

INTERCOUNTRY ADOPTION

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FY 2015 Annual Report on Intercountry Adoption

Pursuant to Section 104 of the Intercountry Adoption Act of 2000 (IAA) (PL 106-279), the U.S. Department of State submits the FY 2015 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 2015 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 2015 involving emigration from the United States, regardless of whether the adoption occurred under the Hague Adoption Convention.
- **§104(b) (3):** In FY 2015, adoption service providers (ASPs) reported three 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 58 cases of disruptions and dissolutions involving 59 children who were adopted from other 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 on June 30, 2015, and contained information from FY 2014. 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 Hague 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.
- **§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 \$30,024 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. Accrediting Entity fees can be found at the following link: [Council on Accreditation fees](#).

| 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 U.S. | Total Adoptions |
| *Afghanistan | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Albania | 6 | 0 | 6 |
| *Algeria | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| *Antigua and Barbuda | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Armenia | 19 | 0 | 19 |
| *Bangladesh | 0 | 9 | 9 |
| Belize | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| *Benin | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Brazil | 7 | 0 | 7 |
| Bulgaria | 185 | 0 | 185 |
| Burkina Faso | 5 | 0 | 5 |
| Burundi | 10 | 0 | 10 |
| *Cameroon | 13 | 2 | 15 |
| Canada | 1 | 4 | 5 |
| *Central African Republic | 4 | 0 | 4 |
| China | 2354 | 0 | 2354 |
| Colombia | 153 | 0 | 153 |
| *Congo, Republic of the | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| *Congo, Democratic Republic of the | 29 | 139 | 168 |
| Costa Rica | 15 | 0 | 15 |
| *Dominica | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Dominican Republic | 11 | 0 | 11 |
| Ecuador | 6 | 0 | 6 |

| Country or Territory of Origin | Adoptions Finalized Abroad | Adoptions to be Finalized in the U.S. | Total Adoptions |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|
| El Salvador | 4 | 0 | 4 |
| *Equatorial Guinea | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| *Eritrea | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| *Ethiopia | 327 | 8 | 335 |
| *Gabon | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Georgia | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| Germany | 0 | 4 | 4 |
| *Ghana | 77 | 8 | 85 |
| *Grenada | 5 | 0 | 5 |
| Guatemala | 13 | 0 | 13 |
| Guinea | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| *Guinea - Bissau | 0 | 3 | 3 |
| *Guyana | 28 | 3 | 31 |
| Haiti | 137 | 6 | 143 |
| *Honduras | 24 | 0 | 24 |
| Hong Kong SAR | 0 | 19 | 19 |
| Hungary | 18 | 0 | 18 |
| India | 134 | 4 | 138 |
| *Indonesia | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| *Iran | 0 | 4 | 4 |
| Israel | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| *Jamaica | 12 | 30 | 42 |
| *Japan | 7 | 12 | 19 |
| *Jordan | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Kenya | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| *Kyrgyzstan | 26 | 0 | 26 |
| Latvia | 170 | 0 | 170 |
| *Liberia | 6 | 2 | 8 |
| Lithuania | 11 | 0 | 11 |

| Country or Territory of Origin | Adoptions Finalized Abroad | Adoptions to be Finalized in the U.S. | Total Adoptions |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|
| *Malawi | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| Mali | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| *Marshall Islands | 21 | 0 | 21 |
| Mexico | 24 | 0 | 24 |
| Moldova | 4 | 0 | 4 |
| Mongolia | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| *Morocco | 0 | 22 | 22 |
| *Nepal | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| *Nicaragua | 27 | 0 | 27 |
| *Niger | 5 | 1 | 6 |
| *Nigeria | 150 | 4 | 154 |
| *Pakistan | 0 | 30 | 30 |
| Peru | 7 | 0 | 7 |
| Philippines | 0 | 150 | 150 |
| Poland | 60 | 0 | 60 |
| Romania | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| *Samoa | 3 | 9 | 12 |
| Serbia | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| *Sierra Leone | 11 | 7 | 18 |
| South Africa | 33 | 0 | 33 |
| *South Korea | 318 | 0 | 318 |
| Sri Lanka | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| *St. Kitts and Nevis | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| *St. Lucia | 3 | 4 | 7 |
| *St. Vincent and the Grenadines | 11 | 0 | 11 |
| Suriname | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| *Taiwan | 49 | 10 | 59 |
| Thailand | 1 | 46 | 47 |

