

## 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 >.

Receiving State	Total number of completed adoptions or		Age a	and gender	of child at	adoption or	entrustme	nt [2]		Number of adoptions or entrustments of special	Location of c	hild prior to	
Necelving State	entrustments [1]	<	1	1 t	o 4	5 t	ю 9	>	10	needs children [3]			
		М	F	М	F	М	F	М	F		Institution	Foster care	Family of origin
Italy	2			1	1						2		
Israel	2				1		1				2		
United States	26	1		13	7		3	1	1	6	24	2	
Canada	1	1									1		
Denmark	1	1									1		
Netherlands	2		1			1				1	2		
France	8		1	1	4	2				3	8		
Germany	1			1							1		
Total number of intercountry adoptions	43	3	2	16	13	3	4	1	1	10	41	2	0
Total of number of domestic adoptions	56	10	5	20	13	2	3	1	2	0	14	42	0
Total number of adoptions	99	13	7	36	26	5	7	2	3	10	55	44	0

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Receiving State	Total number of completed adoptions or	<	Age		of child at	adoption or	entrustme		10	Number of adoptions or entrustments of special	Location of o	child prior t entrustmer	-
	entrustments [1]	М	F	М	F	М	F	М	F	needs children [3]	Institution	Foster care	Family of origin
Belgium	1			1							1		
Denmark	2								2	2	2		
Italy	12			4		4	4			4	12		
Israel	1				1						1		
Poland	1												1
France	32			11	3	12	5	1		8	31	1	
Sweden	3			1		2				3	3		
Switzerland	1							1					1
Germany	3			1		1	1			2	3		
Lithuania	1				1								1
United States	15			6	6	1	1		1	8	14	1	
Total number of intercountry adoptions	72	0	0	24	11	20	11	2	3	27	67	2	3
Total of number of domestic adoptions	75	6	7	26	27	4	4	0	1	0	26	48	1
Total number of adoptions	147	6	7	50	38	24	15	2	4	27	93	50	4

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State: Lithuania
Year: 2003

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necessary of the control	entrustments [1]	<	1	1 t	o 4	5 t	o 9	>	10	needs children [3]			
		М	F	М	F	М	F	М	F		Institution	Foster care	Family of origin
Brazil	1				1						1		
Italy	22			3	3	4	3	7	2	18	20	2	
France	43			20	10	4	7	1	1	2	39	4	
Sweden	3			1	2					3	3		
Germany	9			3	5		1				8	1	
United States	26			10	7	3	3		3	10	23	3	
Total number of intercountry adoptions	104	0	0	37	28	11	14	8	6	33	94	10	0
Total of number of domestic adoptions	61	4	8	19	20	6	4	0	0	0	27	31	3
Total number of adoptions	165	4	8	56	48	17	18	8	6	33	121	41	3

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	entrustments [1]		1		o 4		:o 9 		10	needs children [3]	In addition to the	Foster	Family of
		M	F	М	F	М	ŀ	М	F		Institution	care	origin
Italy	48			9	4	13	9	8	5	17	44	4	
United States	23			4	6	3	6	3	1	5	20	3	
France	21			1	3	13	3	1		2	21		
Germany	7			1	3		1	1	1	4	7		
Sweden	5			2	2		1			4	5		
San Marino	2							1	1		2		
Australia	1						1				1		
Netherlands	1			1							1		
Total number of intercountry adoptions	108	0	0	18	18	29	21	14	8	32	101	7	0
Total of number of domestic adoptions	88	10	15	28	25	4	6	0	0	0	87	1	0
Total number of adoptions	196	10	15	46	43	33	27	14	8	32	188	8	0

