

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.
- **§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 ¹ <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 |
| Total | 5,418 | 1,023 | 6,441 |

| Table 2: Incoming Adoptions by State | | | |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|--|-----------------|
| State | Adoptions Finalized Abroad | Adoptions to be Finalized in the United States | Total Adoptions |
| Americans Overseas | 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 |
| Total | 5,418 | 1,023 | 6,441 |

| 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 |
| Total | | 96 |

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

¹ **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.
