



## RECEIVING STATES 2004 – 2022 STATES OF ORIGIN 2004 – 2022

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These tables are based on data provided by receiving States. The statistics used for the USA are the Fiscal Year data on visas published by the US State Department (taken from website 2004-9 and using Annual Reports from 2010-2022). For 2010, I have included the 1,090 'humanitarian' visas issued after the Haiti earthquake.

Table 1 has data for 25 receiving States. Some data for 2010 and later years have been revised in the light of new statistics provided for the 2015 Special Commission by several States, including Canada, Germany and Luxembourg. Switzerland is reviewing all its statistics from 2010-8 and has made some provisional estimates – these have been used for years 2016-19. Annual data for Spain 2017-20 have been revised. Some totals differ from those submitted by receiving States (e.g., Belgium) and listed on the HCCH webpage. These have been found to be based on incomplete data being used by the Central Authority.

In Table 2, annual totals for States of origin 2004-22 are based on statistics provided by receiving States<sup>1</sup> and include statistics submitted to the Permanent Bureau of the Hague Conference on Private International Law (HCCH) by Austria and Portugal (2005-9). Totals for some States of origin may be too low where receiving States do not give numbers below 5 (e.g., UK and Italy 2013, 2018 and 2021) or data are incomplete (Switzerland 2016-8). Data are subject to revision and correction as further statistics are submitted.

Comments, corrections and suggestions by e-mail are welcome

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<sup>1</sup> Statistics provided to the HCCH by some States of origin may slightly differ.

