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Introduction

This *Adoption by the Numbers* report from the National Council For Adoption (NCFCA) presents data on the number of adoptions in the United States in 2021 and 2022. National and state-level data are provided on the number of private domestic adoptions, intercountry adoptions, and adoptions from foster care.

Additionally, while not all state and national adoption data are available for 2023, data are provided when available. This research report also includes comparisons and updates to 2019 and 2020 adoption data originally provided in the previous *Adoption by the Numbers* report. In addition to recent updates, this report provides historical information on the number of intercountry adoptions and adoptions from foster care in the United States since the year 2000.

The primary contribution of this report is a national estimate of the number of private domestic, non-step-parent adoptions in the United States in 2021 and 2022. In 2021, the estimated number of adoptions was 25,949, and in 2022 it was 25,503 adoptions.

This report includes the research team’s methodology, findings, discussion, and policy considerations for private domestic adoptions as well as for intercountry adoptions and adoptions from foster care. The special focus on private domestic adoption is due to the specific complexities of accessing and reporting on states’ adoption data.

This report compiles and shares pertinent adoption data that are not otherwise gathered or reported on by any government or non-government organization. The U.S. Children’s Bureau’s Child Welfare Information Gateway (CWIG) reports that “there is no single source for the total number of children adopted in the United States, and there is currently no straightforward way

of determining the total number of adoptions.”¹ This is because the federal government only collects data on adoptions with public agency involvement (i.e., adoption from foster care aggregated and reported by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services)² and intercountry adoptions (reported by the U.S. Department of State).^{3,4} Data on private domestic adoptions are not gathered or reported at a national level. Instead, these data are only available from individual states, many of which do not routinely report or aggregate such information. Of those that do, their collection and reporting is not consistent or uniform, making it challenging to collect, compare, and interpret private domestic adoption numbers.

This report represents the most comprehensive estimate of private domestic adoptions in the United States. This information has significant policy implications, and it is crucial for the federal government to begin tracking and reporting on these data annually. The report and the trends it identifies may be used to determine how to allocate child welfare funding, provide post-adoption support to birth parents and adoptive families, and to identify areas in need of support or reform.

1 Child Welfare Information Gateway. (2022). *Trends in U.S. adoptions: 2010-2019*. <https://www.childwelfare.gov/resources/trends-us-adoptions-2010-2019/>

2 Children’s Bureau. (2024). *Adoption & foster care statistics*. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families. <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/cb/research-data-technology/statistics-research/afcars>

3 U.S. Department of State. (2024). *Adoption statistics*. https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/Intercountry-Adoption/adopt_ref/adoption-statistics-esri.html?wcmmode=disabled

4 U.S. Department of State. (2024). *Intercountry adoption: Annual reports*. https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/Intercountry-Adoption/adopt_ref/AnnualReports.html



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Data Collection Methods

NCFA’s most recent Adoption by the Numbers report, published in 2022, provided data for the years 2019 and 2020. That report utilized a new approach to data collection and methodology to increase accuracy in reporting. This report follows the same data collection process as the previous report, establishing a four-year period of comparable data that future reports will continue to build upon. For states with data available for 2023 at the time of data collection, there is an additional year of comparable data.

The research team began by evaluating publicly available state reporting on adoptions, followed by outreach to officials from the 50 U.S. states and Washington, D.C.⁵ Reporting was gathered from sources including courts, vital records offices, and human services departments. Detailed information on data sources is presented for each state (see Appendix A).

For the number of private domestic adoptions, the Court Statistics Project (CSP) was a key source of information. The CSP offers annual statistics on state court caseloads, aggregated and provided by the states. CSP data may differ from what states report in other documents due to the data transformation the CSP makes for cross-state comparisons.⁶ Since private domestic adoptions are not aggregated or reported at a national (and sometimes state) level, methodologies for data collection and reporting vary. For instance, states utilize different reporting periods (e.g., state fiscal year [SFY], calendar year [CY], or federal fiscal year [FFY]), different approaches for categorization (most do not differentiate between stepparent, other kinship, and nonrelative adoptions, nor do they indicate whether embryo adoptions or intercountry re-adoptions are included), and some report adoption numbers based on adoption filings or hearings, rather than finalizations. Specifically, California does not report on state-level adoption data; therefore, the research team conducted outreach to each of California’s 58 county superior courts.

5 Data on adoptions completed in the Federated States of Micronesia, Guam, Marshall Islands, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, and by Americans residing overseas were excluded from this report as much was missing or noted as unreliable by reporting sources.

6 Court Statistics Project. (n.d.). *CSP STAT user guide*. https://www.courtstatistics.org/_data/assets/pdf_file/0020/62561/CSP-STAT-User-Guide.pdf



Consolidated data from publicly available state reports



Conducted outreach to officials in all 50 states & Washington, D.C.



Consulted data from courts, vital records offices, and human services departments

(see Appendix A for data sources for each state)

For the number of children adopted from foster care, the primary data source is the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS).^{7, 8} Among many other data points, these reports include national and state-level estimates of adoptions from foster care. Every six months, the federal government requires that all state and tribal child welfare agencies provide case-level information on all children that are in foster care or have been adopted with child welfare agency involvement. States are permitted to resubmit AFCARS data; therefore, estimates often slightly change over time. While the Children’s Bureau does not retroactively update reports, AFCARS reports since 2013 have presented adoption totals for the past five-year period, including any updated data. To include the most up-to-date information, annual totals were collected from the most recent AFCARS report.⁹ These reports use the federal fiscal year.¹⁰

For the number of intercountry adoptions, the sole data source is the U.S. Department of State’s adoption statistics and annual reports.^{11, 12} Among other data points, these reports include national and state-level data on incoming intercountry adoptions. The U.S. Department of State’s Office of Children’s Issues collects and shares these data annually, as required by the Intercountry Adoption Act of 2000 (IAA). These reports use the federal fiscal year.¹³ The Department of State’s annual reporting was initiated in 2008 but only included partial data for that year; therefore, data collection for the historical intercountry adoption data from 2000 to 2008 was instead acquired from the Department of State’s adoption statistics page, and 2009–2023 data are from the annual reports.

7 The research team utilized AFCARS data for national-level trends. However, state sources were often used for state-level data. As a result, state-level data in Appendix A slightly vary from the totals presented in the findings section.

8 Data presented from 2018 through 2022 slightly vary from those presented in the AFCARS reports. The Children’s Bureau reported data quality concerns with Puerto Rico’s data, and therefore only included their data in AFCARS reports from 2018 through 2022. For consistency throughout this report, data from Puerto Rico have been excluded.

9 For example, data from 2018 through 2022 were taken from AFCARS 30, rather than the report for each corresponding year. Data from 2017 were taken from AFCARS 29, data from 2016 were taken from AFCARS 28, and so forth.

10 Children’s Bureau. (2024). AFCARS. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families. <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/cb/research-data-technology/statistics-research/afcars>

11 U.S. Department of State. (2024). *Adoption statistics*. https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/Intercountry-Adoption/adopt_ref/adoption-statistics-esri.html?wcmode=disabled.

12 U.S. Department of State. (2024). *Intercountry adoption: Annual reports*. https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/Intercountry-Adoption/adopt_ref/AnnualReports.html.

13 Discrepancies were noted in Department of State data, as annual reports often provided different intercountry adoption totals than the Department’s adoption statistics pages. An inquiry was sent to their staff and, while their office did not provide clarification on these discrepancies, they recommended deferring to data presented in the annual reports. No recommendations were provided for a reliable data source prior to initiation of the annual report in 2009. For historical data from 2000–2008, the researchers utilized data available on the Department’s adoption statistics page under “U.S. States”.

For states that did not have adequate statewide public reporting, individual outreach was conducted, and state officials were sent the survey instrument or a request for specific data items from the survey instrument. The research team reached out to representatives from 32 states and the District of Columbia and received full or partial data from all but four of the 32 states. The other four states either did not have the requested data or did not respond to inquiries.

The survey process followed the same methodology as the previous report. The research team began by reaching out to representatives contacted for the previous report. If initial contacts did not respond, the team extended outreach to other relevant staff and offices within the state. Most contacts included staff within state agencies responsible for children and family services, vital statistics offices, or the family court system.

Prior to disseminating the survey, the research team reviewed the survey instrument used in the previous report¹⁴ and determined that the survey instrument remained an adequate tool for data collection. Adjustments were made to update the data collection period and remove a few reporting items, including the number of non-foster care adoption subsidies and whether the state tracks information about adoption service providers involved in adoption cases. The survey instrument was then finalized (see Appendix C).

The survey requested data on public and private domestic adoptions for 2021, 2022, and 2023, with a primary focus on private adoptions. Specifically, the questionnaire gathered information on a state’s total number of adoptions (excluding intercountry adoptions), the number of adoptions from foster care, and the number of private domestic adoptions. It also gathered details on the number of private domestic adoptions that were stepparent adoptions, adoptions by other relatives, or non-relative adoptions, and captured the reporting period of the data provided.

Publicly Available Data Sources

Court Statistics Project (CSP):

key data source for private domestic adoptions

The Children’s Bureau’s Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS):

primary source for adoptions from foster care

U.S. Department of State:

primary source for intercountry adoptions

14 Koh, E., Hanlon, R., Daughtery, L., & Lindner, A. (2022). *Adoption by the numbers*. National Council For Adoption. <https://adoptioncouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/Adoption-by-the-Numbers-National-Council-For-Adoption-Dec-2022.pdf>

Data Analytic Methods

This report primarily relied on data from publicly available state reporting. When multiple data sources were available, they were first prioritized by specificity and reliability.¹⁵

Many sources utilized timeframes that were not consistent with one another (e.g., calendar year vs. state fiscal year vs. federal fiscal year). If multiple sources of reliable data were available, sources were selected based on which had the greatest reporting timeframe overlap. Since each state's intercountry adoption data and most states' adoption from foster care data were sourced from federal reporting, private domestic adoption data sources were often selected to align with this reporting period. Sources utilizing the calendar year were usually prioritized over the sources utilizing the state fiscal year because this period often overlapped with more of the federal fiscal year. When there were substantial differences in data points across sources, the research team evaluated and selected sources based on consistency with prior reporting, data scope, and specificity. Detailed reasoning on source selection is provided for each state (see Appendix A).

For states where individual outreach was conducted, the reported data were compared to other available data sources for the state. While most states reported the number of adoptions from foster care, many did not include total or private adoption data. In cases where states provided two of the three data points, the missing data point was calculated.¹⁶

Data analysis for the state of California is unique, as the state does not aggregate or report on adoption data. Outreach was conducted to the state's 58 superior courts, and adoption estimates were made using data available from the 46 county courts that responded. The child population in the responding counties was divided by the child population of California to calculate the proportion between the child population in these counties and the child population of the entire state.¹⁷ This propor-

tion was used to estimate the total number of domestic adoptions in California by dividing the total number of adoptions reported in the responding counties by the calculated proportion.

The national estimate of stepparent adoptions was calculated by imputing data based on information from the limited number of states (seven) that clearly distinguished between stepparent and non-stepparent private domestic adoptions; due to questions of data accuracy, only six of the seven states' data were used in making this calculation. These figures were used to calculate the average percentage of private domestic adoptions that are stepparent adoptions. This percentage was then applied to the total number of private domestic adoptions in states that did not differentiate stepparent adoptions.

In gathering adoption data from 2019 through 2023, the researchers were able to re-evaluate previous estimates from NCFAs prior report focused on 2019 and 2020 domestic adoption numbers. Fourteen states are different in this updated report: Alaska, Arkansas, Colorado, Delaware, Hawaii, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Maryland, Missouri, Nebraska, New York, South Carolina, and Utah. Changes were prompted primarily by data availability (e.g., previously, private domestic adoption data were based on a calendar year, and adoptions from foster care data were based on state fiscal year, while more current data allow for use of the same reporting period) and the desire for better year-to-year comparison.

Considering the changes to the domestic adoption data for 14 states, the research team also recalculated the stepparent adoption approximations for 2019 and 2020. In the previous report, data were used from nine states—Alaska, Connecticut, Kentucky, Louisiana, Montana, North Carolina, Oregon, Vermont, Virginia—and the District of Columbia. The current report's stepparent calculation no longer uses Alaska's stepparent data in calculating the national estimates, since its 2019 and 2020 data was updated.

Additionally, 2023 data were not yet available from all states; in particular, NCFAs was missing private domestic adoption data for nine states. To estimate national data, the research team calculated the proportions of private domestic adoptions made up by these nine states in 2021 and 2022. The two proportions were averaged, and this average was applied to the sum of private domestic adoptions reported in the other 41 states and D.C. This gave an estimate for the number of private domestic adoptions nationwide in 2023 (see page 7).

15 For example, the Court Statistics Project had full data on the number of incoming adoption cases in Rhode Island in 2021, 2022, and 2023, which could have been used to approximate the total number of domestic adoptions. However, based on comparison with juvenile adoption-only data from the Rhode Island Judiciary, the research team deduced that the CSP data included adult adoptions, and so, for the years possible, defaulted to the Judiciary data.

16 For example, a state's total number of private adoptions was calculated by subtracting the number of adoptions from foster care from the total adoptions. Similarly, for some states, the total number of adoptions was computed by combining the state's reported number of private adoptions with the number of adoptions from foster care.

17 The child population data by county are available at: <https://www.kidsdata.org/topic/32/child-population/table>. At the time of writing, population counts were only available in 2021. The proportion calculated from the 2021 data was applied to approximate the total number of adoptions in 2021, 2022, and 2023.

Findings: National-Level Data

This section presents nationwide estimates for the total number of adoptions, as well as the number of domestic adoptions, private domestic adoptions, intercountry adoptions, and adoptions from foster care in 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022.¹⁸ Data for 2023 are also presented, where available. State-level findings are presented in Appendix A.

Total Adoptions

An estimate for the total number of adoptions in the U.S. in 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022 is provided. This includes private domestic adoptions, intercountry adoptions, and adoptions from foster care (i.e., public adoptions), and excludes stepparent adoptions.

In 2022, an estimated 80,598 children were adopted in the U.S., excluding stepparent adoptions.

This decreased 1.52% from the previous year.¹⁹ In 2022, adoptions from foster care made up 66.48% of total adoptions, while private domestic non-stepparent adoptions made up 31.64%, and intercountry adoptions made up 1.88%. The total number of adoptions, including stepparent adoptions, was 106,196.

In 2021, an estimated 81,839 children were adopted in the U.S., excluding stepparent adoptions.

This increased 1.93% from the previous year. In 2021, adoptions from foster care made up 66.12% of total adoptions, while private domestic non-stepparent adoptions made up 31.71%, and intercountry adoptions made up 2.17%. The total number of adoptions, including stepparent adoptions, was 108,426.

In 2020, an estimated 80,289 children were adopted in the U.S., excluding stepparent adoptions.

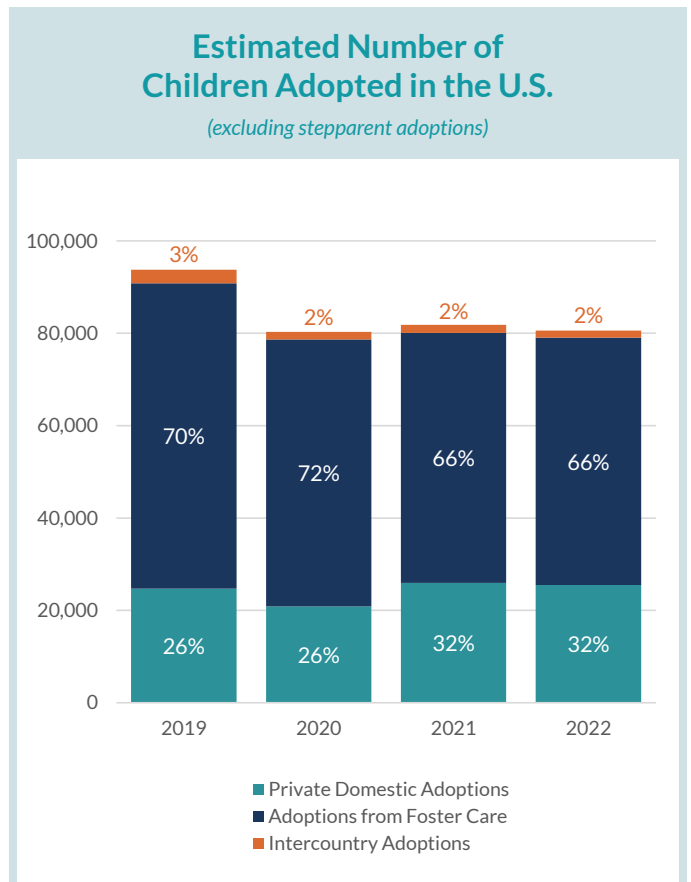
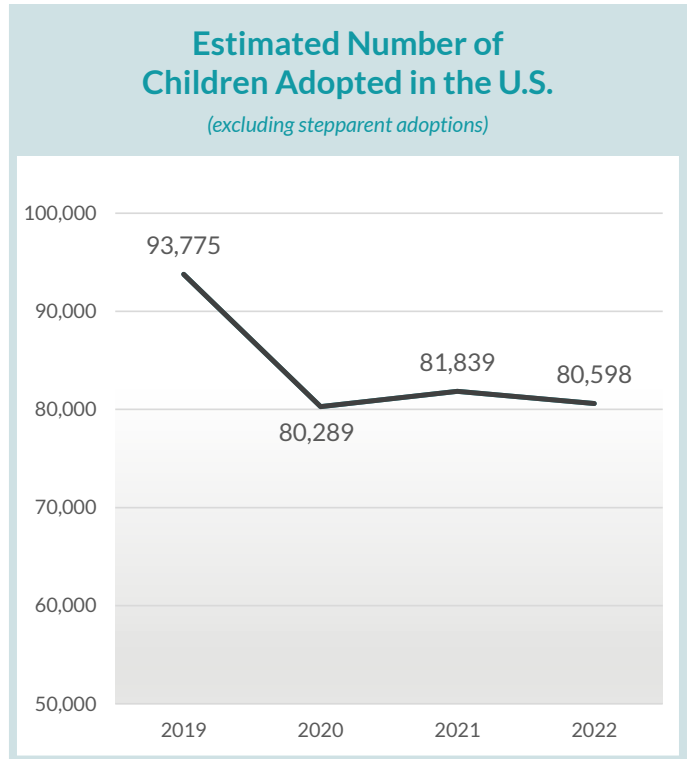
This decreased 14.38% from the previous year. In 2020, adoptions from foster care made up 71.99% of total adoptions, while private domestic non-stepparent adoptions made up 25.99%, and intercountry adoptions made up 2.02%. The total number of adoptions, including stepparent adoptions, was 101,165.

In 2019, an estimated 93,775 children were adopted in the U.S., excluding stepparent adoptions.

In 2019, adoptions from foster care made up 70.48% of total adoptions, while private domestic non-stepparent adoptions made up 26.36%, and intercountry adoptions made up 3.16%. The total number of adoptions, including stepparent adoptions, was 121,465.

¹⁸ The estimates presented for 2019 and 2020 in this section slightly differ from our previous report, as the research team incorporated updates provided by states. It is common for states to continue to update data following initial reports.

¹⁹ All percentages in this report are rounded to two decimal places.



Domestic Adoptions

An estimate for the total number of domestic adoptions in 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022 is provided. This includes private domestic adoptions and adoptions from foster care (i.e., public adoptions), and excludes stepparent adoptions. Different timeframes (e.g., state fiscal year, calendar year) were used in the estimates for the number of private adoptions. The reporting period for adoptions from foster care is the federal fiscal year.

In 2022, an estimated 79,082 children were adopted domestically in the U.S., excluding stepparent adoptions.

This decreased 1.22% from the previous year. In 2022, the total number of domestic adoptions comprises 67.75% public adoptions and 32.25% private adoptions. The total number of domestic adoptions, including stepparent adoptions, was 104,680.

In 2021, an estimated 80,060 children were adopted domestically in the U.S., excluding stepparent adoptions.

