

# **Report to Congress on Intercountry Adoptions**

## **42 USC 14914: Annual Report on Intercountry Adoptions**

The Department of State (the Department) serves as the U.S. Central Authority under the 1993 Hague Convention on the Protection of Children and Cooperation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption (Convention). The Department's Office of Children's Issues (CI) submits this annual report to Congress as required by Section 104 of the Intercountry Adoption Act of 2000 (IAA), to provide data on intercountry adoption to and from the United States. This annual report covers the fiscal year from October 1, 2023, to September 30, 2024 (FY 2024).

On July 12, 2024, the Department published a final rule revising the federal regulations at [22 CFR Part 96 for accreditation and approval of U.S. adoption service providers. The final rule](#) went into effect January 8, 2025, and introduced additional transparency to assist U.S. citizens adopting children from other countries. It streamlined processes for the adoption of relatives, improved legal protection for U.S. adoptive parents, and introduced safeguards to protect U.S. adoptive parents from financial exploitation.

## **Engagement and Outreach**

### ***International Travel and Engagements***

To pursue the Department's Central Authority functions, in FY 2024, CI traveled to Botswana, Eswatini, India, Ireland, Liberia, Mexico, South Africa, South Korea, Sweden, Taiwan, Thailand, and Vietnam. CI engaged with other receiving countries through multilateral forums to represent the United States and advance U.S. policy interests in meetings with central authorities for other English-speaking receiving countries, and similar meetings with central authorities from European countries.

## **Country Specific Engagement**

### ***Establishing and Maintaining Intercountry Adoption***

During the year, CI engaged extensively with countries that have never done adoptions with the United States or have had no recent adoptions, including Portugal, Guyana, and Eswatini, in response to their interest in beginning or expanding intercountry adoptions under the Convention. CI provided central authorities in these countries with technical assistance in the form of training on Convention obligations and case processing. Although these countries will likely continue to benefit from training, it will ultimately be the decision of their central authorities to fully implement intercountry adoption.

In other cases, CI engaged with countries that already have established intercountry adoptions with the United States to strengthen our existing relationships and continue the viability of intercountry adoption. This work included answering processing questions, addressing concerns about areas like post-adoption reporting, and providing training to improve efficiency.

This engagement focused on countries such as Colombia, India, Nigeria, South Korea, Taiwan, and Vietnam.

CI, in collaboration with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), conducted two training workshops for personnel from U.S. embassies and consulates in countries of origin in FY 2024. In March, CI held a workshop in Bangkok, Thailand, for staff at U.S. embassies and consulates in the East Asia Pacific region, and in September CI held a workshop in Washington, D.C., for staff in Latin America and Europe. During both workshops, participants learned about different elements of the intercountry adoption process, including Convention and orphan processing, tactics for combatting fraud, and best practices for handling public and Congressional adoption inquiries.

These workshops increased the accessibility of intercountry adoptions by improving the Department's subject matter expertise, reinforcing the integrity of intercountry adoptions, and protecting families and children from harm.

### ***Efforts in Countries where Adoptions have Been Slowed or Blocked***

Additionally, CI directed effort towards countries where adoptions to the United States have slowed or been blocked. There are a variety of reasons why adoptions might cease or slow down in a country, including improved social services and family unification efforts, changing domestic attitudes about adoption, political events, and natural disasters.

On August 28, 2024, **China** announced it was ending intercountry adoptions with limited exceptions for some blood relatives, leaving hundreds of U.S. families matched with a child in a state of uncertainty. The Department engaged the Chinese Embassy in Washington D.C., and the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Beijing at high levels, including meetings between the former Deputy Secretary for Management and Resources and the Chinese Ambassador. The Department also repeatedly informed ASPs, families, and Congressional staff members. The Department's engagement and advocacy with Chinese authorities and commitment to U.S. families continues.