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	entrustments [1]	М	F	М	F	М	F	М	F	needs children [3]	Institution	Foster care	Family of origin
Italy	64			10	7	21	11	5	10	30	61	3	
United States	22			7	2	6	4	1	2	9	22		
France	21			6	2	7	2	2	2	5	21		
Sweden	6			3	1	2				5	6		
Germany	3			3							3		
Switzerland	3			1		1	1				3		
Australia	2			1			1				2		
Norway	1					1					1		
Poland	1						1				1		
Denmark	1								1		1		
Finland	1			1							1		
Total number of intercountry adoptions	125	0	0	32	12	38	20	8	15	49	122	3	0
Total of number of domestic adoptions	106	14	17	28	36	4	6	1	0	0	105	1	0
Total number of adoptions	231	14	17	60	48	42	26	9	15	49	227	4	0

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	entrustments [1]	M	f F	1 t	6 4 F	5 t	o 9 F	M	10 F	needs children [3]	Institution	Foster care	Family of origin
Italy	74			5	7	27	19	12	4	18	71	3	
France	27			5	2	11	5	3	1	7	27		
United States	19			8	5	2		3	1	7	19		
Sweden	10			4	2		4			10	10		
Spain	6			4			2			1	6		
Poland	5								5	5	5		
Germany	3			2	1						3		
Canada	3			1		1	1			1	3		
Norway	1				1					1	1		
Total number of intercountry adoptions	148	0	0	29	18	41	31	18	11	50	145	3	0
Total of number of domestic adoptions	81	10	5	23	28	6	8	1	0	0	80	1	0
Total number of adoptions	229	10	5	52	46	47	39	19	11	50	225	4	0

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	entrustments [1]	М	F	М	F	М	F	М	F	needs children [3]	Institution	Foster care	Family of origin
Italy	58			3		24	8	10	13	47	53	5	
United States	14			2	2	8			2	8	11	3	
France	14			2	3	8			1	5	3	1	
Sweden	7			3	2		2			7	7		
Australia	3				1	2					3		
Germany	3			2	1					1	3		
Spain	3			1		1			1	2	1	2	
Lithuania	2				1	1				2	2		
New Zealand	2						1	1		2	2		
Canada	1				1					1	1		
Austria	1			1							1		
Total number of intercountry adoptions	108	0	0	14	11	44	11	11	17	75	87	11	0
Total of number of domestic adoptions	101	5	9	34	37	9	2	0	0	0	101	0	0
Total number of adoptions	209	5	9	48	48	53	13	11	17	75	188	11	0

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g	entrustments [1]	<	1	11	to 4	5 t	to 9	>	10	needs children [3]			
		М	F	М	F	М	F	М	F		Institution	Foster care	Family of origin
Italy	81			3	6	23	24	13	12	69	71	10	
United States	22			3	2	5	7		5	11	21	1	
France	13			2		5	5	1		4	13		
Sweden	10			3	4		3			8	9	1	
Spain	5				1	2	1		1	4	5		
Poland	4				1		1		2	3	4		
New Zealand	3					3				3	3		
Canada	2			1	1					1	2		
Germany	2			2							2		
Australia	2						2			1	2		
Lithuania	1			1							1		
San Marino	1					1					1		
Total number of intercountry adoptions	146	0	0	15	15	39	43	14	20	104	134	12	0
Total of number of domestic adoptions	110	9	11	44	38	5	3	0	0	0	109	1	0
Total number of adoptions	256	9	11	59	53	44	46	14	20	104	243	13	0

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	entrustments [1]	М	F	М	F	М	F	М	F	needs children [3]	Institution	Foster care	Family of origin
Italy	67			3	3	22	18	9	12		60	7	
Sweden	14			2	4	5	3				14		
United States	12			2	4	2	3		1		12		
France	5					3			2		5		
New Zealand	5					3	2				5		
Switzerland	3					1	1		1		1	2	
Spain	3			1		2					3		
Poland	2						2				2		
Germany	2					1	1				1	1	
Lithuania	1						1					1	
Norway	1				1							1	
Total number of intercountry adoptions	115	0	0	8	12	39	31	9	16	93	103	12	0
Total of number of domestic adoptions	109	11	14	34	35	8	5	2	0	0	48	61	0
Total number of adoptions	224	11	14	42	47	47	36	11	16	93	151	73	0

