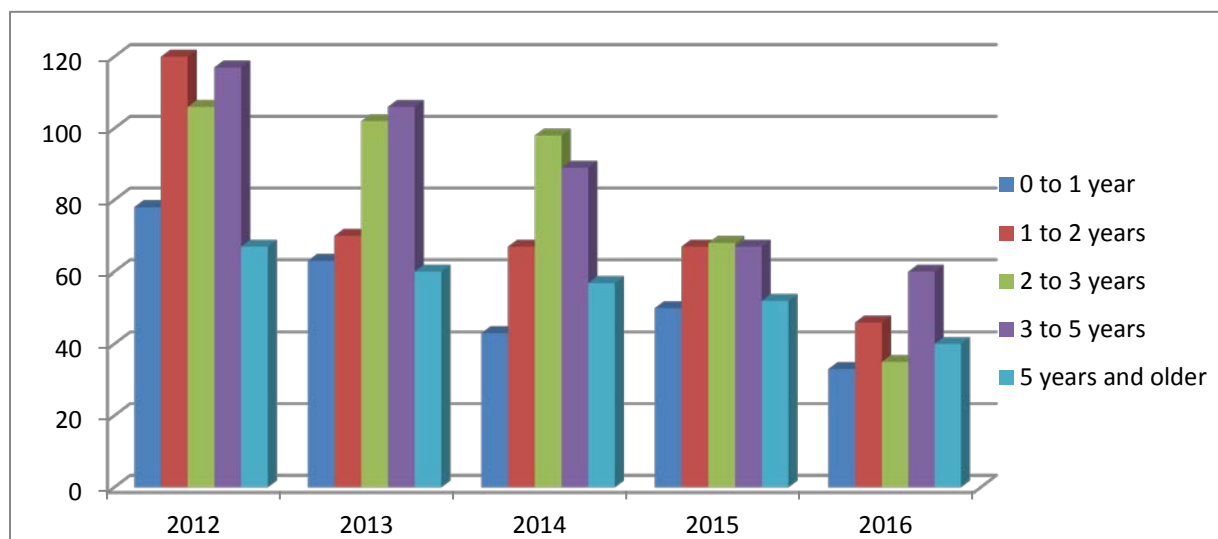
Asia

Age	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
0 to 1 year	16	17	8	12	8
1 to 2 years	76	42	39	40	34
2 to 3 years	70	58	56	46	22
3 to 5 years	59	44	45	32	33
5 years and older	8	9	18	13	5
Total	229	170	166	143	102