**Table 1: RECEIVING STATES 2004-2022 - Ranked by total adoptions in period**

22-1-2024	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2004-2021	
<b>COUNTRY</b>																					
USA	22.988	22.735	20.671	19.605	17.467	12.753	12.149	9.320	8.668	7.094	6.441	5.648	5.372	4.714	4.059	2.970	1.622	1.785	1.517	187.578	
Italy	3.402	2.874	3.188	3.420	3.977	3.964	4.130	4.022	3.106	2.825	2.206	2.216	1.872	1.439	1.394	1.205	669	680	698	47.287	
Spain	5.541	5.423	4.472	3.648	3.156	3.006	2.891	2.573	1.669	1.191	827	801	574	542	456	375	196	171	176	37.688	
France	4.079	4.136	3.977	3.162	3.270	3.017	3.508	2.003	1.569	1.343	1.069	815	956	685	615	421	244	252	232	35.353	
Canada	1.949	1.858	1.568	1.715	1.614	1.695	1.660	1.516	1.162	1.243	905	895	790	621	658	576	416	384	423	21.648	
<b>TOP FIVE</b>	<b>37.959</b>	<b>37.026</b>	<b>33.876</b>	<b>31.550</b>	<b>29.484</b>	<b>24.435</b>	<b>24.338</b>	<b>19.434</b>	<b>16.174</b>	<b>13.696</b>	<b>11.448</b>	<b>10.375</b>	<b>9.564</b>	<b>8.001</b>	<b>7.182</b>	<b>5.547</b>	<b>3.147</b>	<b>3.272</b>	<b>3.046</b>	<b>329.554</b>	
Sweden	1.109	1.083	879	800	793	912	728	630	542	450	408	400	342	297	262	170	92	118	98	10.113	
Netherlands	1.307	1.185	816	782	767	682	705	528	488	401	354	304	214	210	156	145	70	75	64	9.253	
Germany	744	720	661	783	716	606	513	624	452	288	227	200	196	96	91	85	81	64	81	7.228	
Norway	706	582	448	426	304	344	343	304	239	144	152	132	126	125	95	89	40	62	45	4.706	
Denmark	528	586	450	426	395	496	419	338	219	176	124	97	84	79	64	46	23	32	41	4.623	
<b>TOP TEN</b>	<b>42.353</b>	<b>41.182</b>	<b>37.130</b>	<b>34.767</b>	<b>32.459</b>	<b>27.475</b>	<b>27.046</b>	<b>21.858</b>	<b>18.114</b>	<b>15.155</b>	<b>12.713</b>	<b>11.508</b>	<b>10.526</b>	<b>8.808</b>	<b>7.850</b>	<b>6.082</b>	<b>3.453</b>	<b>3.623</b>	<b>3.375</b>	<b>365.477</b>	
Belgium	470	471	383	358	364	439	388	351	260	178	156	137	121	124	104	75	52	66	60	4.557	
Switzerland	567	389	410	394	259	288	293	238	194	159	92	92	73	75	52	62	35	41	35	3.748	
Australia	370	434	421	405	270	269	222	217	157	138	114	83	82	69	65	57	37	42	16	3.468	
Ireland	398	366	313	392	422	307	201	188	117	72	34	82	54	53	41	33	29	11	18	3.131	
UK	333	369	363	356	225	200	173	153	120	124	68	58	64	60	71	52	53	53	63	2.958	
Finland	289	308	218	176	157	187	160	163	175	141	142	93	58	70	54	67	27	67	57	2.609	
Israel	226	191	176	218	150	120	114	115	88	69	42	37	22	17	17	11	6	3	1	1.623	
N.Zealand	339	30	20	49	39	16	13	19	25	42	22	12	22	23	18	13	12	10	13	737	
Malta	46	39	60	64	53	34	42	50	57	19	11	18	6	45	53	31	8	24	32	692	
Luxembourg	56	41	45	23	28	36	32	25	32	17	13	18	19	16	12	18	5	7	13	456	
Iceland	29	41	19	18	13	17	18	19	17	8	11	20	5	6	5	5	5	4	0	260	
Slovenia	n/a	3	15	3	6	14	21	18	35	15	14	15	11	14	14	15	5	23	14	255	
Cyprus	3	3	0	19	16	12	4	12	1	2	2	4	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	82	
Andorra	3	1	4	6	5	7	9	2	1	4	2	0	2	2	0	3	0	0	2	53	
Monaco	n/a	0	0	1	3	4	1	2	1	4	1	3	0	1	1	0	3	0	1	26	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>45.482</b>	<b>43.868</b>	<b>39.577</b>	<b>37.249</b>	<b>34.469</b>	<b>29.425</b>	<b>28.737</b>	<b>23.430</b>	<b>19.394</b>	<b>16.147</b>	<b>13.437</b>	<b>12.180</b>	<b>11.065</b>	<b>9.383</b>	<b>8.357</b>	<b>6.527</b>	<b>3.730</b>	<b>3.975</b>	<b>3.700</b>	<b>390.132</b>	
No. of states	23	24	23	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	24	23	24	23	24	23	23	23	22-25	
% . to USA	50,5%	51,8%	52,2%	52,6%	50,7%	43,3%	42,3%	39,8%	44,7%	43,9%	47,9%	46,4%	48,5%	50,2%	48,6%	45,5%	43,5%	44,9%	41,0%	48,1%	