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	entrustments [1]	М	F	М	F	М	F	М	F	needs children [3]	Institution	Foster care	Family of origin
Italy	90			8	5	28	22	9	18		88	2	
United States	19			1		6	7	2	3		19		
Sweden	12			6	5	1					12		
France	3						2	1			3		
Spain	6					5	1				2	4	
Poland	5						2	1	2		5		
New Zealand	3						3				3		
Canada	3					2		1			3		
Lithuania	1				1							1	
San Marino	1							1			1		
Australia	1					1					1		
Total number of intercountry adoptions	144	0	0	15	11	43	37	15	23	121	137	7	0
Total of number of domestic adoptions	101	14	8	33	34	4	7	0	1	0			
Total number of adoptions	245	14	8	48	45	47	44	15	24	121			

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	entrustments [1]	М	F	М	60 4 F	M	o 9 F	M	F	needs children [3]	Institution	Foster care	Family of origin
Italy	50			7	2	14	7	9	11		47	3	
	11				2	5	3		1		11		
Sweden	15			6	4	3			2		13	2	
France	9			1		6		1	1		9		
Spain	2					1	1				2		
New Zealand	8				1	2	3		2		8		
Canada	1						1				1		
Lithuania	2			1	1							2	
Total number of intercountry adoptions	98	0	0	15	10	31	15	10	17	72	91	7	0
Total of number of domestic adoptions	112	4	13	40	44	5	4	1	1	0	55	57	0
Total number of adoptions	210	4	13	55	54	36	19	11	18	72	146	64	0

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	entrustments [1]	M	f F	M	F F	M	o 9 F	M	10 F	needs children [3]	Institution	Foster care	Family of origin
Italy	41			3	6	14	10	5	3		39	2	
United States	8			1	1	3	1	1	1		8		
Sweden	12			6	5		1				10	2	
France	4						1	2	1		4		
Spain	5			3			2				5		
Canada	2				1		1				2		
Germany	2				1	1					2		
Australia	3				1	2					3		
Switzerland	1						1					1	
Norway	2			1			1				2		
Total number of intercountry adoptions	80	0	0	14	15	20	18	8	5	57	75	5	0
Total of number of domestic adoptions	107	8	13	37	38	3	6	1	1	0	55	52	0
Total number of adoptions	187	8	13	51	53	23	24	9	6	57	130	57	0

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	entrustments [1]	м	F	М	F	М	-5 F	М	-14 F	needs children [3]	Institution	Foster care	Family of origin
Italy	31	4		3	3	8	5	4	4	25	31		
Unated States of America	18		1	3	5	2	2	1	4	17	18		
Sweden	10	3	4	1	1				1	7	10		
Canada	11		1	5	1		3	1		11	11		
France	2					2					2		
Spain	1					1					1		
Norway	1			1							1		
San Marino	1							1			1		
New Zealand	2			1		1				2	2		
United Kingdom	1	1									1		
Total number of intercountry adoptions	78	8	6	14	10	14	10	7	9	62	78	0	
Total of number of domestic adoptions	88	39	34	3	9	0	1	1	1	0	48	40	
Total number of adoptions	166	47	40	17	19	14	11	8	10	62	126	40	

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	entrustments [1]	0-3		4	4-6						7-9		-14
		М	F	М	F	М	F	М	F		Institution	Foster care	Family of origin
Ireland	1	1											
Spain	4			1	2		1						
Italy	21	1		3	4	5	1	3	4	21			
United States of America	8	1		3	2	1	1			6			
Canada	10	4		3	1		2			10			
Sweden	16	7	2	3	3	1				14			
Germany	2			1		1							
Total number of intercountry adoptions	62	14	2	14	12	8	5	3	4	51			
Total of number of domestic adoptions	99	35	46	8	9	0	1	0	0	0	·		_
Total number of adoptions	161	49	48	22	21	8	6	3	4	51			

