



Introduction

The Hague Convention of 29 May 1993 on Protection of Children and Co-operation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption (1993 Hague 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.

Guide to Good Practice No 1 recognises the utility of statistics in measuring the effective implementation of the 1993 Hague 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 Commissions have also underlined the importance for States Parties to submit general statistics on an annual basis to the Permanent Bureau using its standard forms (Recommendation Nos 9 and 30 of the 2005 and 2010 Special Commission meetings respectively). 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 the years 2010 to 2014 (inclusive) (States do not need to resubmit statistics that have previously been furnished). The forms are also available on the Hague Conference website at < www.hcch.net > under "Intercountry Adoption Section" then "Statistics".

States are encouraged to submit completed forms by e-mail to < secretariat@hcch.net > for the attention of Ms Laura Martínez-Mora, Secretary.

Annual adoption statistics for States of origin

State: South Africa

Year: 2001

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>Netherlands</i>	13												
<i>Germany</i>	7												
<i>Sweden</i>	30												
<i>United States</i>	11									11			
<i>Belgium</i>	2									2			
Total number of intercountry adoptions	63	40	23							63			
Total of number of domestic adoptions													
Total number of adoptions	63	40	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	63	0	0	

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Note [3]: Children with special needs are those who may be suffering from a behaviour disorder or trauma, physically or mentally disabled, older children (usually above 7 years of age), or part of a sibling group.

Note [4]: Please add as many States as required.

Annual adoption statistics for States of origin

State: South Africa

Year: 2002

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>Netherlands</i>	39												
<i>Germany</i>	28												
<i>Sweden</i>	43												
<i>Finland</i>	21												
<i>Denmark</i>	6												
<i>Austria</i>	5												
<i>Canada</i>	1												
<i>Australia</i>	4												
<i>United States</i>	22												
<i>Belgium</i>	9												
<i>Mauritius</i>	1											1	
<i>Tanzania</i>	1											1	
Total number of intercountry adoptions	180	119	61							178	0	2	
Total of number of domestic adoptions													
Total number of adoptions	180	119	61	0	0	0	0	0	0	178	0	2	

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Annual adoption statistics for States of origin

State: South Africa

Year: 2003

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>Netherlands</i>	45										45		
<i>Norway</i>	1										1		
<i>Luxembourg</i>	4										4		
<i>Germany</i>	30										30		
<i>Sweden</i>	63										63		
<i>Finland</i>	22										22		
<i>Denmark</i>	17										17		
<i>Canada</i>	1										1		
<i>United Kingdom</i>	1										1		
<i>Austria</i>	4										4		
<i>United States</i>	15										11		4
<i>Belgium</i>	8										8		
<i>Zimbabwe</i>	2												2
Total number of intercountry adoptions	213	70	118								207	0	6
Total of number of domestic adoptions													
Total number of adoptions													

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Annual adoption statistics for States of origin

State: South Africa

Year: 2012

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				
Total number of intercountry adoptions	177												
Total of number of domestic adoptions	1522												
Total number of adoptions	1699												

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Annual adoption statistics for States of origin

State: South Africa

Year: 2013

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>State 1 [4]</i>													
<i>State 2</i>													
<i>State 3</i>													
<i>State 4</i>													
<i>State 5</i>													
<i>State 6</i>													
<i>State 7</i>													
<i>State 8</i>													
<i>State 9</i>													
Total number of intercountry adoptions	212												
Total number of domestic adoptions	1240												
Total number of adoptions	1452												

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Annual adoption statistics for States of origin

State: South Africa

Year: 2014

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				
Total number of intercountry adoptions	250												
Total of number of domestic adoptions	1401												
Total number of adoptions	1651												

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Annual adoption statistics for States of origin