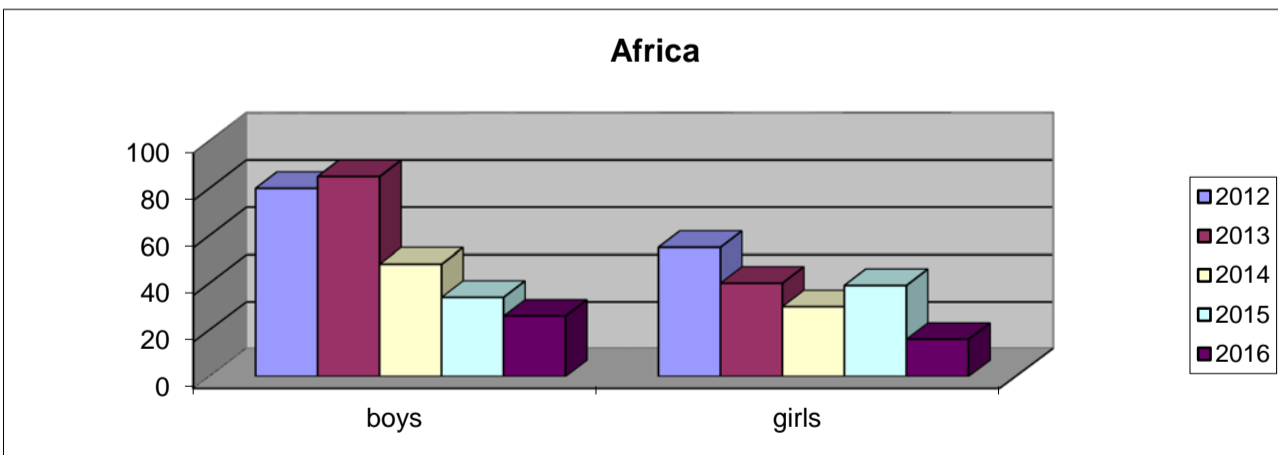
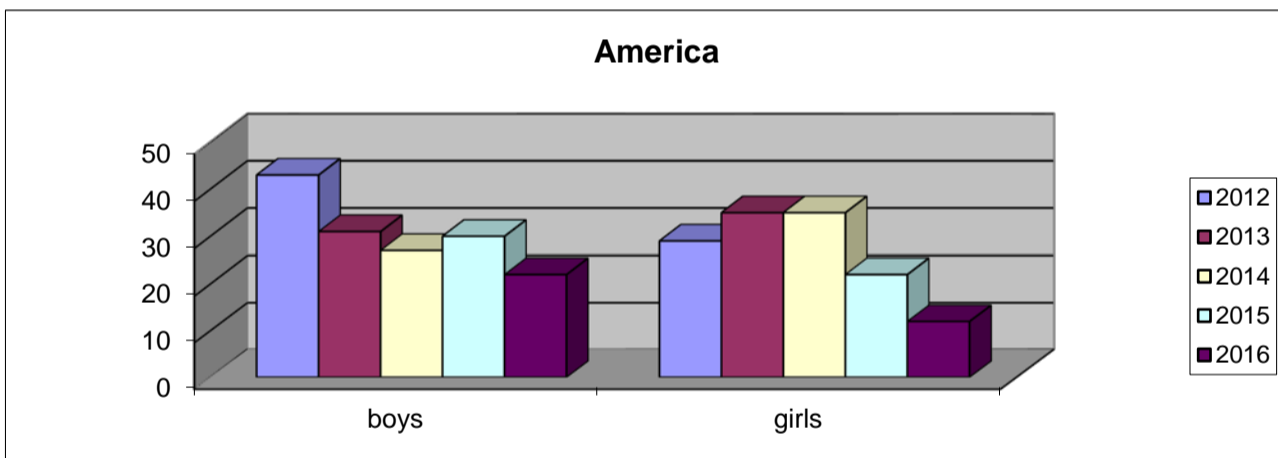
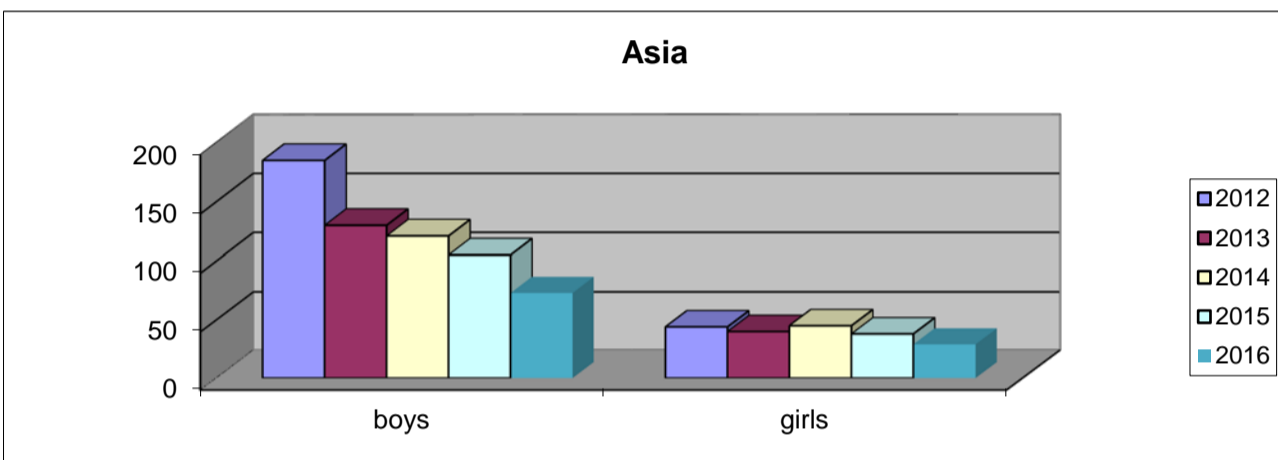
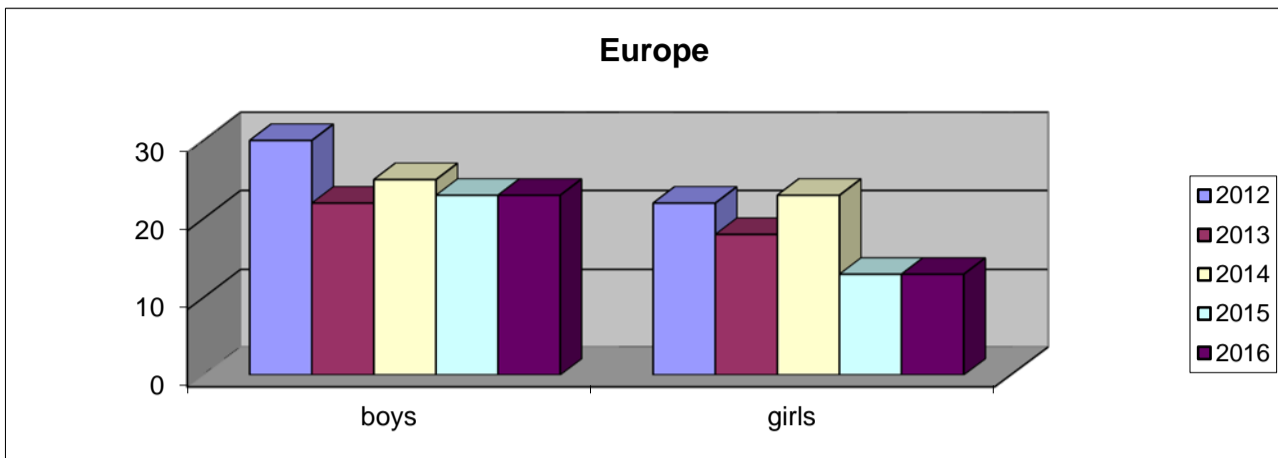
Europe

