

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 2010 Annual Report on Intercountry Adoption (including information on both Convention and non-Convention adoptions). See Tab 1 for the elements of the report from IAA §104(b).

IAA §104(b) Report Elements. Statistical tables are found at Tab 2.

- **§104(b) (1):** Tables 1 and 2 report the number of adoptions involving immigration to the United States (“incoming adoptions”).
- **§104(b) (2):** Table 3 reports the number of adoptions involving emigration from the United States (“outgoing adoptions”).
- **§104(b) (3):** For FY 2010, adoption service providers (ASPs) reported no disrupted placements in Convention cases, i.e., cases in which there was an interruption of a placement for adoption during the post-placement (but pre-adoption) period. Table 4 summarizes additional disruption and dissolution information received pursuant to §422(b)(14) of the Social Security Act. See the footnote to Table 4 for reporting requirements in §422(b)(14) of the Social Security Act.
- **§104(b) (4):** Table 5 reports the average time to complete a Convention adoption.
- **§104(b) (5):** The current list of agencies accredited and persons approved is available on the home page of the Department’s intercountry adoption website, www.Adoption.State.gov. Find the list under the link for *Accredited Agencies*.
- **§104(b) (6):** The Secretary has not temporarily or permanently debarred an agency or person.
- **§104(b) (7):** ASPs charged between zero dollars and \$62,875 for Convention adoption services, with half charging less than \$26,200. These fees are exclusive of foreign program fees and fees for travel, translation, care of the child, and other country-specific services, which vary significantly by country of origin. Table 6 reports by country of origin the median fees for such country-specific services.
- **§104(b) (8):** Fees for accreditation of agencies and approval of persons ranged from \$2,000 to \$12,000. The Council on Accreditation’s accreditation fee is based on documented revenues from its intercountry adoption programs; Colorado’s fee is based on the number of cases the applicant handles annually. Accrediting Entity fees are found at the following links: [Council on Accreditation fees](#) and [Colorado Department of Human Services fees](#).

**TAB 1: Statute Requiring the Annual Report on Intercountry Adoptions,
IAA Section 104**

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SEC. 104. ANNUAL REPORT ON INTERCOUNTRY ADOPTIONS.

42 USC 14914.

(a) **REPORTS REQUIRED.**—Beginning 1 year after the date of the entry into force of the Convention for the United States and each year thereafter, the Secretary, in consultation with the Attorney General and other appropriate agencies, shall submit a report describing the activities of the central authority of the United States under this Act during the preceding year to the Committee on International Relations, the Committee on Ways and Means,

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and the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Foreign Relations, the Committee on Finance, and the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate.

(b) **REPORT ELEMENTS.**—Each report under subsection (a) shall set forth with respect to the year concerned, the following:

(1) The number of intercountry adoptions involving immigration to the United States, regardless of whether the adoption occurred under the Convention, including the country from which each child emigrated, the State to which each child immigrated, and the country in which the adoption was finalized.

(2) The number of intercountry adoptions involving emigration from the United States, regardless of whether the adoption occurred under the Convention, including the country to which each child immigrated and the State from which each child emigrated.

(3) The number of Convention placements for adoption in the United States that were disrupted, including the country from which the child emigrated, the age of the child, the date of the placement for adoption, the reasons for the disruption, the resolution of the disruption, the agencies that handled the placement for adoption, and the plans for the child, and in addition, any information regarding disruption or dissolution of adoptions of children from other countries received pursuant to section 422(b)(14) of the Social Security Act, as amended by section 205 of this Act.

(4) The average time required for completion of a Convention adoption, set forth by country from which the child emigrated.

(5) The current list of agencies accredited and persons approved under this Act to provide adoption services.

(6) The names of the agencies and persons temporarily or permanently debarred under this Act, and the reasons for the debarment.

(7) The range of adoption fees charged in connection with Convention adoptions involving immigration to the United States and the median of such fees set forth by the country of origin.

(8) The range of fees charged for accreditation of agencies and the approval of persons in the United States engaged in providing adoption services under the Convention.

