

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 2013 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 2013 involving immigration to the United States, regardless of whether or not the adoption occurred under the Hague Adoption Convention.
- **§104(b) (2):** Table 3 reports the number of intercountry adoptions in FY 2013 involving emigration from the United States, regardless of whether or not the adoption occurred under the Hague Adoption Convention.
- **§104(b) (3):** In FY 2013, adoption service providers (ASPs) reported five 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 88 cases of disruptions and dissolutions involving 92 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 in June 2013 and contained information from FY 2012. 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 zero dollars and \$64,357 for all adoption services, with half charging less than \$28,845.85 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 \$22,755.00. The Council on Accreditation's accreditation fee is based on documented revenues from its intercountry adoption programs; the Colorado Department of Human Services' fee was based on the number of cases that the applicant handled annually (the Colorado Department of Human Services ceased to operate as an accrediting entity on April 1, 2013). Accrediting Entity fees are 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	2	0	2
Armenia	12	0	12
Azerbaijan	2	0	2
*Bangladesh	0	14	14
Belize	0	11	11
*Benin	1	0	1
*Bosnia-Herzegovina	1	0	1
Brazil	23	0	23
Bulgaria	159	0	159
Burkina Faso	3	0	3
Burundi	1	0	1
*Cameroon	7	0	7
Canada	0	4	4
China	2,301	5	2,306
Colombia	159	0	159
*Congo, Democratic Republic of the	25	288	313
*Congo, Republic of the	4	0	4
Costa Rica	10	0	10
*Cote D'Ivoire	2	0	2
*Dominica	5	0	5
Dominican Republic	13	0	13
Ecuador	11	0	11
*Egypt	0	1	1

Country or Territory of Origin	Adoptions Finalized Abroad	Adoptions to be Finalized in the U.S.	Total Adoptions
El Salvador	7	0	7
*Eritrea	3	4	7
*Ethiopia	950	43	993
Fiji	1	0	1
*Gambia, The	1	1	2
Georgia	5	0	5
*Ghana	118	52	170
Greece	1	0	1
*Grenada	3	0	3
Guatemala	23	0	23
Guinea	1	0	1
*Guinea – Bissau	1	4	5
*Guyana	49	1	50
*Haiti	365	23	388
*Honduras	19	0	19
Hong Kong	0	17	17
Hungary	23	0	23
India	97	22	119
*Indonesia	2	0	2
*Iran	0	3	3
*Jamaica	32	47	79
*Japan	1	21	22
*Jordan	0	4	4
Kenya	4	0	4
Latvia	89	0	89
*Lebanon	2	0	2
Lesotho	2	1	3
*Liberia	7	5	12
Lithuania	11	0	11
*Malawi	10	0	10

Country or Territory of Origin	Adoptions Finalized Abroad	Adoptions to be Finalized in the U.S.	Total Adoptions
*Malaysia	1	1	2
*Marshall Islands	18	0	18
Mexico	21	0	21
Mongolia	1	1	2
*Morocco	0	24	24
*Mozambique	3	0	3
*Namibia	1	0	1
*Nicaragua	37	0	37
*Niger	2	0	2
*Nigeria	181	2	183
*Pakistan	0	47	47
Panama	3	1	4
Peru	21	0	21
Philippines	6	172	178
Poland	49	0	49
*Republic of Korea	71	67	138
*Russia	249	1	250
*Samoa	2	7	9
*Serbia	7	0	7
*Sierra Leone	28	5	33
*Singapore	1	0	1
South Africa	17	0	17
*South Sudan	2	0	2
*St. Lucia	0	1	1
*St. Vincent and the Grenadines	18	0	18
*Sudan	1	0	1
*Suriname	0	1	1
*Syria	0	1	1
*Taiwan	76	18	94

Country or Territory of Origin	Adoptions Finalized Abroad	Adoptions to be Finalized in the U.S.	Total Adoptions
*Tanzania	9	0	9
Thailand	4	32	36
Togo	1	0	1
*Tonga	4	0	4
*Trinidad and Tobago	0	2	2
*Uganda	6	270	276
*Ukraine	403	35	438
United Kingdom	10	0	10
*Vanuatu	1	0	1
*Zambia	5	0	5
Total	5,833	1,261	7,094

Table 2: Incoming Adoptions by State			
State	Adoptions Finalized Abroad	Adoptions to be Finalized in the United States	Total Adoptions
Overseas Americans	10	0	10
Alaska	14	8	22
Alabama	152	19	171
Arkansas	50	3	53
Arizona	75	19	94
California	360	117	477
Colorado	152	38	190
Connecticut	46	5	51
District of Columbia	15	8	23
Delaware	14	6	20
Florida	243	39	282
Georgia	237	42	279
Guam	1	3	4
Hawaii	12	10	22
Iowa	77	20	97
Idaho	39	17	56
Illinois	265	54	319
Indiana	166	69	235
Kansas	65	14	79
Kentucky	131	21	152
Louisiana	38	3	41
Massachusetts	90	17	107
Maryland	158	37	195
Maine	36	4	40
Michigan	200	31	231
Minnesota	170	35	205
Missouri	156	19	175