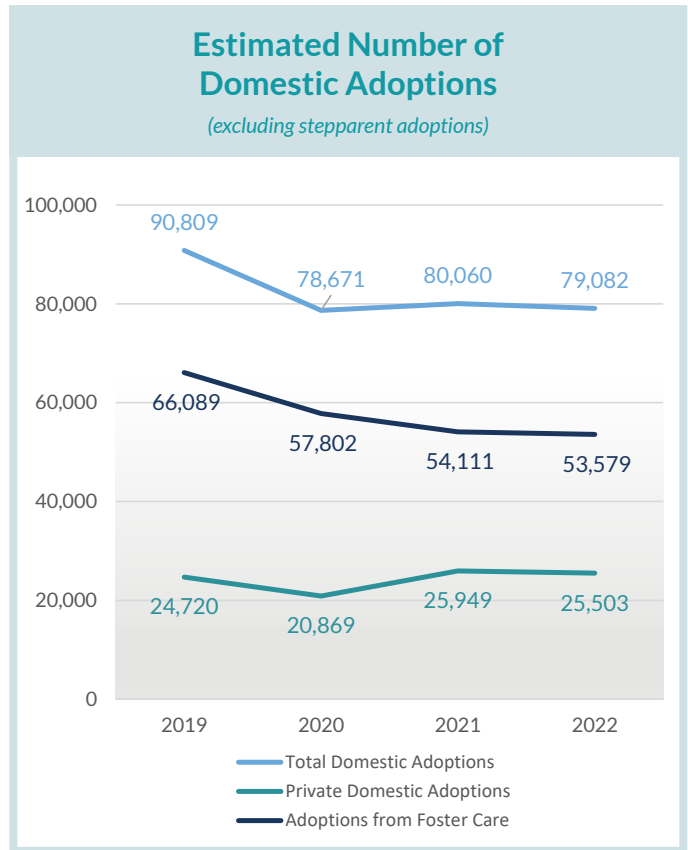
This increased 1.77% from the previous year. In 2021, the total number of domestic adoptions comprises 67.59% public adoptions and 32.41% private adoptions. The total number of domestic adoptions, including stepparent adoptions, was 106,647.

In 2020, an estimated 78,671 children were adopted domestically in the U.S., excluding stepparent adoptions.

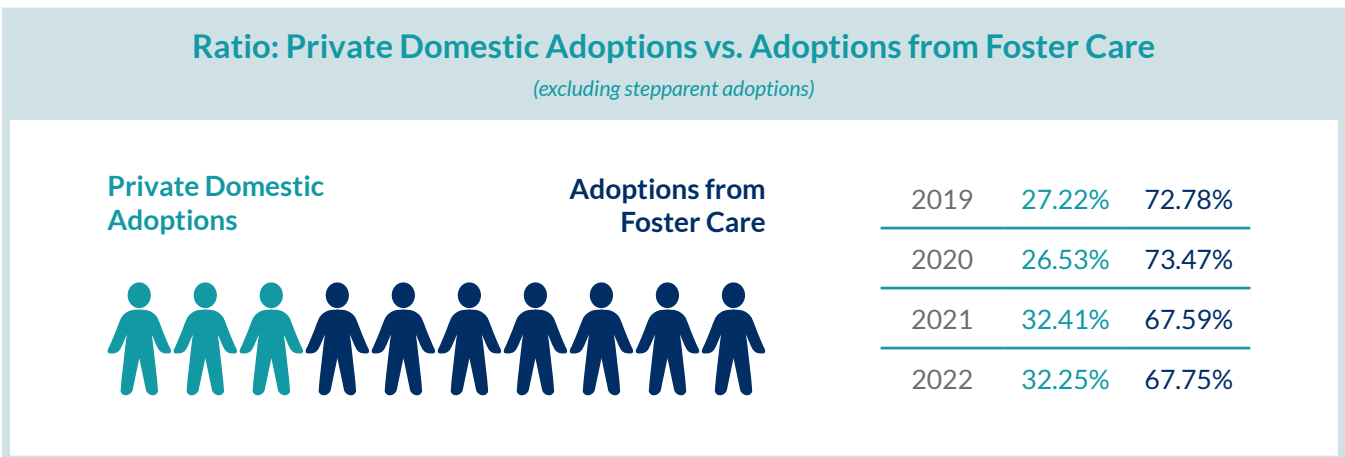
This decreased 13.37% from the previous year. In 2020, the total number of domestic adoptions comprises 73.47% public adoptions and 26.53% private adoptions. The total number of domestic adoptions, including stepparent adoptions, was 99,547.

In 2019, an estimated 90,809 children were adopted domestically in the U.S., excluding stepparent adoptions.

Non-stepparent domestic adoptions comprises 72.78% public adoptions and 27.22% private adoptions. The total number of domestic adoptions, including stepparent adoptions, was 118,499.



See Appendices A and B for all state-level data on domestic adoptions



Private Domestic Adoptions

An estimate for the total number of private domestic adoptions, excluding stepparent adoptions, in the U.S. in 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022 is provided. The number of private domestic adoptions, including that of stepparents is provided for 2023. **This is a subset of domestic adoptions represented in the previous section.** The reporting period for private domestic adoptions varies (e.g., state fiscal year, calendar year).

For 2023, due to limited state-level data, estimates differentiating between stepparent and non-stepparent private domestic adoptions could not be provided.

In 2023, the total number of private domestic adoptions was 50,544, including both stepparent and non-stepparent adoptions. This estimate is based on data from 41 states and D.C.

In 2022, an estimated 25,503 children were adopted via private domestic adoption in the U.S., excluding stepparent adoptions.

This decreased 1.72% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 51,101, which comprises 49.91% non-stepparent adoptions and 50.09% stepparent adoptions.

In 2021, an estimated 25,949 children were adopted via private domestic adoption in the U.S., excluding stepparent adoptions.

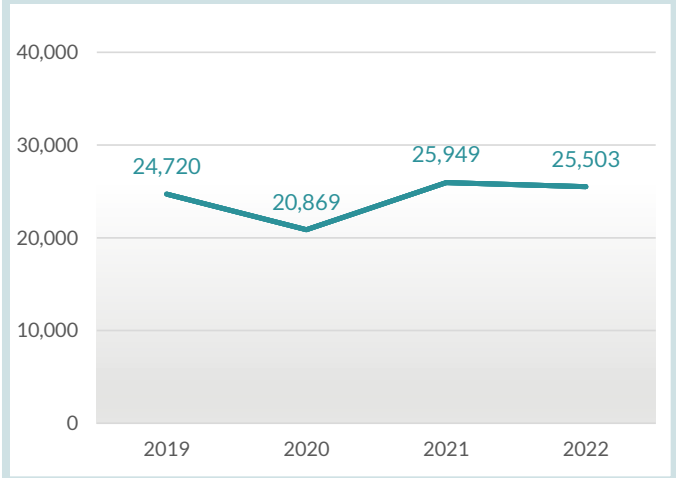
This increased 24.34% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 52,536, which comprises 49.39% non-stepparent adoptions and 50.61% stepparent adoptions.

In 2020, an estimated 20,869 children were adopted via private domestic adoption in the U.S., excluding stepparent adoptions.

This decreased 15.58% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 41,745, which comprises 49.99% non-stepparent adoptions and 50.01% stepparent adoptions.

Estimated Number of Private Domestic Adoptions

(excluding stepparent adoptions)



See [Appendices A and B](#) for all state-level data on private domestic adoptions

In 2019, an estimated 24,720 children were adopted via private domestic adoption in the U.S., excluding stepparent adoptions.

The total number of private domestic adoptions was 52,410, which comprises 47.17% non-stepparent adoptions and 52.83% stepparent adoptions.

Ratio: Non-Stepparent vs. Stepparent Private Domestic Adoptions

Non-Stepparent Adoptions

Stepparent Adoptions



Year	Non-Stepparent Adoptions (%)	Stepparent Adoptions (%)
2019	47.17%	52.83%
2020	49.99%	50.01%
2021	49.39%	50.61%
2022	49.91%	50.09%

Adoptions from Foster Care

Data for the total number of adoptions from foster care (i.e., public domestic adoptions) in the U.S. in 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 are provided. This is a subset of domestic adoptions. The reporting period for this data is the federal fiscal year.

The research team utilized AFCARS data for national-level trends, however state sources were often used for state-level data. As a result, state-level data in Appendix A slightly vary from the totals presented in this section. Additionally, AFCARS reports include data for Puerto Rico, which have been excluded from the totals provided below.²⁰

In 2022, a total of 53,579 children were adopted from foster care in the U.S.

This decreased 0.98% from the previous year. This trend was observed in 28 states and D.C., while adoption numbers increased in 22 states.

In 2021, a total of 54,111 children were adopted from foster care in the U.S.

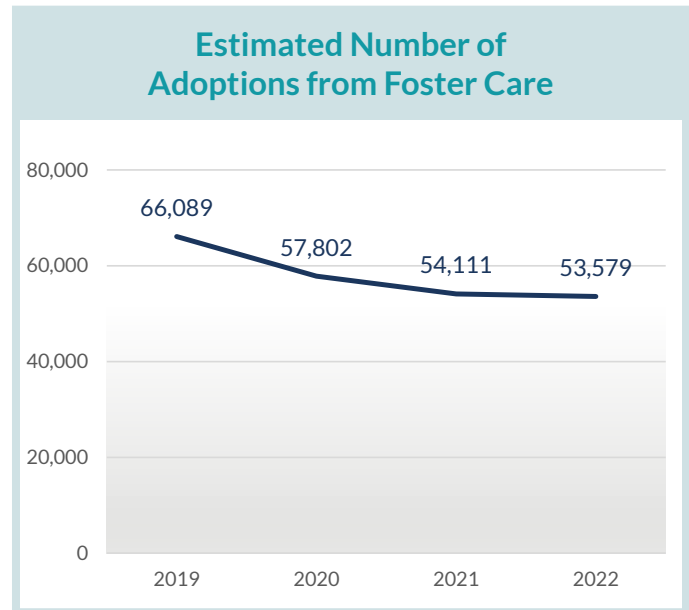
This decreased 6.39% from the previous year. This trend was observed in 32 states, while adoption numbers increased in 18 states and D.C.

In 2020, a total of 57,802 children were adopted from foster care in the U.S.

This decreased 12.54% from the previous year. This trend was observed in 39 states, while adoption numbers increased in eight states and D.C. and remained the same in three states.

In 2019, a total of 66,089 children were adopted from foster care in the U.S.

This increased 4.89% from the previous year.



See Appendices A and B for all state-level data on adoptions from foster care

²⁰ Totals presented from 2018 through 2022 slightly vary from those presented in the AFCARS reports, as data from Puerto Rico have been excluded due to data quality concerns. According to AFCARS, Puerto Rico completed 86 adoptions in 2022, 129 adoptions in 2021, 87 adoptions in 2020, and 121 adoptions in 2019. See Footnote 8 for more details.



Historical Data: Adoptions from Foster Care (2000–2022)^{21, 22, 23}

This section presents historical data from 2000 to 2022. Adoptions from foster care have ranged between approximately 50,000–67,000 per year since 2000. While the trends have varied, adoptions consistently increased from 2014 until their peak in 2019, which totaled 66,089 adoptions. Since that time, adoptions from foster care have consistently declined. Most notably, adoptions from foster care declined 12.54% from 2019 to 2020 but did not recover in the years following the COVID-19 pandemic. As of 2022, the number of adoptions from foster care was 53,579.



2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
51,000	51,000	53,000	50,000	52,000	51,000	51,000	52,686	55,236	57,187	53,547	50,913

2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
52,025	50,835	50,668	53,536	57,176	59,491	63,010	66,089	57,802	54,111	53,579

21 To include the most up-to-date information, annual totals were collected from the most recent AFCARS report, rather than the report for each corresponding year. See Footnote 9 for more details.

22 Totals presented from 2018 through 2022 slightly vary from those presented in the AFCARS reports, as data from Puerto Rico have been excluded due to data quality concerns. See Footnote 8 for more details.

23 While all data presented are sourced from AFCARS reports, from 2000 to 2006, data points were reported as rounded estimates. As reporting developed in later years, AFCARS added specificity.

Intercountry Adoptions

Data on the total number of incoming intercountry adoptions in the U.S. in 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023 are provided. The reporting period for this data is the federal fiscal year.

The research team utilized the Department of State's Annual Report on Intercountry Adoption and adoption statistics page. These sources include data for adoptions completed in U.S. territories and by Americans residing overseas, which have been excluded from data presented below from 2008 through 2023.²⁴

In 2023, a total of 1,274 children were adopted into the U.S. via intercountry adoption.

This decreased 15.96% from the previous year. This trend was observed in 32 states, while adoption numbers increased in 13 states and remained the same in four states and D.C.

In 2022, a total of 1,516 children were adopted into the U.S. via intercountry adoption.

This decreased 14.78% from the previous year. This trend was observed in 32 states, while adoption numbers increased in 13 states and D.C. and remained the same in five states.

In 2021, a total of 1,779 children were adopted into the U.S. via intercountry adoption.

This increased 9.95% from the previous year. This trend was observed in 34 states, while adoption numbers decreased in 16 states and D.C.

In 2020, a total of 1,618 children were adopted into the U.S. via intercountry adoption.

This decreased 45.45% from the previous year. This trend was observed in 47 states and D.C., while adoption numbers increased in two states and remained the same in one state.

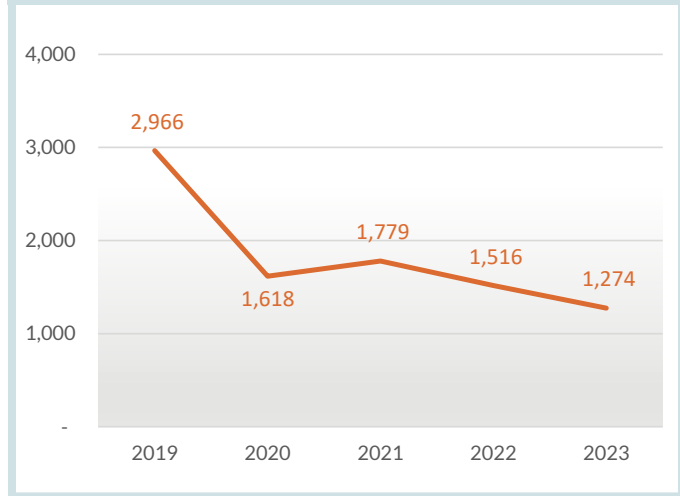
In 2019, a total of 2,966 children were adopted into the U.S. via intercountry adoption.

This decreased 26.64% from the previous year.

²⁴ Totals presented from 2008 to 2023 slightly vary from those presented in Department of State sources, as data on adoptions completed in U.S. territories or by Americans residing overseas have been excluded. These adoptions accounted for one adoption in 2023, one adoption in 2022, five adoptions in 2021, four adoptions in 2020, and four adoptions in 2019. Data for adoptions completed in U.S. territories and by Americans residing overseas could not be excluded from 2000 to 2008, due to uncertainties regarding data categorization.

Estimated Number of Intercountry Adoptions

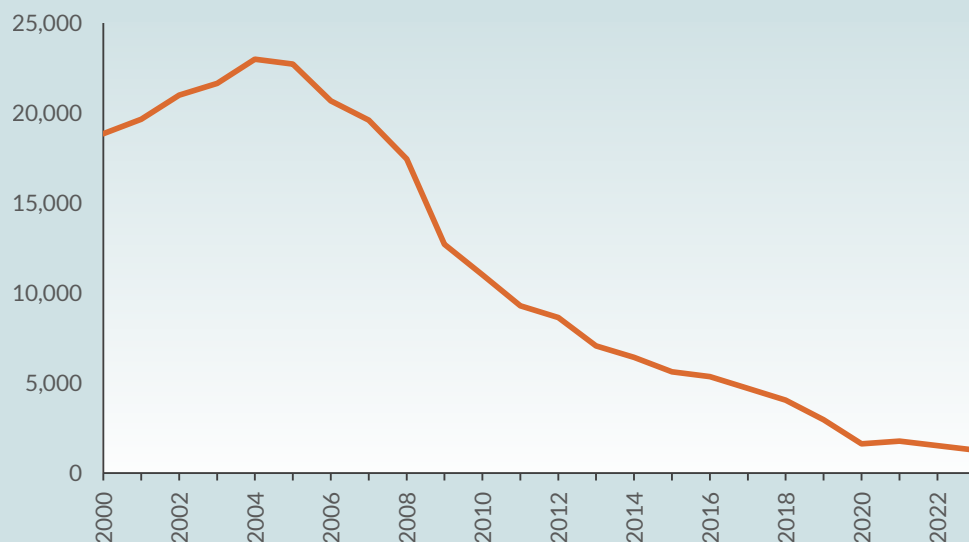
(by U.S. families)



See Appendices A and B for all state-level data on intercountry adoptions

Historical Data: Intercountry Adoptions by U.S. Families (2000–2023) ²⁵

This section presents historical data from 2000 to 2023. The number of intercountry adoptions has been decreasing since it reached its peak of 22,989 adoptions in 2004. In 2023, the number of intercountry adoptions was 1,274, representing the fewest number of placements on record.



2000	18,857
2001	19,646
2002	20,995
2003	21,651
2004	22,989
2005	22,713
2006	20,675
2007	19,601
2008	17,449
2009	12,708
2010	11,019
2011	9,286
2012	8,638
2013	7,072
2014	6,421
2015	5,628
2016	5,351
2017	4,705
2018	4,043
2019	2,966
2020	1,618
2021	1,779
2022	1,516
2023	1,274

²⁵ Data from 2000 to 2008 were acquired from the Department of State's adoption statistics page, and data from 2009 to 2023 data are from the Department of State's annual reports. See Footnotes 13 and 24 for more detail on data sources and reasoning.

Top Intercountry Adoption Sending Countries: Annually (2019-2023)

The countries that have placed for intercountry adoption have changed greatly over the years due to significant shifts in country-specific policies and circumstances. This table presents sending countries with the greatest numbers of intercountry adoptions into the United States per year, from 2019 to 2023.

Rank	2019		2020		2021		2022		2023	
	Country	# of Adoptions	Country	# of Adoptions	Country	# of Adoptions	Country	# of Adoptions	Country	# of Adoptions
1	China	819	Ukraine	211	Colombia	297	Colombia	235	India	221
2	Ukraine	298	China	202	India	245	India	223	Colombia	200
3	Colombia	244	Colombia	137	Ukraine	235	South Korea	141	Bulgaria	83
4	India	241	South Korea	188	South Korea	156	Bulgaria	84	Haiti	80
5	South Korea	166	India	103	Nigeria	111	Ukraine	82	Nigeria	62
6	Bulgaria	134	Bulgaria	99	Bulgaria	108	Haiti	79	Taiwan	59
7	Haiti	130	Haiti	96	Philippines	68	Taiwan	68	Philippines	58
8	Nigeria	116	Nigeria	83	Haiti	54	Philippines	67	South Korea	47
9	Philippines	94	Taiwan	42	Taiwan	48	Thailand	49	Thailand	43
10	Liberia	51	Philippines	39	Thailand	38	Nigeria	44	Morocco	26

Top Intercountry Adoption Sending Countries: Overall (2019-2023)

This table presents sending countries with the greatest number of intercountry adoptions to the U.S. over the past five years combined.

Rank	Country	Total Adoptions 2019–2023	Number of Adoptions Per Year				
			2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
1	Colombia	1,113	244	137	297	235	200
2	China	1,037	819	202	0	0	16
3	India	1,033	241	103	245	223	221
4	Ukraine	836	298	211	235	82	10
5	South Korea	698	166	188	156	141	47
6	Bulgaria	508	134	99	108	84	83
7	Haiti	439	130	96	54	79	80
8	Nigeria	416	116	83	111	44	62
9	Philippines	326	94	39	68	67	58
10	Taiwan	260	43	42	48	68	59

Adoption Trends

The landscape of adoption has shifted significantly over the past five years. A variety of global and national events, such as the COVID-19 pandemic, historical shifts in international adoption practices, and the landmark *Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization* decision, have raised significant questions from the wider community about how adoption trends may continue to change.

As described in the previous Adoption by the Numbers report, adoptions declined significantly between 2019 and 2020, reflecting early effects of the pandemic. During this period, private domestic, non-stepparent adoptions declined 15.58%; intercountry adoptions declined 45.45%; and adoptions from foster care declined 12.54%. In comparison, live births in the United States declined 4% between 2019 and 2020.²⁶

With three additional years of data, we can put these declines in context. Adoptions from foster care and intercountry adoptions continue to decline. Private domestic non-stepparent adoptions have increased since recovering from a drop in adoptions during the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, growing by 3.17% between 2019 and 2022. Intercountry adoptions have

declined 57.05% since 2019, with a total of only 1,274 adoptions in 2023. Adoptions from foster care have steadily declined, with an 18.93% decrease from 2019 to 2022.