In FY 2024, crises in **Haiti** significantly degraded security and stability in the country, leading to significant case processing delays, intermittent Haitian government office and airport closures, and security risks to adoptive children and Department staff. The Department engaged with the Haitian government to ensure adoption processing remained a priority in their work and to troubleshoot significant delays. As a result, the intercountry adoption process remained viable throughout 2024 with over 50 children united with their

families. As Haiti's instability continues, the Department continues to engage with Haitian authorities to expedite adoptions in accordance with U.S. and Haitian law and the provisions of the Convention. The Russia-Ukraine war continues to significantly impact intercountry adoptions from **Ukraine**. The Ukrainian government has maintained a firm position that intercountry adoptions are not possible during martial law. In June 2023, Ukraine announced an exception permitting intercountry adoption during martial law for relative adoptions, stepparent adoptions, and adoptions of biological siblings of already adopted children. The Department engaged with the Ukrainian government on intercountry adoptions multiple times in FY 2024, and shared relevant updates with adoption stakeholders.

## **IAIA reporting requirements**

As required by the Intercountry Adoption Information Act of 2019 (IAIA), CI is providing the following information on countries that established or maintained a significant law or regulation that prevented or prohibited adoptions involving immigration to the United States. Note that Ethiopia and Kenya were previously included in this list, but have altered their laws or practices to allow some adoptions.

- In 2016 the National Assembly of the **DRC** enacted law No. 87-010 of the Family Code, which effectively suspended all intercountry adoptions. The country also maintains a 2013 ban on exit permits for adopted children. There was no significant engagement between the Department and the Government

of the DRC on adoptions in FY 2024.

- In 2021, the parliament of **Latvia** signed new amendments into the law on the Protection of Children's Rights, which suspended adoptions to all countries which have not ratified the U.N. Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC). Since the United States has signed but not ratified the CRC, these amendments effectively suspended intercountry adoptions to the United States. There was no significant engagement between the Department and the Latvian government on adoptions during FY 2024.
- In 2013, **Russia** enacted federal law 272-FZ, effectively banning intercountry adoption of Russian children by U.S. citizens. There was no significant engagement between the Department and the Russian government on adoptions during FY 2024.

In 2018, the Parliament of **Ethiopia** enacted law 1070/2018, which effectively suspended intercountry adoptions by foreigners. In 2020, however, the Ethiopian Federal Supreme Court Cassation Branch ruled that adoptions to foreign citizens "of Ethiopian origin" would be allowed. In FY 2024, CI and the U.S. Embassy in Addis Ababa worked with the government of Ethiopia to confirm that these adoptions can be processed. Adoptions to foreign citizens who are not of Ethiopian origin remain suspended.

CI has also previously reported on a moratorium on intercountry and foreign resident adoptions in **Kenya**

enacted in 2014. In 2022, the Government of Kenya enacted a revised Children's Act, which designated the Kenyan National Council on Children's Services as the central authority for intercountry adoption. This law limits intercountry adoption to blood relatives, and Kenyan citizens/former citizens and – when applicable – their non-Kenyan spouses. The Government of Kenya has indicated U.S.-based ASPs who are interested in serving these specific adoptive parents should contact the central authority for more information.

In addition to these suspensions by countries of origin, in 2010, the Department determined that conditions in **Nepal** make it impossible to properly adjudicate immigrant petitions and visas for abandoned children. This suspension remained in place in FY 2024. Also, in March 2023, **Botswana** joined the Convention. However, after clarification from the Government of Botswana, CI determined that, since the country has not passed laws designating a central authority as required by the Convention, the Department cannot complete intercountry adoptions from Botswana to the United States. CI is working with the Government of Botswana to fully implement the Convention to begin processing intercountry adoptions.

## Tab A – Elements and Data Tables

### *IAA § 104(b) Report Elements*

- **§ 104(b)(1):** Tables 1 and 2 report the number of intercountry adoptions in FY 2024 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 2024 involving emigration from the United States, regardless of whether the adoption occurred under the Hague Adoption Convention.
- **§ 104(b)(3):** In FY 2024 adoption service providers (ASPs) reported six disrupted placements for 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.

Table 7 summarizes information the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) submitted pursuant to §422(b)(12) of the Social Security Act regarding disruptions and dissolutions involving children who were adopted through the intercountry process and subsequently entered state custody. Each state provided information to HHS about Child and Family Services Plan goals and objectives through the Annual Progress and Services Report (APSR). Table 7 provides an overview of the information each state reported on the number of disruptions and dissolutions, the time period, and



reporting capabilities.

