

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		of child at	adoption or	r 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
Ireland	41			4	37						41		
Australia	138		4	10	124					1	138		
Belgium	196	1	16	7	170	1	1			9	196		
Icealand	32		2		30						32		
Denmark	230	1	48	12	168	1				6	230		
France	439	1	39	13	385		1			27	438		1
Finland	134		9	4	120	1				1	134		
Netherlands	667	1	44	79	543					87	667		
Canada	928	4	123	28	768		2	1	2	21	924		4
USA	7933	7	915	382	6453	31	98	13	34	1099	7933		
Norway	284		37	6	240	1				2	284		
Sweden	432	1	40	15	376					24	432		
Spain	2608	2	339	34	2228		5			5	2608		
Singapore	29		4		23			2			27		2
New Zealand	13			1	12						13		
UK	117		6	1	108		2			3	117		
Total number of intercountry adoptions	14221	18	1626	596	11785	35	109	16	36	1285	14214	0	7
Total of number of domestic adoptions													
Total number of adoptions	14221	18	1626	596	11785	35	109	16	36	1285	14214	0	7

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Receiving State	entrustments [1]		<1	1	to 4	5	to 9	;	10	needs children [3]			
	enausanenes (1)	М	F	М	F	М	F	М	F	needs dimaren [5]	Institution	Foster care	Family of origin
Ireland	40		5	1	28	3	3			8	40		
Australia	112		12	4	89	1	5		1		112		
Belgium	147		6	9	131		1			10	147		
Icealand	11				11						11		
Denmark	163		24	13	125	1				6	163		
France	331	1	13	18	297	2				37	331		
Finland	54		2	6	44	1	1			4	54		
Netherlands	367		20	66	278	2	1			96	367		
Canada	748	3	136	39	565	3	1	1		38	747		1
USA	6138	8	590	554	4670	106	149	19	42	1857	6138		
Norway	204		8	16	180					6	204		
Sweden	335	3	15	39	276	1	1			43	335		
Spain	1909	9	204	73	1605	6	12			25	1909		
Singapore	13				13					1	13		
New Zealand	6				6						6		
UK	68		11		57						68		
Total number of intercountry adoptions	10646	24	1046	838	8375	126	174	20	43	2131	10645	0	1
Total of number of domestic adoptions													
Total number of adoptions	10646	24	1046	838	8375	126	174	20	43	2131	10645	0	1

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neceiving State	entrustments [1]	•	<1	1	to 4	5	to 9	>	10	needs children [3]			
	enausanenes [1]	M	F	М	F	М	F	М	F	needs children [5]	Institution	Foster care	Family of origin
Ireland	19	1	1		17						19		
Australia	93		11	1	79	1	1				93		
Belgium	111		11	9	90	1				10	111		
Icealand	14			2	12					5	14		
Denmark	111		2	31	77	1				19	111		
France	178		22	15	140		1			24	178		
Finland	36		1	7	27	1				4	36		
Netherlands	330		8	101	212	2	7			138	330		
Canada	496	2	80	38	364	2	7	2	1	68	494		2
USA	4736	10	408	662	3246	127	213	16	54	1975	4736		
Norway	136		5	22	109					10	136		
Sweden	248	5	23	51	166	1	1	1		62	246		2
Spain	1269	3	184	87	981	3	11			47	1269		
Singapore	15				14		1			1	15		
New Zealand	4				3		1				4		
UK	62		12	3	44		3			2	61		1
Total number of intercountry adoptions	7858	21	768	1029	5581	139	246	19	55	2365	7853	0	5
Total of number of domestic adoptions													
Total number of adoptions	7858	21	768	1029	5581	139	246	19	55	2365	7853	0	5