As a comparison, while live births in the United States also experienced a decline during the onset of the pandemic (from 2019 to 2020), this was followed by an increase of 1% from 2020 to 2021, and almost no change from 2021 to 2022.²⁷ Live births declined an overall 2% from 2019 to 2022, with a total of 3,667,758 live births in 2022.²⁸ In 2019, there were 6.6 non-stepparent private domestic adoptions per 1,000 live births, while 2020 saw a decline to 5.8 per 1,000 live births. This was followed by an increase to 7.1 non-stepparent private domestic adoptions per 1,000 live births in 2021, and then a slight decrease to 7.0 per 1,000 live births in 2022.²⁹ This indicates that fewer than one percent of infants were placed for private domestic adoption in 2022.³⁰ In addi-

27 Center for Disease Control. (2024). *Births: Final data for 2022*, 73(2). National Vital Statistics Reports. <https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nvsr/nvsr73/nvsr73-02.pdf>

28 Ibid.

29 This rate is calculated by dividing the number of private domestic non-stepparent adoptions by the total number of live births and then multiplying the result by 1,000.

30 In addition to infant placements, there are also a relatively small number of non-infant placements for private domestic adoption each year. The calculations presented in this section do not account for this.

26 Center for Disease Control. (2022). *Births: Final data for 2020*, 70(17). National Vital Statistics Reports. <https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nvsr/nvsr70/nvsr70-17.pdf>

tion to the influences of COVID-19, other factors have also greatly influenced adoption rates since 2019. Notably, China and Ukraine have historically been among the largest sending countries for intercountry adoptions. However, in 2020, China suspended the processing of intercountry adoptions, and in 2024, the country formally ended its intercountry adoption program.^{31, 32} As a result, adoptions from China dropped to a total of 202 adoptions in 2020, zero adoptions in 2021 and 2022, and 16 adoptions in 2023. This compares to 819 adoptions from China in 2019 and 7,903 adoptions at its peak in 2005. Additionally, the Russian invasion of Ukraine in February 2022 severely limited the processing of intercountry adoptions from Ukraine. This led to significant declines, with the total number of adoptions from Ukraine decreasing by 96.64%, from 298 adoptions in 2019 to 10 adoptions in 2023.

31 U.S. Department of State. (September 6, 2024). *Status of intercountry adoptions in People's Republic of China*. <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/News/Intercountry-Adoption-News/status-of-intercountry-adoptions-in-people-s-republic-of-china-.html>

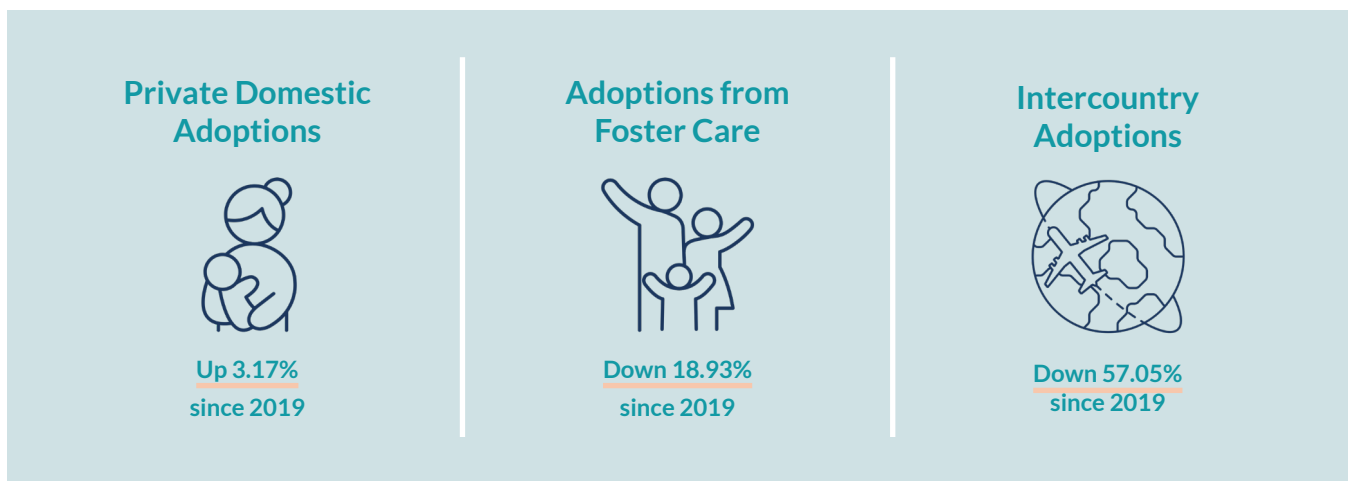
32 AP News. (September 5, 2024). *China's halt of foreign adoptions leaves questions about pending cases*. <https://apnews.com/article/china-international-adoptions-7112b4ff7e68cca76a5edea310cb835b>

Additionally, the landmark *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* decision, which overturned *Roe v. Wade* in June 2022, has raised questions about the impact of altered abortion access on adoption trends. However, statistical evidence is not yet available to assess the impact of this decision on adoptions in the U.S. This report documents a slight decline of 1.72% in non-stepparent private domestic adoptions from 2021 to 2022. While data on non-stepparent private domestic adoptions after 2022 are not yet available, estimates of the number of private domestic adoptions (including that of stepparents) from 2022 to 2023 reflect a very similar trend, with a slight decline of 1.09%.³³ As more data become available from states, more reliable and comprehensive trends can be examined.

33 Data for 2023 are not yet available from all states. The finding presented is an estimate calculated by utilizing data available from 41 states and D.C.

Annual Non-Stepparent Adoptions in the U.S. by Type (2019-2023)³⁴

Type of Adoption	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Private Domestic Adoptions (Non-Stepparent)	24,720	20,869	25,949	25,503	Not yet available
Adoptions from Foster Care	66,089	57,802	54,111	53,579	
Intercountry Adoptions	2,966	1,618	1,779	1,516	1,274



34 The reporting periods vary. For intercountry adoptions and adoptions from foster care, the reporting period is the federal fiscal year. Different reporting periods were used in the estimate for private domestic adoptions. Additionally, adoptions in U.S. territories and by Americans residing overseas have been excluded.

Policy Recommendations

This section offers recommendations for legislation and regulations that support and strengthen ethical, equitable, and evidence-based adoptions practices and prioritize the well-being and safety of children.

Federal Reporting of Private Domestic Adoptions

In the 118th Congress (2023–2024) the *Adoption Counts Act* (H.R. 6700) was introduced with the purpose of requiring states to provide information about the number of private domestic adoptions from each state. Such legislative efforts should be continued until there is accurate, reliable annual data on the number of private domestic adoptions in the United States. The federal government provides state court systems with enormous financial support for the work they conduct, including child and family welfare cases. State court systems are already processing adoption cases and therefore have the ability to track and report on the number of private domestic adoptions that are finalized without significant burden. These systems can, and should, track whether the placement is made to a relative, a stepparent, or unrelated parents; they can also document if the adoptive placement was an interstate placement. Such information would allow researchers to better understand trends in the field and provide policymakers with accurate information for creating policies impacting vulnerable populations.

Discretionary Funding to Support Adoption-Informed Education

Inaccurate information about adoption may be a significant reason expectant parents do not consider adoption among their options in response to an unplanned pregnancy. States and the federal government can fund education for healthcare workers, social workers, and other professionals who are likely to be in roles of communication with and support for expectant parents. Additionally, public schools can include fact-based, non-directive information about adoption in sexual health education curricula, including information about the rights expectant parents have in choosing the adoptive parents as well as the prevalence of open, ongoing relationships between birth parents and adoptive families.

Conclusion

National Council For Adoption (NCFA) periodically publishes a comprehensive report on U.S. adoption statistics. This report aims to provide helpful data for the public, media members, policymakers, and child welfare researchers. This is especially the case for private domestic, non-stepparent adoption data, as no other research estimates are available. The task of collecting and estimating this state and national-level adoption data remains exceedingly complex, though Congress has the ability to resolve this issue. In addition to providing new data estimates, this report updates prior estimates for 2019 and 2020, and it is likely that future research will lead to additional updates of the estimates provided in this report as well. We welcome suggestions, corrections, and additional feedback to enhance the quality and accuracy of these findings.



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APPENDIX A:

State-Level Data

This section presents state-by-state adoption estimates, adoption trends, data sources, and reporting periods. Data are reported on adoption from foster care, private domestic adoption, and inter-country adoption for 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023, where available. Estimates of the total number of state-level adoptions per year are also included by taking the sum of the three types of adoption provided. Distinctive data for stepparent and non-stepparent private domestic adoptions are also provided where available.

Updated Data!

**Asterisks denote updates to adoption statistics presented in the previous Adoption by the Numbers report, which covered 2019 and 2020 data. Explanations for the changes are provided in the text.*

Alabama

In 2023, an estimated 2,218 children were adopted in Alabama. This decreased 6.02% from the previous year. In 2023, adoptions from foster care made up 33.41% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 65.42%, and intercountry adoptions made up 1.17%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 741, which decreased 3.77% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 1,451, which decreased 6.33% from the previous year. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was 26.

In 2022, an estimated 2,360 children were adopted in Alabama. This decreased 7.05% from the previous year. In 2022, adoptions from foster care made up 32.63% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 65.64%, and intercountry adoptions made up 1.74%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 770, which decreased 1.66% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 1,549, which decreased 8.83% from the previous year. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was 41.

In 2021, an estimated 2,539 children were adopted in Alabama. This increased 42.16% from the previous year. In 2021, adoptions from foster care made up 30.84% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 66.92%, and intercountry adoptions made up 2.24%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 783, which decreased 3.81% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 1,699, which increased 85.28% from the previous year. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was 57.

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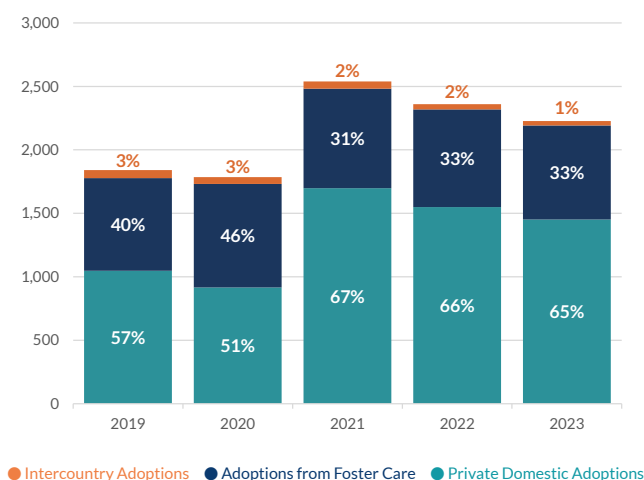
All 2021-2023 data for Alabama covered the state fiscal year.

Data Sources

NCFCA received data on the total number of domestic adoptions of children aged zero to 17 in Alabama during state fiscal years 2021, 2022, and 2023 from the Statistical Analysis Division of the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH). The number of adoptions within this total that were adoptions from foster care was collected from the Alabama Department of Human Resources Annual Reports.³⁵ The number of private adoptions was estimated by subtracting the number of

35 These reports can be accessed through the DHR "Facts and Figures" page: <https://dhr.alabama.gov/facts-and-figures/>.

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adoptions from foster care from the total number of domestic adoptions.

Updates to 2019 and 2020 Data

Between State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2019 and 2020 and SFYs 2021 through 2023, the source of adoption from foster care data is the same, but the source for the total domestic adoption data is not. In particular, the previous Adoption by the Numbers estimated the total number of domestic adoptions based on figures from prior years and statistics on disposed domestic cases as reported by the Alabama Administrative Office of Courts.³⁶ By contrast, the numbers for domestic adoptions in SFYs 2021 through 2023 are exact figures provided by representatives in ADPH. Additionally, the total number of domestic adoptions in 2020 was updated from the previous report, as a slight calculation error was identified and corrected.

36 The previous figures were accessed in: National Council For Adoption. (2017). *Adoption by the numbers: A comprehensive report of U.S. adoption statistics*. The number of disposed domestic cases can be obtained from the Annual Report and Statistics published by Alabama Administrative Office of Courts. See the section on Circuit Court Caseload Statistics at <https://www.alacourt.gov/Publications.aspx>. The 2019 and 2020 figures were estimated by calculating the percentage of disposed domestic cases that were adoptions and applying this percentage to the 2019 and 2020 disposition data.

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total	1,841	1,786	2,539	2,360	2,218
Domestic Adoptions	1,778	1,731*	2,482	2,319	2,192
> Adoptions from Foster Care	731	814	783	770	741
> Private Domestic Adoptions	1,047	917	1,699	1,549	1,451
Intercountry Adoptions	63	55	57	41	26

Alaska

In 2023, an estimated 523 children were adopted in Alaska. This decreased 2.43% from the previous year. In 2023, adoptions from foster care made up 57.36% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 42.64%, and intercountry adoptions made up 0%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 300, which decreased 5.66% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 223, which increased 2.29% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions comprises 44.00% non-stepparent adoptions and 56.00% stepparent adoptions. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was zero.

In 2022, an estimated 536 children were adopted in Alaska. This increased 2.68% from the previous year. In 2022, adoptions from foster care made up 59.33% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 40.67%, and intercountry adoptions made up 0%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 318, which decreased 7.29% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 218, which increased 24.57% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions comprises 34.40% non-stepparent adoptions and 65.60% stepparent adoptions. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was zero.

In 2021, an estimated 522 children were adopted in Alaska. This increased 5.45% from the previous year. In 2021, adoptions from foster care made up 65.71% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 33.52%, and intercountry adoptions made up 0.77%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 343, which increased 15.88% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 175, which decreased 11.17% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions comprises 24.22% non-stepparent adoptions and 75.78% stepparent adoptions. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was four.

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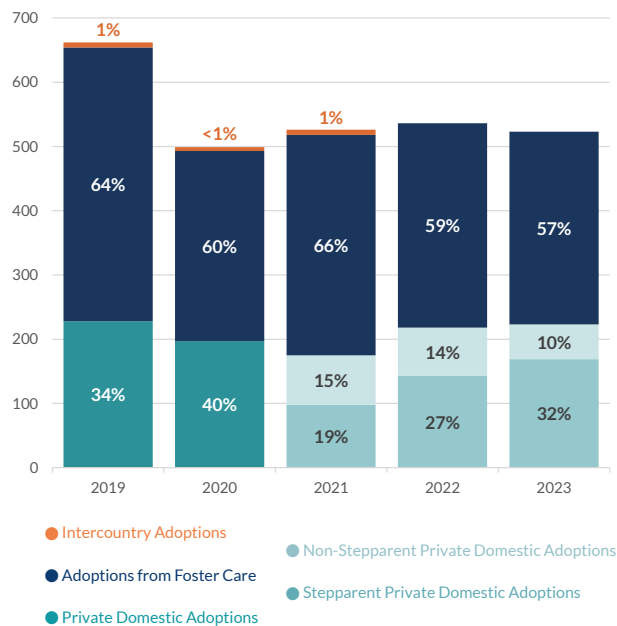
All 2021–2023 data covered the calendar year.

Data Sources

NCFA collected data on the total number of domestic adoptions from the Vital Statistics Annual Reports published by the Alaska Department of Health. These reports divide the adoption numbers by granting authority: State Court, Alaska Native Village Councils (listed as “Cultural”), or Tribal Court. The numbers quoted above refer only to those adoptions granted by the State Court. We chose to use this subset of the adoption data because the numbers collected for 2019 and 2020 counted only court-granted adoptions.

The number of adoptions from foster care came from the Alaska Office of Children’s Services (OCS) Statistical Information through

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the Department of Family and Community Services.³⁷ The OCS has this same data also available for Alaska’s state fiscal year and the federal fiscal year. The number of private adoptions was estimated by subtracting the number of adoptions from foster care from the total number of domestic adoptions.

NCFA received counts for the number of stepparent adoptions from the Administrative Office of the Courts. The Administrative Office of the Courts also provided counts for the total number of adoptions.

Updates to 2019 and 2020 Data

For 2019 and 2020, NCFA received data on the number of adoptions granted and the number of stepparent adoptions from the Alaska court system and data on the number of adoptions from foster care from the Office of Children’s Services. Since this data came directly from representatives within the relevant state departments in the previous report, we trust in its validity. However, the reporting period used for 2019 and 2020 data was the state fiscal year, while the data gathered for 2021–2023 cover the calendar year.

In the table, for consistency, and for the sake of better year-to-year comparison, we report the 2019 and 2020 data using the 2021–2023 data sources.

³⁷ The Statistical Information can be accessed at: <https://dfcs.alaska.gov/ocs/Pages/statistics/default.aspx>.

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total	662	495	522	536	523
Domestic Adoptions	654*	493*	518	536	523
> Adoptions from Foster Care	426*	296*	343	318	300
> Private Domestic Adoptions	228*	197*	175	218	223
> Stepparent Adoptions	data unavailable		98	143	169
> Non-Stepparent Adoptions	data unavailable		77	75	54
Intercountry Adoptions	8	2	4	0	0

Arizona

In 2023, an estimated 3,143 children were adopted in Arizona. This decreased 20.61% from the previous year. In 2023, adoptions from foster care made up 66.4% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 33.25%, and intercountry adoptions made up 0.35%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 2,087, which decreased 20.8% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 1,045, which decreased 20.29% from the previous year. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was 11.

In 2022, an estimated 3,959 children were adopted in Arizona. This increased 5.15% from the previous year. In 2022, adoptions from foster care made up 66.56% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 33.11%, and intercountry adoptions made up 0.33%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 2,635, which increased 10.34% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 1,311, which decreased 3.89% from the previous year. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was 13.

In 2021, an estimated 3,765 children were adopted in Arizona. This decreased 9.82% from the previous year. In 2021, adoptions from foster care made up 63.43% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 36.23%, and intercountry adoptions made up 0.35%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 2,388, which decreased 12.43% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 1,364, which decreased 4.41% from the previous year. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was 13.

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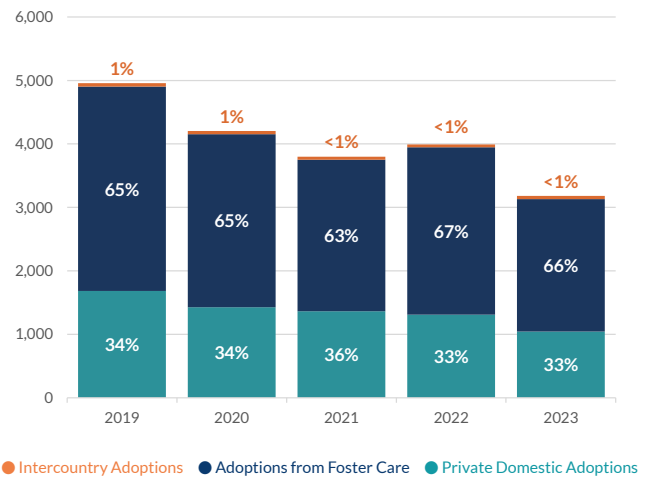
All 2021–2023 data covered the calendar year.

Data Sources

Data on the total number of domestic adoptions was provided by the Bureau of Vital Records, which reported the total number of adoptions completed by the State Office. Data on the number of adoptions from foster care was collected from the Department of Children’s Services Semi-Annual Reports.³⁸ The number of private adoptions was estimated by subtracting the number of adoptions from foster care from the total number of domestic adoptions.

38 These reports can be accessed at: <https://dcs.az.gov/reports>.

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Updates to 2019 and 2020 Data

NCFA used the same source for adoptions from foster care numbers in this report as in the previous report, i.e., the Department of Children’s Services Semi-Annual Reports. As the 2019 and 2020 reports had been updated since the last ABTN, we present the updated counts for adoptions from foster care.

The data source for total adoptions is not the same between this report and the last report. In the last report, the Arizona representatives who we contacted did not provide estimates for the number of total adoptions. CSP STAT reported numbers of outgoing cases in these years, but the research team decided not to use the 2020 data as it was less than the number reported for adoptions from foster care that year. Thus, in the previous report, we used CSP STAT data for the total number of domestic adoptions in 2019 and estimated the total number of domestic adoptions in 2020 by applying the 2019 ratio between private adoptions and adoptions from foster care. In the current report, for the 2021–2023 counts, we received from the Bureau of Vital Records exact counts of the number of adoptions completed by the State Office.