TAB 2: Statistical Tables of the FY 2010 Annual Report on Intercountry Adoption

**Table 1: Incoming Adoptions
by Country of Origin**

Country or Territory of Origin	Adoptions Finalized Abroad	Adoptions to be Finalized in the United States	Total Adoptions
Albania	6	0	6
Algeria	3	0	3
Antigua and Barbuda	1	0	1
Armenia	13	5	18
Bangladesh	0	10	10
Barbados	1	0	1
Belize	0	5	5
Bhutan	1	0	1
Bosnia-Herzegovina	0	1	1
Brazil	27	0	27
Bulgaria	39	1	40
Cameroon	9	4	13
China, People's Republic of	3,277	124	3,401
Colombia	235	0	235
Congo-Kinshasa	25	17	42
Cote D'Ivoire	4	0	4
Croatia	0	1	1
Dominica	7	0	7
Dominican Republic	7	0	7
Ecuador	12	0	12
Egypt	0	3	3
El Salvador	10	0	10
Eritrea	1	1	2
Estonia	19	0	19
Ethiopia	343	2,170	2,513
Fiji	0	2	2
Georgia	2	0	2
Ghana	97	20	117
Great Britain and No. Ireland	2	0	2
Grenada	1	2	3
Guatemala	46	5	51
Guinea	1	0	1
Guinea - Bissau	0	2	2
Guyana	26	6	32
Haiti* See note on final page of this report	111	22	133
Honduras	8	1	9
Hong Kong SAR	0	14	14

Table 2: Incoming Adoptions by State

State	Adoptions Finalized Abroad	Adoptions to be Finalized in the United States	Total Adoptions
Oversees Americans	18	1	19
Alaska	22	15	37
Alabama	126	24	150
Arkansas	47	31	78
Arizona	66	69	135
California	489	361	850
Colorado	200	125	325
Connecticut	104	58	162
District of Columbia	15	9	24
Delaware	19	15	34
Florida	313	111	424
Georgia	247	85	332
Guam	2	3	5
Hawaii	43	20	63
Iowa	73	60	133
Idaho	33	28	61
Illinois	300	187	487
Indiana	179	140	319
Kansas	105	37	142
Kentucky	136	120	256
Louisiana	50	10	60
Massachusetts	149	98	247
Maryland	164	112	276
Maine	28	26	54
Michigan	271	171	442
Minnesota	207	190	397
Missouri	146	95	241
Mississippi	41	11	52
Montana	14	31	45
North Carolina	244	129	373
North Dakota	12	12	24
Nebraska	38	27	65
New Hampshire	30	15	45
New Jersey	207	116	323
New Mexico	23	28	51
Nevada	13	8	21
New York	426	248	674
Ohio	290	118	408

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Hungary	5	0	5
India	22	221	243
Indonesia	3	0	3
Iran	0	12	12
Jamaica	30	29	59
Japan	3	30	33
Jordan	0	1	1
Kazakhstan	181	0	181
Kenya	13	1	14
Kosovo	3	0	3
Kyrgyzstan	1	0	1
Laos	7	0	7
Latvia	39	0	39
Lebanon	0	2	2
Lesotho	9	4	13
Liberia	23	25	48
Lithuania	15	0	15
Malawi	4	0	4
Mali	0	3	3
Mexico	50	3	53
Moldova	14	0	14
Mongolia	1	0	1
Montenegro	1	0	1
Morocco	0	32	32
Mozambique	1	0	1
Nepal	24	6	30
Nicaragua	11	0	11
Niger	1	0	1
Nigeria	183	6	189
Pakistan	0	41	41
Panama	3	0	3
Peru	35	0	35
Philippines	20	194	214
Poland	50	0	50
Rep. of The Marshall Islands	19	0	19
Russia	1,078	4	1,082
Rwanda	17	23	40
Samoa	2	1	3
Senegal	1	0	1
Serbia	12	0	12
Sierra Leone	14	0	14
Singapore	1	0	1
South Africa	3	0	3
South Korea	4	859	863
Sri Lanka	4	0	4
St. Barthelemy	1	0	1
St. Kitts and Nevis	2	0	2

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Oklahoma	65	49	114
Oregon	109	120	229
Pennsylvania	292	130	422
Puerto Rico	12	0	12
Rhode Island	15	8	23
South Carolina	90	31	121
South Dakota	18	13	31
Tennessee	200	136	336
Texas	438	156	594
Utah	90	56	146
Virginia	247	135	382
Virgin Islands	3	1	4
Vermont	13	17	30
Washington	228	182	410
Wisconsin	182	147	329
West Virginia	21	2	23
Wyoming	9	10	19
<i>Total</i>	<i>6,922</i>	<i>4,137</i>	<i>11,059</i>

Table 3: Outgoing (Emigrating) Adoptions		
Receiving Country and U.S. State from which the Child Emigrated	Number of Outgoing Adoption Cases	
Austria		
	Florida	1
Canada		
	California	1
	Florida	12
	South Carolina	5
	Texas	1
Germany		
	New Jersey	2
The Netherlands		
	California	1
	Florida	13
	New Jersey	1
	New York	3
United Kingdom		
	Florida	1
	New Jersey	1
South Africa		
	Nevada	1
<i>Total</i>		<i>43</i>

