

# INTERCOUNTRY ADOPTION

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Pursuant to Section 104 of the Intercountry Adoption Act of 2000 (IAA) (Public Law 106-279), the U.S. Department of State submits the FY 2014 Annual Report on Intercountry Adoption.

### IAA §104(b) Report Elements:

- **§104(b) (1):** Tables 1 and 2 report the number of intercountry adoptions in FY 2014 involving immigration to the United States, regardless of whether the adoption occurred under the Hague Adoption Convention.
- **§104(b) (2):** Table 3 reports the number of intercountry adoptions in FY 2014 involving emigration from the United States, regardless of whether the adoption occurred under the Hague Adoption Convention.
- **§104(b) (3):** In FY 2014, adoption service providers (ASPs) reported 3 disrupted placements in Convention adoptions, i.e., cases in which there was an interruption of a placement for adoption during the post-placement (but pre-adoption) period. Table 6 summarizes this information.

In addition, information received from the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to §422(b)(12) of the Social Security Act indicated 79 cases of disruptions and dissolutions involving 91 children who were adopted from foreign countries and entered state custody as a result. This information was provided in the annual update from states on progress made toward accomplishing goals and objectives in the Child and Family Services Plan. This information was submitted by states to the Department of Health and Human Services through an Annual Progress and Services Report (APSR). The most recent APSRs were submitted in June 2014 and contained information from FY 2013. All of the information provided by states in the APSR was included in this count regardless of the date provided from the states on specific actions taken in a case or when it was reported to the state.

- **§104(b) (4):** Table 4 reports the average time required for completion of a Convention adoption.
- **§104(b) (5):** The current list of agencies accredited and persons approved is available on the Department's intercountry adoption website at [http://adoption.state.gov/hague\\_convention/agency\\_accreditation/agency\\_search.php](http://adoption.state.gov/hague_convention/agency_accreditation/agency_search.php).
- **§104(b) (6):** The Secretary has not temporarily or permanently debarred an agency or person.
- **§104(b) (7):** ASPs reported charging between \$0 and \$64,357 for all adoption services, with half charging less than \$31,120 and half charging more. Table 5 reports by Convention country of origin the median fees for country-specific services, including foreign country program expenses, contributions, care of child expenses, and travel/accommodations.
- **§104(b) (8):** Fees for accreditation of agencies and approval of persons ranged from \$5,000 to \$22,755. The Council on Accreditation's accreditation fee is based on documented revenues from its intercountry adoption programs.

**Table 1: Incoming Adoptions by Country of Origin**  
 (\* denotes a non-Convention Country)

Country or Territory of Origin	Adoptions Finalized Abroad	Adoptions to be Finalized in the United States	Total Adoptions
*Afghanistan	0	3	3
Albania	6	0	6
Armenia	9	0	9
*Bahamas, The	3	0	3
*Bangladesh	0	19	19
Belgium	1	0	1
Belize	0	7	7
*Botswana	2	0	2
Brazil	9	0	9
Bulgaria	183	0	183
Burkina Faso	6	0	6
Burundi	0	1	1
*Cameroon	5	0	5
Canada	1	4	5
China	2,040	0	2,040
Colombia	172	0	172
*Congo, Democratic Republic of the <sup>1</sup> <small>See note on final page of this report</small>	18	212	230
Costa Rica	12	0	12
*Cote d'Ivoire	2	1	3
Czech Republic	0	1	1
*Dominica	11	0	11
Dominican Republic	9	0	9
Ecuador	11	0	11
*Egypt	0	1	1

Country or Territory of Origin	Adoptions Finalized Abroad	Adoptions to be Finalized in the United States	Total Adoptions
El Salvador	5	0	5
*Eritrea	4	2	6
*Ethiopia	688	28	716
*Gambia, The	2	0	2
Georgia	2	0	2
*Ghana	100	24	124
Greece	1	0	1
*Grenada	1	0	1
Guatemala	29	0	29
Guinea	4	0	4
*Guinea-Bissau	0	2	2
*Guyana	35	4	39
Haiti	433	31	464
*Honduras*	20	0	20
Hong Kong SAR	0	28	28
Hungary	22	0	22
India	126	10	136
*Indonesia	1	0	1
*Iran	0	2	2
Italy	0	2	2
*Jamaica	27	34	61
*Japan	7	13	20
*Jordan	0	1	1
Kenya	10	0	10
*Kosovo	1	0	1
*Kyrgyzstan	9	0	9
Latvia	80	0	80
*Lebanon	2	0	2
*Liberia	13	3	16