Due to data discrepancies and based on the greater confidence we had in the 2021–2023 data, we re-estimated the total number of domestic adoptions for 2019 and 2020. These new estimates are based on applying the average ratio of adoptions from foster care versus domestic adoptions in 2021 through 2023 to the counts for the adoptions from foster care in 2019 and 2020.

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total	4,928	4,175	3,765	3,959	3,143
Domestic Adoptions	4,903*	4,154*	3,752	3,946	3,132
> Adoptions from Foster Care	3,219*	2,727*	2,388	2,635	2,087
> Private Domestic Adoptions	1,684*	1,427*	1,364	1,311	1,045
Intercountry Adoptions	25	21	13	13	11

Arkansas

In 2023, an estimated 2,189 children were adopted in Arkansas. This increased 1.72% from the previous year. In 2023, adoptions from foster care made up 37.28% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 62.63%, and intercountry adoptions made up 0.09%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 816, which increased 1.24% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 1,371, which increased 2.47% from the previous year. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was two.

In 2022, an estimated 2,152 children were adopted in Arkansas. This decreased 4.86% from the previous year. In 2022, adoptions from foster care made up 37.45% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 62.17%, and intercountry adoptions made up 0.37%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 806, which decreased 3.13% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 1,338, which decreased 6.17% from the previous year. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was eight.

In 2021, an estimated 2,262 children were adopted in Arkansas. This increased 8.7% from the previous year. In 2021, adoptions from foster care made up 36.78% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 63.04%, and intercountry adoptions made up 0.18%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 832, which decreased 4.59% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 1,426, which increased 18.73% from the previous year. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was four.

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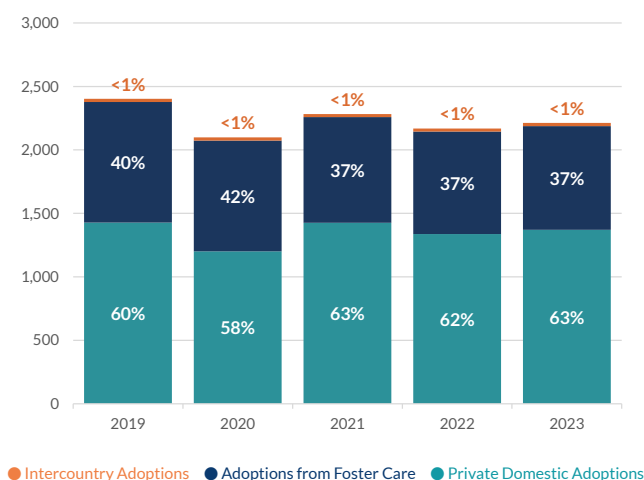
All 2021–2023 data covered the state fiscal year.

Data Sources

Data on the total number of domestic adoptions was collected from the Judiciary Statistical Supplement published by the Office of Research and Justice Statistics in the Arkansas Judiciary.³⁹ The data for the number of adoptions from foster

39 The Judiciary Statistical Supplement can be accessed at: https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/orjs.arcourts/viz/AR_Annual_Summary_Public_0/Dashboard1. We selected CASE TYPE: Adoption - Probate, Column: Disposition. Adoption case dispositions.

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care was collected from the Annual Report Cards published by the Department of Human Services, Division of Children and Family Services.⁴⁰ The number of private adoptions was estimated by subtracting the number of adoptions from foster care from the total number of domestic adoptions.

Updates to 2019 and 2020 Data

In 2019 and 2020, we also collected total adoption data from the Judiciary Statistical Supplement. However, as our data for adoptions from foster care utilized the calendar year and the Judiciary Statistical Supplement organizes data by state fiscal year, we decided to use the outgoing disposition data from the Court Statistics Project instead, since these data are recorded by calendar year.

In the table, for consistency, and for the sake of better year-to-year comparison, we report the 2019 and 2020 data using the 2021–2023 data sources.

40 These report cards can be accessed at: <https://humanservices.arkansas.gov/divisions-shared-services/children-family-services/dcfs-data-and-reports/>.

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total	2,381	2,081	2,262	2,152	2,189
Domestic Adoptions	2,378*	2,073*	2,258	2,144	2,187
> Adoptions from Foster Care	950*	872*	832	806	816
> Private Domestic Adoptions	1,428*	1,201*	1,426	1,338	1,371
Intercountry Adoptions	3	8	4	8	2

California

In 2023, an estimated 10,597 children were adopted in California. This increased 11.23% from the previous year. In 2023, adoptions from foster care made up 59.5% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 39.42%, and intercountry adoptions made up 1.09%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 6,305, which increased 1.14% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 4,177, which increased 32.23% from the previous year. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was 115, which decreased 14.18% from the previous year.

In 2022, an estimated 9,527 children were adopted in California. This increased 0.25% from the previous year. In 2022, adoptions from foster care made up 65.44% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 33.16%, and intercountry adoptions made up 1.41%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 6,234, which decreased 1.87% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 3,159, which increased 5.51% from the previous year. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was 134, which decreased 14.1% from the previous year.

In 2021, an estimated 9,503 children were adopted in California. This increased 23.34% from the previous year. In 2021, adoptions from foster care made up 66.85% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 31.51%, and intercountry adoptions made up 1.64%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 6,353, which increased 17.65% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 2,994, which increased 37.66% from the previous year. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was 156, which increased 20% from the previous year.

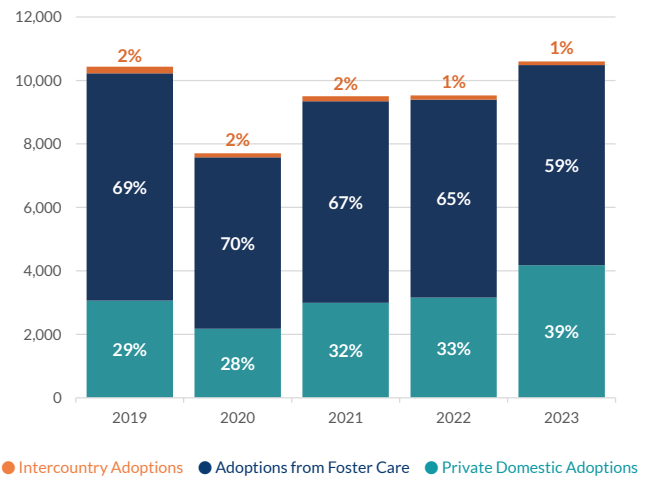
Reporting Period

All 2021–2023 data covered the calendar year.

Data Sources

Following the method taken in the previous report, NCFE reached out to each of the state’s 58 superior courts requesting data on the total adoptions disposed or finalized in their respective county. We received responses from 46 of the 58 counties. The child population in the responding counties was divided by the child population of California in 2021 to calculate the proportion between the child population in these

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counties and the child population of the entire state.⁴¹ This proportion was used to estimate the total number of domestic adoptions in California by dividing the total number of adoptions reported in the responding counties by the calculated proportion.

Data for the number of adoptions from foster care are readily available through the California Child Welfare Indicators Project (CCWIP) housed at UC Berkeley.⁴² NCFE used the “Exits from Foster Care” data from the CCWIP dashboard. An estimation for the number of private adoptions was obtained by taking the difference between total and public adoptions.

Updates to 2019 and 2020 Data

The data sources between the previous report and the current report are the same, with the exception of the 2019 and 2020 numbers for total adoptions being based on data received from fewer (36) counties.

41 The child population data by county are available at: <https://www.kidsdata.org/topic/32/child-population/table>. At the time of writing, only the 2021 population counts were available. The proportion calculated from the 2021 data was applied to approximate the total number of adoptions in 2021, 2022, and 2023.

42 This project and the corresponding data can be accessed at: <https://ccwip.berkeley.edu/>.

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total	10,431	7,705	9,503	9,527	10,597
Domestic Adoptions	10,223	7,575	9,347	9,393	10,482
> Adoptions from Foster Care	7,161	5,400	6,353	6,234	6,305
> Private Domestic Adoptions	3,062	2,175	2,994	3,159	4,177
Intercountry Adoptions	208	130	156	134	115

Colorado

In 2023, an estimated 2,239 children were adopted in Colorado. This decreased 2.4% from the previous year. In 2023, adoptions from foster care made up 32.25% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 65.3%, and intercountry adoptions made up 2.46%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 722, which decreased 8.49% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 1,462, which decreased 0.81% from the previous year. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was 55.

In 2022, an estimated 2,294 children were adopted in Colorado. This increased 4.13% from the previous year. In 2022, adoptions from foster care made up 34.39% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 64.25%, and intercountry adoptions made up 1.35%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 789, which decreased 4.25% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 1,474, which increased 10.66% from the previous year. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was 31.

In 2021, an estimated 2,203 children were adopted in Colorado. This decreased 1.26% from the previous year. In 2021, adoptions from foster care made up 37.4% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 60.46%, and intercountry adoptions made up 2.13%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 824, which decreased 10.53% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 1,332, which increased 5.05% from the previous year. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was 47.

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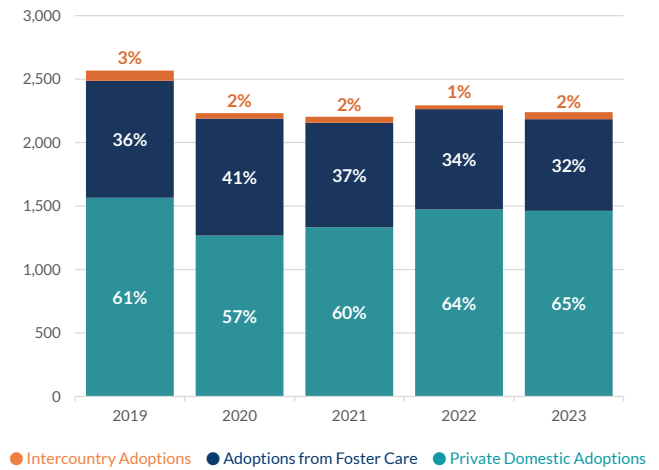
All 2021–2023 data covered the state fiscal year.

Data Sources

NCFCA collected data on the total number of domestic adoptions from the Colorado Judicial Branch Annual Statistical Reports. The numbers used in this report are based on the number of adoption case filings.⁴³ We referenced the “Permanency Outcomes for Children Served in a Child Welfare Case” dashboard through the Colorado Department of Human Services (DHS) Community Performance Center for data on the

43 These reports can be accessed through the Colorado Judicial Branch website at: <https://www.coloradojudicial.gov/court-services/research-and-data>.

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number of adoptions from foster care.⁴⁴ An estimation for the number of private adoptions was obtained by taking the difference between total and public adoptions.

Updates to 2019 and 2020 Data

The final 2019 and 2020 data used in the previous report used the CSP incoming case numbers for the total number of adoptions and AFCARS numbers for the number of adoptions from foster care. Consequently, the reporting periods differed between these two categories—calendar year for total number of adoptions and federal fiscal year for public adoptions. It is an improvement in the current report to have the reporting periods between the total adoption numbers and the adoptions from foster care numbers match.

In the table, for consistency, and for the sake of better year-to-year comparison, we report the 2019 and 2020 data using the 2021–2023 data sources. We note that the values reported for the number of adoption case filings are the same between CSP and the Judicial Branch Annual Statistical Reports, so those data points remain the same from the previous report.

44 This dashboard is available at: <https://colorado.rom.socwel.ku.edu/reports>.

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total	2,567	2,231	2,203	2,294	2,239
Domestic Adoptions	2,487	2,189	2,156	2,263	2,184
> Adoptions from Foster Care	922*	921*	824	789	722
> Private Domestic Adoptions	1,565*	1,268*	1,332	1,474	1,462
Intercountry Adoptions	80	42	47	31	55

Connecticut

In 2023, an estimated 751 children were adopted in Connecticut. This increased 9.64% from the previous year. In 2023, adoptions from foster care made up 65.65% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 32.49%, and intercountry adoptions made up 1.86%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 493, which decreased 7.5% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 244, which increased 69.44% from the previous year. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was 14.

In 2022, an estimated 685 children were adopted in Connecticut. This decreased 7.68% from the previous year. In 2022, adoptions from foster care made up 77.81% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 21.02%, and intercountry adoptions made up 1.17%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 533, which increased 30.64% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 144, which decreased 55.42% from the previous year. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was eight.

In 2021, an estimated 742 children were adopted in Connecticut. This increased 59.23% from the previous year. In 2021, adoptions from foster care made up 54.99% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 43.53%, and intercountry adoptions made up 1.48%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 408, which increased 32.9% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 323, which increased 112.5% from the previous year. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was 11.

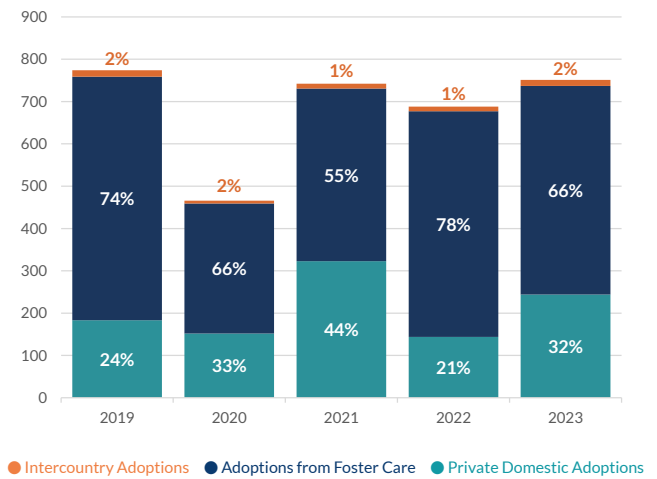
Reporting Period

All 2021–2023 data covered the state fiscal year.

Data Sources

NCFA received data on the total number of domestic adoptions from the Connecticut Judicial Branch and the Office of the Probate Court Administrator. Connecticut finalizes adoptions at both the judicial and the probate level, so the sum of the estimates from these two branches was understood to be

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the total number of adoptions finalized in the state. The Office of Data Reporting and Evaluation in the Connecticut Department of Children and Families, Bureau of Continuous Quality Improvement, provided the number of adoptions from foster care finalized in the state. An estimation for the number of private adoptions was obtained by taking the difference between total and public adoptions.

Updates to 2019 and 2020 Data

The source for the total number of adoptions is the same in the current report as in the last report. NCFA also received data from the courts on the number of private adoptions in 2019 and 2020, and the difference between the total and the number of private adoptions was used as an estimate for the number of adoptions from foster care. For 2021–2023, NCFA used data from the Department of Children and Families for the number of adoptions from foster care and estimated the number of private adoptions.

The 2019 and 2020 data cover the calendar year.

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total	774	466	742	685	751
Domestic Adoptions	759	459	731	677	737
> Adoptions from Foster Care	576	307	408	533	493
> Private Domestic Adoptions	183	152	323	144	244
Intercountry Adoptions	15	7	11	8	14

Delaware

In 2023, an estimated 151 children were adopted in Delaware. This increased 34.26% from the previous year. In 2023, domestic adoptions made up 96.03% of total adoptions, while intercountry adoptions made up 3.97%. Data on adoptions from foster care and private domestic adoptions are not yet available. The total number of intercountry adoptions was six.

In 2022, an estimated 111 children were adopted in Delaware. This decreased 26.49% from the previous year. In 2022, adoptions from foster care made up 53.15% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 44.14%, and intercountry adoptions made up 2.7%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 59. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 49. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was three.

In 2021, an estimated 151 children were adopted in Delaware. This decreased 4.43% from the previous year. In 2021, adoptions from foster care made up 68.21% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 25.17%, and intercountry adoptions made up 6.62%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 103. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 38. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was 10.

Reporting Period

All 2021–2023 data covered the state fiscal year.

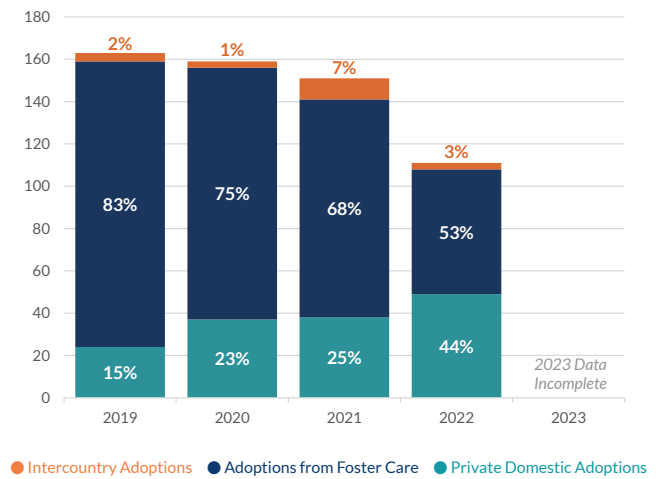
Data Sources

The Family Court Annual Reports published by the Administrative Office of the Courts provided estimates for the total number of adoptions in the state based on the number of adoption case dispositions.⁴⁵ Numbers of adoptions from foster care completed annually were drawn from the Annual Progress and Services Report from the Department of Services for Children, Youth & Their Families (DSCYF).⁴⁶ An estimation for the number of private adoptions was obtained by taking the difference between total and public adoptions.

45 These reports are available at: <https://courts.delaware.gov/aoc/publications.aspx>.

46 These reports are available at: <https://kids.delaware.gov/family-services/cfs-review-plan/>.

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Updates to 2019 and 2020 Data

The source for the total number of adoptions is the same in the current report as in the previous report, but the source for the number of adoptions from foster care is different. In the previous report, we received data for the number of adoptions from foster care by calendar year from the Adoption Program of DSCYF, Division of Family Services. NCFCA decided to use the federal fiscal year–based AFCARS data instead, in order to better match the reporting period of the total adoption data. It is an improvement in the current report to have the reporting periods between the total adoption numbers and the adoptions from foster care numbers match.

In the table, for consistency, and for the sake of better year-to-year comparison, we report the 2019 and 2020 data using the 2021–2023 data sources.

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total	163	158	151	111	151
Domestic Adoptions	159*	156*	141	108	145
> Adoptions from Foster Care	135*	119*	103	59	data unavailable
> Private Domestic Adoptions	24*	37*	38	49	
Intercountry Adoptions	4	2	10	3	6

District of Columbia

In 2023, an estimated 185 children were adopted in the District of Columbia. This increased 5.11% from the previous year. In 2023, adoptions from foster care made up 35.14% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 61.62%, and intercountry adoptions made up 3.24%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 65. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 114. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was six.

In 2022, an estimated 176 children were adopted in the District of Columbia. This decreased 17.37% from the previous year. In 2022, adoptions from foster care made up 57.95% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 38.64%, and intercountry adoptions made up 3.41%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 102. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 68. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was six.

In 2021, an estimated 213 children were adopted in the District of Columbia. This increased 18.99% from the previous year. In 2021, adoptions from foster care made up 52.58% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 45.07%, and intercountry adoptions made up 2.35%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 112. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 96. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was five.

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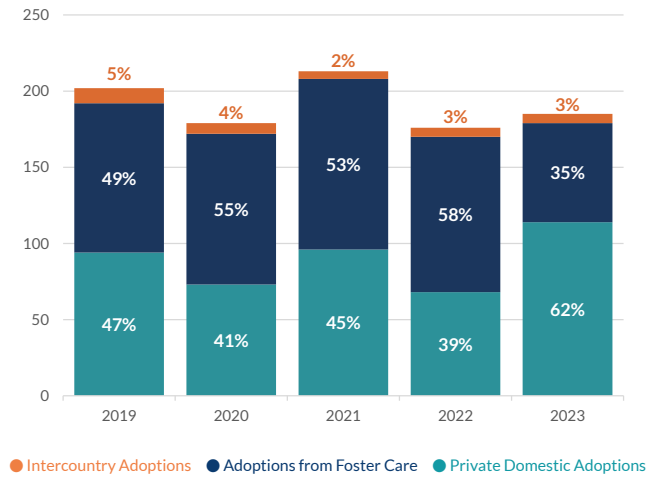
Data on the total number of domestic adoptions covered the calendar year, while data on the number of adoptions from foster care covered the federal fiscal year. As the number of private adoptions was taken as the difference between the total adoptions and the adoptions from foster care, the reporting period for private adoptions is mixed.