- **§ 104(b)(4):** Table 4 reports the average time required for completion of a Convention adoption by country. The time is calculated from the day USCIS received the Form I-800A application to the day the child received an immigrant visa to travel to the United States.
- **§ 104(b)(5):** The current list of accredited agencies and approved persons is available on the Department's intercountry adoption website at [Adoption Provider Search](#). This list is updated regularly to reflect changes to the accreditation of agencies and approval of persons. Table 9 lists the accredited agencies and approved persons on September 30, 2024.
- **§ 104(b)(6):** The Secretary did not temporarily or permanently debar an agency or person in FY 2024.
- **§ 104(b)(7):** ASPs reported charging between \$17,500 and \$62,263 for adoption services from Convention countries, with half charging less than \$41,795 and half charging more. The fee categories reported in Table 5 include country-specific services (foreign program expenses, contributions, care of child expenses, and travel/accommodations), home study expenses, adoption expenses in the United States, translation and documentation expenses, post-placement and post-adoption reports, and third-party fees for the Convention countries reflected in Table 1. ASPs reported charging between \$3,750 and \$34,450 for country-specific services.

- **§ 104(b)(8):** In FY 2024, there were two accrediting entities: Intercountry Adoption Accreditation and Maintenance Entity, Inc. (IAAME), and Center for Excellence in Adoption Services (CEAS). Annual fees for accreditation of agencies and approval of persons ranged from \$2,750 to \$7,700 in FY 2024, consistent with the fee schedules in effect on December 1, 2022. IAAME's and CEAS's fee schedules are each based on tiered fees according to the average number of adoptions for which the agency served as a primary provider. The fee schedules also include monitoring and oversight fees. In FY 2024, monitoring and oversight fees for the accrediting entities ranged from \$0 to \$121,200. Accrediting entity fee schedules are available at [adoption.state.gov](https://adoption.state.gov).
- **§104(b)(9-10):** Table 8 lists countries that, in FY 2024, established or maintained a significant law or regulation that prevented or prohibited all adoptions involving immigration to the United States and the implementation date of such law or regulation.
- **§ 104(b)(11):** *Note: A more detailed description regarding the status of intercountry adoptions from the Democratic Republic of Congo, Latvia, and Russia is provided in the IAIA reporting section above.*  
The Department did not have significant engagement with the Democratic Republic of Congo, Russia, or Latvia on adoptions during FY2024. For the Democratic Republic of the Congo, there was no significant engagement between the Department and the Democratic Republic of the Congo on adoption matters in FY 2024.

For Latvia, there was no significant engagement between the Department and the Government of Latvia on adoptions during FY 2024.

For Russia, there was no significant engagement between the Department and Russia on adoption matters in FY 2024.

- **§104(b)(12):** In FY 2024, the Department did not carry out any action that prevented, prohibited, or halted any adoptions involving immigration to the United States.
- **§104(b)(13):** Not applicable because, in FY 2024, the Department did not carry out any action that prevented, prohibited, or halted any adoptions involving immigration to the United States.
- **§ 104(b)(14):** The impact of accrediting entity fees on a family varies depending on the extent to which the ASP directly passes the costs on to their clients and the number of adoptions facilitated per year. The Department estimates the total impact of accrediting entity fees per adoptive family is between \$916 and \$2,098 for each adoption. In FY 2024, ASPs reported charging between \$17,500 and \$62,263 for adoption services from Convention countries, with half charging less than \$41,795 and half charging more. Table 5 reports the median fees for all adoption services reported by ASPs for the Convention countries reflected in Table 1. Based on this data reported by ASPs and the Department's estimations, accrediting entity fees represent between 2.2 percent to 5 percent of the median cost of adoption

services from Convention countries. The Department does not have data related to the specific impact of accrediting entity fee schedule for low-income families, families seeking to adopt sibling groups, or families seeking to adopt children with disabilities.

