



RECEIVING STATES 2000 – 2019
STATES OF ORIGIN 2000 - 2019
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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 2010-2019 For 2010, I have included the 1,090 'humanitarian' visas issued after the Haiti earthquake. Web totals are from US State website annual listings rather than graph.

Table 1 has data for 21-4 receiving States. Some data for 2008 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 has revised all its statistics from 2008-18; Spain has revised data for 2014-8 and Sweden has revised data for 2016-8. The new data for those years have been used. Where possible, step-parent and relative adoptions are excluded. For this reason, I have omitted the annual totals for New Zealand 2000-04 which include many "adoptions" from Samoa and West Samoa leading to annual totals of 300+.

In Table 2 annual totals for States of origin 2005-19 are based on statistics provided by up to 28 receiving States¹ and include statistics submitted to the Hague Permanent Bureau by Austria (2005-14 and 2018-9), Greece (2010-18), Monaco (2007-2019) and Portugal (2005-9) and non-intrafamilial data for New Zealand (2001-4). Totals for some States of origin may be too low where receiving States do not give numbers below 5 (e.g., UK 2004-19 and Italy 2013 and 2018-9). 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 2000-19 Ranked by total adoptions in period

Country	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2000-2019
USA	18854	19646	21466	21653	22988	22735	20671	19605	17467	12753	12149	9320	8668	7094	6441	5648	5372	4714	4059	2971	264.274
Italy	346	1797	2225	2772	3402	2874	3188	3420	3977	3964	4130	4022	3106	2825	2206	2216	1872	1439	1394	1205	52.380
Spain	3062	3428	3625	3951	5541	5423	4472	3648	3156	3006	2891	2573	1669	1191	827	801	574	542	453	370	51.203
France	2972	3094	3551	3995	4079	4136	3977	3162	3270	3017	3508	2003	1569	1343	1069	815	956	685	615	421	48.237
Canada	1793	1774	1886	2167	1949	1858	1568	1715	1614	1695	1660	1516	1162	1243	905	895	790	621	658	576	28.045
TOP FIVE	27.027	29.739	32.753	34.538	37.959	37.026	33.876	31.550	29.484	24.435	24.338	19.434	16.174	13.696	11.448	10.375	9.564	8.001	7.179	5.543	444.139
Sweden	981	1044	1107	1046	1109	1083	879	800	793	912	728	630	542	450	408	400	342	297	262	170	13.983
Netherlands	1.193	1122	1130	1154	1307	1185	816	782	767	682	705	528	488	401	354	304	214	210	156	145	13.643
Germany	854	798	798	720	744	720	661	783	716	606	513	624	452	288	227	200	196	96	91	85	10.172
Norway	589	713	747	714	706	582	448	426	304	344	343	304	239	144	152	132	126	125	95	89	7.322
Denmark	716	631	609	523	528	586	450	426	395	496	419	338	219	176	124	97	84	79	64	46	7.006
TOP TEN	31.360	34.047	37.144	38.695	42.353	41.182	37.130	34.767	32.459	27.475	27.046	21.858	18.114	15.155	12.713	11.508	10.526	8.808	7.847	6.078	496.265
Belgium	500	419	444	430	470	471	383	358	364	439	388	351	260	178	156	137	121	124	104	75	6.172
Switzerland	466	470	484	664	567	389	410	394	259	288	293	238	194	159	92	92	73	75	52	62	5.721
Australia	311	289	294	278	370	434	421	405	270	269	222	215	157	138	114	83	82	69	65	57	4.543
Ireland	223	179	357	358	398	366	313	392	422	307	201	188	117	72	34	82	54	53	41	33	4.190
UK	351	326	285	301	333	369	363	356	225	200	173	153	120	124	68	58	64	60	71	52	4.052
Finland	198	218	246	238	289	308	218	176	157	187	160	163	175	141	142	93	58	70	54	67	3.358
Israel	305	269	165	258	226	191	176	218	150	120	114	115	88	69	42	37	22	17	17	11	2.610
Malta	40	39	18	23	46	39	60	64	53	34	42	50	57	19	11	18	6	45	53	13	730
Luxembourg	57	56	47	51	56	41	45	23	28	36	32	25	32	17	13	18	19	16	12	31	655
N.Zeland	n/a***	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	30	20	49	39	16	13	19	25	42	22	12	22	23	18	18	368
Iceland	22	29	21	28	29	41	19	18	13	17	18	19	17	8	11	15	5	6	5	5	346
Slovenia	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	3	15	3	6	14	21	18	35	15	14	20	11	14	14	15	218
Cyprus	10	10	3	3	3	3	0	19	16	12	4	12	1	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	104
Andorra		3	2	2	3	1	4	6	5	7	9	2	1	4	2	0	2	2	0	3	58
TOTAL [21]	33.843	36.354	39.510	41.329	45.143	43.868	39.577	37.248	34.466	29.421	28.736	23.426	19.393	16.143	13.436	12.177	11.065	9.382	8.353	6.520	529.390
No. of States**	21	22	22	22	22	24	23	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	23	23	23	22	23	21-24
Year >	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2000-2019
*	Data for Italy in 2000 cover only the period 16 Nov -31 Dec																				
**	Incomplete data are also available for Austria,Greece, Monaco and Portugal in some years - these are used in Table 2																				
***	New Zealand data for 2002-4 posted on HCCH website is largely intrafamiliale but details not available: no data 2000-1																				
Annual Totals revised for Spain [2014-8], Sweden (2016-8) and Switzerland [2008-18] and replace those used in previous postings																					