Data Sources

For an approximation for the total number of domestic adoptions, we referenced the DC Courts Annual Reports and Family Court Annual Reports, which tabulated the number of adoption case dispositions each calendar year.⁴⁷ For the number of

47 These reports can be accessed at: <https://www.dccourts.gov/about/organizational-performance/annual-reports>.

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adoptions from foster care, we used the Child & Family Services Agency (CSFA) Data Dashboard⁴⁸ and AFCARS for data on the number of adoptions from foster care. An estimation for the number of private adoptions was obtained by taking the difference between total and public adoptions.⁴⁹

Updates to 2019 and 2020 Data

In the previous report, the data on the total number of domestic adoptions and the number of private adoptions, in addition to a few other data points, was provided by the Office of General Counsel. This source also provided data on the number of adoptions from foster care for 2019, but not 2020, so the value for 2020 was imputed from AFCARS.

48 Refer to the “Exits by Reason” dashboard from CFSA at: <https://cfsadashboard.dc.gov/page/exits-reason>.

49 NCFA also received data on the total number of domestic adoptions from the D.C. Superior Court. The data were divided into neglect-related adoptions, private adoptions, and international adoptions by calendar year (CY). The Court noted these data are according to the year in which the adoption was initiated and not necessarily the year in which the adoption was finalized. According to the data from the Superior Court, there were 183 domestic adoptions (112 foster, 71 private) initialized in CY 2019, 143 (84 foster, 59 private) in CY 2020, and 162 (85 foster, 77 private) in CY 2023.

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total	202	179	213	176	185
Domestic Adoptions	192	172	208	170	179
> Adoptions from Foster Care	98	99	112	102	65
> Private Domestic Adoptions	94	73	96	68	114
Intercountry Adoptions	10	7	5	6	6

Florida

For 2023, a majority of data are not yet available. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 3,710, which decreased 2.37% from the previous year. The total number of intercountry adoptions was 75.

In 2022, an estimated 6,311 children were adopted in Florida. This decreased 8.11% from the previous year. In 2022, adoptions from foster care made up 60.21% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 38.88%, and intercountry adoptions made up 0.9%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 3,800, which decreased 3.43% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 2,454, which decreased 14.02% from the previous year. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was 57.

In 2021, an estimated 6,868 children were adopted in Florida. This increased 15.58% from the previous year. In 2021, adoptions from foster care made up 57.29% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 41.56%, and intercountry adoptions made up 1.15%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 3,935, which decreased 1.5% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 2,854, which increased 53.11% from the previous year. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was 79.

Reporting Period

All 2021–2023 data covered the calendar year.

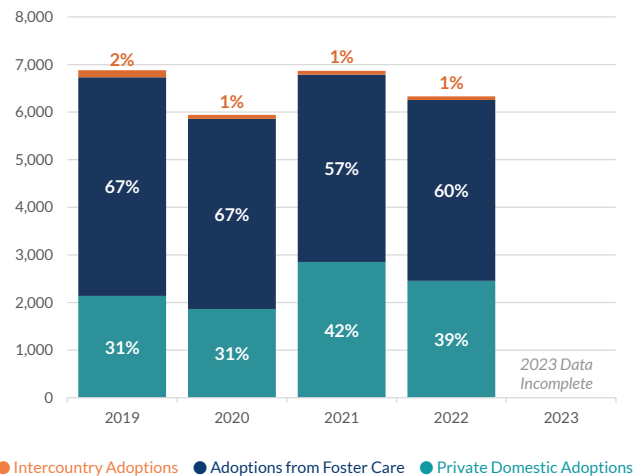
Data Sources

NCFA relied on the comprehensive report “Adoptions of Children in Florida: An Overview,” compiled and published by the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability (OPPAGA) in the Florida Legislature in 2023, for data on the total number of domestic adoptions and the number of adoptions from foster care.⁵⁰

OPPAGA used data from the Department of Children and Families (DCF), the U.S. Department of State, the Florida Office of the State Courts Administrator, and the Florida Department of Health (DOH) going back about a decade. Exhibit 2 provided data from DCF on the annual number of adoptions from foster care and Exhibit 5 provided data from the Bureau of Vital Statistics on the annual number of adoptions of Florida-born minors. These

50 This report is available at: <https://oppaga.fl.gov/Documents/Reports/23-15.pdf>.

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were used for the total adoptions and adoptions from foster care numbers in this report.⁵¹

An estimation for the number of private adoptions was obtained by taking the difference between total and public adoptions.

Updates to 2019 and 2020 Data

Absent the equivalent of an OPPAGA report or easily accessible Bureau of Vital Statistics data, NCFA estimated the total number of domestic adoptions in Florida in 2019 and 2020 by contacting representatives within the state’s 20 judicial courts and 67 counties to request counts of domestic adoptions completed in each county. A few of the judicial courts were able to provide data for all of the counties in their jurisdiction, while several others redirected the research team to the individual county clerks of court. In the end, NCFA had data for 32 of the 67 counties. The OPPAGA report removed the need to follow this process the current report.

The research team compared the 2019 and 2020 estimates for the number of total adoptions (which were estimates based on data from 32 counties) to the numbers reported for 2019 and 2020 in the OPPAGA report (which were based on Bureau of Vital Statistics records) and determined that the method used in the previous report yielded a reliable proxy for the actual count.

51 The OPPAGA report, having been published in 2023, did not cover the complete data for 2023. The number of adoptions from foster care in 2023 can be viewed in the Office of Child and Family Well-Being Dashboard through the Florida DCF: <https://www.myflfamilies.com/ocfw-dashboard>.

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total	6,879	5,942	6,868	6,311	<i>data unavailable</i>
Domestic Adoptions	6,733	5,859	6,789	6,254	<i>data unavailable</i>
> Adoptions from Foster Care	4,594	3,995	3,935	3,800	3,710
> Private Domestic Adoptions	2,139	1,864	2,854	2,454	<i>data unavailable</i>
Intercountry Adoptions	146	83	79	57	75

Georgia

In 2023, an estimated 2,576 children were adopted in Georgia. This decreased 12.56% from the previous year. In 2023, adoptions from foster care made up 49.77% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 48.1%, and intercountry adoptions made up 2.14%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 1,282, which increased 3.47% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 1,239, which decreased 25.05% from the previous year. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was 55.

In 2022, an estimated 2,946 children were adopted in Georgia. This increased 3.12% from the previous year. In 2022, adoptions from foster care made up 42.06% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 56.11%, and intercountry adoptions made up 1.83%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 1,239, which decreased 4.4% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 1,653, which increased 10.87% from the previous year. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was 54.

In 2021, an estimated 2,857 children were adopted in Georgia. This decreased 1.45% from the previous year. In 2021, adoptions from foster care made up 45.36% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 52.19%, and intercountry adoptions made up 2.45%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 1,296, which decreased 18.23% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 1,491, which increased 17.68% from the previous year. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was 70.

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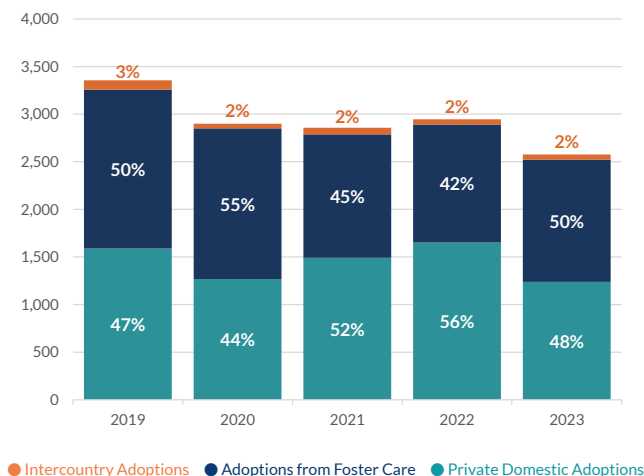
Data on the total number of domestic adoptions covered the calendar year, while data on the number of adoptions from foster care covered the federal fiscal year. As the number of private adoptions was taken as the difference between the total adoptions and the adoptions from foster care, the reporting period for private adoptions is mixed.

Data Sources

NCFA gathered an estimation for the total number of domestic adoptions completed each year from the Superior Court Case Data released by the Georgia Administrative Office of the Courts, which reports the number of case dispositions.⁵² There

⁵² These data are available at: <https://research.georgiacourts.gov/data-and-statistics/>.

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were two potential data sources for the number of adoptions from foster care: AFCARS, which is based on the federal fiscal year; and the child welfare data dashboard from the Georgia Department of Human Services (DHS), which is based on the state fiscal year.⁵³ We opted to use the AFCARS data since the federal fiscal year better aligns with the calendar year than the state fiscal year. An estimation for the number of private adoptions was obtained by taking the difference between total adoptions and adoptions from foster care.

Updates to 2019 and 2020 Data

The reporting period for the total number of adoptions differed from the reporting period for the number of adoptions from foster care in the previous report for 2019 and 2020, as well as in the current report. Previously, NCFA used the number of outgoing adoption cases from CSP STAT, which follows the calendar year, to approximate the total number of adoptions. There is good agreement between the outgoing cases reported by CSP STAT for 2022 and the number of case dispositions reported by the Georgia Administrative Office of the Courts for 2022, so we are confident that the difference in sources between the previous report and the current report is not deleterious for analyses.

The sources for the number of adoptions from foster care are the same between the two reports.

⁵³ This dashboard can be accessed at: <https://dhs.georgia.gov/division-family-children-services-child-welfare>.

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total	3,356	2,899	2,857	2,946	2,576
Domestic Adoptions	3,257	2,852	2,787	2,892	2,521
> Adoptions from Foster Care	1,668	1,585	1,296	1,239	1,282
> Private Domestic Adoptions	1,589	1,267	1,491	1,653	1,239
Intercountry Adoptions	99	47	70	54	55

Hawaii

In 2023, an estimated 412 children were adopted in Hawaii. This decreased 0.24% from the previous year. In 2023, adoptions from foster care made up 50.24% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 48.54%, and intercountry adoptions made up 1.21%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 207, which decreased 1.9% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 200, which increased 0.5% from the previous year. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was five.

In 2022, an estimated 413 children were adopted in Hawaii. This increased 31.95% from the previous year. In 2022, adoptions from foster care made up 51.09% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 48.18%, and intercountry adoptions made up 0.73%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 211, which decreased 14.92% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 199, which increased 249.12% from the previous year. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was three.

In 2021, an estimated 313 children were adopted in Hawaii. This increased 5.74% from the previous year. In 2021, adoptions from foster care made up 79.23% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 18.21%, and intercountry adoptions made up 2.56%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 248, which increased 16.98% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 57, which decreased 29.63% from the previous year. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was eight.

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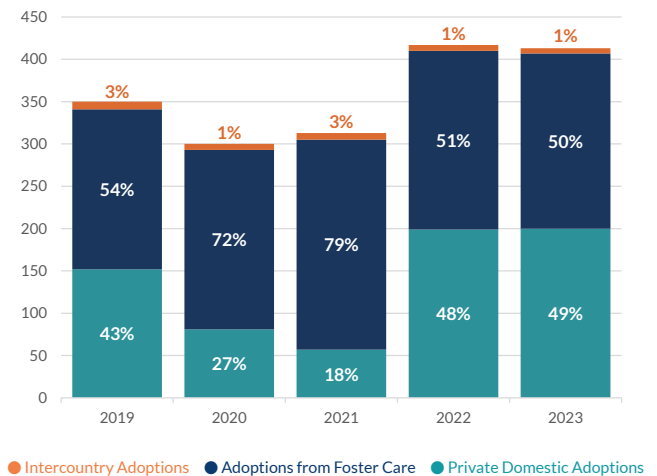
All 2021–2023 data covered the state fiscal year.

Data Sources

NCFCA obtained approximations for the total number of adoptions from the Statistical Supplements of the Hawaii State Judiciary Annual Reports.⁵⁴ Table 17 of each fiscal year’s Statistical Supplement sums the adoption case outcomes across all state family courts, and the total of adoption cases closed each year was taken as the sum of the “Granted” and “Not

54 The reports and their supplements can be accessed at: https://www.courts.state.hi.us/news_and_reports/reports/reports.

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Specified” columns of the “Adoption Proceedings” row. Data on the number of adoptions from foster care were drawn from the Department of Human Services (DHS) Databooks released by the Audit, Quality Control & Research Office.⁵⁵ An estimation for the number of private adoptions was obtained by taking the difference between total and public adoptions.

Updates to 2019 and 2020 Data

The 2019 and 2020 numbers used for Hawaii in the previous report were based on outgoing case data from CSP STAT and adoption data from AFCARS. NCFCA also referenced the DHS Datebooks for adoptions from foster care data but decided to use AFCARS data instead because we had not accessed the Judiciary Statistical Supplements then and the reporting period of the AFCARS data better aligned with the reporting period of the CSP STAT data. The current report, by the choice of data sources, has matched the reporting periods between total and public adoptions.

In the table, for consistency, and for the sake of better year-to-year comparison, we report the 2019 and 2020 data using the 2021–2023 data sources.

55 The databooks, along with other annual DHS reports, can be accessed at: <https://humanservices.hawaii.gov/reports/annual-reports/>.

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total	350	296	313	413	412
Domestic Adoptions	341*	293*	305	410	407
> Adoptions from Foster Care	189*	212*	248	211	207
> Private Domestic Adoptions	152*	81*	57	199	200
Intercountry Adoptions	9	3	8	3	5

Idaho

In 2023, an estimated 718 children were adopted in Idaho. This decreased 13.81% from the previous year. In 2023, adoptions from foster care made up 36.21% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 62.4%, and intercountry adoptions made up 1.39%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 260, which decreased 15.86% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 448, which decreased 12.84% from the previous year. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was 10.

In 2022, an estimated 833 children were adopted in Idaho. This decreased 5.02% from the previous year. In 2022, adoptions from foster care made up 37.09% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 61.7%, and intercountry adoptions made up 1.2%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 309, which decreased 20.36% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 514, which increased 7.98% from the previous year. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was 10.

In 2021, an estimated 877 children were adopted in Idaho. This increased 6.3% from the previous year. In 2021, adoptions from foster care made up 44.24% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 54.28%, and intercountry adoptions made up 1.48%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 388, which increased 13.45% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 476, which increased 1.71% from the previous year. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was 13.

Reporting Period

All 2021–2023 data covered the state fiscal year.

Data Sources

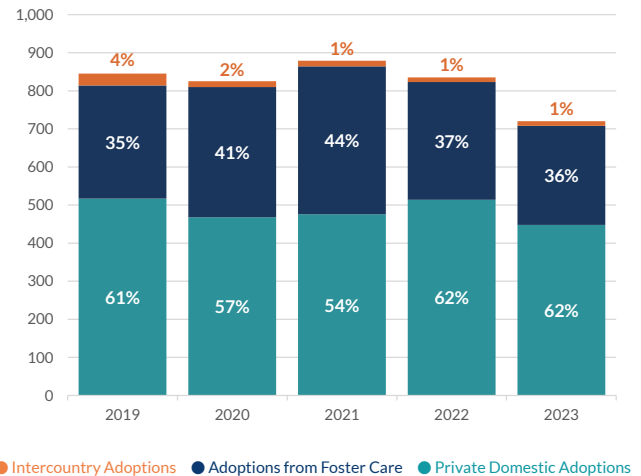
NCFA approximated the total number of domestic adoptions completed annually by summing up the number of case filings for “Adoption” and “Adoption and Termination of Parental Rights” from the Case and Charge Data Dashboard provided through the State of Idaho Judicial Branch.⁵⁶ Since this sum includes Termination of Parental Rights (TPR) cases, it may be an overestimation of the total number of adoptions. Comparison of the data with the number of incoming adoption cases or number of outgoing adoption cases given by CSP STAT provides some assurance that this method of approximating the total is consistent with other reports.

We gathered counts of adoptions from foster care from the Facts, Figures and Trends documents published by the Idaho Department of Health & Welfare (DHW).⁵⁷ The Annual Legislative Foster Care

56 This dashboard can be accessed at: <https://courtdata.idaho.gov/Charge>.

57 These reports are available at: <https://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/about-dhw/facts-figures-and-trends>. The earliest is for SFY 2005.

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Report from DHW’s Division of Family and Community Services also tabulates this data,⁵⁸ and the counts reported are within ten of those provided by Facts, Figures and Trends. We opted to use the Facts, Figures and Trends data rather than the Annual Legislative Foster Care Report data because the former has a longer publication history.

An estimation for the number of private adoptions was obtained by taking the difference between total and public adoptions.

Updates to 2019 and 2020 Data

For total number of adoptions in 2019 and 2020, NCFA referred to the outgoing adoption case data from CSP STAT, and, for number of adoptions from foster care, the adoption data from AFCARS. The current report relies on reports published by Idaho state government offices. The alternative sources referenced in this report followed the same reporting period, while the previous report used the calendar year (CY) for the total adoption numbers and the federal fiscal year for the adoptions from foster care numbers.

In the table, for consistency, and for the sake of better year-to-year comparison, we report the 2019 and 2020 data using the 2021–2023 data sources. Data for state fiscal year (SFY) 2019 are not available through the Case and Charge Data Dashboard, but data for CY 2019 are available, so we used it for the total adoption data point in 2019.

58 These reports are available at: <https://publicdocuments.dhw.idaho.gov/WebLink/Browse.aspx?id=4664&dbid=0&repo=PUBLIC-DOCUMENTS&cr=1>. The earliest is for SFY 2016.

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total	845	825	877	833	718
Domestic Adoptions	814*	810*	864	823	708
> Adoptions from Foster Care	297*	342*	388	309	260
> Private Domestic Adoptions	517*	468*	476	514	448
Intercountry Adoptions	31	15	13	10	10

Illinois

For 2023, a majority of data are not yet available. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 2,160, which increased 21.42% from the previous year. The total number of intercountry adoptions was 66.

In 2022, an estimated 2,932 children were adopted in Illinois. This increased 13.42% from the previous year. In 2022, adoptions from foster care made up 60.68% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 37.41%, and intercountry adoptions made up 1.91%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 1,779, which increased 5.96% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 1,097, which increased 33.29% from the previous year. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was 56.

In 2021, an estimated 2,585 children were adopted in Illinois. This increased 30.42% from the previous year. In 2021, adoptions from foster care made up 64.95% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 31.84%, and intercountry adoptions made up 3.21%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 1,679, which increased 10.32% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 823, which increased 116.01% from the previous year. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was 83.

Reporting Period

All 2021–2023 data covered the calendar year.

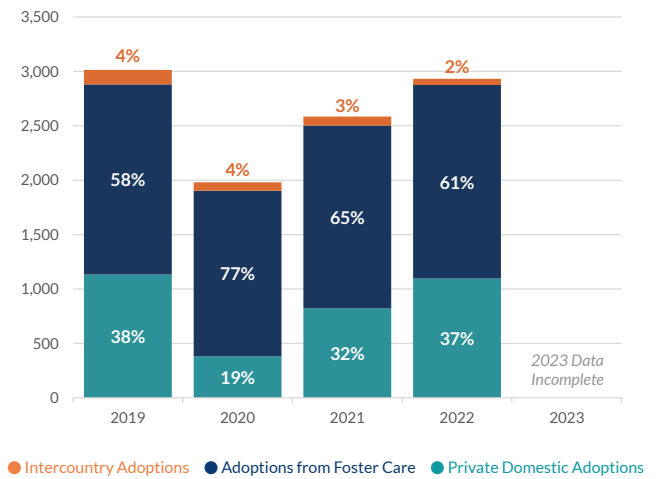
Data Sources

NCEA used the number of adoption case dispositions reported in the Illinois Court Statistical Summaries to approximate the total number of adoptions in Illinois.⁵⁹ We received data on the number of adoptions from foster care from the Department of Children and Family Services through a Freedom of Information Act request. An estimation for the number of private adoptions was obtained by taking the difference between total and public adoptions.⁶⁰

59 These statistical summaries are available at: <https://www.illinoiscourts.gov/reports/annual-report-illinois-courts/>.

60 After the data collection period ended, the Illinois Court Statistical Summary for 2023 was made available. According to this report, Illinois closed 3,308 adoptions in CY 2023.

Total Adoptions



Updates to 2019 and 2020 Data

The data for Illinois in the previous report used different sources and mixed reporting periods, with calendar year–based outgoing adoption case data from CSP STAT for the total adoption numbers and federal fiscal year–based adoption data from AFCARS for the adoptions from foster care numbers. NCEA had also referenced the Illinois Court Statistical Summaries for number of total adoptions in 2019 and 2020 but opted to use the CSP STAT data instead. However, comparing the Court Statistical Summaries data from these years with the CSP STAT data, we deduced that they reported the same numbers.