## Table 2: STATES OF ORIGIN 2004-2022 - Ranked by number adopted to 25 States

22-1-2024	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2004-2022	
China	13.412	14.484	10.765	8.749	5.879	5.004	5.427	4.371	4.136	3.405	2.943	3.059	2.678	2.211	1.798	1.065	250	11	15	89.662	
Russia	9.450	7.569	6.837	4.926	4.169	4.061	3.424	3.420	2.674	1.838	1.058	766	486	355	284	228	45	49	51	51.690	
Ethiopia	1.534	1.799	2.184	3.041	3.917	4.564	4.385	3.446	2.734	1.997	1.056	676	330	485	245	22	13	10	7	32.445	
Guatemala	3.425	3.870	4.230	4.851	4.172	784	58	36	11	27	32	13	7	4	1	5	5	2	3	21.536	
Colombia	1.749	1.500	1.681	1.643	1.613	1.404	1.815	1.591	931	570	536	522	485	552	565	607	387	498	466	19.115	
<b>TOP 5</b>	<b>29.570</b>	<b>29.222</b>	<b>25.697</b>	<b>23.210</b>	<b>19.750</b>	<b>15.817</b>	<b>15.109</b>	<b>12.864</b>	<b>10.486</b>	<b>7.837</b>	<b>5.625</b>	<b>5.036</b>	<b>3.986</b>	<b>3.607</b>	<b>2.893</b>	<b>1.927</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>542</b>	<b>214.448</b>	
Ukraine	2.119	2.035	1.077	1.623	1.601	1.500	1.097	1.068	722	640	608	381	399	277	328	365	277	311	133	16.561	
Sth Korea	2.239	2.118	1.813	1.225	1.366	1.395	1.127	950	815	219	506	433	376	401	321	259	266	222	195	16.246	
Viet Nam	492	1.199	1.363	1.691	1.719	1.500	1.265	700	214	296	407	428	405	380	307	240	199	108	195	13.108	
Haiti	1.169	949	1.108	822	1.313	1.215	2.496	229	374	552	556	276	396	399	389	252	209	91	142	12.937	
India	1.067	864	831	987	751	714	608	614	399	387	359	345	491	580	646	545	262	457	435	11.342	
<b>TOP 10</b>	<b>36.656</b>	<b>36.387</b>	<b>31.889</b>	<b>29.558</b>	<b>26.500</b>	<b>22.141</b>	<b>21.702</b>	<b>16.425</b>	<b>13.010</b>	<b>9.931</b>	<b>8.061</b>	<b>6.899</b>	<b>6.053</b>	<b>5.644</b>	<b>4.884</b>	<b>3.588</b>	<b>1.913</b>	<b>1.759</b>	<b>1.642</b>	<b>284.642</b>	
Philippines	410	509	483	568	581	545	494	491	411	538	454	391	363	332	248	222	111	158	128	7.437	
Thailand	535	491	423	467	398	359	298	280	282	308	264	261	289	224	249	233	114	268	246	5.989	
Kazakhstan	899	849	735	817	768	682	516	218	5	28	63	34	20	17	9	10	3	0	5	5.678	
Bulgaria	395	149	112	100	140	228	237	311	357	413	414	426	374	302	303	273	173	207	153	5.067	
Brazil	487	488	529	490	490	458	375	347	328	238	129	137	120	117	67	64	55	20	46	4.985	
<b>TOP 15</b>	<b>39.382</b>	<b>38.873</b>	<b>34.171</b>	<b>32.000</b>	<b>28.877</b>	<b>24.413</b>	<b>23.622</b>	<b>18.072</b>	<b>14.280</b>	<b>11.456</b>	<b>9.385</b>	<b>8.018</b>	<b>7.173</b>	<b>6.636</b>	<b>5.760</b>	<b>4.390</b>	<b>2.369</b>	<b>2.412</b>	<b>2.220</b>	<b>313.798</b>	
Poland	407	406	393	371	399	393	315	292	244	303	303	296	328	153	53	14	7	8	4	4.689	
China(Taiwan)	186	242	269	273	373	397	416	326	299	199	188	180	170	156	121	154	122	97	121	4.289	
South Africa	241	268	263	255	272	307	220	202	170	221	219	217	147	162	131	141	59	128	93	3.716	
Congo RD	15	45	61	69	62	153	190	353	521	599	241	384	635	54	47	32	3	0	19	3.483	
Nigeria	100	102	105	82	221	184	268	246	266	243	183	196	161	216	213	148	118	141	70	3.263	
<b>TOP 20 &gt;</b>	<b>40.331</b>	<b>39.936</b>	<b>35.262</b>	<b>33.050</b>	<b>30.204</b>	<b>25.847</b>	<b>25.031</b>	<b>19.491</b>	<b>15.893</b>	<b>13.021</b>	<b>10.519</b>	<b>9.421</b>	<b>8.660</b>	<b>7.377</b>	<b>6.325</b>	<b>4.879</b>	<b>2.678</b>	<b>2.786</b>	<b>2.527</b>	<b>333.238</b>	
USA	132	168	176	181	261	257	177	250	232	171	172	174	175	109	159	82	89	94	78	3.137	
Hungary	70	67	100	142	118	131	139	157	151	112	135	163	174	235	244	241	158	148	183	2.868	
Peru	117	173	189	171	153	139	175	135	111	109	97	81	100	66	58	67	32	31	45	2.049	
Nepal	269	227	452	261	413	22	170	157	3	0	4	2	5	1	1	1	3	0	0	1.991	
Uganda	17	22	16	59	61	74	80	225	249	296	211	237	208	60	29	35	26	12	16	1.933	
<b>TOP 25 &gt;</b>	<b>40.936</b>	<b>40.593</b>	<b>36.195</b>	<b>33.864</b>	<b>31.210</b>	<b>26.470</b>	<b>25.772</b>	<b>20.415</b>	<b>16.639</b>	<b>13.709</b>	<b>11.138</b>	<b>10.078</b>	<b>9.322</b>	<b>7.848</b>	<b>6.816</b>	<b>5.305</b>	<b>2.986</b>	<b>3.071</b>	<b>2.849</b>	<b>345.216</b>	

