



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 States of origin

State: Venezuela

Year: 2008

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				
Spain	2					2				2	2		
Germany	1							1			1		
Total number of intercountry adoptions	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	2	3	0	0
Total of number of domestic adoptions	187			71	82	20	17	15	12	20	63	99	25
Total number of adoptions	190	0	0	71	82	22	17	16	12	22	66	99	25

Note [1]: "Entrustment" refers to those cases when the adoption is to be completed in the receiving 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]: Please add as many States as required.

Annual adoption statistics for States of origin

State: Venezuela

Year: 2009

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				
France	3					1			2				3
Germany	1			1									1
Total number of intercountry adoptions	4	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	3	0	0	4
Total of number of domestic adoptions	504			294	212	37	30	11	10	50	219	207	78
Total number of adoptions	508	0	0	295	212	38	30	11	12	53	219	207	82

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