## ***Adoption Data Tables***

***Table 1: Incoming Adoptions by Country of Origin***

\*Country not party to the Convention

Country/Territory of Origin	Adoptions Finalized Abroad	Adoptions to be Finalized in the U.S.	Total Adoptions
Albania	1	0	1
*Algeria	1	2	3
*Antigua And Barbuda	1	0	1
Armenia	2	0	2
Azerbaijan	1	0	1
*Bangladesh	0	10	10
Belize	0	4	4
Brazil	21	0	21
Bulgaria	79	0	79
Burkina Faso	7	0	7
Burundi	13	0	13
*Cameroon	7	0	7
Canada	0	7	7
China, People's Republic of	24	0	24
Colombia	200	0	200
*Congo, Democratic Republic of	0	1	1
Costa Rica	7	0	7
Denmark	0	2	2

Country/Territory of Origin	Adoptions Finalized Abroad	Adoptions to be Finalized in the U.S.	Total Adoptions
*Dominica	4	0	4
Dominican Republic	11	0	11
Ecuador	6	0	6
El Salvador	2	0	2
*Ethiopia	7	0	7
*Gambia	1	0	1
Georgia	2	0	2
Ghana	16	0	16
*Grenada	5	0	5
Haiti	51	0	51
Honduras	11	0	11
Hong Kong S.A.R.	0	12	12
Hungary	13	0	13
India	202	0	202
*Iran	0	1	1
*Jamaica	4	10	14
*ROK	52	0	52
Kyrgyzstan	9	2	11
*Lebanon	1	5	6

Country/Territory of Origin	Adoptions Finalized Abroad	Adoptions to be Finalized in the U.S.	Total Adoptions
Lesotho	2	0	2
*Liberia	21	0	21
Lithuania	1	0	1
*Malawi	7	0	7
Mexico	25	0	25
*Morocco	0	17	17
*Nigeria	44	0	44
*Pakistan	0	17	17
Peru	2	0	2
Philippines	0	39	39
Poland	5	0	5
Romania	1	0	1
*Samoa	1	0	1
Serbia	2	0	2

Country/Territory of Origin	Adoptions Finalized Abroad	Adoptions to be Finalized in the U.S.	Total Adoptions
*Sierra Leone	5	0	5
*Somalia	0	5	5
South Africa	21	0	21
*South Sudan	1	0	1
*Taiwan	74	0	74
Thailand	1	30	31
*Trinidad And Tobago	8	0	8
*Uganda	3	0	3
*Ukraine	5	0	5
United Kingdom	6	0	6
Vietnam	9	0	9
*Zimbabwe	3	0	3
Total	1,008	164	1,172

**Table 2: Incoming Adoptions by State**

State	Adoptions Finalized Abroad	Adoptions to be Finalized in the United States	Total
Armed Forces	1	0	1
Alabama	17	1	18
Arizona	9	1	10
Arkansas	1	0	1
California	102	17	119
Colorado	48	1	49

State	Adoptions Finalized Abroad	Adoptions to be Finalized in the United States	Total
Connecticut	5	4	9
Delaware	1	1	2
District of Columbia	1	1	2
Florida	42	12	54
Georgia	42	7	49

State	Adoptions Finalized Abroad	Adoptions to be Finalized in the United States	Total
Hawaii	1	0	1
Idaho	11	0	11
Illinois	29	4	33
Indiana	33	8	41
Iowa	14	2	16
Kansas	15	2	17
Kentucky	5	0	5
Louisiana	6	1	7
Maine	1	0	1
Maryland	31	1	32
Massachusetts	24	2	26
Michigan	18	3	21
Minnesota	29	3	32
Mississippi	15	0	15
Missouri	21	1	22
Montana	1	0	1
Nebraska	6	2	8
Nevada	2	0	2
New Hampshire	3	1	4
New Jersey	30	10	40
New Mexico	3	4	7

State	Adoptions Finalized Abroad	Adoptions to be Finalized in the United States	Total
New York	32	16	48
North Carolina	44	3	47
North Dakota	1	0	1
Ohio	31	3	34
Oklahoma	6	0	6
Oregon	16	3	19
Pennsylvania	51	8	59
Puerto Rico	1	0	1
Rhode Island	0	0	0
South Carolina	15	4	19
South Dakota	4	1	5
Tennessee	26	1	27
Texas	66	18	84
Utah	28	0	28
Vermont	1	0	1
Virginia	66	11	77
Washington	38	6	44
West Virginia	4	0	4
Wisconsin	9	1	10
Wyoming	2	0	2
Total	1,008	164	1,172

**Table 3: Outgoing (Emigrating) Adoptions**

Receiving Country	U.S. State from which the Child Emigrated	Number of Outgoing Adoption Cases
United Kingdom	Nevada	1
Canada	Indiana	3
Canada	Florida	1
Canada	California	2
Canada	Arizona	1
Canada	Utah	1
Canada	Nevada	1