Country or Territory of Origin	Adoptions Finalized Abroad	Adoptions to be Finalized in the United States	Total Adoptions
Lithuania	14	0	14
Macedonia	4	0	4
*Malaysia	0	1	1
*Marshall Islands	29	0	29
Mexico	12	0	12
Moldova	3	0	3
Mongolia	3	0	3
*Morocco	0	43	43
*Namibia	1	0	1
*Nepal	1	0	1
Netherlands	0	1	1
*Nicaragua	32	0	32
*Niger	0	1	1
*Nigeria	129	1	130
*Pakistan	0	31	31
Peru	30	0	30
Philippines	6	166	172
Poland	53	0	53
Romania	3	0	3
*Russia	2	0	2
*Samoa	0	7	7
*Senegal	1	0	1
Serbia	6	0	6
*Sierra Leone	31	2	33
*Solomon Islands	0	1	1
*Somalia	0	1	1
South Africa	24	0	24
*South Korea	370	0	370

Country or Territory of Origin	Adoptions Finalized Abroad	Adoptions to be Finalized in the United States	Total Adoptions
*St. Vincent and the Grenadines	12	0	12
*Sudan	0	4	4
Suriname	1	0	1
*Syria	0	5	5
*Taiwan	49	20	69
*Tanzania	4	0	4
Thailand	4	24	28
Togo	3	0	3
*Tonga	4	2	6
*Trinidad and Tobago	0	1	1
*Tunisia	2	0	2
*Uganda	1	200	201
*Ukraine	447	74	521
United Kingdom, The	5	3	8
*Uzbekistan	2	0	2
Venezuela	0	1	1
*Yemen	0	1	1
*Zambia	7	1	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,418</b>	<b>1,023</b>	<b>6,441</b>

Table 2: Incoming Adoptions by State			
State	Adoptions Finalized Abroad	Adoptions to be Finalized in the United States	Total Adoptions
<b>Americans Overseas</b>	15	2	17
Alabama	174	14	188
Alaska	18	2	20
Arizona	82	10	92
Arkansas	42	7	49
California	320	82	402
Colorado	157	25	182
Connecticut	44	10	54
Delaware	15	2	17
District of Columbia	16	1	17
Florida	259	39	298
Georgia	199	27	226
Guam	1	1	2
Hawaii	17	17	34
Idaho	27	12	39
Illinois	230	39	269
Indiana	166	55	221
Iowa	73	19	92
Kansas	61	8	69
Kentucky	122	36	158
Louisiana	52	7	59
Maine	42	4	46
Maryland	140	18	158
Massachusetts	94	18	112
Michigan	146	25	171
Minnesota	162	24	186

State	Adoptions Finalized Abroad	Adoptions to be Finalized in the United States	Total Adoptions
Mississippi	48	6	54
Missouri	131	21	152
Montana	27	11	38
Nebraska	44	11	55
Nevada	14	4	18
New Hampshire	14	4	18
New Jersey	99	22	121
New Mexico	22	13	35
New York	242	51	293
North Carolina	199	56	255
North Dakota	10	3	13
Ohio	226	23	249
Oklahoma	53	6	59
Oregon	108	21	129
Pennsylvania	183	25	208
Rhode Island	6	2	8
South Carolina	83	22	105
South Dakota	15	9	24
Tennessee	198	39	237
Texas	376	64	440
Utah	86	8	94
Vermont	6	1	7
Virgin Islands	1	0	1
Virginia	206	31	237
Washington	172	35	207
West Virginia	23	4	27
Wisconsin	143	24	167
Wyoming	9	3	12
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,418</b>	<b>1,023</b>	<b>6,441</b>

Receiving Country	U.S. State from which the Child Emigrated	Number of Outgoing Adoption Cases
Australia	California	1
Austria	Florida	4
Canada	Florida	32
	Georgia	1
	Illinois	1
	Indiana	1
	Kansas	1
	Michigan	1
	New Jersey	3
	South Carolina	6
	Texas	1
Ireland	Florida	3
Mexico	California	3
	Oregon	1
	Texas	1
Netherlands	Florida	15
	Louisiana	3
	New Jersey	11
	New York	1
	Pennsylvania	1
New Zealand	California	1
Switzerland	Maine	1
	New Jersey	1
United Arab Emirates	Florida	1
United Kingdom	Texas	1
<b>Total</b>		<b>96</b>

