

Incoming Hague Convention Cases to the U.S. Central Authority: Applications for Return and Access in 2023

In 2023, the U.S. Central Authority acted on a total of 972 cases under the Convention from all the countries and areas in the table below. There were 440 new cases opened in 2023. As of December 31, 2023, there were 431 cases that had been closed, and 541 cases that remained open.

Country	Total Cases	New Cases Opened	Cases Closed	Cases Open at End of Year
Anguilla	1	0	1	0
Argentina	11	4	5	6
Armenia	2	1	1	1
Australia	8	3	5	3
Austria	3	1	3	0
Bahamas, The	2	0	2	0
Belgium	2	1	1	1
Belize	2	1	0	2
Bermuda	1	0	1	0
Brazil	55	20	24	31
British Overseas Territories	3	2	1	2
Bulgaria	1	0	1	0
Canada	29	13	18	11
Cayman Islands	4	3	1	3
Chile	22	11	13	9
Colombia	60	29	21	39
Costa Rica	6	3	2	4

Cyprus	1	1	1	0
Czech Republic	4	2	2	2
Denmark	4	3	2	2
Dominican Republic	51	20	28	23
Ecuador	23	16	9	14
El Salvador	6	3	3	3
France	18	11	8	10
Germany	22	13	11	11
Greece	2	2	1	1
Guatemala	5	0	5	0
Honduras	112	33	46	66
Hungary	3	1	2	1
Ireland	8	5	2	6
Israel	8	4	2	6
Italy	14	11	5	9
Jamaica	22	12	11	11
Japan	8	3	6	2
Latvia	1	0	1	0
Lithuania	4	3	1	3
Mauritius	3	1	2	1
Mexico	255	118	92	163
Montenegro	1	1	1	0
Morocco	1	0	1	0
Netherlands	7	2	5	2
New Zealand	4	3	1	3

Nigeria	1	1	0	1
Northern Ireland	1	1	0	1
Norway	3	2	1	2
Pakistan	8	2	3	5
Panama	10	4	2	8
Paraguay	2	1	0	2
Peru	12	5	6	6
Poland	8	1	6	2
Portugal	2	1	2	0
Republic of Korea	2	2	0	2
Romania	4	3	2	2
Serbia	5	0	2	3
Slovakia	2	1	0	2
Slovenia	1	0	1	0
South Africa	4	2	2	2
Spain	15	9	9	6
Sweden	5	3	3	2
Switzerland	6	3	5	1
Thailand	2	1	1	1
Trinidad And Tobago	2	1	0	2
Türkiye	3	1	2	1
Ukraine	16	9	5	11
United Kingdom	36	17	20	16
Uruguay	2	0	1	1
Venezuela	20	9	9	11

Zimbabwe	1	1	1	0
Totals	972	440	431	541