Receiving Country	U.S. State from which the Child Emigrated	Number of Outgoing Adoption Cases
Canada	Alaska	2
Netherlands	New York	1
Netherlands	California	1
Netherlands	New Jersey	1
Sweden	American Samoa	1
India	Georgia	2
Total	NA	18

**Table 4: Convention Adoptions and Average Number of Days to Completion by Convention Country**

Country of Origin	Number of Convention Cases	Average Days to Completion
Albania	1	539
Armenia	2	448
Azerbaijan	1	901
Belize	4	712
Brazil	32	305
Bulgaria	79	424
Burkina Faso	7	1,372
Burundi	13	1,070
Canada	7	386

Country of Origin	Number of Convention Cases	Average Days to Completion
China, People's Republic of	24	1,669
Colombia	200	493
Costa Rica	7	200
Denmark	2	595
Dominican Republic	11	415
Ecuador	6	369
El Salvador	2	699
Georgia	2	394
Ghana	16	1,161



Country of Origin	Number of Convention Cases	Average Days to Completion
Haiti	51	795
Honduras	11	436
Hong Kong S.A.R.	12	865
Hungary	13	328
India	202	441
Kyrgyzstan	11	232
Lesotho	2	616
Lithuania	1	79
Mexico	25	875

Country of Origin	Number of Convention Cases	Average Days to Completion
Peru	2	1,254
Philippines	39	609
Poland	5	417
Romania	1	542
Serbia	2	433
South Africa	21	487
Thailand	31	820
United Kingdom	6	677
Vietnam	9	437

**Table 5: Median ASP Convention Adoption Fees**

Convention Country of Origin	Fees
Albania	\$ 51,640
Armenia	\$ 51,158
Azerbaijan	\$ 36,550
Belize	\$ 34,167
Brazil	\$ 52,900
Bulgaria	\$ 42,603
Burkina Faso	\$ 50,968
Burundi	\$ 47,799
Canada	\$ 28,542
China, People's Republic of	\$ 34,873
Colombia	\$ 48,877
Costa Rica	\$ 47,003

Convention Country of Origin	Fees
Denmark	\$ 50,113
Dominican Republic	\$ 38,470
Ecuador	\$ 46,250
El Salvador	\$ 40,804
Georgia	\$ 42,907
Ghana	\$ 42,821
Haiti	\$ 48,600
Honduras	\$ 47,438
Hong Kong S.A.R.	\$ 26,785
Hungary	\$ 44,704
India	\$ 37,030
Kyrgyzstan	\$ 51,948

Convention Country of Origin	Fees
Lesotho	\$ 45,033
Mexico	\$ 45,228
Peru	\$ 41,930
Philippines	\$ 35,649
Poland	\$ 42,100
Romania	\$ 43,148
Serbia	\$ 48,314
South Africa	\$ 50,117
Thailand	\$ 35,780
United Kingdom	\$ 38,951
Vietnam	\$ 52,997

***Table 6: The Number of Convention Placements for Adoption in the United States that were Disrupted***

\* The disruption took place in 2020 but was reported to the accrediting entity in 2024

Country from which the Child Emigrated	Age of the Child at Placement	Date of Placement for Adoption	Reasons for Disruption	Resolution of Disruption	Agency handling the Placement	Plans for the Child
Colombia	6	11/21/2023	PAP unable to meet child's needs.	The child remains in Colombia.	Madison Adoption Associates	The child returned to prior placement in country of origin.
Hungary	6	1/12/2024	PAP unable to meet child's needs.	The child remains in Hungary.	Lifeline Children's Services, Inc.	The child's local guardian returned the child to the original foster home.
Philippines	12	10/24/2019	PAP unable to meet children's needs.	The child remains in the United States.	All God's Children International	The child was placed in foster care in the United States with pending plans for the child to be placed for adoption in the U.S.
*Philippines	11	6/29/2019	PAP unable to meet child's needs.	The child has been placed in the United States.	Hand In Hand, Inc.	The child was placed with a new family in 2020 and adopted in 2021.
Poland	10	8/24/2024	PAP unable to meet child's needs.	The child remains in Poland.	Lifeline Children's Services, Inc.	The child remains in the country of origin and was placed in a new orphanage.
Thailand	13	10/14/2023	PAP unable to meet child's needs.	The child remains in the United States.	Holt International Children's Services, Inc.	The child is in a foster placement in the United States while the ASP seeks a new prospective adoptive family.

