

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

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

	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

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

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 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.