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	entrustments [1]	м	F	М	F	м	F	М	-14 F	needs children [3]	Institution	Foster care	Family of origin
Ireland	1		1										
Spain	4	2	1			1							
Italy	27	3	2	7		6	4	1	4	25			
United States of America	7	1	3	1	2					6			
Canada	8	1	3	1	2		1			8			
Lithuania	4	1	2	1									
New Zealand	2			1				1		2			
France	2	1	1										
Sweden	11	6	1	2	1	1				9			
Germany	1	1											
Total number of intercountry adoptions	67	16	14	13	5	8	5	2	4	50			
Total of number of domestic adoptions	90	41	32	8	5	0	4	0	0	0			
Total number of adoptions	157	57	46	21	10	8	9	2	4	50			

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Receiving State c	Total number of completed adoptions or		Age a	and gender	of child at	adoption or	entrustme	nt [2]		Number of adoptions or entrustments of special	Location of child prior to adoption		
	entrustments [1]	0-3		4	-6	7	-9	10	-14	needs children [3]			
	ena usamento (1)	М	F	М	F	М	F	М	F		Institution	Foster care	Family of origin
Spain	3			3						2			
Italy	23	3	1	7	1	5	1	2	3	20			
United States of America	4	2	1					1		4			
Canada	7	2	1	3		1				7			
Lithuania	3	1	1	1									
New Zealand	3				1	1	1			3			
Sweden	4	3	1							3			
Total number of intercountry adoptions	47	11	5	14	2	7	2	3	3	39			
Total of number of domestic adoptions	92	41	40	3	5	0	2	1	0	0			
Total number of adoptions	139	52	45	17	7	7	4	4	3	39			

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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.

Receiving State	Total number of completed adoptions or		Age	and gender	of child at a	adoption or	entrustme	nt [2]		Number of adoptions or entrustments of special	Location of child prior to adoption or entrustment		
	entrustments [1]	0	0-3		-6 I	7	-9	10	-14	needs children [3]	5000 5000		
		М	F	М	F	М	F	М	F		Institution	Foster care	Family of origin
Italy	34	1	2	6	4	12	6	3		32			
United States of America	3	1	2							3			
Canada	8			6			2			8			
Lithuania	4	1	1	1	1								
Sweden	7	2	2	1	1	1				7			
Total number of intercountry adoptions	56	5	7	14	6	13	8	3	0	50			
Total of number of domestic adoptions	103	50	31	5	10	0	3	2	2	0	·		
Total number of adoptions	159	55	38	19	16	13	11	5	2	50	·		

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State: <u>Lithuania</u> Year: 2019

Receiving State	Total number of completed adoptions or entrustments [1]	0.1	Age		of child at	adoption or	Number of adoptions or entrustments of special	Location of child prior to adoption or entrustment					
		М	F	M	F	M	F	М	10 F	needs children [3]	Institution	Foster care	Family of origin
Italy	22	2	3	4	1	4	4	1	3	21			
United States of America	2		1		1					2			
Canada	7	3	1	3						7			
Sweden	1		1							1			
New Zealand	1								1	1			
Lithuania	1		1							0			
Total number of intercountry adoptions	34	5	7	7	2	4	4	1	4	32			
Total of number of domestic adoptions	75	29	27	7	10	0	2	0	0	0			_
Total number of adoptions	109	34	34	14	12	4	6	1	4	32			

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State: Lithuania

Year: 2020

Receiving State	Total number of completed adoptions or entrustments [1]	01	Age	_	of child at	adoption or	Number of adoptions or entrustments of special	Location of child prior to adoption or entrustment					
		М	F	М	F	М	F	М	F	needs children [3]	Institution	Foster care	Family of origin
Italy	19	2		1	3	4	5		4	19			
United States of America	3			1			1		1	3			
Canada	5	3		2						5			
Sweden	2	1		1						2			
Total number of intercountry adoptions	29	6	0	5	3	4	6	0	5	29			
Total of number of domestic adoptions	51	20	14	2	6	2	4	0	3	0			
Total number of adoptions	80	26	14	7	9	6	10	0	8	29			

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