



Introduction

The *Convention of 29 May 1993 on Protection of Children and Co-operation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption* (1993 Adoption Convention) provides for the collection and exchange of statistics on intercountry adoption as a means to promote co-operation amongst Central Authorities, verify that safeguards are met, and facilitate the provision of post-adoption services. Access to these statistics allows stakeholders to monitor the operation of the Convention, develop policy, and identify good practice in intercountry adoption.

HCCH Guide to Good Practice No 1 recognises the utility of statistics in measuring the effective implementation of the 1993 Adoption Convention (para. 189). In particular, when analysed alongside economic and demographic data, statistics can help stakeholders understand the fundamental nature of intercountry adoption and monitor its geographic and temporal trends.

The last meetings of the Special Commission (SC) have also underlined the importance for States Parties to submit general statistics on an annual basis to the Permanent Bureau using its standard forms (Rec. No 9 of the 2005 SC, Rec. No 30 of the 2010 SC and Rec. No 49 of the 2015 SC). Therefore, the Permanent Bureau would be very thankful if States, insofar as they have not already done so, could complete the updated standard forms for each year, from 2000 to the present year (States do not need to resubmit statistics that have previously been furnished). The forms are also available on the HCCH website at < www.hcch.net > under “Adoption Section” then “Statistics”.

States are encouraged to submit completed forms by e-mail to < secretariat@hcch.net >.

Annual adoption statistics for States of origin

State: Bulgaria
Year: 2010

Receiving State	Total number of completed adoptions or entrustments [1]	Age and gender of child at adoption or entrustment [2]								Number of adoptions or entrustments of special needs children [3]	Location of child prior to adoption or entrustment		
		<1		1 to 4		5 to 9		>10			Institution	Foster care	Family of origin
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F				
<i>Italy</i>	121			19	17	43	33	7	2	10			
<i>USA</i>	51			6	8	12	21	1	3	37			
<i>Germany</i>	21	1	1	13	2	1	2	1					
<i>Sweden</i>	12	1	1	1	3	3	3			9			
<i>Spain</i>	7			2	3	2							
<i>France</i>	8		1	1	1	1	3		1				
<i>Canada</i>	6			3	1		2						
<i>Netherlands</i>	4	1		1	2					1			
<i>Norway</i>	6				5		1						
<i>Other countries(Greece; Cyprus; Luxembourg; Switzerland)</i>	9			2	3	2	2						
Total number of intercountry adoptions	245	3	3	48	45	64	67	9	6	57	228	8	
Total of number of domestic adoptions	838	160	142	196	213	51	57	8	11	9	815	23	
Total number of adoptions	1083	163	145	244	258	115	124	17	17	66	1043	31	

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		<1		1 to 4		5 to 9		>10			Institution	Foster care	Family of origin
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F				
<i>Italy</i>	122			15	7	44	34	13	9	18			
<i>USA</i>	82			16	14	22	28	1	1	45			
<i>France</i>	30			4	5	13	6	1	1	7			
<i>Germany</i>	24			12	7	2	3			5			
<i>Sweden</i>	17			5	5	3	4			14			
<i>Netherlands</i>	17			3	5	8	1						
<i>Spain</i>	13			3	3	2	5						
<i>Norway</i>	7			1	4		2						
<i>Greece</i>	4			1	2		1						
<i>Other countries (Canada; Cyprus; Switzerland; Luxembourg; Malta)</i>	13			4	4		5						
Total number of intercountry adoptions	329	0	0	64	56	94	89	15	11	89	301	15	
Total of number of domestic adoptions	720	162	130	177	164	37	41	7	2	9	648	72	
Total number of adoptions	1049	162	130	241	220	131	130	22	13	98	949	87	

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Receiving State	Total number of completed adoptions or entrustments [1]	Age and gender of child at adoption or entrustment [2]								Number of adoptions or entrustments of special needs children [3]	Location of child prior to adoption or entrustment		
		<1		1 to 4		5 to 9		>10			Institution	Foster care	Family of origin
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F				
USA	170			19	42	47	48	7	7	86			
Italy	112			6	7	42	32	14	11	20			
France	33			9	2	14	7		1	12			
Germany	19			11	5	2	1						
Spain	18			6	5	3	3	1		1			
Netherlands	16			5	1	6	4						
Norway	8			3	3	2							
Sweden	6			1	3	1	1			3			
Canada	4			2	2					1			
Other countries (Greece; Cyprus; Portugal, England; Belgium)	10			2	4		3		1				
Total number of intercountry adoptions	396	0	0	64	74	117	99	22	20	123	332	54	
Total of number of domestic adoptions	680	159	150	162	138	24	35	5	7	6	534	146	
Total number of adoptions	1076	159	150	226	212	141	134	27	27	129	866	200	