| Country or Territory of Origin | Adoptions Finalized Abroad | Adoptions to be Finalized in the U.S. | Total Adoptions |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|
| *Timor-Leste | 4 | 0 | 4 |
| *Trinidad and Tobago | 0 | 4 | 4 |
| *Tunisia | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| *Uganda | 6 | 196 | 202 |
| *Ukraine | 236 | 67 | 303 |
| United Kingdom, The | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| *Uzbekistan | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| *Zambia | 9 | 0 | 9 |
| Total | 4833 | 815 | 5648 |

| State | Adoptions Finalized Abroad | Adoptions to be Finalized in the United States | Total Adoptions |
|----------------|----------------------------|--|-----------------|
| Florida | 211 | 39 | 250 |
| Georgia | 216 | 24 | 240 |
| Guam | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Hawaii | 26 | 8 | 34 |
| Idaho | 29 | 7 | 36 |
| Illinois | 203 | 36 | 239 |
| Indiana | 155 | 24 | 179 |
| Iowa | 80 | 11 | 91 |
| Kansas | 57 | 4 | 61 |
| Kentucky | 127 | 18 | 145 |
| Louisiana | 30 | 2 | 32 |
| Maine | 13 | 2 | 15 |
| Maryland | 181 | 12 | 193 |
| Massachusetts | 73 | 7 | 80 |
| Michigan | 123 | 23 | 146 |
| Minnesota | 154 | 24 | 178 |
| Mississippi | 66 | 5 | 71 |
| Missouri | 97 | 22 | 119 |
| Montana | 16 | 0 | 16 |
| Nebraska | 34 | 7 | 41 |
| New Hampshire | 19 | 2 | 21 |
| New Jersey | 103 | 25 | 128 |
| New Mexico | 29 | 5 | 34 |
| New York | 226 | 43 | 269 |
| Nevada | 15 | 3 | 18 |
| North Carolina | 186 | 42 | 228 |
| North Dakota | 13 | 6 | 19 |
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| State | Adoptions Finalized Abroad | Adoptions to be Finalized in the United States | Total Adoptions |
|----------------|----------------------------|--|-----------------|
| Ohio | 175 | 23 | 198 |
| Oklahoma | 46 | 13 | 59 |
| Oregon | 53 | 22 | 75 |
| Pennsylvania | 157 | 24 | 181 |
| Puerto Rico | 5 | 0 | 5 |
| Rhode Island | 8 | 0 | 8 |
| South Carolina | 82 | 7 | 89 |
| South Dakota | 25 | 1 | 26 |
| Tennessee | 146 | 31 | 177 |
| Texas | 330 | 62 | 392 |
| Utah | 52 | 11 | 63 |
| Vermont | 10 | 6 | 16 |
| Virginia | 187 | 34 | 221 |
| Washington | 142 | 31 | 173 |
| West Virginia | 19 | 1 | 20 |
| Wisconsin | 115 | 23 | 138 |
| Wyoming | 17 | 7 | 24 |
| Total | 4833 | 815 | 5648 |

Table 2: Incoming Adoptions by State

| State | Adoptions Finalized Abroad | Adoptions to be Finalized in the United States | Total Adoptions |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|--|-----------------|
| Alabama | 140 | 9 | 149 |
| Alaska | 15 | 5 | 20 |
| Americans Overseas | 12 | 1 | 13 |
| Arizona | 46 | 3 | 49 |
| Arkansas | 28 | 6 | 34 |
| California | 317 | 74 | 391 |
| Colorado | 165 | 12 | 177 |
| Connecticut | 33 | 7 | 40 |
| Delaware | 9 | 0 | 9 |
| District of Columbia | 16 | 0 | 16 |
| Federated States of Micronesia | 1 | 0 | 1 |

Table 3: Outgoing (Emigrating) Adoptions

| Receiving Country | U.S. State from which the Child Emigrated | Number of Outgoing Adoption Cases |
|-------------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| Austria | Indiana | 1 |
| | Texas | 1 |
| Canada | Arizona | 1 |
| | California | 1 |
| | Florida | 33 |
| | Nevada | 1 |

