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## FY 2012 Annual Report on Intercountry Adoption January 2013

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 2012 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 2012 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 2012 involving emigration from the United States, regardless of whether or not the adoption occurred under the Hague Adoption Convention.
- **§104(b) (3):** In FY 2012, adoption service providers (ASPs) reported no 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.

In addition, information received from the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to §422(b)(12) of the Social Security Act indicated 71 cases of disruptions and dissolutions involving 76 children who were adopted from other countries and entered state custody as a result.<sup>1</sup> 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 2012 and contained information from FY 2011. All of the information provided by states in the APSR was included in this count regardless of the date provided from the states, the 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](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 \$28,425.00 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 \$14,075. 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](#).

<sup>1</sup> The information on intercountry adoption disruptions reflects submissions from 49 jurisdictions.

**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
Afghanistan	0	2	2
Albania	1	0	1
Algeria	2	0	2
Antigua and Barbuda	5	0	5
Armenia	19	0	19
Azerbaijan	3	0	3
Bangladesh	0	19	19
Belize	0	1	1
Bhutan	1	0	1
Brazil	21	0	21
Bulgaria	125	0	125
Cameroon	7	5	12
Canada	1	4	5
China	2,676	21	2,697
Colombia	194	1	195
Congo, Democratic Republic of the	28	212	240
Congo, Republic of the	1	0	1
Costa Rica	6	0	6
Cote D'Ivoire	9	2	11
Dominica	10	0	10
Dominican Republic	5	0	5
Djibouti	1	0	1
Ecuador	15	0	15
Egypt	1	0	1
El Salvador	6	0	6

Country or Territory of Origin	Adoptions Finalized Abroad	Adoptions to be Finalized in the U.S.	Total Adoptions
Eritrea	3	1	4
Estonia	4	0	4
Ethiopia	1,454	114	1,568
Fiji	1	0	1
France	1	0	1
French Polynesia	0	1	1
Gambia, The	1	0	1
Ghana	149	22	171
Grenada	4	0	4
Guatemala	5	2	7
Guinea	1	0	1
Guinea – Bissau	0	1	1
Guyana	33	3	36
Haiti	144	10	154
Honduras	10	0	10
Hong Kong	0	12	12
Hungary	24	0	24
Iceland	0	1	1
India	76	83	159
Indonesia	3	0	3
Iran	0	4	4
Jamaica	17	26	43
Japan	2	19	21
Jordan	0	2	2
Kenya	6	0	6
Kosovo	1	0	1
Kyrgyzstan	9	0	9
Laos	1	0	1
Latvia	81	1	82

Country or Territory of Origin	Adoptions Finalized Abroad	Adoptions to be Finalized in the U.S.	Total Adoptions
Lebanon	2	2	4
Lesotho	5	0	5
Liberia	20	14	34
Lithuania	8	0	8
Madagascar	1	0	1
Malawi	6	0	6
Malaysia	3	0	3
Marshall Islands	16	0	16
Mexico	21	0	21
Moldova	3	0	3
Mongolia	1	0	1
Morocco	0	57	57
Mozambique	3	0	3
Nepal	2	1	3
Nicaragua	21	0	21
Niger	2	0	2
Nigeria	196	1	197
Oman	1	0	1
Pakistan	0	29	29
Panama	2	0	2
Papua New Guinea	1	0	1
Peru	26	0	26
Philippines	4	121	125
Poland	35	0	35
Republic of Korea	1	626	627
Russia	746	2	748
Rwanda	22	1	23
Samoa	3	0	3
Senegal	0	1	1

Country or Territory of Origin	Adoptions Finalized Abroad	Adoptions to be Finalized in the U.S.	Total Adoptions
Serbia	5	0	5
Sierra Leone	2	0	2
South Africa	7	0	7
Sri Lanka	1	0	1
St. Kitts and Nevis	1	0	1
St. Lucia	2	0	2
St. Vincent and The Grenadines	6	0	6
Swaziland	1	0	1
Taiwan	142	35	177
Tanzania	0	1	1
Thailand	7	50	57
Timor-Leste	1	0	1
Tonga	5	0	5
Trinidad and Tobago	2	4	6
Tunisia	1	0	1
Turkey	0	1	1
Uganda	11	227	238
Ukraine	364	31	395
United Kingdom	1	4	5
Uzbekistan	2	0	2
Venezuela	0	1	1
Zambia	10	1	11
Total	6,889	1,779	8,668

