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Introduction

The *Hague Convention of 29 May 1993 on Protection of Children and Co-operation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption* (1993 Hague Convention) provides for the collection and exchange of statistics on intercountry adoption as a means to promote cooperation amongst Central Authorities, verify that safeguards are met, and facilitate the provision of post-adoption services. Access to these statistics allows stakeholders to monitor the operation of the Convention, develop policy, and identify good practice in intercountry adoption.

Guide to Good Practice No 1 recognises the utility of statistics in measuring the effective implementation of the 1993 Hague Convention (para. 189). In particular, when analysed alongside economic and demographic data, statistics can help stakeholders understand the fundamental nature of intercountry adoption and monitor its geographic and temporal trends.

In accordance with Recommendation No 9 of the 2005 Special Commission, the Permanent Bureau is working to promote the collection and exchange of intercountry adoption statistics by developing standards forms for Contracting States to complete. The Permanent Bureau is also in discussions with UNICEF and the International Social Service to consider how best to develop a centralised database which ensures the collection of regular, reliable and standardised statistics.

Statistics from Member States and Contracting States alone do not provide a complete picture of intercountry adoption. However, while progress is made towards implementing a centralised database, each State is asked to submit its statistics to the Permanent Bureau for the years 2005 to 2009 (inclusive) using the standard form which is available on the Hague Conference website at < www.hcch.net > under "Work in Progress" then "Intercountry Adoption".

The standard form has been simplified to promote greater comparability of data and to reduce the workload of Central Authorities to complete the forms.

The Permanent Bureau would be grateful to receive completed forms by **14 May 2010** so that the data may be considered by the Special Commission in June. States are encouraged to submit completed forms (where possible) by e-mail: < secretariat@hcch.net >

Country: New Zealand Year: 2005

ear. 2005

| State of origin | | Age a | and gei | nder of | f child a | at ado | otion ² | Number of adoptions of special needs children ³ | Number of intra- family adoptions ⁴ | | |
|---|------------------------|-------|---------|---------|-----------|--------|--------------------|--|---|---|---|
| | adoptions ¹ | | <1 | | 1-4 | | 5-9 | | 10 | | |
| | | М | F | М | F | М | F | М | F | | |
| China | 13 | - | 9 | 1 | 3 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Philippines | 7 | - | - | 2 | 2 | 1 | - | 1 | 1 | 4 | 2 |
| Russia | 10 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 3 | - | - | 4 | - |
| Thailand | 2 | - | - | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total number of intercountry adoptions | 32 | 1 | 10 | 6 | 8 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 2 |
| Total number of domestic adoptions | 248* | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total number of adoptions | 280 | 1 | 10 | 6 | 8 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 2 |

* **NOTE:** This data above is for the fiscal year 1 July 2004 – 30 June 2005. The domestic adoption data can not be provided by age and gender but includes adoptions by: non-relatives domestic adoptions; one parent and spouse domestic adoptions; relative domestic adoptions; and foster parent domestic adoptions. Please note, the data above reflects the date that the child came into the care of the adopted parent(s), which may not necessarily be the date the adoption was finalised.

Note 1: This number includes adoptions completed in the State of origin and adoptions completed in your State.

Note 2: If your national statistics are compiled according to other age groups, please indicate accordingly *e.g.* if you only count the number of children under 5, you should combine the two columns here that refer to children under 1 year old and between 1 and 4 years old.

Note 3: Children with special needs are those who may be suffering from a behaviour disorder or trauma, physically or mentally disabled, older children (usually above 7 years of age), or part of a sibling group.

Note 4: Intra-family adoptions include step-parent adoptions. If possible, please indicate separately in this column the number of intra-family adoptions that are step-parent adoptions. If your national statistics do not distinguish adoptions by relatives, please state "**n/a**".