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Receiving State	Total number of completed adoptions or		Age		of child at		r entrustme to 9		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
Ireland	17		1	1	14		1			1	17		
Australia	57			21	36					4	57		
Belgium	45			12	30		2		1	12	45		
Icealand	14			4	10					8	14		
Denmark	76		10	36	28	1	1			34	76		
France	139	2		42	77	16	2			26	139		
Finland	17			6	11					2	17		
Netherlands	297	2	11	112	159	7	6			159	297		
Canada	294	2	35	41	209	1	3	1	2	78	293		1
USA	3515	8	146	688	2219	133	231	14	76	2135	3515		
Norway	78		7	15	56					6	78		
Sweden	198		2	74	119		3			93	198		
Spain	738	2	48	114	556	3	15			45	738		
Singapore	3			1	2						3		
New Zealand	6			3	3						6		
Italy	9		5		4						9		
UK	28				27		1			1	28		
Total number of intercountry adoptions	5531	16	265	1170	3560	161	265	15	79	2604	5530	0	1
Total of number of domestic adoptions													
Total number of adoptions	5531	16	265	1170	3560	161	265	15	79	2604	5530	0	1

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	entrustments [1]	М	F	М	F	М	F	М	F	needs children [3]	Institution	Foster care	Family of origin
Ireland	8		1		7						8		
Australia	55		4	17	34					3	55		
Belgium	78		8	21	41	2	6			42	78		
Icealand	9			6	3					9	9		
Denmark	73		7	27	38	1				28	73		
France	95	1	8	32	51	3				12	95		
Finland	37		6	7	21	1	2				37		
Netherlands	297	2	1	168	113	4	9			197	297		
Canada	379	1	52	63	258	1	3		1	151	378		1
USA	3029	6	172	526	1847	129	231	29	89	1848	3029		
Norway	104		14	31	49	4	5		1	29	104		
Sweden	255	1	5	129	115	2	2		1	177	255		
Spain	817	10	103	145	510	15	33		1	77	817		
Singapore	3		1		2						3		
Italy	21			5	15	1				9	21		
UK	34		2	3	28		1			1	34		
Total number of intercountry adoptions	5294	21	384	1180	3132	163	292	29	93	2583	5293	0	1
Total of number of domestic adoptions													
Total number of adoptions	5294	21	384	1180	3132	163	292	29	93	2583	5293	0	1

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State: China
Year: 2010

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 o	hild prior to	
Receiving State		<	:1	1 t	o 4	5 t	ю 9	>	10	•			
	entrustments [1]	М	F	М	F	М	F	М	F	needs children [3]	Institution	Foster care	Family of origin
Total number of intercountry adoptions	4911												
Total of number of domestic adoptions	29618												
Total number of adoptions	34529	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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State: China
Year: 2011

Receiving State	Total number of completed adoptions or		Age	and gender	of child at	adoption or	entrustme	nt [2]		Number of adoptions or entrustments of special	Location of o	child prior to entrustmen	•
Receiving State	entrustments [1]	~	1	1 t	to 4	5 t	o 9	>	10	needs children [3]			
	entrustments [1]	М	F	М	F	М	F	М	F	neeus ciniuren (5)	Institution	Foster care	Family of origin
Total number of intercountry adoptions	3845												
Total of number of domestic adoptions	27579												
Total number of adoptions	31424	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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State: China
Year: 2012

Receiving State	Total number of completed adoptions or		Age a	and gender	of child at a	adoption or	entrustme	nt [2]		Number of adoptions or entrustments of special	Location of o	hild prior to	
Receiving State	entrustments [1]	<	:1	1 t	o 4	5 t	ю 9	>:	10	needs children [3]			
	entrustments [1]	М	F	М	F	М	F	М	F	needs children [5]	Institution	Foster care	Family of origin
Total number of intercountry adoptions	4121												
Total of number of domestic adoptions	23157												
Total number of adoptions	27278	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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State: China
Year: 2013

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 o	child prior to entrustmen	
neceiving state	entrustments [1]	<	1	1 t	o 4	5 t	ю 9	>	10	needs children [3]			
	entrustments [1]	М	F	М	F	М	F	М	F	neeus ciniuren (5)	Institution	Foster care	Family of origin
Total number of intercountry adoptions	3230												
Total of number of domestic adoptions	21033												
Total number of adoptions	24263	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	О	0	0

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State: China
Year: 2014

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	
Receiving State	entrustments [1]	<	:1	1 t	o 4	5 t	ю 9	>:	10	needs children [3]			
	entrustments [1]	М	F	М	F	М	F	М	F	neeas chilaren [3]	Institution	Foster care	Family of origin
Total number of intercountry adoptions	2887												
Total of number of domestic adoptions	19694												
Total number of adoptions	22581	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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State: China
Year: 2015

