



INTERNATIONAL ADOPTIONS FROM AFRICAN COUNTRIES 2003-2013

The Table below estimates the number of children moving for international adoption from Africa since 2003, using data from receiving countries. The fourteen African countries receiving most children over the ten years until 2012 are listed in order of the number of adoptions during this period. 2013 Data are incomplete - statistics from Germany, Malta and Switzerland awaited.

More detailed statistics (by receiving state) are provided in tables covering the same period (with provisional data for 2013) for Ethiopia, Democratic Republic of Congo, Uganda, Nigeria and South Africa, the 5 countries sending most children in 2013. Two (Congo and Uganda) show increased numbers even though not all data for receiving states were available. I have also included tables for Ghana, which has seen a sharp rise in numbers in 2012 and 2013; Liberia where numbers peaked several years ago; and Mali and Rwanda where numbers have been falling recently. In all 3 countries the number of intercountry adoptions in 2013 was less than in 2003,

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	AFRICA 2003-2013; 14 STATES SENDING 600+ CHILDREN											
TOP TEN highlighted	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2003-13
Ethiopia	2,025	2,800	3,452	4,385	4,553	3,888	3,036	2,186	1,789	1,524	858	30,496
Sth Africa	213	165	189	197	292	235	212	220	233	208	199	2,363
D.R. Congo	583	517	354	183	156	62	69	62	45	15	26	2,064
Nigeria	242	266	246	267	185	223	81	105	101	100	63	1,879
Madagascar	47	52	55	56	39	15	73	137	287	325	394	1,482
Liberia	13	34	30	50	38	256	335	371	194	90	34	1,447
Mali	9	145	163	132	196	108	158	126	93	85	136	1,353
Uganda	291	248	225	82	74	49	57	15	22	18	12	1,093
Ghana	189	181	114	127	121	117	58	34	39	34	21	1,035
Burkina Faso	65	90	68	79	58	85	99	107	82	95	72	902
Morocco	74	102	109	94	69	59	41	55	38	66	53	760
Kenya	14	83	80	71	64	54	35	26	47	48	46	648
Cote d'Ivoire	57	66	46	105	88	75	65	36	38	29	22	636
Cameroon	42	55	63	73	91	54	48	53	46	55	35	615
Total (53 States)	4,397	5,266	5,648	6,353	6,465	5,693	4,741	3,905	3,445	3,000	2,308	46,824
Global ICA (to 23 states)	16,100 (18 states)	19,338	23,412	28,814	29,433	34,479	37,248	39,496	43,698	45,281	41,516	342,721
	Include adoptions from Austria & Portugal				29,503	34,541	37,292	39,566	43,767	< total for 25 states		

	ETHIOPIA 2003-2013											2013
ETHIOPIA	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2003-12	(20 states)
USA FY	135	289	441	732	1,255	1,725	2,277	2,513	1,727	1,568	12,662	993
France	217	390	397	408	417	484	445	352	288	220	3,618	140
Spain	107	220	227	304	481	629	722	508	441	302	3,941	260
Italy	47	193	221	227	256	338	348	274	296	233	2,433	293
Belgium	52	62	112	88	124	127	143	120	144	98	1,070	57
Canada	18	31	31	65	137	177	145	100	143	93	940	39
TOP SIX	576	1,185	1,429	1,824	2,670	3,480	4,080	3,867	3,039	2,514	24,664	1,782
Denmark	40	41	30	38	39	92	125	117	80	57	659	47
Switzerland	58	43	55	54	58	51	49	76	81	61	586	76
Netherlands	39	72	72	48	68	50	39	23	19	16	446	12
Australia	39	45	59	70	47	35	38	33	40	18	424	17
Germany	19	20	18	33	29	47	72	97	63	57	455	37
Norway	46	47	36	27	33	26	43	38	23	15	334	8
Sweden	21	26	37	32	39	42	37	30	31	15	310	11
Ireland	7	16	13	14	17	26	21	75	42	32	263	26
Other *	13	29	30	36	35	37	38	29	34	15	296	9**
TOTAL	858	1,524	1,779	2,176	3,035	3,886	4,542	4,385	3,452	2,800	28,437	2.025
Austria***			10	10	1	2	11				34	
Revised Total			1,789	2,186	3,036	3,888	4,553	4,385	3,452	2,800	28,471	

* Malta (121); Finland (99); England (72); Luxembourg (3); Iceland (1). ** Finland 3 England 6

*** Austrian data from returns to the 2010 Hague Special Commission covering 2005-9 only

	DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO (KINSHASA) 2003-2013											
CONGO RD	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2003-12	2013
USA	7	1	11	5	10	9	21	42	133	240	479	313
Italy	2	2	5	10	17	24	67	75	123	138	463	159
France	6	1	5	7	5	14	42	41	40	84	245	62
Spain	8	0	12	31	29	5	1	0	0	0	86	0
Canada	2	10	10	5	3	5	4	4	26	20	89	20
Netherlands	0	0	0	0	0	2	10	20	24	28	84	26
Sweden	1	1	1	1	2	3	7	1	6	0	23	0
Switzerland	0	0	1	3	3	0	4	0	2	3	16	n/a
Belgium	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	3
Malta	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	n/a
TOTAL	26	15	46	62	71	62	156	183	354	517	1,492	583