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total	3,014	1,982	2,585	2,932	<i>data unavailable</i>
Domestic Adoptions	2,880	1,903	2,502	2,876	<i>data unavailable</i>
> Adoptions from Foster Care	1,747	1,522	1,679	1,779	2,160
> Private Domestic Adoptions	1,133	381	823	1,097	<i>data unavailable</i>
Intercountry Adoptions	134	79	83	56	66

Indiana

In 2023, an estimated 4,046 children were adopted in Indiana. This decreased 8.69% from the previous year. In 2023, adoptions from foster care made up 50.47% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 48.89%, and intercountry adoptions made up 0.64%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 2,042, which decreased 13.62% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 1,978, which decreased 1.35% from the previous year. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was 26.

In 2022, an estimated 4,431 children were adopted in Indiana. This decreased 7.73% from the previous year. In 2022, adoptions from foster care made up 53.35% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 45.25%, and intercountry adoptions made up 1.4%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 2,364, which increased 9.9% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 2,005, which decreased 22.83% from the previous year. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was 62.

In 2021, an estimated 4,802 children were adopted in Indiana. This increased 1.05% from the previous year. In 2021, adoptions from foster care made up 44.79% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 54.1%, and intercountry adoptions made up 1.1%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 2,151, which decreased 8.78% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 2,598, which increased 10.84% from the previous year. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was 53.

Reporting Period

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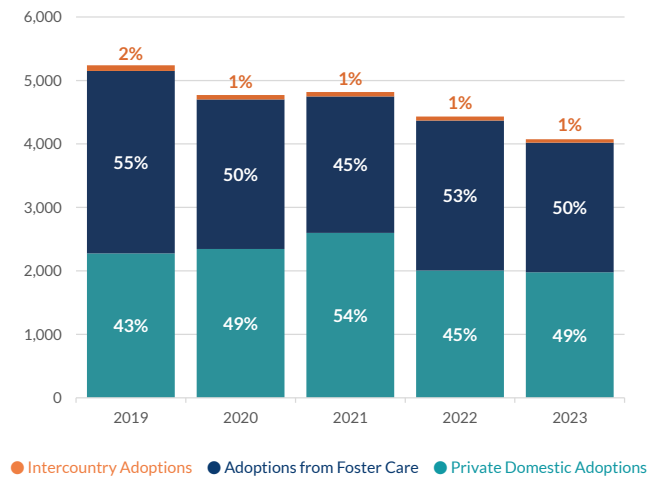
Data Sources

NCFIA approximated total adoptions using the number of adoption case filings reported in the Indiana Trial Court Statistics.⁶¹ We calculated the annual numbers of adoptions from foster care from the Indiana Department of Child Services “Children Who Achieved Permanency” dashboard.⁶² An estimation for the number of private adoptions was obtained by taking the difference between total and public adoptions.

61 Court statistics can be accessed at: <https://publicaccess.courts.in.gov/ICOR/>.

62 This dashboard can be accessed at: <https://www.in.gov/dcs/data/>.

Total Adoptions



Updates to 2019 and 2020 Data

The previous report used different reporting periods and different data sources for the total number of adoptions and the number of adoptions from foster care. The research team approximated the 2019 and 2020 total adoption counts from the number of outgoing adoption cases reported by CSP and used AFCARS data for the number of adoptions from foster care. The former is based on the calendar year and the latter is based on the federal fiscal year. It is an improvement in the current report to have the reporting periods between the total adoption numbers and the adoptions from foster care numbers match.

In the table, for consistency, and for the sake of better year-to-year comparison, we report the 2019 and 2020 data using the 2021-2023 data sources.

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total	5,238	4,752	4,802	4,431	4,046
Domestic Adoptions	5,149*	4,702*	4,749	4,369	4,020
> Adoptions from Foster Care	2,872*	2,358*	2,151	2,364	2,042
> Private Domestic Adoptions	2,277*	2,344*	2,598	2,005	1,978
Intercountry Adoptions	89	50	53	62	26

Iowa

In 2023, an estimated 1,807 children were adopted in Iowa. This decreased 1.26% from the previous year. In 2023, adoptions from foster care made up 51.96% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 47.32%, and intercountry adoptions made up 0.72%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 939, which decreased 2.69% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 855, which increased 1.79% from the previous year. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was 13.

In 2022, an estimated 1,830 children were adopted in Iowa. This decreased 11.64% from the previous year. In 2022, adoptions from foster care made up 52.73% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 45.9%, and intercountry adoptions made up 1.37%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 965, which decreased 15.05% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 840, which decreased 7.69% from the previous year. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was 25.

In 2021, an estimated 2,071 children were adopted in Iowa. This decreased 2.72% from the previous year. In 2021, adoptions from foster care made up 54.85% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 43.94%, and intercountry adoptions made up 1.21%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 1,136, which decreased 10.27% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 910, which increased 7.69% from the previous year. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was 25.

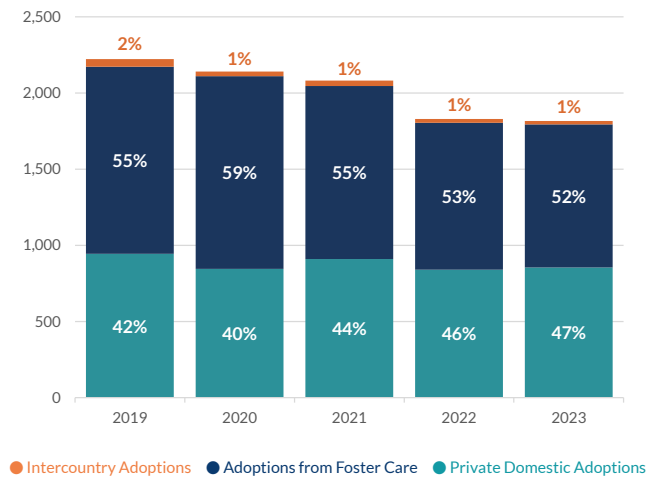
Reporting Period

All 2021–2023 data covered the state fiscal year.

Data Sources

NCFA received counts for the annual number of adoptions statewide from the IT department of the Iowa Judicial Branch. The Adoption/Safe Haven/Subsidized Guardianship Program within the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) provided the number of adoptions from foster care. An estimation for the number of private adoptions was obtained by taking the difference between total and public adoptions.

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Updates to 2019 and 2020 Data

While the current report bases the Iowa adoption numbers on the state fiscal year, the previous report used the federal fiscal year, with data on total adoptions provided by a representative in the Iowa Judicial Branch and data on the adoptions from foster care gathered from AFCARS. We had also, for the previous report, received counts of adoptions from foster care from a representative in DHHS, but we used AFCARS instead because the DHHS data was according to calendar year. The current report relies instead on reports published by Iowa state government offices.

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total	2,223	2,129	2,071	1,830	1,807
Domestic Adoptions	2,172	2,111	2,046	1,805	1,794
> Adoptions from Foster Care	1,228	1,266	1,136	965	939
> Private Domestic Adoptions	944	845	910	840	855
Intercountry Adoptions	51	18	25	25	13

Kansas

In 2023, an estimated 1,888 children were adopted in Kansas. This decreased 7.95% from the previous year. In 2023, adoptions from foster care made up 46.61% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 52.97%, and intercountry adoptions made up 0.42%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 880, which decreased 7.17% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 1,000, which decreased 7.32% from the previous year. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was eight.

In 2022, an estimated 2,051 children were adopted in Kansas. This increased 1.08% from the previous year. In 2022, adoptions from foster care made up 46.22% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 52.61%, and intercountry adoptions made up 1.17%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 948, which increased 12.06% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 1,079, which decreased 6.58% from the previous year. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was 24.

In 2021, an estimated 2,029 children were adopted in Kansas. This decreased 3.84% from the previous year. In 2021, adoptions from foster care made up 41.7% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 56.92%, and intercountry adoptions made up 1.38%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 846, which decreased 15.23% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 1,155, which increased 5.77% from the previous year. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was 28.

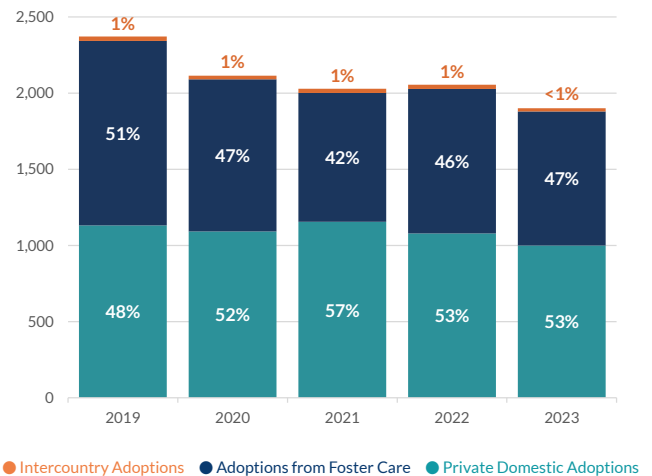
Reporting Period

All 2021–2023 data covered the state fiscal year.

Data Sources

NCFCA approximated the total number of domestic adoptions from the number of adoption case filings reported in the State of the Judiciary Annual Reports, which were renamed to the Kansas Judicial Branch Annual Reports in 2023, published by

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the Kansas Judicial Branch.⁶³ The number of adoptions from foster care was drawn from the Adoptions Finalized reports from the Department for Children and Families (DCF).⁶⁴ An estimation for the number of private adoptions was obtained by taking the difference between total and public adoptions.

Updates to 2019 and 2020 Data

The source for the number of adoptions from foster care is the same in the current report as in the previous report. NCFCA used the Judicial Branch district caseload statistics from the Judiciary Annual Reports for the count of total adoptions in 2019 for the previous report, but the 2020 report had not been published at the time of data collection, so we estimated the 2020 total based on 2019 numbers. We report the actual 2020 data point in the table.

63 These reports are available at: <https://kscourts.gov/Newsroom/Publications/State-of-the-Judiciary>.

64 These reports are available at: <https://www.dcf.ks.gov/services/PPS/Pages/FosterCareDemographicReports.aspx>.

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total	2,371	2,110	2,029	2,051	1,888
Domestic Adoptions	2,342	2,090*	2,001	2,027	1,880
> Adoptions from Foster Care	1,210	998	846	948	880
> Private Domestic Adoptions	1,132	1,092*	1,155	1,079	1,000
Intercountry Adoptions	29	20	28	24	8

Kentucky

For 2023, a majority of data are not yet available. The total number of intercountry adoptions was 21.

In 2022, an estimated 2,471 children were adopted in Kentucky. This decreased 3.14% from the previous year. In 2022, adoptions from foster care made up 48.89% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 50.3%, and intercountry adoptions made up 0.81%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 1,208, which increased 4.59% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 1,243, which decreased 9.27% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions comprises 52.86% non-stepparent adoptions and 47.14% stepparent adoptions. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was 20.

In 2021, an estimated 2,551 children were adopted in Kentucky. This increased 2.57% from the previous year. In 2021, adoptions from foster care made up 45.28% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 53.7%, and intercountry adoptions made up 1.02%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 1,155, which decreased 3.1% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 1,370, which increased 8.39% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions comprises 48.76% non-stepparent adoptions and 51.24% stepparent adoptions. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was 26.

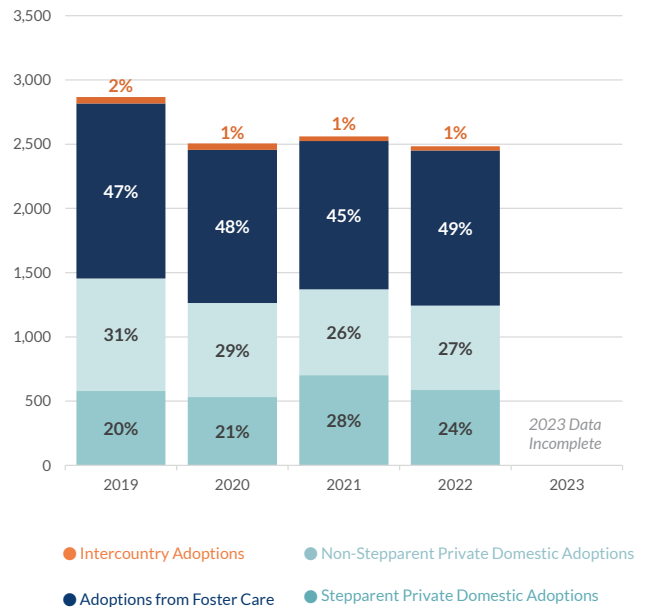
Reporting Period

All 2021–2022 data covered the calendar year.

Data Sources

Data for the total number of domestic adoptions and the number of public, private, kinship, biological, stepparent, and other adoptions were separately provided by a representative in the Division of Protection and Permanency in the Department for Community Based Service. In addition to receiving data for 2021 and 2022, NCFA received data for 2023 but opted to exclude the 2023 data due to perceived arithmetic errors.

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Updates to 2019 and 2020 Data

The source used in the previous report for the 2019 and 2020 data is the same as the source used in the current report.⁶⁵

⁶⁵ According to the survey, 2,240 children were adopted in Kentucky, with 1,096 from foster care and 1,200 from private domestic; the counts for foster care and private domestic did not sum to the domestic total.

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total	2,867	2,487	2,551	2,471	
Domestic Adoptions	2,816	2,456	2,525	2,451	
> Adoptions from Foster Care	1,361	1,192	1,155	1,208	
> Private Domestic Adoptions	1,455	1,264	1,370	1,243	<i>data unavailable</i>
> Stepparent Adoptions	579	531	702	586	
> Non-Stepparent Adoptions	876	733	668	657	
Intercountry Adoptions	51	31	26	20	21

Louisiana

In 2023, an estimated 1,236 children were adopted in Louisiana. This decreased 10.04% from the previous year. In 2023, domestic adoptions made up 99.84% of total adoptions, while intercountry adoptions made up 0.16%. Data on adoptions from foster care and private domestic adoptions are not yet available. The total number of intercountry adoptions was two.

In 2022, an estimated 1,374 children were adopted in Louisiana. This decreased 10.25% from the previous year. In 2022, adoptions from foster care made up 50.95% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 48.25%, and intercountry adoptions made up 0.8%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 700, which increased 14.38% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 663, which decreased 27.06% from the previous year. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was 11.

In 2021, an estimated 1,531 children were adopted in Louisiana. This increased 10.46% from the previous year. In 2021, adoptions from foster care made up 39.97% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 59.37%, and intercountry adoptions made up 0.65%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 612, which decreased 19.15% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 909, which increased 45.91% from the previous year. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was 10.

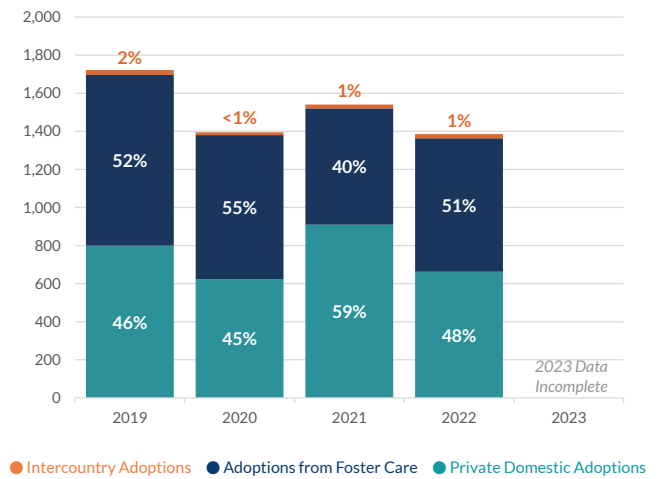
Reporting Period

Data on the total number of domestic adoptions covered the calendar year, while data on the number of adoptions from foster care covered the state fiscal year. As the number of private adoptions was taken as the difference between the total adoptions and the adoptions from foster care, the reporting period for private adoptions is mixed.

Data Sources

NCEA approximated the total number of domestic adoptions from the number of incoming adoption cases reported by CSP STAT. We used the number of adoptions provided in fact

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sheets from the Department of Children & Family Services (DCFS) for the number of adoptions from foster care.⁶⁶ An estimation for the number of private adoptions was obtained by taking the difference between total and public adoptions.

Updates to 2019 and 2020 Data

In the previous report, NCEA received federal fiscal year data on total, public, private, kinship, biological, and stepparent adoptions from a representative in DCFS. We were not able to make contact with this source for the current report.

⁶⁶ These fact sheets can be accessed at: <https://www.dcfslouisiana.gov/page/fact-sheets>.

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total	1,722	1,386	1,531	1,374	1,236
Domestic Adoptions	1,696	1,380	1,521	1,363	1,234
> Adoptions from Foster Care	896	757	612	700	data unavailable
> Private Domestic Adoptions	800	623	909	663	data unavailable
Intercountry Adoptions	26	6	10	11	2

Maine

In 2023, an estimated 514 children were adopted in Maine. This decreased 21.77% from the previous year. In 2023, adoptions from foster care made up 69.07% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 30.16%, and intercountry adoptions made up 0.78%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 355, which decreased 12.56% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 155, which decreased 35.95% from the previous year. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was four.

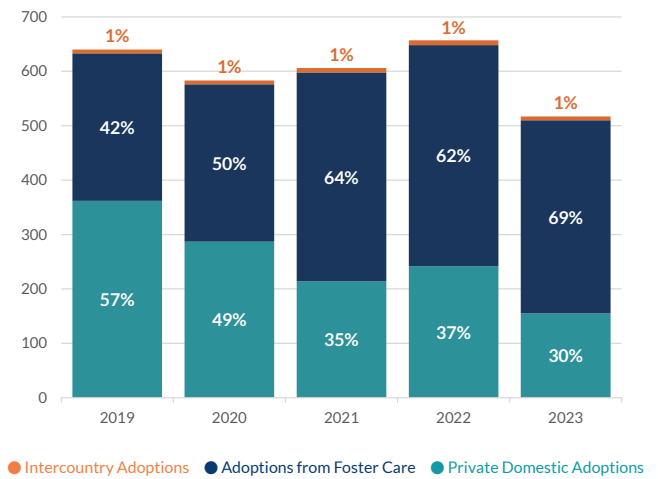
In 2022, an estimated 657 children were adopted in Maine. This increased 8.96% from the previous year. In 2022, adoptions from foster care made up 61.8% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 36.83%, and intercountry adoptions made up 1.37%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 406, which increased 5.73% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 242, which increased 13.08% from the previous year. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was nine.

In 2021, an estimated 603 children were adopted in Maine. This increased 3.97% from the previous year. In 2021, adoptions from foster care made up 63.68% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 35.49%, and intercountry adoptions made up 0.83%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 384, which increased 32.87% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 214, which decreased 25.44% from the previous year. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was five.

Reporting Period

All 2021-2023 data covered the calendar year.

Total Adoptions



Data Sources

The total number of adoptions was provided by the Adoption Unit of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and the number of adoptions from foster care was provided by the Office of Child and Family Services (OCFS) in DHHS. An estimation for the number of private adoptions was obtained by taking the difference between total and public adoptions.

Updates to 2019 and 2020 Data

In the previous report, NCFR received data on the total number of domestic adoptions and the number of adoptions from foster care from the Data Analytics Manager at the State of Maine.

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total	640	580	603	657	514
Domestic Adoptions	633	576	598	648	510
> Adoptions from Foster Care	271	289	384	406	355
> Private Domestic Adoptions	362	287	214	242	155
Intercountry Adoptions	7	4	5	9	4

Maryland

In 2023, an estimated 1,133 children were adopted in Maryland. This increased 15.73% from the previous year. In 2023, adoptions from foster care made up 28.16% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 67.87%, and intercountry adoptions made up 3.97%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 319, which increased 37.5% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 769, which increased 9.23% from the previous year. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was 45.

In 2022, an estimated 979 children were adopted in Maryland. This increased 3.82% from the previous year. In 2022, adoptions from foster care made up 23.7% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 71.91%, and intercountry adoptions made up 4.39%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 232, which increased 7.91% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 704, which increased 6.99% from the previous year. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was 43.

