

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 2011 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 2011 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 2011 involving emigration from the United States, regardless of whether or not the adoption occurred under The Hague Adoption Convention.
- **§104(b) (3):** In FY 2011, 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 33 cases of disruptions and dissolutions involving 41 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, 2011 and contained information from FY 2010. 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 \$26,559.50 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 \$2,000 to \$14,750. 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 that the applicant handles annually. Accrediting Entity fees are found at the following links: [Council on Accreditation fees](#) and [Colorado Department of Human Services fees](#).

Table 1: Incoming Adoptions by Country of Origin

Country or Territory of Origin	Adoptions Finalized Abroad	Adoptions to be Finalized in the U.S.	Total Adoptions
Albania	3	0	3
Algeria	2	0	2
Antigua and Barbuda	2	0	2
Argentina	0	1	1
Armenia	22	0	22
Bangladesh	0	10	10
Belarus	1	0	1
Belgium	1	0	1
Belize	0	6	6
Benin	0	1	1
Bosnia-Herzegovina	1	0	1
Brazil	9	0	9
Bulgaria	75	0	75
Burkina Faso	2	0	2
Burundi	1	0	1
Cameroon	20	3	23
Canada	2	7	9
Cape Verde	1	0	1
Chile	1	0	1
China, People's Republic of	2,541	48	2,589
Colombia	216	0	216
Congo-Kinshasa	17	116	133
Cote D'Ivoire	2	0	2
Dominica	1	0	1
Dominican Republic	5	0	5

Country or Territory of Origin	Adoptions Finalized Abroad	Adoptions to be Finalized in the U.S.	Total Adoptions
Ecuador	6	0	6
Egypt	0	1	1
El Salvador	8	0	8
Eritrea	2	2	4
Estonia	7	0	7
Ethiopia	1,601	126	1,727
Ghana	84	16	100
Great Britain and No. Ireland	4	5	9
Grenada	3	0	3
Guatemala	29	3	32
Guinea – Bissau	0	2	2
Guyana	44	1	45
Haiti	29	4	33
Honduras	10	1	11
Hong Kong SAR	0	12	12
Hungary	4	0	4
India	60	168	228
Indonesia	1	0	1
Iran	0	5	5
Israel	0	1	1
Ireland	1	0	1
Jamaica	50	50	100
Japan	3	24	27
Jordan	1	4	5
Kazakhstan	86	0	86
Kenya	6	0	6
Laos	5	1	6
Latvia	56	0	56

Country or Territory of Origin	Adoptions Finalized Abroad	Adoptions to be Finalized in the U.S.	Total Adoptions
Lebanon	4	0	4
Lesotho	6	4	10
Liberia	13	16	29
Lithuania	20	0	20
Madagascar	1	0	1
Malawi	3	0	3
Mexico	21	1	22
Moldova	10	0	10
Morocco	0	46	46
Namibia	1	0	1
Nepal	55	10	65
Nicaragua	30	0	30
Nigeria	147	1	148
Pakistan	1	24	25
Panama	1	0	1
Papua New Guinea	0	2	2
Paraguay	4	0	4
Peru	13	0	13
Philippines	14	216	230
Poland	52	0	52
Rep. of The Marshall Islands	20	0	20
Russia	965	5	970
Rwanda	57	1	58
Senegal	0	1	1
Serbia	7	0	7
Sierra Leone	7	0	7
Singapore	1	0	1
Somalia	0	5	5
South Africa	3	0	3

Country or Territory of Origin	Adoptions Finalized Abroad	Adoptions to be Finalized in the U.S.	Total Adoptions
South Korea	2	734	736
Sri Lanka	3	0	3
St. Kitts and Nevis	4	0	4
St. Lucia	3	1	4
St. Vincent and The Grenadines	13	1	14
Sudan	0	1	1
Suriname	0	2	2
Swaziland	1	0	1
Taiwan	153	52	205
Tajikistan	0	2	2
Tanzania	2	0	2
Thailand	3	42	45
The Bahamas	2	0	2
The Gambia	1	0	1
Tonga	4	0	4
Trinidad and Tobago	0	6	6
Uganda	11	196	207
Ukraine	572	60	632
Zambia	16	0	16
Zimbabwe	2	0	2
Total	7,273	2,047	9,320

