



RECEIVING STATES 2003 – 2012

STATES OF ORIGIN 2003 - 2011

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These tables are based on data provided by 23 receiving states. The statistics used for the United States are the Fiscal Year data on visas published by the US State Department and for 2010 include 'humanitarian' visas issued after the Haiti earthquake. The tables are updated and extended versions of tables published in **Selman P. (2009) "The rise and fall of intercountry adoption in the 21st century"** in **J. Gibbons & K. Rotabi K. (eds) *Intercountry Adoption: Policies, practices, and outcomes* (Ashgate 2012)** and in ***Adoption Advocate* 44** which is available at <https://www.adoptioncouncil.org/publications/adoption-advocate-no-44.html>. All data subject to further revision and correction.

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0.KEY TABLES 2003-2012

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Table 1: Intercountry adoptions to 23 Receiving States 2003-2012

	2003-11	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
USA FY	159,180	21,616	22,884	22,728	20,679	19,613	17,438	12,753	12,149	9,320	8,668
Andorra	50	2	0	0	8	3	11	7	9	2	1
Australia	2,884	278	370	434	421	405	270	269	222	215	149
Belgium	3,657	430	470	471	383	358	364	439	388	351	260
Canada ^a	17,053	2,180	1,955	1,871	1,535	1,712	1,916	2,129	1,970	1,785	1,367 ^a
Cyprus	60	3	3	3	n/a	19	16	12	4	n/a	n/a
Denmark	4,161	523	528	586	447	429	395	496	419	338	219
Finland	1,897	239	289	308	218	176	157	187	160	163	175
France	31,136	3,995	4,079	4,136	3,977	3,162	3,271	3,017	3,504	1,995	1,569
Germany ^b	5,509	674	650	560	583	778	664	571	504	525	415
Iceland	199	25	29	41	19	18	13	17	18	19	17
Ireland	2,945	358	398	366	313	392	422	307	201	188	117
Israel	1,572	258	226	191	176	218	148	117	117	121	88
Italy	31,749	2,772	3,402	2,874	3,188	3,420	3,977	3,964	4,130	4,022	3,106
Luxembourg	352	51	56	41	45	31	28	36	40	24	14
Malta	411	23	46	39	60	64	53	34	42	50	57
New Zealand ^c	810	278 ^c	351 ^c	30	20	49	30	16	19	17	22
Netherlands	7,922	1,154	1,307	1,185	816	778	767	682	705	528	488
Norway	4,174	714	706	582	448	426	304	347	343	304	239
Spain	34,661	3,951	5,541	5,423	4,472	3,648	3,156	3,006	2,891	2,573	1,669
Sweden	7,889	1,046	1,109	1,083	879	800	793	912	729	538	466
Switzerland ^b	3,895	664	567	389	410	394	367	349	388	367	314
UK	2,475	301	333	369	363	356	225	200	175	153	120
TOTAL (23)	324,641	41,535	45,299	43,710	39,460 (22)	37,249	34,785	29,867	29,127	23,601 (22)	19,540 (22)

- a) Provisional figures for 2012 b) Totals for Germany and Switzerland are for non-relative (nicht verwandt/non-familale) adoptions only
c) Totals for New Zealand for 2003 and 2004 include relative adoptions from Samoa which are no longer classed as intercountry.

Table 2. 15 Countries Sending Most Children for Intercountry Adoption to the 23 Receiving States in Table 1 above, 2003-2011 - TOP 5 in bold for each year; peak year for each state of origin highlighted –

	2003-11	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
China	79,577	11,226	13,409	14,493	10,744	8,748	5,975	5,084	5,480	4,418
Russia	51,142	7,743	9,379	7,480	6,765	4,880	4,140	4,033	3,395	3,327
Ethiopia	25,708	858	1,527	1,778	2,172	3,033	3,905	4,564	4,404	3,456
Guatemala	24,138	2,676	3,424	3,872	4,232	4,851	4,186	799	58	40
South Korea	14,653	2,308	2,241	2,121	1,815	1,223	1,392	1,438	1,153	961
South Korea ^a		2,287	2,258	2,101	1,899	1,264	1,250	1,125	1,013	916
Colombia	14,631	1,750	1,734	1,466	1,639	1,635	1,617	1,415	1,798	1,577
Ukraine	13,984	2,052	2,019	1,987	1,046	1,614	1,577	1,517	1,094	1,073
Vietnam	10,927	936	488	1,198	1,370	1,695	1,739	1,518	1,279	704
Haiti	10,457	1,056	1,159	958	1,096	783	1,368	1,241	2,601 ^b	195
India	7,708	1,173	1,083	873	847	1,003	759	727	615	628
Kazakhstan	6,145	863	888	843	714	779	732	659	518	149
Philippines	4,591	418	414	503	476	569	600	583	516	509
Brazil	4,106	472	478	473	518	485	490	462	380	348
Thailand	3,613	490	501	465	419	440	384	339	314	261
Poland	3,371	347	406	409	395	381	408	402	325	298
Total sent from all countries	324,641	41,535	45,299	43,710	39,460	37,249	34,785	29,867	29,127	23,609

Source: Statistics for 23 Receiving Countries ;

a) Korean figures in red are from Ministry of Health & Welfare

b) includes ISS estimate for Germany (62) and 1,090 humanitarian visas to US.

TOP TEN STATES OF ORIGIN: 2003-2011

The countries sending most children for intercountry adoption have changed during the past eight years

RANK	2003	2005	2007	2009	2011	2003-11
1	CHINA	CHINA	CHINA	CHINA	CHINA	CHINA
2	RUSSIA	RUSSIA	RUSSIA	ETHIOPIA	ETHIOPIA	RUSSIA
3	GUATEMALA	GUATEMALA	GUATEMALA	RUSSIA	RUSSIA	ETHIOPIA
4	SOUTH KOREA	SOUTH KOREA	ETHIOPIA	VIETNAM	COLOMBIA	GUATEMALA
5	UKRAINE	UKRAINE	VIETNAM	UKRAINE	UKRAINE	SOUTH KOREA
6	COLOMBIA	ETHIOPIA	COLOMBIA	SOUTH KOREA	SOUTH KOREA	COLOMBIA
7	INDIA	COLOMBIA	UKRAINE	COLOMBIA	VIETNAM	UKRAINE
8	HAITI	VIETNAM	SOUTH KOREA	HAITI	INDIA	VIETNAM
9	VIETNAM	HAITI	INDIA	INDIA	PHILIPPINES	HAITI
10	KAZAKHSTAN	INDIA	HAITI	KAZAKHSTAN	BRAZIL	INDIA

