



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 >.

Annual adoption statistics for receiving States

State: Panama
Year: 2011-2019

State of origin	Total number of completed adoptions [1]	Age and gender of child at adoption [2]								Number of adoptions of special needs children [3]	Number of intra-family adoptions [4]
		<1		1 to 4		5 to 9		>10			
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F		
<i>Colombia</i>	5	2	1		1	1					
Total number of intercountry adoptions	5	2	1	0	1	1	0	0	0		
Total number of domestic adoptions	326	1	3	56	44	52	55	44	71	4	
Total number of adoptions	331	3	4	56	45	53	55	44	71		

Note [1]: This number includes adoptions completed in the State of origin and adoptions completed in your State.

Note [2]: If your national statistics are compiled according to other age groups, please indicate accordingly e.g. if you only count the number of children under 5, you should combine the two columns here that refer to children under 1 year old and between 1 and 4 years old.

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]: Intra-family adoptions include step-parent adoptions. If possible, please indicate separately in this column the number of intra-family adoptions that are step-parent adoptions. If your national statistics do not distinguish adoptions by relatives, please state "n/a".

Note [5]: Please add as many States as required.

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		<1		1 to 4		5 to 9		>10			
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F		
<i>Colombia</i>	1				1						
Total number of intercountry adoptions	1				1						
Total number of domestic adoptions	45			8	4	6	7	8	10	2	
Total number of adoptions	46	0	0	8	5	6	7	8	10	2	0

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