In 2021, an estimated 943 children were adopted in Maryland. This increased 18.77% from the previous year. In 2021, adoptions from foster care made up 22.8% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 69.78%, and intercountry adoptions made up 7.42%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 215, which increased 27.22% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 658, which increased 15.24% from the previous year. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was 70.

Reporting Period

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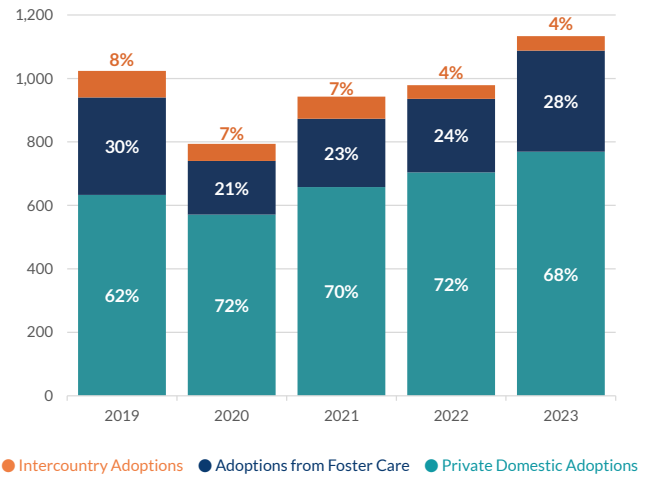
Data Sources

NCFA originally assessed the Statistical Abstracts of the Maryland Judiciary Annual Report for the total number of adoptions.⁶⁷ However, the adoption case filing and disposition data in these reports covered both civil court cases and juvenile court cases, and the former combined adoption with guardianship. Thus, while the number of adoption case filings and dispositions from the juvenile side could be determined, they could not be parsed from the adoption/guardianship case filings and dispositions from the civil side. We opted to use the number of outgoing adoption cases reported by CSP STAT instead.

For the number of adoptions from foster care, we summed “OOH Placements–Exits: Adoption” from the Monthly Child Welfare

67 These reports are available at: <https://www.mdcourts.gov/publications/annualreports>.

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Reports published by the Department of Human Services.⁶⁸ An estimation for the number of private adoptions was obtained by taking the difference between total and public adoptions.

Updates to 2019 and 2020 Data

We suspect that adoption numbers in the previous report are greatly underestimated. The total number of adoptions quoted had been based on the juvenile adoption case data reported in the Statistical Abstracts of the Maryland Judiciary Annual Report. It had not considered the civil adoption/guardianship cases and, based on the division of adoption cases in the Maryland court system, likely only counted the number of adoptions from foster care.

The number of adoptions from foster care reported for 2019 and 2020 had been based on the annual reports of the Citizens Review Board for Children.⁶⁹ However, these do not tabulate all the adoptions from foster care completed in Maryland, but only a subset that the Board reviewed and commented on for that year.

These interpretations better accord with adoption data reported for Maryland in 2014.⁷⁰

For proper comparison between years, we use recalculated adoption numbers for 2019 and 2020.

68 These and other reports can be accessed at: <https://dhs.maryland.gov/business-center/documents/data-and-reports/>.

69 These reports can be accessed at: <https://dhs.maryland.gov/citizens-review-board-for-children/publications/>.

70 National Council For Adoption. (2017). *Adoption by the numbers: A comprehensive report of U.S. adoption statistics*.

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total	1,024	794	943	979	1,133
Domestic Adoptions	940*	740*	873	936	1,088
> Adoptions from Foster Care	307*	169*	215	232	319
> Private Domestic Adoptions	633*	571*	658	704	769
Intercountry Adoptions	84	54	70	43	45

Massachusetts

In 2023, an estimated 1,754 children were adopted in Massachusetts. This increased 8.54% from the previous year. In 2023, adoptions from foster care made up 44.75% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 54.62%, and intercountry adoptions made up 0.63%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 785, which decreased 5.42% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 958, which increased 26.89% from the previous year. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was 11.

In 2022, an estimated 1,616 children were adopted in Massachusetts. This increased 10.61% from the previous year. In 2022, adoptions from foster care made up 51.36% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 46.72%, and intercountry adoptions made up 1.92%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 830, which increased 15.28% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 755, which increased 6.94% from the previous year. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was 31.

In 2021, an estimated 1,461 children were adopted in Massachusetts. This decreased 2.99% from the previous year. In 2021, adoptions from foster care made up 49.28% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 48.32%, and intercountry adoptions made up 2.4%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 720, which decreased 13.15% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 706, which increased 9.29% from the previous year. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was 35.

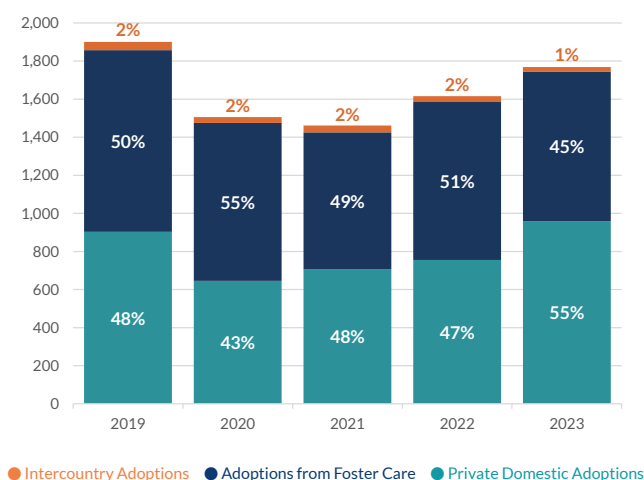
Reporting Period

All 2021-2023 data covered the state fiscal year.

Data Sources

The Executive Office of the Trial Court of the Massachusetts Court System provided data on the number of adoptions filed, which NCFA used to approximate the total number of domestic adoptions. The Annual Reports of the Department of Children and Families (DCF) and the Quarterly Data Profile

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reported the number of adoptions from foster care.⁷¹ An estimation for the number of private adoptions was obtained by taking the difference between total and public adoptions.

Updates to 2019 and 2020 Data

For the previous report, NCFA received data on the total number of domestic adoptions, number of adoptions from foster care, and number of private adoptions from the Executive Office of the Trial Court. We also received data from a representative of DCF but opted to use only the data from the court system to maintain consistency.

⁷¹ The DCF annual reports can be accessed at: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/dcf-reports-and-dashboards>. The Quarterly Data Profiles are preserved in the State Library of Massachusetts Digital Collection: <https://archives.lib.state.ma.us/collections/06d4c063-78be-4eea-b0da-a7fc4b85f04d>.

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total	1,900	1,506	1,461	1,616	1,754
Domestic Adoptions	1,857	1,475	1,426	1,585	1,743
> Adoptions from Foster Care	954	829	720	830	785
> Private Domestic Adoptions	903	646	706	755	958
Intercountry Adoptions	43	31	35	31	11

Michigan

In 2023, an estimated 2,745 children were adopted in Michigan. This decreased 5.25% from the previous year. In 2023, adoptions from foster care made up 58.65% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 40.04%, and intercountry adoptions made up 1.31%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 1,610, which decreased 4.05% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 1,099, which decreased 7.34% from the previous year. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was 36.

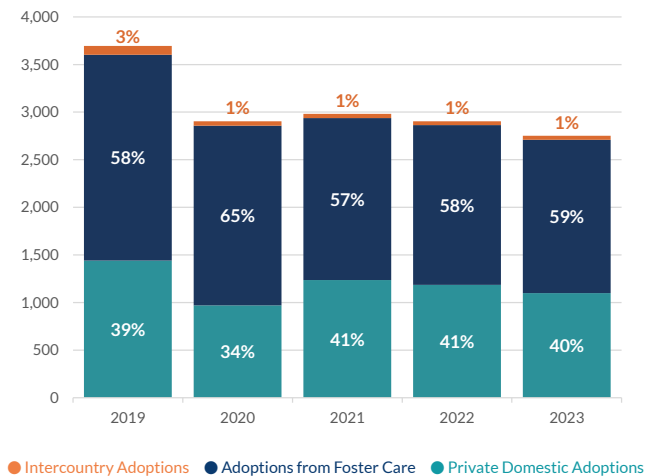
In 2022, an estimated 2,897 children were adopted in Michigan. This decreased 2.82% from the previous year. In 2022, adoptions from foster care made up 57.92% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 40.94%, and intercountry adoptions made up 1.14%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 1,678, which decreased 1.35% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 1,186, which decreased 4.05% from the previous year. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was 33.

In 2021, an estimated 2,981 children were adopted in Michigan. This increased 2.94% from the previous year. In 2021, adoptions from foster care made up 57.06% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 41.46%, and intercountry adoptions made up 1.48%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 1,701, which decreased 9.86% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 1,236, which increased 27.29% from the previous year. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was 44.

Reporting Period

All 2021-2023 data covered the calendar year.

Total Adoptions



Data Sources

NCFA approximated the total number of domestic adoptions from the adoption case filings tabulated in the Statewide Circuit Court Summary reports.⁷² We received the number of adoptions from foster care from the Michigan Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS). An estimation for the number of private adoptions was obtained by taking the difference between total and public adoptions.

Updates to 2019 and 2020 Data

The data sources are the same in the current report as in the previous report.

⁷² These reports are available at: <https://www.courts.michigan.gov/publications/statistics-and-reports/caseload-reports/>.

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total	3,696	2,896	2,981	2,897	2,745
Domestic Adoptions	3,603	2,858	2,937	2,864	2,709
> Adoptions from Foster Care	2,161	1,887	1,701	1,678	1,610
> Private Domestic Adoptions	1,442	971	1,236	1,186	1,099
Intercountry Adoptions	93	38	44	33	36

Minnesota

In 2023, an estimated 1,644 children were adopted in Minnesota. This increased 0.06% from the previous year. In 2023, domestic adoptions made up 98.24% of total adoptions, while intercountry adoptions made up 1.76%. Data on adoptions from foster care and private domestic adoptions are not yet available. The total number of intercountry adoptions was 29.

In 2022, an estimated 1,643 children were adopted in Minnesota. This increased 9.46% from the previous year. In 2022, adoptions from foster care made up 63.91% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 33.6%, and intercountry adoptions made up 2.5%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 1,050, which increased 0.29% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 552, which increased 34.63% from the previous year. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was 41.

In 2021, an estimated 1,501 children were adopted in Minnesota. This decreased 2.02% from the previous year. In 2021, adoptions from foster care made up 69.75% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 27.32%, and intercountry adoptions made up 2.93%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 1,047, which increased 8.5% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 410, which decreased 19.77% from the previous year. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was 44.

Reporting Period

All 2021–2023 data covered the calendar year.

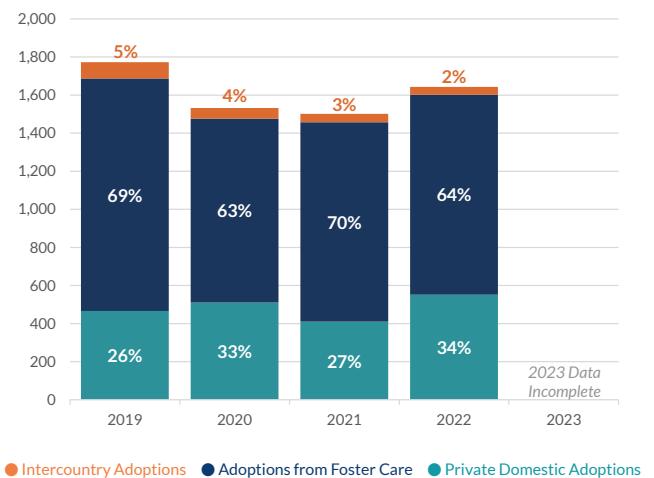
Data Sources

NCFA approximated the total number of domestic adoptions from the number of adoption case filings reported in the District Court Case Data dashboard of the Minnesota Judicial Branch⁷³ and received counts for the number of stepparent adoptions from correspondence with the Court Research Office. However, as the numbers seemed low in comparison to the private domestic adoption data, we decided to exclude the stepparent data.⁷⁴

73 These dashboards can be accessed at: <https://www.mncourts.gov/Help-Topics/Court-Statistics.aspx>.

74 The Court Research Office reported 19 stepparent adoptions in 2021, 18 in 2022, and 18 in 2023.

Total Adoptions



We collected the number of adoptions from foster care from the Out-of-home care and Permanency Report published by the Department of Human Services (DHS).⁷⁵ An estimation for the number of private adoptions was obtained by taking the difference between total and public adoptions.

Updates to 2019 and 2020 Data

The data sources are the same in the current report as in the previous report.⁷⁶

75 These reports can be accessed at: https://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/idcplg?ldcService=GET_DYNAMIC_CONVERSION&RevisionSelectionMethod=LatestReleased&dDocName=County_Reports.

76 After the data collection period ended, NCFA received counts for the adoptions from foster care in 2021, 2022, and 2023 from the Minnesota Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF). According to DCYF, Minnesota had 1,048 adoptions from foster care in 2021, 1,051 in 2022, and 851 in 2023.

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total	1,773	1,532	1,501	1,643	1,644
Domestic Adoptions	1,687	1,476	1,457	1,602	1,615
> Adoptions from Foster Care	1,221	965	1,047	1,050	data unavailable
> Private Domestic Adoptions	466	511	410	552	data unavailable
Intercountry Adoptions	86	56	44	41	29

Mississippi

In 2023, an estimated 1,607 children were adopted in Mississippi. This increased 9.62% from the previous year. In 2023, adoptions from foster care made up 39.64% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 59.86%, and intercountry adoptions made up 0.5%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 637, which decreased 0.78% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 962, which increased 19.06% from the previous year. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was 8.

In 2022, an estimated 1,466 children were adopted in Mississippi. This increased 8.19% from the previous year. In 2022, adoptions from foster care made up 43.79% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 55.12%, and intercountry adoptions made up 1.09%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 642, which increased 20.9% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 808, which decreased 1.1% from the previous year. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was 16.

In 2021, an estimated 1,355 children were adopted in Mississippi. This decreased 7.7% from the previous year. In 2021, adoptions from foster care made up 39.19% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 60.3%, and intercountry adoptions made up 0.52%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 531, which decreased 11.06% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 817, which decreased 4.67% from the previous year. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was 7.

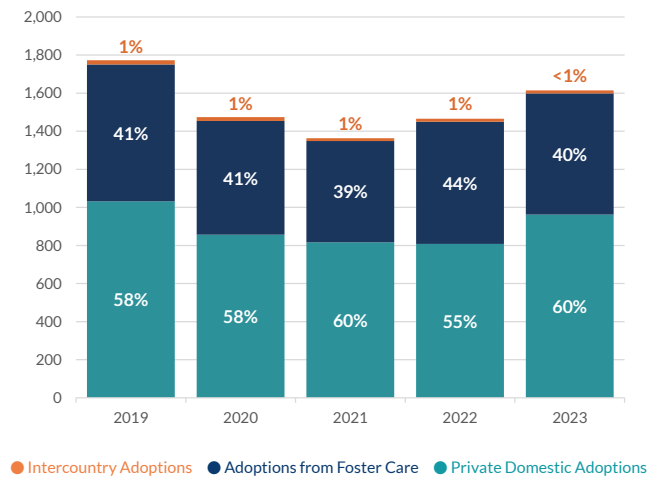
Reporting Period

All 2021–2023 data covered the state fiscal year.

Data Sources

NCFA received data on the total number of domestic adoptions from the Administrative Office of the Courts and data on the number of adoptions from foster care from the Mississippi Department of Child Protection Services. An estimation for the number of private adoptions was obtained by taking the difference between total and public adoptions.

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Updates to 2019 and 2020 Data

NCFA did not receive data from any state offices or find any publicly available data for the previous report, so the research team estimated totals for 2019 and 2020 using data from 2010, 2011, 2012, and 2014. As explained in the previous report: “The number of private adoptions for each year was divided by the number of adoptions from foster care to obtain a proportion for each year. The proportions were averaged to obtain an average proportion across these four discontinuous years. The number of adoptions from foster care, which was obtained from AFCARS data, was multiplied by this average proportion to estimate the total number of domestic adoptions.”

Due to data discrepancies and based on the greater confidence we had in the 2021–2023 data, we re-estimated the total number of domestic adoptions for 2019 and 2020. These new estimates are based on applying the average ratio of adoptions from foster care versus domestic adoptions in 2021 through 2023 to the counts for the adoptions from foster care in 2019 and 2020.

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total	1,773	1,468	1,355	1,466	1,607
Domestic Adoptions	1,751*	1,454*	1,348	1,450	1,599
> Adoptions from Foster Care	719	597	531	642	637
> Private Domestic Adoptions	1,032*	857*	817	808	962
Intercountry Adoptions	22	14	7	16	8

Missouri

In 2023, an estimated 2,683 children were adopted in Missouri. This decreased 10.18% from the previous year. In 2023, adoptions from foster care made up 59.04% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 39.84%, and intercountry adoptions made up 1.12%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 1,584, which increased 0.06% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 1,069, which decreased 22.25% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions comprises 30.31% non-stepparent adoptions and 69.69% stepparent adoptions. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was 30.

In 2022, an estimated 2,987 children were adopted in Missouri. This decreased 1.42% from the previous year. In 2022, adoptions from foster care made up 53% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 46.03%, and intercountry adoptions made up 0.97%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 1,583, which increased 4.14% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 1,375, which decreased 7.03% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions comprises 38.69% non-stepparent adoptions and 61.31% stepparent adoptions. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was 29.

In 2021, an estimated 3,030 children were adopted in Missouri. This increased 1.44% from the previous year. In 2021, adoptions from foster care made up 50.17% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 48.81%, and intercountry adoptions made up 1.02%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 1,520, which decreased 13.54% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 1,479, which increased 24.08% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions comprises 35.09% non-stepparent adoptions and 64.91% stepparent adoptions. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was 31.

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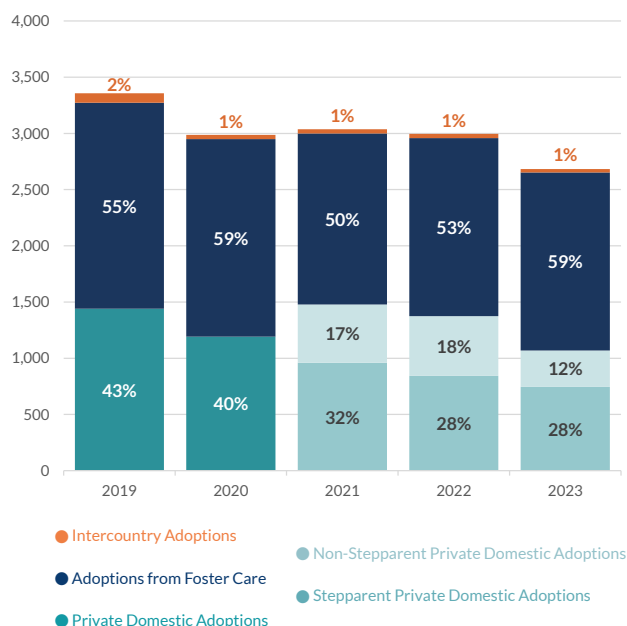
All 2021–2023 data covered the state fiscal year.

Data Sources

NCFA received data on the number of adoption case filings and the number of stepparent adoption case filings from the Administrative Services Division of the Office of State Courts Administrator (OSCA) through an OSCA Help Desk Request, which we used to approximate the total number of domestic adoptions. The data was separated between juvenile and adult adoptions; we use only the counts of juvenile adoptions in this report. We note that the sum of the juvenile and adult adoptions is what is reported in publicly available Court Annual Judicial and Statistical Reports.⁷⁷

⁷⁷ These reports can be accessed at: <https://www.courts.mo.gov/page.jsp?id=296>.

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The numbers of adoptions from foster care were taken from the Missouri Department of Social Services, Children’s Division, Children’s Services Management April 2024 report, which tabulates the adoptions finalized by fiscal year (FY) from FY 2019 to FY 2024.⁷⁸ An estimation for the number of private adoptions was obtained by taking the difference between total and public adoptions.

Updates to 2019 and 2020 Data

NCFA used the number of outgoing adoption cases reported by CSP STAT as an approximation of the total number of domestic adoptions in Missouri in 2019 and 2020. We collected data from the Children’s Services Management December 2020 Report for the number of adoptions from foster care but used the federal fiscal year–based AFCARS data instead since its reporting period better aligned with the calendar year–based CSP STAT data. It is an improvement in the current report to have the reporting periods between the total adoption numbers and the adoptions from foster care numbers match.