Table 2: TOP 20 STATES OF ORIGIN 2000-19: Ranked by number adopted to 27 states

Country	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2000-2019
China	7469	7725	10260	11234	13412	14484	10765	8749	5879	5004	5427	4371	4136	3405	2943	3059	2678	2211	1797	1062	126.070
Russia	5520	5688	6827	7752	9450	7569	6837	4926	4169	4061	3424	3420	2674	1838	1058	766	486	355	284	228	77.332
Ethiopia	627	751	724	889	1534	1799	2184	3041	3917	4564	4385	3446	2734	1997	1056	676	330	485	245	22	35.406
Guatemala	2045	1996	2791	2670	3425	3870	4230	4851	4172	784	58	36	11	27	32	13	7	4	1	5	31.028
Colombia	1704	1891	1950	1773	1749	1500	1681	1643	1613	1404	1815	1591	931	570	536	522	485	552	565	607	25.082
TOP FIVE	17.365	18.051	22.552	24.318	29.570	29.222	25.697	23.210	19.750	15.817	15.109	12.864	10.486	7.837	5.625	5.036	3.986	3.607	2.892	1.924	294.918
Ukraine	1148	2470	2507	2053	2119	2035	1077	1623	1601	1500	1097	1068	722	640	608	381	399	277	328	365	24.018
South Korea	2393	2491	2342	2330	2239	2120	1813	1225	1366	1394	1127	950	815	219	506	433	373	401	321	259	25.117
Viet Nam	1169	1297	1524	944	492	1199	1363	1691	1719	1500	1265	700	214	296	407	428	405	380	307	240	17.540
Haiti	533	741	795	1097	1169	949	1108	822	1313	1215	2496	229	374	552	556	276	396	399	389	252	15.661
India	1476	1508	1243	1148	1067	864	831	987	751	714	608	614	399	387	359	345	491	580	645	546	15.563
TOP TEN	24.084	26.558	30.963	31.890	36.656	36.389	31.889	29.558	26.500	22.140	21.702	16.425	13.010	9.931	8.061	6.899	6.050	5.644	4.882	3.586	392.817
Philippines	373	405	377	413	410	509	483	568	581	545	494	491	411	538	454	391	363	332	248	222	8.608
Kazakhstan	421	692	856	873	899	849	735	817	768	682	516	218	5	28	63	34	20	17	9	9	8.511
Bulgaria	627	870	1032	1005	395	149	112	100	140	228	237	311	357	413	414	426	374	302	303	272	8.067
Thailand	494	463	442	509	535	491	423	467	398	359	298	280	282	308	264	261	289	224	249	233	7.269
Brazil	322	365	345	477	487	488	529	490	490	458	375	347	328	238	129	137	120	117	67	64	6.373
TOP 15	26.321	29.353	34.015	35.167	39.382	38.875	34.171	32.000	28.877	24.412	23.622	18.072	14.393	11.456	9.385	8.148	7.216	6.636	5.758	4.386	431.645
Poland	242	315	374	365	407	406	393	371	399	393	315	292	244	303	303	296	328	153	53	14	5.966
Romania	2609	1831	411	471	299	19	6	12	8	16	2	4	13	15	11	26	25	20	41	23	5.862
Taiwan	89	130	149	220	186	242	269	273	373	397	416	326	299	199	188	180	170	156	121	154	4.537
Cambodia	1048	868	630	332	141	127	201	200	220	81	95	64	25	16	7	2	0	0	0	1	4.058
South Africa	19	95	174	207	241	268	263	255	272	307	220	202	170	221	219	217	147	162	131	141	3.436
TOP 20	30.328	32.592	35.753	36.762	40.656	39.937	35.303	33.111	30.149	25.606	24.670	18.960	15.144	12.210	10.113	8.869	7.886	7.127	6.104	4.719	455.504
Congo RD	5	24	20	26	15	45	61	69	62	153	190	353	521	599	241	384	635	54	47	32	3.536
USA	112	115	96	179	132	168	176	181	261	257	177	250	232	171	172	174	175	109	159	82	3.378
Total to 22-27 states	33.843	36.687	39.772	41.602	45.482	43.926	39.632	37.299	34.516	29.477	28.750	23.455	19.425	16.177	13.459	12.199	11.081	9.428	8.376	6.532	531.118
YEAR >	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2000-2019

