



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: Ghana
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		
		<1		1 to 4		5 to 9		>10			Institution	Foster care	Family of origin
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F				
USA	8			2	1	2	2	4	2				
FRANCE	1								1				
MALTA	1							1					
UK	1						1						
Total number of intercountry adoptions	11	0	0	2	1	2	3	5	3				
Total of number of domestic adoptions	15	1		3		6			4				
Total number of adoptions	26	1	0	5	1	8	3	5	7				

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Annual adoption statistics for States of origin

State: Ghana
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		
		<1		1 to 4		5 to 9		>10			Institution	Foster care	Family of origin
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F				
USA	21			6	9	5	7						
UK	3			2	NIL	1	NIL						
CANADA	1						1						
GERMANY	3				1				2				
NEW ZEALAND	1								1				
SWEDEN	1							1					
Total number of intercountry adoptions	30	0	0	8	10	6	8	1	3				
Total of number of domestic adoptions	23	1	3	2	4		1						
Total number of adoptions	53	1	3	10	14	6	9	1	3				

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Annual adoption statistics for States of origin

State: Ghana
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		
		<1		1 to 4		5 to 9		>10			Institution	Foster care	Family of origin
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F				
USA	6					1	1	2	4				
GERMANY	2					1			2				
ITALY	2								3				
AUSTRALIA	1								1				
HOLLAND	1					1							
Total number of intercountry adoptions	12	0	0	0	0	3	1	2	10				
Total of number of domestic adoptions	5			5	6	11	13	8	12				
Total number of adoptions	17	0	0	5	6	14	14	10	22				

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Annual adoption statistics for States of origin

State: Ghana
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		
		<1		1 to 4		5 to 9		>10			Institution	Foster care	Family of origin
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F				
U.S.A	13			1	2	6	4	5	11				
GERMANY	1	1						1	1				
U.K	1	0					2						
Total number of intercountry adoptions	15	1	0	1	2	6	6	6	12				
Total of number of domestic adoptions	31	3	2	5	5	6	7	5	3				
Total number of adoptions	46	4	2	6	7	12	13	11	15				

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Annual adoption statistics for States of origin

State: Ghana
Year: 2020

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>BELGIUM</i>	1					1	1						
<i>CANADA</i>	2						1		1				
<i>UK</i>	2					1			2				
<i>ITALY</i>	1							1					
<i>GERMANY</i>	1					1							
<i>SWITZERLAND</i>	1							1					
<i>USA</i>	18			7	6	5	4	4	5				
Total number of intercountry adoptions	26	0	0	7	6	8	6	6	8				
Total of number of domestic adoptions	34	4	2	3	4	5	6	5	11				
Total number of adoptions	60	4	2	10	10	13	12	11	19				

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Annual adoption statistics for States of origin

State: Ghana
Year: 2021

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				
USA	7			1	1	2	3	6	7				
CANADA	2					1		1					
BELGIUM	5					2	1	1	1				
UK	3					1	1	1	1				
SPAIN	1								1				
CHINA	2							1	1				
GERMANY	1							1					
SINGAPORE	1					1							
Total number of intercountry adoptions	22	0	0	1	1	7	5	11	11				
Total of number of domestic adoptions	60	10	18	10	24	10	3	8	5				
Total number of adoptions	82	10	18	11	25	17	8	19	16				

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Annual adoption statistics for States of origin

State: Ghana
Year: 2022

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				
AUSTRALIA	1							2					
BELGIUM	1					3							
CANADA	1					1		2					
DUBAI	1								1				
GERMANY	2						1	1	1				
ITALY	2					2							
UK	3					2	1	2	1				
USA	7												
State 9	19			3	2	3	2	4	5				
Total number of intercountry adoptions	37	0	0	3	2	11	4	11	8				
Total of number of domestic adoptions	86	12	13	18	16	11	15	11	9				
Total number of adoptions	123	12	13	21	18	22	19	22	17				

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Annual adoption statistics for States of origin

State: Ghana
Year: 2023

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		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F				
AUSTRIA	1							1					
CANADA	1							1	1				
GERMANY	1						1	1					
ITALY	3				1		2	1					
USA	12			2	1	2	1	2	1				
Total number of intercountry adoptions	18	0	0	2	1	3	2	7	3				
Total of number of domestic adoptions	93	11	10	22	25	13	17	10	15				
Total number of adoptions	111	11	10	24	26	16	19	17	18				

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Annual adoption statistics for States of origin

State: GHANA
Year: 2024

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		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F				
AUSTRIA	1							1					
CANADA	1							1					
USA	9			3		3	1	5	2				
ITALY	5			2		2		2					
UK	2						1		2				
Total number of intercountry adoptions	18	0	0	5	0	5	2	9	4				
Total of number of domestic adoptions	98	12	17	22	27	18	16	14	10				
Total number of adoptions	116	12	17	27	27	23	18	23	14				

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