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St. Lucia	3	0	3
St. Vincent and The Grenadines	9	0	9
Swaziland	8	0	8
Taiwan	225	60	285
Tanzania	2	0	2
Thailand	0	55	55
The Bahamas	1	0	1
Togo	3	0	3
Tonga	3	0	3
Trinidad and Tobago	0	2	2
Uganda	9	53	62
Ukraine	394	51	445
Uzbekistan	5	0	5
Vietnam	8	1	9
Zambia	6	2	8
Zimbabwe	2	0	2
Total	6,922	4,137	11,059

Table 6: Median ASP Country-Specific Convention Adoption Fees

Convention Country of Origin	Median Fees
Albania	\$19,500
Armenia	\$15,275
Azerbaijan	\$18,780
Brazil	\$12,800
Bulgaria	\$13,900
China, People's Republic of	\$16,803
Colombia	\$20,530
Costa Rica	\$16,000
Dominican Republic	\$8,000
Ecuador	\$7,750
El Salvador	\$8,750
Georgia	\$16,300
Hong Kong, SAR	\$12,000
Hungary	\$34,308
India	\$15,617
Kenya	\$5,040
Latvia	\$15,860
Lithuania	\$22,818
Mexico	\$19,300
Moldova, Republic of	\$23,265
Mongolia	\$9,890
Panama	\$13,250
Peru	\$11,250
Philippines	\$11,250
Poland	\$17,845
Thailand	\$11,810

Table 4 is found on the following page.

Table 5: Convention Adoptions and Average Number of Days to Completion by Convention Country

Convention Country	Number of Convention Cases	Average Days to Completion
Albania	1	561
Armenia	7	425
Belize	4	272
Brazil	19	431
Bulgaria	29	321
China, People's Republic of	1541	174
Colombia	161	354
Dominican Republic	3	567
Ecuador	12	294
El Salvador	4	285
Estonia	19	157
Guinea	1	405
Hong Kong, SAR	13	320
Hungary	4	278
India	174	262
Latvia	35	327
Lithuania	8	384
Mexico	19	371
Moldova	13	289
Peru	21	367
Philippines	128	216
Poland	40	321
South Africa	2	227
Sri Lanka	2	221
Thailand	30	444

Table 4: Additional Information Provided by State Authorities to HHS Concerning Disruptions and Dissolutions in FY 2010 Pursuant to Section 422(b) of the Social Security Act *, **

Number of Children Involved	Agencies Involved	Plan for the Child	Reason for Disruption or Dissolution
1	Unknown, Arizona.	Dissolution: Parents relinquished parental rights in February 2010. Entered into Arizona State Custody in August 2010. Place with a foster family considering adoption.	Aggressive behavior and safety of other children.
4	Not reported, Colorado.	Terminations of parental rights of the adopted parents; children are available for adoption	Not reported.
5	Not reported, Florida.	Each child has received therapeutic services and now resides in family foster home settings. Provide ongoing support.	Not reported.
1	Cass Adoption Agency, Anne Arundel County, Dept. of Social Services of Maryland.	Dissolution on March 24, 2010. Child placed in foster care.	Death of adoptive parent.
1 of 14 children	DFCS, Mississippi.	12 children in the home with DFCS supervision.	One child died from seizure, one taken from the adoptive family due to neglect.
7	DFCS, Mississippi.	Six children in DFCS custody.	One child died from physical abuse.
1	Children of the World, Missouri.	Seeking second adoptive family.	Child's behavior.
1	Not reported, Utah.	Adoption.	Delinquent behavior.
1	Not reported, Utah.	Individualized permanency.	Neglect.

* The IAA §205 amended Section 422(b) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 622(b)(14)) as follows: “(14) provide that the State shall collect and report information on children who are adopted from other countries and who enter into State custody as a result of the disruption of a placement for adoption or the dissolution of an adoption, including the number of children, the agencies who handled the placement or adoption, the plans for the child, and the reasons for the disruption or dissolution.”

** Note that the widely reported case of the boy returned by his adoptive mother alone on a plane to Russia, his country of origin, is not included in this table. The table reports only disruptions, i.e., cases before the adoption is finalized in which the match does not work out and the child is returned to the care of the country of origin, and dissolutions, i.e., cases in which a full and final adoption is formally dissolved by the responsible court. In this case, there was a final adoption that had not yet been dissolved; hence, this case was not reported.

From Table 1, Haiti: The number of adoptions reported in this table does not reflect the approximately 1,090 Haitian children admitted as part of the Special Humanitarian Parole announced by Secretary Napolitano, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, on January 18, 2010, following the devastating earthquake in Haiti. The table reports immigrant visas issued to children adopted abroad or granted custody in the country of origin to U.S. citizens for the purpose of travelling to the United States to be adopted. None of the children who participated in the Special Humanitarian Parole received an immigrant visa and their parole is not reported in Table 1.