TOP TEN STATES OF ORIGIN: 2000-2019

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	2004	2006	2008	2010	2013	2016	2019
1	CHINA	CHINA	CHINA	CHINA	CHINA	CHINA	CHINA	CHINA
2	RUSSIA	RUSSIA	RUSSIA	GUATEMALA	ETHIOPIA	ETHIOPIA	CONGO DR	COLOMBIA
3	ROMANIA	GUATEMALA	GUATEMALA	RUSSIA	RUSSIA	RUSSIA	INDIA	INDIA
4	S KOREA	S KOREA	ETHIOPIA	ETHIOPIA	HAITI	UKRAINE	COLOMBIA	UKRAINE
5	GUATEMALA	UKRAINE	S KOREA	VIETNAM	VIETNAM	CONGO DR	RUSSIA	BULGARIA
6	COLOMBIA	COLOMBIA	COLOMBIA	COLOMBIA	UKRAINE	COLOMBIA	VIETNAM	S KOREA
7	INDIA	ETHIOPIA	VIETNAM	UKRAINE	COLOMBIA	HAITI	HAITI	HAITI
8	VIETNAM	HAITI	HAITI	S KOREA	S KOREA	PHILIPPINES	UKRAINE	HUNGARY
9	UKRAINE	INDIA	UKRAINE	HAITI	INDIA	BULGARIA	S KOREA	VIETNAM
10	CAMBODIA	KAZAKHSTAN	INDIA	INDIA	PHILIPPINES	INDIA	BULGARIA	THAILAND

INTERNATIONAL ADOPTION BY CONTINENT

	2001	2004	2006	2008	2010	2013	2016	2019	2000-19
AFRICA	5%	7%	10%	17%	22%	28%	19%	13%	13%
ASIA	42%	42%	43%	35%	36%	35%	45%	44%	41%
EUROPE	34%	31%	23%	21%	20%	23%	20%	22%	26%
LATIN AMERICA	17%	17%	22%	24%	19%	13%	13%	20%	18%
OTHER**	3.0%	3.0%	2.4%	3.4%	2.6%	1.6%	2.3%	1.7%	2.6%

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