



RECEIVING STATES 2005 – 2018
STATES OF ORIGIN 2005 - 2018
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These tables are based on data provided by receiving States. The statistics used for the USA are the Fiscal Year data on visas published by the US State Department (taken from web-site 2004-9 and using Annual Reports from 2010-2018. For 2010, I have included the 1,090 'humanitarian' visas issued after the Haiti earthquake.

Table 1 has data for 25 receiving States - with the addition of Monaco from 2007. Some data for 2010 and later years have been revised in the light of new statistics provided for the 2015 Special Commission by several States, including Canada, Germany and Luxembourg. Switzerland is reviewing all its statistics from 2010-8 and has made some provisional estimates – these have been used for years 2016-8.

In Table 2 annual totals for States of origin 2005-18 are based on statistics provided by 25-27 receiving States¹ and include statistics submitted to the Hague Permanent Bureau by Austria and Portugal (2005-9). Totals for some States of origin may be too low where receiving States do not give numbers below 5 (e.g. UK 2004-18 and Italy 2013 and 2018) or data is incomplete (Switzerland 2016-8). Data are subject to revision and correction as further statistics are submitted.

Comments, corrections and suggestions by e-mail are welcome

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¹ Statistics provided to the HCCH by some State of origin may slightly differ.

Table 1: RECEIVING STATES 2005-18 Ranked by total adoptions in period

Country	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2005-18
USA	22.726	20.675	19.601	17.449	12.744	12.149	9.320	8.668	7.094	6.441	5.648	5.372	4.714	4.059	156.660
Italy	2.874	3.188	3.420	3.977	3.964	4.130	4.022	3.106	2.825	2.206	2.216	1.872	1.439	1.394	40.633
Spain	5.423	4.472	3.648	3.156	3.006	2.891	2.573	1.669	1.191	824	799	567	539	445	31.203
France	4.136	3.977	3.162	3.270	3.017	3.508	2.003	1.569	1.343	1.069	815	956	685	615	30.125
Canada	1.858	1.568	1.715	1.614	1.695	1.660	1.513	1.162	1.243	905	895	790	621	658	17.897
TOP FIVE	37.017	33.880	31.546	29.466	24.426	24.338	19.431	16.174	13.696	11.445	10.373	9.557	7.998	7.171	276.518
Sweden	1.083	879	800	793	912	728	630	542	450	408	400	259	240	190	8.314
Netherlands	1.185	816	782	767	682	705	528	488	401	354	304	214	210	156	7.592
Germany	721	661	783	716	606	513	623	452	286	226	201	199	96	91	6.174
Denmark	586	450	426	395	496	419	338	219	176	124	97	84	79	64	3.953
Switzerland*	389	410	394	367	349	388	367	314	280	226	197	101	69	79	3.930
TOP TEN	40.981	37.096	34.731	32.504	27.471	27.091	21.917	18.189	15.289	12.783	11.572	10.414	8.692	7.751	306.481
Belgium	471	383	358	364	439	388	351	260	178	156	137	121	126	104	3.836
Norway	582	448	426	304	344	343	304	239	144	152	132	126	125	95	3.764
Australia	434	421	405	270	269	222	215	157	138	114	83	82	69	65	2.944
Ireland	366	313	392	422	307	201	188	117	72	34	82	54	53	41	2.642
UK	369	363	356	225	200	173	153	120	124	68	58	64	60	71	2.404
Finland	308	218	176	157	187	160	163	175	141	142	93	58	70	52	2.100
Israel	191	176	218	150	120	114	115	88	69	42	37	22	17	17	1.376
Malta	39	60	64	53	34	42	50	57	19	11	18	6	45	54	552
Luxembourg	41	45	23	28	36	32	25	32	17	13	18	19	16	12	357
N.Zeland	30	20	49	39	16	13	19	25	42	22	12	22	23	18	350
Iceland	41	19	18	13	17	18	19	17	8	11	15	5	6	5	212
Slovenia	3	15	3	6	14	21	18	35	15	14	20	11	14	14	203
Cyprus	3	0	19	16	12	4	12	1	2	2	4	0	0	0	75
Andorra	1	4	6	5	7	9	2	1	4	2	0	2	2	0	45
Monaco	0	0	1	3	4	1	2	1	4	1	0	0	1	0	18
TOTAL	43.860	39.581	37.245	34.559	29.477	28.832	23.553	19.514	16.266	13.567	12.281	11.006	9.319	8.299	327.359
No. of States**	24	23	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	23	23	24	22	22-24
* Swiss data are being revised - 2005-15 are those previously submitted to HCCH: 2016-8 are provisional revised and likely to rise												** Receiving at least one			