Country: New Zealand Year: 2006

ear. 2000

| State of origin | | Age | and ge | nder o | f child | at ado | ption ⁶ | Number of adoptions of special needs children ⁷ | Number of intra- family adoptions ⁸ | | |
|---|------------|-----|--------|--------|---------|--------|--------------------|--|---|---|---|
| | adoptions⁵ | | <1 | | 1-4 | | 5-9 | | 10 | | |
| | | М | F | М | F | М | F | М | F | | |
| China | 6 | - | 1 | - | 5 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Philippines | 2 | - | - | - | 2 | - | - | - | - | 2 | - |
| Russia | 9 | - | 1 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 2 | - | - | 4 | - |
| Thailand | 5 | - | - | - | 2 | 1 | - | - | 2 | - | 2 |
| Total number of intercountry adoptions | 22 | - | 2 | 2 | 10 | 4 | 2 | - | 2 | 6 | 2 |
| Total number of domestic adoptions | 215* | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total number of adoptions | 237 | - | 2 | 2 | 10 | 4 | 2 | - | 2 | 6 | 2 |

* **NOTE:** This data above is for the fiscal year 1 July 2005 – 30 June 2006. The domestic adoption data can not be provided by age and gender but includes adoptions by: non-relatives domestic adoptions; one parent and spouse domestic adoptions; relative domestic adoptions; and foster parent domestic adoptions. Please note, the data above reflects the date that the child came into the care of the adopted parent(s), which may not necessarily be the date the adoption was finalised.

Note 5: This number includes adoptions completed in the State of origin and adoptions completed in your State.

Note 6: If your national statistics are compiled according to other age groups, please indicate accordingly *e.g.* if you only count the number of children under 5, you should combine the two columns here that refer to children under 1 year old and between 1 and 4 years old.

Note 7: Children with special needs are those who may be suffering from a behaviour disorder or trauma, physically or mentally disabled, older children (usually above 7 years of age), or part of a sibling group.

Note 8: Intra-family adoptions include step-parent adoptions. If possible, please indicate separately in this column the number of intra-family adoptions that are step-parent adoptions. If your national statistics do not distinguish adoptions by relatives, please state "**n/a**".

Country: New Zealand

Year: 2007

| State of origin | Total number of completed adoptions ⁹ | | Age a | and ger | nder of | child a | at adop | otion ¹⁰ | Number of adoptions of special needs children ¹¹ | Number of intra- family adoptions ¹² | |
|---|--|---|-------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------------------|---|--|---|
| | | < | :1 | 1 1- | | 5 | 5-9 | | 10 | | |
| | | м | F | М | F | М | F | М | F | | |
| China | 2 | - | - | - | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| India | 1 | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Philippines | 9 | - | - | 1 | 3 | - | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 5 |
| Russia | 33 | - | 1 | 14 | 12 | 3 | 3 | - | - | 12 | - |
| Thailand | 11 | - | - | 7 | 2 | - | 1 | - | 1 | - | 2 |
| Tonga | 1 | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Total number of intercountry adoptions | 57 | - | 1 | 23 | 20 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 14 | 8 |
| Total number of domestic adoptions | 241* | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total number of adoptions | 298 | - | 1 | 23 | 20 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 14 | 8 |

* **NOTE:** This data above is for the fiscal year 1 July 2006 – 30 June 2007. The domestic adoption data can not be provided by age and gender but includes adoptions by: non-relatives domestic adoptions; one parent and spouse domestic adoptions; relative domestic adoptions; and foster parent domestic adoptions. Please note, the data above reflects the date that the child came into the care of the adopted parent(s), which may not necessarily be the date the adoption was finalised.

Note 9: This number includes adoptions completed in the State of origin and adoptions completed in your State.

Note 10: If your national statistics are compiled according to other age groups, please indicate accordingly *e.g.* if you only count the number of children under 5, you should combine the two columns here that refer to children under 1 year old and between 1 and 4 years old.

Note 11: Children with special needs are those who may be suffering from a behaviour disorder or trauma, physically or mentally disabled, older children (usually above 7 years of age), or part of a sibling group.

Note 12: Intra-family adoptions include step-parent adoptions. If possible, please indicate separately in this column the number of intra-family adoptions that are step-parent adoptions. If your national statistics do not distinguish adoptions by relatives, please state "**n/a**".