Table 2: Incoming Adoptions by State			
State	Adoptions Finalized Abroad	Adoptions to be Finalized in the United States	Total Adoptions
Overseas Americans	15	1	16
Alaska	16	10	26
Alabama	133	36	169
Arkansas	45	11	56
Arizona	81	27	108
California	469	207	676
Colorado	248	40	288
Connecticut	71	28	99
District of Columbia	28	9	37
Delaware	16	5	21
Florida	323	75	398
Georgia	262	56	318
Guam	0	1	1
Hawaii	14	21	35
Iowa	91	33	124
Idaho	42	15	57
Illinois	354	80	434
Indiana	226	64	290
Kansas	80	22	102
Kentucky	174	56	230
Louisiana	51	7	58
Massachusetts	150	31	181
Maryland	180	60	240
Maine	26	11	37
Michigan	248	73	321
Minnesota	251	105	356
Missouri	153	28	181

State	Adoptions Finalized Abroad	Adoptions to be Finalized in the United States	Total Adoptions
Mississippi	45	8	53
Montana	32	21	53
North Carolina	234	81	315
North Dakota	10	0	10
Nebraska	53	12	65
New Hampshire	34	12	46
New Jersey	160	78	238
New Mexico	29	9	38
Nevada	14	11	25
New York	450	99	549
Ohio	280	65	345
Oklahoma	72	20	92
Oregon	129	35	164
Pennsylvania	275	77	352
Puerto Rico	17	0	17
Rhode Island	15	1	16
South Carolina	124	14	138
South Dakota	41	5	46
Tennessee	227	62	289
Texas	482	88	570
Utah	107	21	128
Virginia	241	80	321
Vermont	21	6	27
Washington	211	74	285
Wisconsin	175	51	226
West Virginia	22	4	26
Wyoming	26	1	27
Total	7,273	2,047	9,320

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	18
	Nevada	1
	South Carolina	12
Curacao	Florida	1
Germany	New Jersey	2
Ireland	Florida	5
Mexico	California	1
The Netherlands	California	1
	Florida	21
	Kansas	1
	New Jersey	2
	Pennsylvania	1
	Texas	1
Spain	Florida	1
Switzerland	California	1
	Florida	1
United Kingdom	Florida	1
	Texas	1
Total		73

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	3	509
Armenia	21	620
Belarus	1	319
Belize	5	514
Brazil	9	364
Bulgaria	68	350
Burkina Faso	2	356
Canada	9	207
Chile	1	694
China, People's Republic of	1,785	254
Colombia	186	346
Dominican Republic	1	365
Ecuador	6	228
El Salvador	3	275
Estonia	6	154
Hong Kong, SAR	10	267
Hungary	3	310
India	206	553
Israel	1	294
Latvia	53	292
Lithuania	19	524
Madagascar	1	79
Mexico	15	519
Moldova	10	318
Panama	1	166
Peru	11	315

Convention Country	Number of Convention Cases	Average Days to Completion
Philippines	193	413
Poland	52	337
South Africa	3	177
Sri Lanka	3	447
Thailand	40	429

Table 5: Median ASP Convention Adoption Fees

Convention Country of Origin	Median Fees	Convention Country of Origin	Median Fees
Albania	\$19,500	India	\$12,867
Armenia	\$19,825	Ireland	\$250
Azerbaijan	\$18,780	Kenya	\$5,250
Brazil	\$12,800	Latvia	\$17,250
Bulgaria	\$13,390	Lithuania	\$22,818
Burkina Faso	\$18,190	Mexico	\$15,657.50
Canada	\$20,000	Moldova, Republic of	\$23,265
China, People's Republic of	\$15,930	Mongolia	\$9,890
Colombia	\$18,200	Netherlands	\$6,750
Costa Rica	\$14,025	Panama	\$15,355
Dominican Republic	\$8,000	Peru	\$11,625
Ecuador	\$7,750	Philippines	\$10,700
El Salvador	\$12,100	Poland	\$17,375
Georgia	\$16,300	South Africa	\$26,063
Guatemala	\$26,622.50	Sri Lanka	\$24,450
Hong Kong, SAR	\$15,250	Thailand	\$14,920
Hungary	\$24,860		

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 Placement	Plans for the Child
Philippines	8	05-Apr-2009	Unreported	Child placed in the United States	Associated Catholic Charities	Placed in the United States – No further action
India	5	2010	Family unable to meet the needs of the child	In process	International Family Services	Placed in the United States – In State of residence
India	Under 1	20-Sept-2010	Change of family circumstances	In process	Faith International Adoptions	Prospective placement in the United States – subsequent adoption not yet reported as finalized
India	7	26-Nov 2010	Family unable to meet the needs of the child	Pending transfer of guardianship	MAPS	Placed in the United States – No further action
India	4	01-Jul-2011	Difficulty with the family	In process	Holt International	Placed in the United States