## TOP TEN STATES OF ORIGIN: 2000-2022

The States sending most children for intercountry adoption have changed during the past 20 years.  
State parties to the HCCH 1993 Adoption Convention appear in blue from the date of entry into force of the Convention in that State.

Rank	2000	2004	2008	2010	2013	2016	2020	2022
1	CHINA	CHINA	CHINA	CHINA	CHINA	CHINA	COLOMBIA	COLOMBIA
2	RUSSIA	RUSSIA	GUATEMALA	ETHIOPIA	ETHIOPIA	CONGO DR	UKRAINE	INDIA
3	ROMANIA	GUATEMALA	RUSSIA	RUSSIA	RUSSIA	INDIA	SOUTH KOREA	THAILAND
4	SOUTH KOREA	SOUTH KOREA	ETHIOPIA	HAITI	UKRAINE	COLOMBIA	INDIA	SOUTH KOREA
5	GUATEMALA	UKRAINE	VIETNAM	VIETNAM	CONGO DR	RUSSIA	CHINA (Mainland)	VIETNAM
6	COLOMBIA	ETHIOPIA	COLOMBIA	UKRAINE	COLOMBIA	VIETNAM	HAITI	HUNGARY
7	INDIA	COLOMBIA	UKRAINE	COLOMBIA	HAITI	HAITI	BULGARIA	BULGARIA
8	VIETNAM	HAITI	SOUTH KOREA	SOUTH KOREA	PHILIPPINES	UKRAINE	HUNGARY	HAITI
9	UKRAINE	INDIA	HAITI	INDIA	BULGARIA	SOUTH KOREA	CHINA (Taiwan)	UKRAINE
10	CAMBODIA	KAZAKHSTAN	INDIA	PHILIPPINES	INDIA	BULGARIA	NIGERIA	PHILIPPINES

## INTERCOUNTRY ADOPTION BY CONTINENT: 2004-2022

**Highlighted percentages** correspond to the year when the continent had its highest % of intercountry adoptions

	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022	2004-2022
AFRICA	7%	10%	17%	22%	27%	21%	18%	15%	17%	18%	16%
ASIA	42%	43%	35%	36%	35%	40%	45%	46%	35%	40%	40%
EUROPE	31%	23%	21%	20%	24%	22%	20%	20%	23%	18%	23%
LATIN AMERICA	12%	22%	24%	19%	12%	14%	13%	16%	22%	24%	18%
OTHER**	3.0%	2.4%	3.4%	2.6%	1.5%	2.3%	2.3%	2.5%	3.1%	0.3%	2.6%

\*\* Adoptions from Central Asia, Canada, Oceania and the USA