Age	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
0 to 1 year	0	0	0	0	0
1 to 2 years	11	3	2	5	4
2 to 3 years	8	10	12	6	5
3 to 5 years	15	18	21	13	16
5 years and older	18	9	13	12	11
Total	52	40	48	36	36

This overview shows the division of children placed into families in the Netherlands according to age category between the different continents. Remarkable is that the number of children aged from 0 to 1 from Asia shows a continuous decrease. In America this number however remains undiminished high, due to the placement of children from the USA.



8. Division per continent and sex over the years 2012 - 2016



This overview shows that from all continents the intake of the number of boys is higher than the number of girls. Specifically Asia shows a gradual decrease of the number of girls.

Annex A**The division of the number of placed children
according to their country of origin over the years 2012 - 2016**

AFRICA	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
South-Africa	21	26	23	26	15
Nigeria	17	12	22	17	12
Congo	28	26		17	12
Eritrea					2
Lesotho	11	4	5	4	1
Kenya	22	26	22	3	
Ethiopia	16	12	3	6	
Uganda	8	10	2		
Morocco	1	6	1		
Benin	3	2			
Ghana	4				
Ivory Coast		1			
Malawi	3				
Namibia	1				
<i>Total</i>	135	125	78	73	42
EUROPE	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Hungary	14	7	10	11	15
Bulgaria	15	18	26	8	11
Slowakia	10	4	4	8	3
Portugal		1	3	2	3
Poland	13	9	5	7	2
Romania					1
Czech Republic					1
Turky		1			
<i>Total</i>	52	40	48	36	36
ASIA	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
China	192	136	137	100	58
Taiwan	16	14	15	16	19
Thailand	9	4	2	10	13
Philippines	9	13	9	14	8
India					2
Sri Lanka		1	2	2	1
Israël	2	2	1	1	1
Mongolia	1				
<i>Total</i>	229	170	166	143	102
AMERICA	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
USA	48	27	28	35	20
Haiti		7	13	6	6
Nicaragua	7	16	10	8	5
Colombia	8	5	6	2	3
Bolivia	8	11	5		
Surinam	1			1	
<i>Total</i>	72	66	62	52	34
Totaal Generaal	488	401	354	304	214

Annex B

Overview of the number of children placed in the years 2012 - 2016 door de afzonderlijk bemiddelende by separate accredited bodies per country of origin

Association Wereldkinderen	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
China	73	60	66	64	23
South-Africa	21	26	18	18	13
Thailand	9	4	2	10	13
Philippines	9	13	9	14	8
Colombia	8	5	6	2	4
India					2
Israël	2	2	1	1	1
Ethiopia		4	2	1	
Kenia		1			
Morocco	1	6	1		
<i>Total</i>	123	121	105	110	64
Foundation Meiling	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
China	42	41	29	27	28
Taiwan	16	14	15	16	19
Surinam	1			1	
<i>Total</i>	59	55	44	44	47
Foundation Africa	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Ethiopia	16	8	1	5	
Kenya	22	25	22	3	
<i>Total</i>	38	33	23	8	0
Foundation Child and Future	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Nigeria	17	12	22	16	12
Congo	28	26			12
Bulgaria	15	18	26	8	11
China	77	35	42	9	7
Slovakia	10	4	4	8	3
Poland	13	9	5	7	2
Sri Lanka			2	17	1
Romania					1
Lesotho	11	4	5	4	1
USA	5	1	2	1	
Benin	3				
Ivory Coast		1			
Malawi	3	2			
Uganda	8	10	2		
<i>Total</i>	190	122	110	70	50

Dutch Adoption Foundation	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Hougary	14	7	10	11	15
Nicaragua	7	16	10	8	5
Haiti		7	13	6	5
South-Africa			5	2	2
Portugal		1	3	1	3
Eritrea					2
Chech Republic					1
Bolivia	8	11	5	8	
Turky		1		1	
Ghana	4				
Mongolia	1				
Namibia	1				
Sri Lanka		1			
USA		1			
<i>Total</i>	35	45	46	37	33
Foundation A New Way	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
USA	17	20	25	34	20
<i>Total</i>	17	20	25	34	20
Temporary mediations by the Centr	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
USA	18	5	1		
<i>Total</i>	18	5	1	0	0
Other (partial) mediations	2012	2013	2014	2015	2015
USA*	8				
Nigeria				1	
<i>Total</i>	8	0	0	1	0
General Total	488	401	354	304	214

* Partial mediation before the entry into force of the Hague Adoption Convention in the Netherlands or the respective country.