Country: New Zealand

Year: 2008

| State of origin | Total number of completed adoptions ¹³ | | Age a | and ger | nder of | child a | at adop | otion ¹⁴ | Number of adoptions of special needs children ¹⁵ | Number of intra- family adoptions ¹⁶ | |
|---|---|----|-------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------------------|---|--|---|
| | | <1 | | 1-4 | | 5-9 | | >10 | | | |
| | | м | F | М | F | М | F | М | F | | |
| Chile | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - |
| China | 6 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Ecuador | 2 | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | 2 |
| India | 2 | - | - | - | 1 | - | 1 | - | - | 1 | - |
| Lithuania | 5 | - | - | - | - | 3 | 1 | 1 | - | 5 | - |
| Moldova | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | 1 |
| Philippines | 5 | - | - | 2 | 2 | - | 1 | - | - | 2 | 3 |
| Russia | 12 | - | - | 5 | 5 | 2 | - | - | - | 6 | - |
| Thailand | 2 | - | - | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Tonga | 3 | - | - | 1 | - | - | 1 | - | 1 | - | 3 |
| Total number of intercountry adoptions | 39 | 2 | 1 | 10 | 11 | 6 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 14 | 9 |
| Total number of domestic adoptions | 232* | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total number of adoptions | 271 | 2 | 1 | 10 | 11 | 6 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 14 | 9 |

* **NOTE:** This data above is for the fiscal year 1 July 2007 – 30 June 2008. The domestic adoption data can not be provided by age and gender but includes adoptions by: non-relatives domestic adoptions; one parent and spouse domestic adoptions; relative domestic adoptions; and foster parent domestic adoptions. Please note, the data above reflects the date that the child came into the care of the adopted parent(s), which may not necessarily be the date the adoption was finalised.

Note 13: This number includes adoptions completed in the State of origin and adoptions completed in your State.

Note 14: If your national statistics are compiled according to other age groups, please indicate accordingly *e.g.* if you only count the number of children under 5, you should combine the two columns here that refer to children under 1 year old and between 1 and 4 years old.

Note 15: Children with special needs are those who may be suffering from a behaviour disorder or trauma, physically or mentally disabled, older children (usually above 7 years of age), or part of a sibling group.

Note 16: Intra-family adoptions include step-parent adoptions. If possible, please indicate separately in this column the number of intra-family adoptions that are step-parent adoptions. If your national statistics do not distinguish adoptions by relatives, please state "**n/a**".

Country: New Zealand

Year: 2009

| State of origin | Total number of completed adoptions ¹⁷ | | Age a | and ger | nder of | child a | at adop | otion ¹⁸ | Number of adoptions of special needs children ¹⁹ | Number of intra- family adoptions ²⁰ | |
|---|---|---|-------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------------------|---|--|---|
| | | < | <1 | 1-4 | | 4 5- | | > | 10 | | |
| | | м | F | м | F | М | F | м | F | | |
| Chile | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - |
| Hong Kong | 2 | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | 1 | 2 | - |
| India | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - |
| Philippines | 2 | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | 1 | 1 | - |
| Russia | 2 | - | - | - | 1 | - | 1 | - | - | - | - |
| Thailand | 8 | - | - | 1 | 6 | - | 1 | - | - | - | - |
| Tonga | 2 | - | - | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | 2 |
| Total number of intercountry adoptions | 18 | - | - | 2 | 9 | 1 | 4 | - | 1 | 3 | 2 |
| Total number of domestic adoptions | 181* | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total number of adoptions | 199 | - | - | 2 | 9 | 1 | 4 | - | 1 | 3 | 2 |

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Note 17: This number includes adoptions completed in the State of origin and adoptions completed in your State.

Note 18: If your national statistics are compiled according to other age groups, please indicate accordingly *e.g.* if you only count the number of children under 5, you should combine the two columns here that refer to children under 1 year old and between 1 and 4 years old.

Note 19: Children with special needs are those who may be suffering from a behaviour disorder or trauma, physically or mentally disabled, older children (usually above 7 years of age), or part of a sibling group.

Note 20: Intra-family adoptions include step-parent adoptions. If possible, please indicate separately in this column the number of intra-family adoptions that are step-parent adoptions. If your national statistics do not distinguish adoptions by relatives, please state "**n/a**".