	UGANDA 2003-2013											
UGANDA	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2003-12	2013
USA	3	17	17	12	54	43	69	62	207	238	722	276
Canada	6	1	3	1	2	3	2	12	5	2	37	3
Netherlands	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	5	12	8	28	10
Switzerland	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	3	0
Sweden	3	0	1	2	0	2	1	1	1	0	11	0
Denmark	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Belgium	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
TOTAL	12	18	22	15	57	49	74	82	225	248	802	291

	NIGERIA 2003-2013											
NIGERIA	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2003-12	2013
USA	47	71	65	62	33	148	110	189	148	197	1070	183
Netherlands	9	17	24	28	22	22	19	13	19	17	190	12
France	3	2	1	2	7	3	9	23	13	7	70	9
Sweden	1	0	1	0	2	10	12	10	13	14	63	6
Denmark	0	0	0	0	6	6	15	8	17	6	58	5
Canada	0	6	6	7	0	8	1	3	16	2	49	10
Italy	2	0	2	3	7	11	4	5	5	11	50	6
UK (England)	0	0	0	0	6	5	7	7	9	7	41	10
Spain	0	0	0	0	0	2	5	8	0	0	15	0
Belgium	0	0	0	0	0	5	2	0	5	3	15	1
Switzerland	1	4	1	1	0	3	1	1	0	2	14	0
Other **	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
TOTAL	64	100	101	104	83	223	185	267	245	266	1,638	242

** Luxembourg, Malta and New Zealand each reported one adoption from Nigeria over this period.

SOUTH AFRICA 2003-2013												
SOUTH AFRICA	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2003-12	2013
Denmark	13	26	46	43	42	48	78	52	49	32	429	41
Sweden	54	40	46	38	44	40	41	27	30	22	382	25
Netherlands	43	51	58	50	34	36	30	21	23	21	367	26
Finland	23	24	27	22	25	36	41	32	45	32	307	37
Belgium	13	18	14	11	12	17	22	18	22	23	170	22
Norway	2	5	14	9	16	21	28	22	15	13	145	13
Canada	2	8	4	9	16	18	32	15	2	3	109	21
USA	27	8	10	13	7	7	5	3	3	7	90	17
OTHER **	14	50	14	26	16	11	15	7	1	12	167	11
TOTAL	191	230	233	221	212	235	292	197	190	165	2,166	213

** 8 other countries received children in this period, including Luxembourg (61) and Austria (38 between 2005 and 2009) Data for Germany (31 in 2003-4) was not available for later years. Spain, France and Italy received less than 20 over the 10 years.

GHANA 2003-2013												
GHANA	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2003-12	2013
USA	6	13	21	26	38	101	103	117	100	171	696	170
Canada	13	14	15	5	16	12	7	7	11	3	103	15
France	0	2	9	2	1	0	2	2	1	1	20	3
Netherlands	0	0	1	0	0	0	4	1	1	4	11	1
Switzerland	2	0	0	1	1	2	1	0	0	2	9	0
Sweden	0	1	0	0	0	2	4	0	0	0	7	0
Spain	0	3	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	5	0
New Zealand	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
TOTAL	21	34	46	34	58	117	121	127	113	181	852	189

LIBERIA 2003-2013												
LIBERIA	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2003-12	2013
USA	29	86	183	353	314	249	35	48	29	34	1,360	12
Canada	2	3	10	18	20	7	0	2	0	0	62	3
Sweden	2	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	6	0
Netherlands	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	3	0
Switzerland	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
TOTAL	34	90	194	371	335	256	38	50	29	34	1,431	15

MALI 2003-2013												
MALI	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2003-12	2013
France	132	79	85	109	135	72	117	71	61	33	894	2
Spain	1	0	1	0	0	0	39	29	77	66	213	2
Italy	1	0	2	4	12	17	13	10	16	19	94	7
Belgium	2	2	5	6	7	14	17	8	2	15	78	0
Canada	0	3	0	1	2	2	2	8	4	5	27	0
USA	0	1	0	6	1	0	0	3	0	0	11	0
Denmark	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	2	1	4	11	0
Switzerland	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	1	2	2	11	n/a
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	0
TOTAL	136	85	93	126	158	108	195	132	163	145	1,341	11

RWANDA 2003-2013												
RWANDA	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2003-12	2013
USA	1	3	0	4	4	17	16	40	58	23	166	0
France	3	7	16	40	4	0	4	5	3	0	82	0
Switzerland	3	2	2	2	3	7	4	9	11	6	49	n/a
Canada	3	0	2	0	0	0	5	3	7	2	22	2
Belgium	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	6	2
Sweden	0	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	4	0
Other **	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	4	0
TOTAL	10	12	27	47	11	28	29	57	82	32	333	4

** Italy [1] ; Netherlands [1] : Sweden 2