State	Adoptions Finalized Abroad	Adoptions to be Finalized in the United States	Total Adoptions
Mississippi	46	4	50
Montana	23	12	35
North Carolina	196	50	246
North Dakota	12	3	15
Nebraska	52	7	59
New Hampshire	11	8	19
New Jersey	111	25	136
New Mexico	24	14	38
Nevada	14	9	23
New York	292	68	360
Ohio	242	21	263
Oklahoma	62	30	92
Oregon	102	35	137
Pennsylvania	225	49	274
Puerto Rico	5	1	6
Rhode Island	18	1	19
South Carolina	104	18	122
South Dakota	16	2	18
Tennessee	222	40	262
Texas	417	72	489
Utah	97	11	108
Virginia	215	43	258
Virgin Islands	2	0	2
Vermont	16	1	17
Washington	199	42	241
Wisconsin	106	27	133
West Virginia	13	5	18
Wyoming	19	5	24
Total	5,833	1,261	7,094

Table 3: Outgoing (Emigrating) Adoptions		
Receiving Country	U.S. State from which the Child Emigrated	Number of Outgoing Adoption Cases
Austria	Florida	1
Canada	Florida	21
	Illinois	1
	Indiana	2
	Minnesota	1
	New Jersey	2
	South Carolina	6
	Texas	1
	Utah	1
Ireland	Florida	5
Netherlands	California	2
	Florida	15
	Hawaii	1
	Maine	1
	Missouri	1
	New Jersey	16
	New York	2
Switzerland	Florida	2
Tanzania	California	1
United Kingdom	Florida	1
	Missouri	1
Total		84

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	475
Armenia	12	411
Azerbaijan	2	436
Belize	11	309
Brazil	23	511
Bulgaria	158	380
Burkina Faso	3	356
Burundi	1	601
Canada	4	181
China	2,239	257
Colombia	159	397
Costa Rica	10	560
Dominican Republic	12	588
Ecuador	11	236
El Salvador	5	649
Georgia	5	461
Greece	1	375
Guinea	1	469
Hong Kong	17	338
Hungary	23	312
India	117	616
Kenya	4	456
Latvia	89	315
Lithuania	11	261
Mexico	19	536
Mongolia	1	474

Convention Country	Number of Convention Cases	Average Days to Completion
Panama	4	71
Peru	21	534
Philippines	169	444
Poland	49	393
South Africa	17	224
Thailand	36	605
Togo	1	651
United Kingdom	10	328

Table 5: Median ASP Convention Adoption Fees			
Convention Country of Origin	Median Fees	Convention Country of Origin	Median Fees
Albania	\$27,160	Hong Kong	\$10,500
Armenia	\$19,825	Hungary	\$21,735
Azerbaijan	\$18,080	India	\$14,073
Belize	\$15,750	Kenya	\$6,250
Brazil	\$10,413	Latvia	\$16,847
Bulgaria	\$12,550	Lithuania	\$14,892
Burkina Faso	\$13,000	Mexico	\$14,250
Burundi	\$16,700	Mongolia	\$18,890
Canada	\$20,000	Panama	\$13,328
China	\$15,675	Peru	\$11,500
Colombia	\$17,300	Philippines	\$8,800
Costa Rica	\$15,675	Poland	\$17,000
Dominican Republic	\$15,300	South Africa	\$26,994
Ecuador	\$6,750	Thailand	\$14,920
El Salvador	\$14,500	United Kingdom	\$11,000
Georgia	\$18,800		

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	6	15-Jan-2013	Medical	Child returned to the Social Welfare Institute in the country of origin	Living Hope Adoption Agency	Remain in country of origin
Philippines	15	7-Feb-2013	Medical	Child returned to the Philippines and is enrolled in an independent living program sponsored by Holt International	Holt International	Placed in country of origin
Philippines	4	22-Feb-2013	Concerns expressed by the family during the second post-placement report	Child placed with a family	Christian Adoption Services, Inc.	Placed in the United States
China	3	29-April-2013	The child decided that she did not want to be adopted	Child returned to the orphanage	China Adoption With Love, Inc.	Remain in the country of origin
Philippines	17	21-Dec-2013	A bond was not established between the child and the prospective adoptive parents	Permanent placement with another family	Pearl S. Buck International	Placed in the United States