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Receiving State	Total number of completed adoptions or entrustments [1]	Age and gender of child at adoption or entrustment [2]								Number of adoptions or entrustments of special needs children [3]	Location of child prior to adoption or entrustment		
		<1		1 to 4		5 to 9		>10			Institution	Foster care	Family of origin
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F				
USA	162			31	38	38	26	11	18	81			
Italy	95			3	8	40	20	13	11	14			
France	51			6	7	24	13	1		6			
Spain	37			8	13	10	4	1	1	1			
Germany	22			7	9	3	3						
Netherlands	17			8	5	3	1						
Sweden	6			2			3		1	5			
Canada	6			2	2	1	1						
Cyprus	3			2			1						
Other countries (Greece; Ireland; Norway; Switzerland; Denmark)	8			5	2		1						
Total number of intercountry adoptions	407	0	0	74	84	119	73	26	31	107	290	109	
Total number of domestic adoptions	705	170	145	159	151	33	34	4	9	6	439	266	
Total number of adoptions	1112	170	145	233	235	152	107	30	40	113	729	375	

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		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F				
<i>USA</i>	206			39	34	35	35	24	39	107			
<i>Italy</i>	111			7	5	42	35	14	8	12			
<i>France</i>	43			9	4	13	12		5	4			
<i>Spain</i>	29			14	5	6	4						
<i>Netherlands</i>	25			8	9	5	3						
<i>Germany</i>	23			9	10	3	1						
<i>Canada</i>	8			5	1		2			1			
<i>Sweden</i>	7			4	1	1	1			2			
<i>Greece</i>	5			2	1		1		1	1			
<i>Other countries (Ireland; Luxembourg; Denmark; Austria; Cyprus; Norway; Portugal; England)</i>	15			11	4								
Total number of intercountry adoptions	472	0	0	108	74	105	94	38	53	127	251	206	
Total of number of domestic adoptions	672	160	133	146	147	33	40	7	6	5	255	417	
Total number of adoptions	1144	160	133	254	221	138	134	45	59	132	506	623	

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Year: 2015

Receiving State	Total number of completed adoptions or entrustments [1]	Age of child at adoption or entrustment [2]				Number of adoptions or entrustments of special needs children [3]	Location of child prior to adoption or entrustment		
		<1	1 to 4	5 to 9	>10		Institution	Foster care	Family of origin
<i>United States of America</i>	215	0	86	58	71	152	139	76	0
<i>Italy</i>	105	0	20	77	18	11	15	90	0
<i>France</i>	19	0	6	10	3	4	8	11	0
<i>Spain</i>	27	0	17	10	0	2	11	16	0
<i>Germany</i>	16	0	13	3	0	0	6	10	0
<i>Netherlands</i>	9	0	6	3	0	0	4	5	0
<i>Ireland</i>	6	0	5	1	0	0	3	3	0
<i>Sweden</i>	3	0	3	0	0	0	1	2	0
<i>Canada</i>	14	0	9	2	3	1	5	9	0
<i>Luxembourg</i>	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0
<i>Belgium</i>	2	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	0
<i>Cyprus</i>	3	0	0	3	0	0	1	2	0
<i>Norway</i>	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0
<i>Finland</i>	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0
<i>Denmark</i>	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
<i>Greece</i>	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0
Total number of intercountry adoptions	427	0	171	170	96	172	194	233	0
Total of number of domestic adoptions	623	274	289	51	9				
Total number of adoptions	1050	274	460	221	105				

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Annual adoption statistics for States of origin

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Year: 2016

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		<1		1 to 4		5 to 9		>10			Institution	Foster care	Family of origin
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F				
<i>United States of America</i>	141			37	25	20	21	13	25	99	85	56	
<i>Italy</i>	71			4	7	22	24	9	5	8	20	51	
<i>France</i>	43			11	9	10	10	1	2	6	13	30	
<i>Spain</i>	22			10	10	1	1			1	10	12	
<i>Germany</i>	11			8	1	1	1				6	5	
<i>Netherlands</i>	11			6	3	1	1					11	
<i>Ireland</i>	6			2	4						3	3	
<i>Sweden</i>	6			4	2						3	3	
<i>Luxembourg</i>	5			3	2						2	3	
<i>Canada</i>	4			3	1						4		
<i>Belgium</i>	2			1	1					2	2		
<i>Cyprus</i>	1								1	1	1		
<i>Greece</i>	1				1							1	
<i>Norway</i>	1			1								1	
<i>Portugal</i>	1			1							1		
Total number of intercountry adoptions	326	0	0	91	66	55	58	23	33	117	150	176	
Total of number of domestic adoptions	555	129	112	155	108	18	23	5	5				
Total number of adoptions	881	129	112	246	174	73	81	28	38				