Convention Country	Number of Convention Cases	Average Days to Completion
Albania	6	296
Armenia	9	877
Belgium	1	3,334
Belize	7	421
Burundi	1	288
Brazil	9	567
Bulgaria	182	364
Burkina Faso	6	540
Canada	5	352
China	2,025	282
Colombia	171	432
Costa Rica	12	570
Czech Republic	1	71
Dominican Republic	9	633
Ecuador	11	234
El Salvador	5	514
Georgia	2	587
Guinea	4	348
Greece	1	661
Hong Kong S. A. R.	28	371
Hungary	22	317
India	136	732
Italy	2	417
Kenya	9	283
Latvia	80	339
Lithuania	14	255
Macedonia	4	167

Convention Country	Number of Convention Cases	Average Days to Completion
Moldova	3	432
Mongolia	3	426
Netherlands	1	458
Peru	30	417
Philippines	166	494
Poland	53	433
Romania	3	524
South Africa	24	410
Thailand	28	714
Togo	3	600
United Kingdom	8	282
Venezuela	1	116

**Table 5: Median ASP Convention Adoption Fees**

Convention Country of Origin	Median Fees	Convention Country of Origin	Median Fees
<b>Albania</b>	\$29,800	<b>Hong Kong</b>	\$10,500
<b>Armenia</b>	\$24,375	<b>Hungary</b>	\$21,050
<b>Belize</b>	\$16,250	<b>India</b>	\$16,000
<b>Brazil</b>	\$10,413	<b>Ireland</b>	\$250
<b>Bulgaria</b>	\$14,268	<b>Kenya</b>	\$6,250
<b>Burkina Faso</b>	\$15,250	<b>Latvia</b>	\$17,200
<b>Burundi</b>	\$16,700	<b>Lithuania</b>	\$22,135
<b>Canada</b>	\$20,000	<b>Mexico</b>	\$16,350
<b>China,</b>	\$15,825	<b>Moldova</b>	\$14,000
<b>Colombia</b>	\$17,300	<b>Mongolia</b>	\$19,945
<b>Costa Rica</b>	\$15,705	<b>Netherlands</b>	\$4,500
<b>Czech Republic</b>	\$11,600	<b>Peru</b>	\$11,500
<b>Dominican Republic</b>	\$23,840	<b>Philippines</b>	\$9,250
<b>Ecuador</b>	\$6,750	<b>Poland</b>	\$18,750
<b>El Salvador</b>	\$14,800	<b>Romania</b>	\$26,150
<b>Georgia</b>	\$18,800	<b>South Africa</b>	\$28,633
<b>Guatemala</b>	\$26,623	<b>Thailand</b>	\$14,920
<b>Guinea</b>	\$11,650	<b>United Kingdom</b>	\$11,000

**Table 6: The Number of Convention Placements for Adoption in the United States that were Disrupted**

Country from which the Child Emigrated	The Age of the Child at Placement	The Date of Placement for Adoption	The Reasons for the Disruption	The Resolution of the Disruption	The Agency that Handled the Original Placement	Plans for the Child
China	9	N/A	Medical	Child returned to orphanage, family returned to U.S.	Faith International Adoptions	No further placement plans are anticipated.
China	7	June 29,2014	Medical	Child returned to orphanage, adoption not completed.	Living Hope Adoption Agency	Child remains eligible for intercountry adoption
China	3	September 2014	Medical	Child remained in China	Children's House International	N/A

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<sup>1</sup> **From Table 1, Democratic Republic of the Congo:** In spite of the Congolese government's September 2013 exit-permit suspension for adopted children, Congolese courts have continued to process adoption decrees. The U.S. Embassy in Kinshasa continues to process visa applications for children adopted by U.S. citizens. The number of adoptions reported in this table reflects the number of immigrant visas issued to children adopted from the Democratic Republic of the Congo who met the definition of orphan under the Immigration and Nationality Act. This does not reflect the number of Congolese children who received Exit Permits from the Congolese government and entered the United States following the issuance of a U.S. visa.

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