**Table 7: State-Reported Data for Children who Entered Foster Care after Intercounty Adoption**

State data for FY 2024 is not yet available; the information presented represents the most current data available from each state or jurisdiction, based on reports submitted to HHS on June 30, 2024.

State	Number of Children Adopted through the Intercounty Process Who Entered Foster Care in FY 2024	Additional Information
Alabama	State did not report data.	The state reports 0 cases for FY 2023.
Alaska	State did not report data.	The state reports 0 cases for FY 2023.
Arizona	State did not report data.	The state reports 0 cases for FY 2023.
Arkansas	The state reports 0 cases.	No additional information.
California	State did not report data.	The state reports 1 case for SFY 2022 and 2023.
Colorado	State reports data is unavailable.	Colorado does not have accurate data on children/youth who were adopted through the intercountry adoption process.
Connecticut	State reports data is unavailable.	The state is not able to identify the number of children who were adopted from other countries and entered state custody.
Delaware	State did not report data.	The state reports 0 cases for FY 2023.
District of Columbia	City did not report data.	No additional information.
Florida	State did not report data.	The state reports that the Department of Children and Families receives two to three reports of international adoptees removed due to abuse, abandonment, or neglect per year. Due to the infrequency of such reports, the Department of Children and Families does not plan actions beyond the annual assessment and follow-up but will continue to monitor these reports for any increase in frequency.
Georgia	State did not report data.	The state reports 0 cases for CY 2023.
Hawaii	State did not report data.	The state reports 0 cases for 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023.
Idaho	State did not report data.	The state reports 1 case for FY 2023.
Illinois	The state reports 0 cases for SFY 2024.	The state reports 0 cases for SFY 2023 and 2022.
Indiana	State did not report data.	The state reports 2 cases for CY 2023.
Iowa	State reports 0 cases in the past year.	No additional information.
Kansas	The state reports 8 cases for SFY 2024.	The state reports 0 cases for SFY 2023.

State	Number of Children Adopted through the Intercountry Process Who Entered Foster Care in FY 2024	Additional Information
Kentucky	State reports data is unavailable.	The state system does not include a mechanism for tracking the number of children who enter foster care following the disruption of an international adoption.
Louisiana	State did not report data.	No additional information.
Maine	State did not report data.	The state reports 0 cases for CY 2023.
Maryland	State did not report data.	The state reports 11 cases for FY 2023.
Massachusetts	State did not report data.	The state reports 2 cases for FY 2023.
Michigan	State did not report data.	No additional information.
Minnesota	State did not report data.	The state reports 2 cases for 2023.
Mississippi	The state reports 0 cases.	No additional information.
Missouri	State did not report data.	The state reports 3 cases for CY 2023.
Montana	The state reports 0 cases for SFY 2024.	No additional information.
Nebraska	State did not report data.	The state reports 0 cases for CY 2023.
Nevada	The state reports 0 cases in the past year.	No additional information.
New Hampshire	State did not report data.	No additional information.
New Jersey	State did not report data.	The state reports 0 cases for FY 2023.
New Mexico	The state reports 0 cases.	No additional information.
New York	State did not report data.	The state reports 2 cases for CY 2023, 3 cases for CY 2022, 1 case for CY 2021, 5 cases for CY 2020, and 10 cases for CY 2019.
North Carolina	State did not report data.	No additional information.
North Dakota	State did not report data.	The state reports 1 case for FY 2023.
Ohio	State did not report data.	The state reports 7 cases for FY 2022.
Oklahoma	State did not report data.	The state reports 1 case for SFY 2023.
Oregon	State did not report data.	The state reports 0 cases for FY 2023.
Pennsylvania	State did not report data.	The state reports 0 cases for SFY 2022 and 2023.
Puerto Rico	State did not report data.	No additional information.
Rhode Island	State did not report data.	The state reports 0 cases for FY 2023.
South Carolina	State did not report data.	The state reports 0 cases for FY 2023.