Table 2: Incoming Adoptions by State			
State	Adoptions Finalized Abroad	Adoptions to be Finalized in the U.S.	Total Adoptions
Overseas Americans	13	2	15
Alaska	26	5	31
Alabama	150	20	170
Arkansas	43	12	55
Arizona	62	43	105
California	414	141	555
Colorado	218	57	275
Connecticut	71	19	90
District of Columbia	25	12	37
Delaware	6	1	7
Florida	349	49	398
Georgia	253	55	308
Guam	0	1	1
Hawaii	19	14	33
Iowa	77	37	114
Idaho	27	12	39
Illinois	309	81	390
Indiana	227	60	287
Kansas	77	24	101
Kentucky	164	45	209
Louisiana	55	6	61
Massachusetts	131	40	171
Maryland	195	40	235
Maine	23	4	27
Michigan	221	51	272
Minnesota	218	77	295
Missouri	148	40	188

State	Adoptions Finalized Abroad	Adoptions to be Finalized in the U.S.	Total Adoptions
Mississippi	52	2	54
Montana	39	6	45
North Carolina	262	72	334
North Dakota	14	2	16
Nebraska	43	10	53
New Hampshire	28	6	34
New Jersey	129	54	183
New Mexico	19	15	34
Nevada	12	3	15
New York	402	90	492
Ohio	252	40	292
Oklahoma	70	16	86
Oregon	95	31	126
Pennsylvania	237	58	295
Puerto Rico	12	0	12
Rhode Island	15	2	17
South Carolina	94	15	109
South Dakota	33	3	36
Tennessee	213	60	273
Texas	497	120	617
Utah	116	17	133
Virginia	251	77	328
Virgin Islands	2	0	2
Vermont	13	4	17
Washington	254	66	320
Wisconsin	178	53	231
West Virginia	22	5	27
Wyoming	14	4	18
Total	6,889	1,779	8,668

Table 3: Outgoing (Emigrating) Adoptions		
Receiving Country	U.S. State from which the Child Emigrated	Number of Outgoing Adoption Cases
Austria	Alabama	1
	California	1
	Florida	3
Canada	California	1
	Florida	28
	Illinois	2
	Louisiana	1
	Nevada	1
	New Jersey	1
	South Carolina	7
Ireland	Florida	14
Mexico	California	1
Netherlands	Arkansas	1
	Florida	17
	Hawaii	1
	Maine	1
	New Jersey	4
	New York	1
	Pennsylvania	3
Switzerland	California	3
	Florida	1
United Kingdom	Colorado	1
	Florida	1
	Kansas	1
	Missouri	1
	Ohio	1
	Texas	1
Total		99

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	1	221
Armenia	17	667
Azerbaijan	3	368
Belize	1	664
Brazil	21	273
Bulgaria	121	388
Canada	5	201
China	2,309	267
Colombia	180	403
Costa Rica	6	690
Dominican Republic	5	741
Ecuador	15	266
El Salvador	2	453
Estonia	4	153
France	1	709
Guinea	1	232
Hong Kong	12	376
Hungary	24	259
Iceland	1	286
India	153	606
Kenya	3	258
Latvia	81	298
Lithuania	8	392
Madagascar	1	436
Mexico	11	770
Moldova	3	620

Convention Country	Number of Convention Cases	Average Days to Completion
Panama	1	53
Peru	24	558
Philippines	118	400
Poland	35	319
South Africa	7	257
Sri Lanka	1	133
Thailand	56	585
Turkey	1	137
United Kingdom	4	233
Venezuela	1	189

Table 5: Median ASP Convention Adoption Fees			
Convention Country of Origin	Median Fees	Convention Country of Origin	Median Fees
Albania	\$25,960	Hungary	\$21,685
Armenia	\$19,825	India	\$14,600
Azerbaijan	\$18,080	Kenya	\$6,250
Belize	\$15,750	Latvia	\$17,244
Brazil	\$10,413	Lithuania	\$14,792
Bulgaria	\$13,140	Mexico	\$13,750
Canada	\$20,000	Moldova	\$13,915
China	\$15,600	Panama	\$13,528
Colombia	\$18,300	Peru	\$12,357
Costa Rica	\$16,750	Philippines	\$8,500
Dominican Republic	\$15,300	Poland	\$17,050
Ecuador	\$6,250	South Africa	\$160,217
El Salvador	\$12,300	Sri Lanka	\$6,200
Estonia	\$16,500	Thailand	\$14,920
Hong Kong	\$15,200	United Kingdom	\$11,000