Table 2: TOP 20 STATES OF ORIGIN 2005-18: Ranked by number adopted to 27 states

Country	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2005-18
China	14.484	10.765	8.749	5.882	5.011	5.429	4.373	4.136	3.406	2.948	3.061	2.671	2.212	1.792	74.919
Russia	7.569	6.837	4.926	4.174	4.058	3.426	3.424	2.683	1.838	1.057	779	495	353	282	41.901
Ethiopia	1.799	2.184	3.041	3.911	4.551	4.369	3.455	2.786	2.009	1.088	684	343	478	254	30.952
Guatemala	3.870	4.230	4.852	4.175	784	58	36	11	26	32	13	7	4	1	18.099
Colombia	1.500	1.681	1.643	1.613	1.403	1.828	1.599	933	575	536	523	485	550	568	15.437
TOP FIVE	29.222	25.697	23.211	19.755	15.807	15.110	12.887	10.549	7.854	5.661	5.060	4.001	3.597	2.897	181.308
Ukraine	2.035	1.077	1.623	1.603	1.505	1.098	1.065	722	642	610	382	395	275	321	13.353
South Korea	2.120	1.813	1.225	1.366	1.395	1.128	950	818	227	506	431	376	401	321	13.077
Viet Nam	1.199	1.363	1.691	1.722	1.500	1.260	704	214	295	407	429	401	377	305	11.867
Haiti	949	1.108	822	1.310	1.210	2.502	239	369	546	572	287	396	397	383	11.090
India	864	832	987	742	710	607	627	411	391	361	346	484	580	639	8.581
TOP TEN	36.389	31.890	29.559	26.498	22.127	21.705	16.472	13.083	9.955	8.117	6.935	6.053	5.627	4.866	239.276
Philippines	509	483	568	589	558	496	490	411	534	458	401	362	328	246	6.433
Kazakhstan	849	735	817	768	682	516	218	5	28	63	34	20	17	9	4.761
Thailand	491	423	467	400	368	303	283	282	306	273	259	283	216	252	4.606
Brazil	488	529	490	492	466	377	350	334	240	132	143	117	118	67	4.343
Poland	406	393	371	398	391	317	290	244	304	297	296	325	192	53	4.277
TOP 15	39.132	34.453	32.272	29.145	24.592	23.714	18.103	14.359	11.367	9.340	8.068	7.160	6.498	5.493	263.696
Bulgaria	149	112	100	140	225	237	308	354	411	415	421	373	298	302	3.845
Taiwan	242	269	273	374	398	415	323	302	192	191	181	168	159	120	3.607
Congo RD	45	62	69	62	156	188	354	523	602	241	385	631	55	47	3.420
South Africa	268	262	255	273	311	219	203	173	222	220	217	147	162	131	3.063
USA	168	176	181	266	265	184	261	238	168	165	167	168	96	152	2.655
TOP 20	40.004	35.334	33.150	30.260	25.947	24.957	19.552	15.949	12.962	10.572	9.439	8.647	7.268	6.245	280.286
Total 24-27 states	43.926	39.636	37.295	34.606	29.529	28.832	23.554	19.514	16.268	13.568	12.283	11.006	9.323	8.299	327.639

TOP TEN STATES OF ORIGIN: 2000-2018

The countries sending most children for intercountry adoption have changed during the past ten years
 Countries joining the 1993 Hague Convention are **highlighted** from the date of entry into force.

Rank	2000	2005-18	2005	2008	2010	2013	2016	2018
1	CHINA	CHINA	CHINA	CHINA	CHINA	CHINA	CHINA	CHINA
2	RUSSIA	RUSSIA	RUSSIA	GUATEMALA	ETHIOPIA	ETHIOPIA	CONGO DR	INDIA
3	ROMANIA	ETHIOPIA	GUATEMALA	RUSSIA	RUSSIA	RUSSIA	INDIA	COLOMBIA
4	S KOREA	GUATEMALA	S KOREA	ETHIOPIA	HAITI	UKRAINE	COLOMBIA	HAITI
5	GUATEMALA	COLOMBIA	UKRAINE	VIETNAM	VIETNAM	CONGO DR	RUSSIA	S KOREA
6	COLOMBIA	UKRAINE	ETHIOPIA	COLOMBIA	UKRAINE	COLOMBIA	VIETNAM	UKRAINE
7	INDIA	S KOREA	COLOMBIA	UKRAINE	COLOMBIA	HAITI	HAITI	VIETNAM
8	VIETNAM	VIETNAM	HAITI	S KOREA	S KOREA	PHILIPPINES	UKRAINE	BULGARIA
9	UKRAINE	HAITI	INDIA	HAITI	INDIA	BULGARIA	S KOREA	RUSSIA
10	CAMBODIA	INDIA	KAZAKHSTAN	INDIA	PHILIPPINES	INDIA	BULGARIA	ETHIOPIA

INTERNATIONAL ADOPTION BY CONTINENT

	2005	2007	2008	2010	2012	2014	2015	2016	2018	2005-18
AFRICA	8%	13%	17%	22%	27%	21%	20%	19%	15%	17%
ASIA	47%	40%	35%	36%	35%	40%	43%	45%	46%	40%
EUROPE	25%	21%	21%	20%	24%	22%	22%	20%	20%	22%
LATIN AMERICA	18%	23%	24%	19%	12%	14%	12%	13%	16%	18%
OTHER**	2.4%	3.0%	3.4%	2.6%	1.5%	2.3%	2.3%	2.2%	1.7%	2.6%

** Adoptions from Central Asia, Canada, Oceania and the USA