State	Number of Children Adopted through the Intercountry Process Who Entered Foster Care in FY 2024	Additional Information
South Dakota	The state reports 1 ongoing case. The year has not been specified.	No additional information.
Tennessee	The state reports 0 cases.	No additional information.
Texas	State did not report data.	No additional information.
U.S. Virgin Islands	State did not report data.	The state reports 0 cases for FY 2023.
Utah	State did not report data.	The state reports 0 cases for FY 2021- 2023, 2 cases for FY 2020, and 5 cases for FY 2019.
Vermont	State reports data is unavailable.	The state doesn't track this data but will explore options to do so.
Virginia	State did not report data.	The state reports 6 cases for SFY 2023.
Washington	State did not report data.	The state reports 1 case for FY 2022.
West Virginia	State did not report data.	The state reports 0 cases for FY 2023.
Wisconsin	State did not report data.	The state reports 9 cases for FY 2023.
Wyoming	State did not report data.	The state reports 0 cases for FY 2023.

***Table 8: Countries with a Significant Law or Regulation that Prevented or Prohibited Adoptions Involving Immigration to the United States***

Country	Implementation Date
Democratic Republic of the Congo	July 15, 2016
Latvia	July 1, 2022
The Russian Federation	January 1, 2013

**Table 9: Accredited or Approved Adoption Service Providers\* (On September 30, 2024)**

\*See [http://adoption.state.gov/hague\\_convention/agency\\_accreditation/agency\\_search.php](http://adoption.state.gov/hague_convention/agency_accreditation/agency_search.php) for the current list of accredited agencies and approved persons

Accredited or Approved Adoption Service Providers* (On September 30, 2024)
A Family in Bloom Adoption, LLC
Adopolis, Inc.
Adopt International
Adoption & Beyond, Inc.
Adoption Resource Center
Adoptions Together, Inc.
Agape Adoptions
Agape of Central Alabama, Inc.
All God's Children International
America World Adoption Association
American Adoptions of California
Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina, Inc.
Bellefaire Jewish Children's Bureau
Building Arizona Families
Carolina Adoption Services, Inc.
Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Baton Rouge

Accredited or Approved Adoption Service Providers* (On September 30, 2024)
Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Green Bay
Catholic Charities of the Diocese of La Crosse, Inc.
CCAI
Child Adoption Associates, Inc.
Children of the World, Inc.
Children's Home Society of Minnesota
Children's House International
Cradle of Hope Adoption Center
Families Through Adoption, Inc.
Families United Network, Inc.
Family & Children's Agency, Inc.
Family Connections, Inc.
Family Resource Center
Forever Families Adoption Services, Inc.
Gateway Woods Family Services, Inc.
Global Adoption Services, Inc.

Accredited or Approved Adoption Service Providers* (On September 30, 2024)
Hand In Hand, Inc.
Hands Across the Water, Inc.
Heartsent Adoptions, Inc.
Hillcrest Family Services
Holston United Methodist Home for Children, Inc.
Holt International Children's Services, Inc.
Hope Adoption, Inc.
Hopscotch Adoptions, Inc.
Illini Christian Ministries, Inc.
International Adoption Net
International Christian Adoptions
KidsFirst International Adoption, Inc.
Kidspire
Lifeline Children's Services, Inc.
Living Hope Adoption Agency

Accredited or Approved Adoption Service Providers* (On September 30, 2024)
Madison Adoption Associates
New Beginnings Family and Children's Services, Inc.
New Beginnings International Children and Family Services
New Hope Christian Services, Inc.
New Horizons Adoption Agency, Inc.
Nightlight Christian Adoptions
Open Door Adoption Agency, Inc.
Premier Adoption Agency, Inc.

Accredited or Approved Adoption Service Providers* (On September 30, 2024)
Promise Kids A Future, Inc.
Saint Mary International Adoption
Shepherd Care Ministries, Inc.
Small World, Inc.
Spence-Chapin Services to Families and Children
St. Nick's Kids, Inc.
The Alliance for Children, Inc.
The Barker Adoption Foundation
The Cradle Society

Accredited or Approved Adoption Service Providers* (On September 30, 2024)
The Gladney Center for Adoption
The Maine Children's Home for Little Wanderers
The Sacred Portion Children's Outreach
Wasatch International Adoptions, Inc.
Wide Horizons For Children, Inc.
World Links Association
Wyoming Children's Society