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Year: 2017

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		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F				
<i>United States of America</i>	162			29	33	22	14	28	36	124	97	65	
<i>Italy</i>	52			4	6	19	11	5	7	3	9	43	
<i>France</i>	23			11	2	5	4	1			4	19	
<i>Spain</i>	22			12	8	1	1			1	6	16	
<i>Netherlands</i>	16			5	9	1	1				1	15	
<i>Canada</i>	7			2	3	2				2	7		
<i>Ireland</i>	6			5	1						4	2	
<i>Belgium</i>	4				1	2		1		3	3	1	
<i>Germany</i>	4			1	3						2	2	
<i>Denmark</i>	4			3	1						1	3	
<i>Norway</i>	4			4							1	3	
<i>Cyprus</i>	1			1								1	
<i>Luxembourg</i>	1			1								1	
Total number of intercountry adoptions	306	0	0	78	67	52	31	35	43	133	135	171	
Total of number of domestic adoptions	578	131	104	148	141	24	25	2	3	23			
Total number of adoptions	884	131	104	226	208	76	56	37	46	156			

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Annual adoption statistics for States of origin0+A1:P29

State: Bulgaria
Year: 2018

Receiving State	Total number of completed adoptions or entrustments [1]	Age and gender of child at adoption or entrustment [2]								Number of adoptions or entrustments of special needs children [3]	Location of child prior to adoption or entrustment		
		<1		1 to 4		5 to 9		>10			Institution	Foster care	Family of origin
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F				
<i>United States of America</i>	125			26	17	15	18	24	25	62	69	55	1
<i>Italy</i>	85			15	11	19	16	17	7	21	22	63	
<i>France</i>	26			8	4	6	4	2	2	5	5	21	
<i>Spain</i>	18			2	12	2	1		1	2	6	12	
<i>Netherlands</i>	10			3	4	1	1	1		1	1	9	
<i>Canada</i>	6			2	2			1	1	1	2	4	
<i>Germany</i>	6			3	2		1			2	1	5	
<i>Norway</i>	5			3	2						1	4	
<i>Greece</i>	2			1				1				2	
<i>Finnland</i>	4			2	1		1					4	
<i>Belgium</i>	1							1				1	
<i>Austria</i>	1			1								1	
<i>Switzerland</i>	1			1						1		1	
<i>Total number of intercountry adoptions</i>	290	0	0	67	55	43	42	47	36	96	107	182	1
Total of number of domestic adoptions	539	113	83	128	160	24	19	7	5	23			
Total number of adoptions	829	113	83	195	215	67	61	54	41	119			

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Year: 2019

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		<1 / 0		1 to 4		5 to 9		>10			Institution	Foster care	Family of origin
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F				
<i>United States of America</i>	141			22	22	22	32	15	28	88	59	82	
<i>Italy</i>	76			9	7	21	16	10	13	13	5	71	
<i>France</i>	20			5	3	7	1	3	1		5	15	
<i>Spain</i>	12			6	2	2	2				2	10	
<i>Netherlands</i>	9			4	1	1	2	1				9	
<i>Canada</i>	5			1	2	1	1					5	
<i>Norway</i>	2			1	1							2	
<i>Greece</i>	2			2						1	1	1	
<i>Luxembourg</i>	2			1				1				2	
<i>Germany</i>	1					1					1		
<i>Belgium</i>	1			1								1	
<i>Ireland</i>	1				1							1	
<i>Denmark</i>	1			1							1		
Total number of intercountry adoptions	273	0	0	53	39	55	54	30	42	102	74	199	
Total of number of domestic adoptions	500	111	97	128	121	17	22	2	2	15			
Total number of adoptions	773	111	97	181	160	72	76	32	44	117			

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		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F				
<i>United States of America</i>	101	0	0	27	20	13	4	26	11	72	61	40	
<i>Italy</i>	35	0	0	6	3	12	5	5	4	6	7	28	
<i>Spain</i>	11	0	0	3	4	3	1	0	0		2	9	
<i>Canada</i>	10	0	0	4	1	1	1	0	3		3	7	
<i>France</i>	9	0	0	2	2	4	1	0	0		0	9	
<i>Finland</i>	4	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	0		1	3	
<i>Germany</i>	4	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1		0	4	
<i>Luxembourg</i>	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0		0	2	
<i>Netherlands</i>	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0		0	1	
<i>Norway</i>	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0		0	1	
Total number of intercountry adoptions	178	0	0	47	31	34	15	32	19	78	74	104	0
Total of number of domestic adoptions	418	27	24	165	167	15	12	3	5	25			
Total number of adoptions	596	27	24	212	198	49	27	35	24	103			

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