State: SOUTH AFRICA
Year: 2015

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			
		All ages		<1		1 to 4		5 to 9		>10			Institution	Foster care	Family of origin	
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F					
<i>Denmark</i>	24	17	7													
<i>Netherlands</i>	25	15	10													
<i>Sweden</i>	27	20	7													
<i>Norway</i>	11	7	4													
<i>Germany</i>	6	6	0													
<i>USA</i>	32	19	13													
<i>Australia</i>	1	1	0													
<i>Finland</i>	23	13	10													
<i>Luxembourg</i>	4	2	2													
<i>Canada</i>	18	11	7													
<i>Belgium</i>	9	6	3													
<i>France</i>	2	1	1													
<i>Austria</i>	3	1	2													
Total number of intercountry adoptions	185	119	66													
Total of number of domestic adoptions	978															
Total number of adoptions	1163															

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Annual adoption statistics for States of origin

State: SOUTH AFRICA
Year: 2016

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			
		All ages		<1		1 to 4		5 to 9		>10			Institution	Foster care	Family of origin	
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F					
<i>Denmark</i>	23	14	9													
<i>Netherlands</i>	20	11	9													
<i>Sweden</i>	23	14	9													
<i>Norway</i>	12	9	3													
<i>Germany</i>	11	7	4													
<i>USA</i>	22	17	5													
<i>Finland</i>	18	9	9													
<i>Luxembourg</i>	4	3	1													
<i>Canada</i>	5	3	2													
<i>Belgium</i>	8	4	4													
<i>France</i>	1	0	1													
<i>Austria</i>	5	3	2													
Total number of intercountry adoptions	152	94	58													
Total of number of domestic adoptions	1200	188	116													
Total number of adoptions	1352															

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Annual adoption statistics for States of origin

State: SOUTH AFICA
Year: 2017

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			
		All ages		<1		1 to 4		5 to 9		>10			Institution	Foster care	Family of origin	
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F					
<i>Denmark</i>	18	10	8													
<i>The Netherlands</i>	18	15	3													
<i>Sweden</i>	21	14	7													
<i>Norway</i>	15	10	5													
<i>Germany</i>	6	4	2													
<i>USA</i>	14	5	9													
<i>United Kingdom</i>	4	3	1													
<i>Finland</i>	18	11	7													
<i>Luxembourg</i>	4	2	2													
<i>Canada</i>	17	9	8													
<i>Belgium</i>	7	4	3													
<i>France</i>	1	0	1													
<i>Austria</i>	5	2	3													
Total number of intercountry adoptions	148	89	59													
Total of number of domestic adoptions	1033															
Total number of adoptions	1181															

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Annual adoption statistics for States of origin

State: SOUTH AFICA
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			
		All ages		<1		1 to 4		5 to 9		>10			Institution	Foster care	Family of origin	
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F					
<i>Denmark</i>	15	4	11													
<i>The Netherlands</i>	14	7	7													
<i>Sweden</i>	23	18	5													
<i>Norway</i>	14	6	8													
<i>Germany</i>	7	4	3													
<i>USA</i>	26	15	11													
<i>United Kingdom</i>	2	0	2													
<i>Finland</i>	19	10	9													
<i>Luxembourg</i>	6	3	3													
<i>Canada</i>	7	3	4													
<i>Belgium</i>	9	6	3													
<i>France</i>	4	2	2													
<i>New Zealand</i>	2	2	0													
<i>Austria</i>	3	2	1													
Total number of intercountry adoptions	151	82	69													
Total of number of domestic adoptions	1033															
Total number of adoptions	1184															

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Annual adoption statistics for States of origin

State: SOUTH AFICA
Year: 2019

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			
		All ages		<1		1 to 4		5 to 9		>10			Institution	Foster care	Family of origin	
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F					
<i>Denmark</i>	12	5	7													
<i>The Netherlands</i>	13	9	4													
<i>Sweden</i>	22	16	6													
<i>Norway</i>	19	11	8													
<i>Germany</i>	8	6	2													
<i>USA</i>	19	9	10													
<i>United Kingdom</i>	2	1	1													
<i>Australia</i>	3	1	2													
<i>Finland</i>	24	12	12													
<i>Luxembourg</i>	5	2	3													
<i>Canada</i>	14	6	8													
<i>Belgium</i>	6	4	2													
<i>Austria</i>	4	3	1													
Total number of intercountry adoptions	151	85	66													
Total of number of domestic adoptions	1033															
Total number of adoptions	1184															

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