Receiving State	Total number of completed adoptions or		Age	and gender	of child at	adoption or	entrustme	nt [2]		Number of adoptions or entrustments of special	Location of o	child prior to entrustmen	•
Receiving State	entrustments [1]	~	1	1 t	to 4	5 t	o 9	>	10	needs children [3]			
	entrustments [1]	М	F	М	F	М	F	М	F	neeus ciniuren (5)	Institution	Foster care	Family of origin
Total number of intercountry adoptions	2942												
Total of number of domestic adoptions	19000												
Total number of adoptions	21942	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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State: China
Year: 2016

Receiving State	Total number of completed adoptions or		Age a	and gender	of child at a	adoption or	entrustme	nt [2]		Number of adoptions or entrustments of special	Location of c	hild prior to	•
Receiving State		<	:1	1 t	o 4	5 t	ю 9	>	10	needs children [3]			
	entrustments [1]	М	F	М	F	М	F	М	F	needs children (5)	Institution	Foster care	Family of origin
Total number of intercountry adoptions	2771												
Total of number of domestic adoptions	16000												
Total number of adoptions	18771	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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State: China
Year: 2017

Total num Receiving State completed add entrustme	Total number of		Age a	and gender	of child at a	adoption or	Number of adoptions or entrustments of special	or entrustment					
		<	<1		o 4	5 t	ю 9	>	10	needs children [3]			
	entrustments [1]	М	F	М	F	М	F	М	F	needs children [5]	Institution	Foster care	Family of origin
Total number of intercountry adoptions	2228												
Total of number of domestic adoptions	17000												
Total number of adoptions	19228	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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State: China
Year: 2018

Receiving State	Total number of completed adoptions or		Age a	and gender	of child at a	adoption or	Number of adoptions or entrustments of special	or entrustment					
	entrustments [1]	<	<1		1 to 4		ю 9	>:	10	needs children [3]			
	entrustments [1]	М	F	М	F	М	F	М	F	needs children [3]	Institution	Foster care	Family of origin
Total number of intercountry adoptions	1685												
Total of number of domestic adoptions	15000												
Total number of adoptions	16685	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	o	0	0

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Receiving State	Total number of completed adoptions or		Age a	and gender	of child at a	doption or	Number of adoptions or entrustments of special	or entrustment					
		<	1	1 t	o 4	5 t	o 9	>:	10	needs children [3]			
	entrustments [1]	М	F	M	F	M	F	М	F		Institution	Foster care	Family of origin
Total number of intercountry adoptions	970												
Total of number of domestic adoptions	12074												
Total number of adoptions	13044												

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Receiving State	Total number of completed adoptions or		Age a	and gender	of child at a	doption or	Number of adoptions or entrustments of special	or entrustment					
	entrustments [1]	<	1	1 t	o 4	5 t	о 9	>:	10	needs children [3]			
	entrustments [1]	М	F	М	F	M	F	М	F		Institution	Foster care	Family of origin
Total number of intercountry adoptions	63												
Total of number of domestic adoptions	11040												
Total number of adoptions	11103												

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	entrustments [1]	<	1	1 t	o 4	5 to 9		>:	10	needs children [3]			
	entrustments [1]	М	F	М	F	M	F	М	F	needs children [5]	Institution	Foster care	Family of origin
Total number of intercountry adoptions	2												
Total of number of domestic adoptions	12447												
Total number of adoptions	12449												

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Receiving State	Total number of		Age a	and gender	of child at a	doption or	Number of adoptions or	or entrustment					
	completed adoptions or entrustments [1]		<1		o 4	5 to 9		>	10	entrustments of special needs children [3]			
	entrustinents [1]	M	F	M	F	M	F	М	F	lieeus ciliuren [5]	Institution	Foster care	Family of origin
Total number of intercountry adoptions	2												
Total of number of domestic adoptions	8432												
Total number of adoptions	8434												

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State: China Year: 2023

Receiving State	Total number of completed adoptions or		Age a	and gender	of child at a	adoption or	Number of adoptions or entrustments of special	or entrustment					
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Total number of intercountry adoptions	55												2
Total of number of domestic adoptions	8113												
Total number of adoptions	8168												

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.