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|--------------|----------------|-----------|
| | New Jersey | 1 |
| | New York | 1 |
| | South Carolina | 1 |
| Ireland | Florida | 6 |
| | New Jersey | 2 |
| Mexico | California | 2 |
| Netherlands | California | 1 |
| | Florida | 26 |
| | Louisiana | 1 |
| | New Hampshire | 1 |
| | New Jersey | 7 |
| | New York | 1 |
| Switzerland | Nevada | 1 |
| | New Jersey | 2 |
| | New York | 2 |
| Total | | 93 |

| Convention Country | Number of Convention Cases | Average Days to Completion |
|--------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| China | 2351 | 249 |
| Colombia | 153 | 391 |
| Costa Rica | 15 | 450 |
| Dominican Republic | 11 | 807 |
| Ecuador | 6 | 353 |
| El Salvador | 4 | 566 |
| Georgia | 3 | 766 |
| Germany | 4 | 538 |
| Guinea | 2 | 523 |
| Hong Kong SAR | 19 | 335 |
| Hungary | 18 | 408 |
| India | 137 | 680 |
| Israel | 1 | 259 |
| Kenya | 2 | 687 |
| Latvia | 170 | 369 |
| Lithuania | 11 | 294 |
| Mali | 1 | 118 |
| Mexico | 24 | 692 |
| Moldova | 4 | 624 |
| Mongolia | 1 | 1067 |
| Peru | 7 | 565 |
| Philippines | 150 | 462 |
| Poland | 60 | 423 |
| Romania | 3 | 511 |
| Serbia | 2 | 231 |
| South Africa | 33 | 408 |
| Sri Lanka | 1 | 216 |
| Thailand | 47 | 688 |
| United Kingdom | 2 | 494 |

| Table 5: Median ASP Convention Adoption Fees | | | |
|--|-------------|------------------------------|-------------|
| Convention Country of Origin | Median Fees | Convention Country of Origin | Median Fees |
| Albania | \$30,100 | India | \$16,350 |
| Armenia | \$24,375 | Ireland | \$250 |
| Azerbaijan | \$19,150 | Kenya | \$6,250 |
| Belize | \$14,850 | Latvia | \$17,350 |
| Brazil | \$12,750 | Lithuania | \$22,135 |
| Burundi | \$19,720 | Mexico | \$16,497 |
| Bulgaria | \$13,415 | Moldova, Republic of | \$9,800 |
| Burkina Faso | \$15,250 | Mongolia | \$19,945 |
| Canada | \$20,000 | Netherlands | \$4,500 |
| China | \$15,825 | Panama | \$13,328 |
| Colombia | \$15,000 | Peru | \$11,500 |
| Costa Rica | \$16,480 | Philippines | \$9,400 |
| Czech Republic | \$11,600 | Poland | \$19,950 |
| Dominican Republic | \$25,300 | Romania | \$25,355 |
| Ecuador | \$6,750 | Serbia | \$5,000 |
| El Salvador | \$14,800 | South Africa | \$20,717 |
| Georgia | \$18,800 | Sri Lanka | \$7,950 |
| Guinea | \$7,150 | Thailand | \$14,920 |
| Hong Kong SAR | \$10,500 | United Kingdom | \$11,000 |
| Hungary | \$20,800 | | |

Table 4: Convention Adoptions and Average Number of Days to Completion by Convention Country

| Convention Country | Number of Convention Cases | Average Days to Completion |
|--------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Albania | 6 | 273 |
| Armenia | 19 | 615 |
| Belize | 1 | 812 |
| Brazil | 7 | 307 |
| Bulgaria | 185 | 372 |
| Burkina Faso | 5 | 550 |
| Burundi | 10 | 492 |
| Canada | 5 | 358 |
| | | |

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 | 1 | 14-SEP-2015 | Medical | Child stayed in China | Chinese Children Adoption International | Remain in China |
| China | Unknown | Unknown | Medical | Child stayed in China | Children's House International | Remain in China |
| Poland | 9 | 2-Sep-2015 | Child did not want to leave Poland | Child remained at orphanage | Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago | Remain in Poland |

Endnotes:

1) Democratic Republic of the Congo: This number does not include reissuances of visas for children unable to depart the DRC prior to visa expiration.