In the table, for consistency, and for the sake of better year-to-year comparison, we report the 2019 and 2020 adoptions from foster care data using the 2021–2023 data sources.

⁷⁸ See Table 28 in <https://dss.mo.gov/re/pdf/csmr/2024/apr-2024.pdf>.

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total	3,356	2,987	3,030	2,987	2,683
Domestic Adoptions	3,273	2,950	2,999	2,958	2,653
> Adoptions from Foster Care	1,833*	1,758*	1,520	1,583	1,584
> Private Domestic Adoptions	1,440*	1,192*	1,479	1,375	1,069
> Stepparent Adoptions	data unavailable		960	843	745
> Non-Stepparent Adoptions	data unavailable		519	532	324
Intercountry Adoptions	83	37	31	29	30

Montana

In 2023, an estimated 628 children were adopted in Montana. This decreased 6.55% from the previous year. In 2023, adoptions from foster care made up 27.23% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 71.34%, and intercountry adoptions made up 1.43%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 171, which decreased 32.41% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 448, which increased 8.74% from the previous year. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was nine.

In 2022, an estimated 672 children were adopted in Montana. This decreased 14.5% from the previous year. In 2022, adoptions from foster care made up 37.65% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 61.31%, and intercountry adoptions made up 1.04%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 253, which decreased 17.32% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 412, which decreased 13.45% from the previous year. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was seven.

In 2021, an estimated 786 children were adopted in Montana. This increased 5.36% from the previous year. In 2021, adoptions from foster care made up 38.93% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 60.56%, and intercountry adoptions made up 0.51%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 306, which decreased 29.17% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 476, which increased 55.05% from the previous year. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was four.

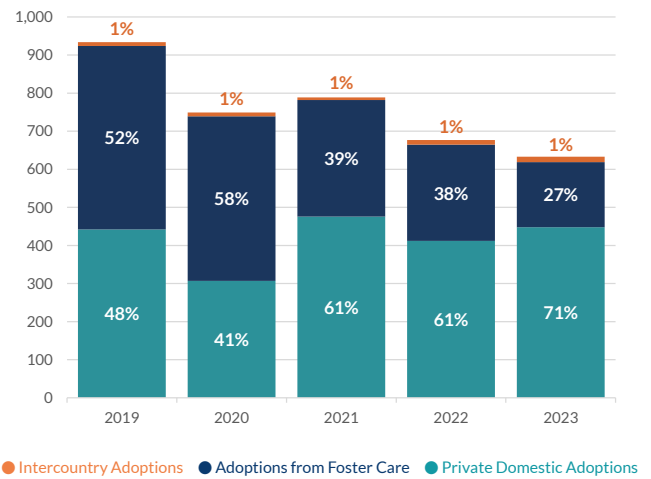
Reporting Period

All 2021–2023 data covered the calendar year.

Data Sources

NCFCA approximated the total number of domestic adoptions from the number of adoption case filings reported in the 2024 District Court Case Filing Review, which summarizes District

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Court case filings by major case category.⁷⁹ We received data on the number of adoptions from foster care from the Child and Family Services Division (CFSD) of the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services. An estimation for the number of private adoptions was obtained by taking the difference between total and public adoptions.

Updates to 2019 and 2020 Data

In the previous report, NCFCA received data on the total number of domestic adoptions and the number of public, private, and stepparent adoptions from CFSD, but the figures were based on Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC) placements only. Thus, the 2019 and 2020 data were based on the number of incoming adoption cases reported by CSP and the number of adoptions from foster care reported in AFCARS.

⁷⁹ This report can be accessed at: <https://archive.legmt.gov/content/Publications/fiscal/2025-Biennium/Section-D/Interim/JUD-District-Court-Case-Filing-Review-June2024.pdf>.

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total	929	746	786	672	628
Domestic Adoptions	924	739	782	665	619
> Adoptions from Foster Care	482	432	306	253	171
> Private Domestic Adoptions	442	307	476	412	448
Intercountry Adoptions	5	7	4	7	9

Nebraska

In 2023, an estimated 737 children were adopted in Nebraska. This decreased 10.45% from the previous year. In 2023, adoptions from foster care made up 55.77% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 43.28%, and intercountry adoptions made up 0.95%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 411, which increased 12.91% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 319, which decreased 27.83% from the previous year. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was seven.

In 2022, an estimated 823 children were adopted in Nebraska. This decreased 4.08% from the previous year. In 2022, adoptions from foster care made up 44.23% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 53.71%, and intercountry adoptions made up 2.07%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 364, which decreased 10.34% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 442, which decreased 0.67% from the previous year. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was 17.

In 2021, an estimated 858 children were adopted in Nebraska. This increased 17.86% from the previous year. In 2021, adoptions from foster care made up 47.32% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 51.86%, and intercountry adoptions made up 0.82%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 406, which decreased 15.24% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 445, which increased 88.56% from the previous year. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was seven.

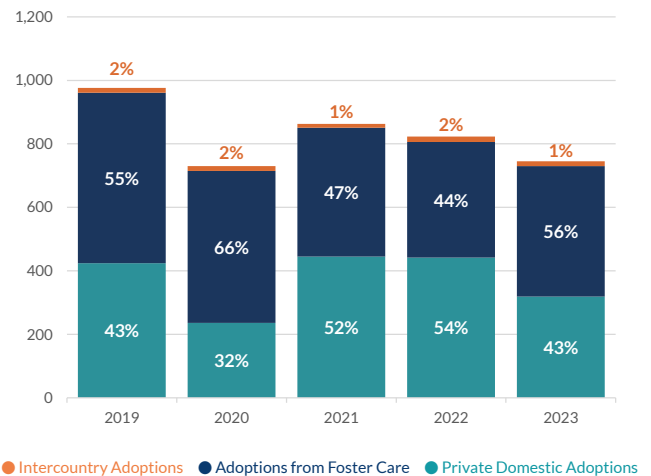
Reporting Period

Data on the total number of domestic adoptions covered the calendar year, while data on the number of adoptions from foster care covered the state fiscal year. As the number of private adoptions was taken as the difference between the total adoptions and the adoptions from foster care, the reporting period for private adoptions is mixed.

Data Sources

NCFA used the number of outgoing adoption cases reported by CSP to approximate the total number of domestic adoptions. We collected data on the number of adoptions from foster care from the Foster Care Review Office Annual Reports produced

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by the Nebraska Foster Care Review Office (FCRO).⁸⁰ An estimation for the number of private adoptions was obtained by taking the difference between total and public adoptions.

Updates to 2019 and 2020 Data

In the previous report, NCFA received data on the total number of domestic adoptions in a combined response from Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and the Nebraska Judicial Branch and data on the number of adoptions from foster care from DHHS. We also referenced the filing data of the County Court Annual Caseload Reports.⁸¹ We used the DHHS-provided data for the number of adoptions from foster care. However, the research team decided to use the numbers of adoption case dispositions reported by CSP for 2019 and 2020 instead of the DHHS/Court data due to the tendency of incoming case data to overestimate adoption finalization numbers.

In the table, for consistency, and for the sake of better year-to-year comparison, we report the 2019 and 2020 data using the 2021-2023 data sources.

⁸⁰ The quarterly and annual reports of FCRO are available at: <https://fcro.nebraska.gov/publications.html>.

⁸¹ These and other reports can be accessed at: <https://supremecourt.nebraska.gov/administration/publications-reports>.

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total	976	728	858	823	737
Domestic Adoptions	961	715	851	806	730
> Adoptions from Foster Care	537*	479*	406	364	411
> Private Domestic Adoptions	424*	236*	445	442	319
Intercountry Adoptions	15	13	7	17	7

Nevada

In 2023, an estimated 1,173 children were adopted in Nevada. This decreased 4.01% from the previous year. In 2023, adoptions from foster care made up 57.29% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 42.54%, and intercountry adoptions made up 0.17%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 672, which decreased 11.46% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 499, which increased 9.91% from the previous year. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was two.

In 2022, an estimated 1,222 children were adopted in Nevada. This decreased 1.93% from the previous year. In 2022, adoptions from foster care made up 62.11% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 37.15%, and intercountry adoptions made up 0.74%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 759, which increased 1.47% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 454, which decreased 7.16% from the previous year. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was nine.

In 2021, an estimated 1,246 children were adopted in Nevada. This increased 5.86% from the previous year. In 2021, adoptions from foster care made up 60.03% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 39.25%, and intercountry adoptions made up 0.72%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 748, which decreased 3.48% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 489, which increased 22.56% from the previous year. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was nine.

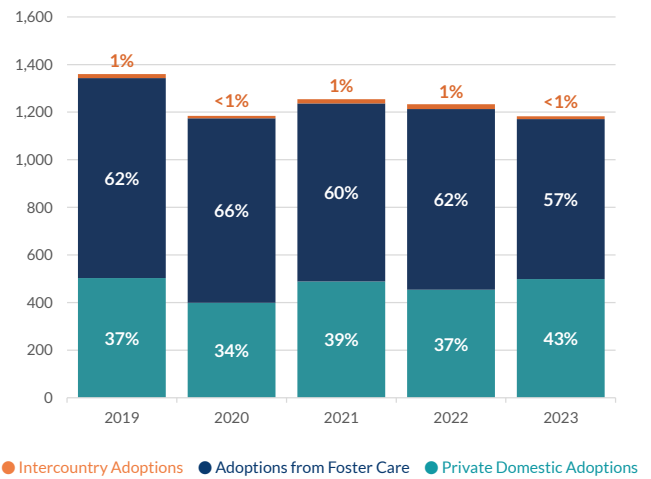
Reporting Period

All 2021–2023 data covered the state fiscal year.

Data Sources

NCFA approximated the total number of domestic adoptions from the number of adoption case dispositions reported in the Annual Reports of the Nevada Judiciary, which are published

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by the Research & Statistics Unit of the Administrative Office of the Courts.⁸² We collected data on the number of adoptions from foster care from the Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) Data Books.⁸³ An estimation for the number of private adoptions was obtained by taking the difference between total and public adoptions.

Updates to 2019 and 2020 Data

In the previous report, NCFA received data on the total number of domestic adoptions from the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public and Behavioral Health, Office of Vital Records. The source for the number of adoptions from foster care is the same between the two reports.

82 These and other reports can be accessed at: <https://nvcourts.gov/aoc/administration/reports>.

83 The DCFS data page can be accessed at: <https://dcfs.nv.gov/Programs/Data/DCFSDataPage/>.

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total	1,352	1,177	1,246	1,222	1,173
Domestic Adoptions	1,343	1,174	1,237	1,213	1,171
> Adoptions from Foster Care	840	775	748	759	672
> Private Domestic Adoptions	503	399	489	454	499
Intercountry Adoptions	9	3	9	9	2

New Hampshire

In 2023, an estimated 506 children were adopted in New Hampshire. This decreased 13.95% from the previous year. In 2023, adoptions from foster care made up 38.74% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 61.07%, and intercountry adoptions made up 0.2%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 196, which decreased 5.77% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 309, which decreased 15.57% from the previous year. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was one.

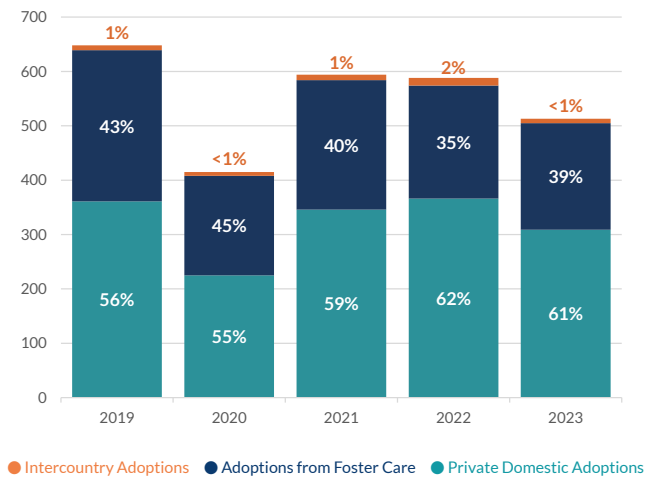
In 2022, an estimated 588 children were adopted in New Hampshire. This remained unchanged from the previous year. In 2022, adoptions from foster care made up 35.37% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 62.24%, and intercountry adoptions made up 2.38%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 208, which decreased 12.61% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 366, which increased 5.78% from the previous year. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was 14.

In 2021, an estimated 588 children were adopted in New Hampshire. This increased 43.41% from the previous year. In 2021, adoptions from foster care made up 40.48% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 58.84%, and intercountry adoptions made up 0.68%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 238, which increased 30.05% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 346, which increased 53.78% from the previous year. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was four.

Reporting Period

All 2021–2023 data covered the calendar year.

Total Adoptions



Data Sources

NCEA approximated the total number of domestic adoptions from the number of outgoing adoption cases reported by CSP STAT and received the number of adoptions from foster care from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). An estimation for the number of private adoptions was obtained by taking the difference between total and public adoptions.

Updates to 2019 and 2020 Data

The data used for New Hampshire’s 2019 and 2020 numbers in the previous report were received from correspondence with Child Protection Services, DHHS. A DHHS administrator provided NCEA federal fiscal year–based data for the number of public and private adoptions, the sum of which was taken to be the total number of adoptions.

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total	648	410	588	588	506
Domestic Adoptions	639	408	584	574	505
> Adoptions from Foster Care	278	183	238	208	196
> Private Domestic Adoptions	361	225	346	366	309
Intercountry Adoptions	9	2	4	14	1

New Jersey

For 2023, a majority of data are not yet available. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 414, which decreased 21.89% from the previous year. The total number of intercountry adoptions was 29.

In 2022, an estimated 1,499 children were adopted in New Jersey. This decreased 1.77% from the previous year. In 2022, adoptions from foster care made up 35.36% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 62.04%, and intercountry adoptions made up 2.6%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 530, which decreased 10.47% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 930, which increased 5.56% from the previous year. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was 39.

In 2021, an estimated 1,526 children were adopted in New Jersey. This increased 8.3% from the previous year. In 2021, adoptions from foster care made up 38.79% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 57.73%, and intercountry adoptions made up 3.47%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 592, which decreased 16.74% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 881, which increased 33.28% from the previous year. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was 53.

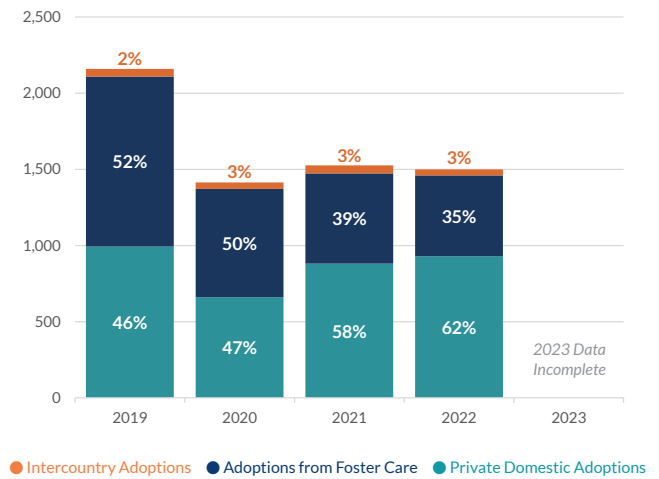
Reporting Period

All 2021–2023 data covered the calendar year.

Data Sources

NCFCA used the number of outgoing adoption cases reported by CSP STAT for the total number of adoptions. We also referred to the Adoption Resolutions data from the Judiciary Annual Report but opted to use the CSP data because it followed the

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calendar year, while the Judiciary Annual Report followed the state fiscal year.⁸⁴ We sourced the number of adoptions from foster care from the “Children Exiting Out of Home Placement Data Portal” of the NJ Child Data Portal.⁸⁵ An estimation for the number of private adoptions was obtained by taking the difference between total and public adoptions.

Updates to 2019 and 2020 Data

The data sources in the current report are the same as in the previous report.

⁸⁴ The Judiciary Annual Reports can be accessed at: <https://www.njcourts.gov/public/publication-reports-statistics>.

⁸⁵ This portal can be accessed at: <https://njchilddata.rutgers.edu/portal>.

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total	2,159	1,409	1,526	1,499	<i>data unavailable</i>
Domestic Adoptions	2,109	1,372	1,473	1,460	
> Adoptions from Foster Care	1,116	711	592	530	414
> Private Domestic Adoptions	993	661	881	930	<i>data unavailable</i>
Intercountry Adoptions	50	37	53	39	29

New Mexico

In 2023, an estimated 430 children were adopted in New Mexico. This decreased 24.69% from the previous year. In 2023, adoptions from foster care made up 46.05% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 51.4%, and intercountry adoptions made up 2.56%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 198, which decreased 21.74% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 221, which decreased 28.71% from the previous year. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was 11.

In 2022, an estimated 571 children were adopted in New Mexico. This increased 1.96% from the previous year. In 2022, adoptions from foster care made up 44.31% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 54.29%, and intercountry adoptions made up 1.4%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 253, which decreased 26.24% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 310, which increased 47.62% from the previous year. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was eight.

In 2021, an estimated 560 children were adopted in New Mexico. This increased 26.13% from the previous year. In 2021, adoptions from foster care made up 61.25% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 37.5%, and intercountry adoptions made up 1.25%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 343, which increased 22.06% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 210, which increased 32.91% from the previous year. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was seven.

Reporting Period

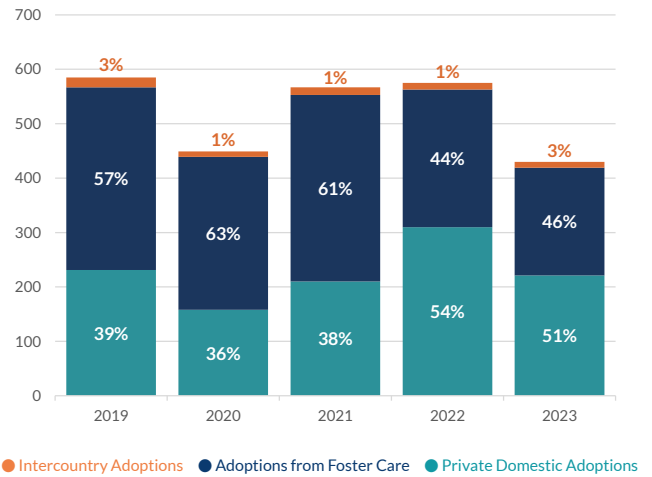
All 2021–2023 data covered the calendar year.

Data Sources

NCFCA approximated the total number of domestic adoptions from the adoption case disposition data published by CSP. We received data on the number of adoptions from foster care from the Children, Youth & Families Department (CYFD). An estimation for the number of private adoptions was obtained by taking the difference between total and public adoptions.

We also referenced the Judicial Statistical Addendum to the

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New Mexico Judiciary Annual Report for data on the total number of domestic adoptions, which follow the state fiscal year (SFY), but opted not to use the values of closed juvenile adoptions from these reports because data for SFY 2022 was missing⁸⁶ from that report as well as from the CYFD 13-Month Reports.⁸⁷

Updates to 2019 and 2020 Data

The source for the total number of adoptions is the same in the current report as in the previous report, but the source for the number of adoptions from foster care is different. The data reported for 2019 and 2020 was based on the AFCARS report, which follows the federal fiscal year. It is an improvement in the current report to have the reporting periods between the total adoption numbers and the adoptions from foster care numbers match.

86 The judicial reports can be accessed at: <https://nmcourts.gov/court-administration/reports-policies/>.

87 These reports can be accessed at: <https://www.cyfd.nm.gov/office-of-performance-and-accountability/department-reports/>.

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total	585	444	560	571	430
Domestic Adoptions	567	439	553	563	419
> Adoptions from Foster Care	336	281	343	253	198
> Private Domestic Adoptions	231	158	210	310	221
Intercountry Adoptions	18	5	7	8	11

New York

In 2023, an estimated 3,960 children were adopted in New York. This increased 13.92% from the previous year. In 2023, adoptions from foster care made up 56.11% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 42.02%, and intercountry adoptions made up 1.87%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 2,222, which increased 11.32% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 1,664, which increased 18.77% from the previous year. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was 74.

In 2022, an estimated 3,476 children were adopted in New York. This decreased 2.19% from the previous year. In 2022, adoptions from foster care made up 57.42% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 40.3%, and intercountry adoptions made up 2.27%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 1,996, which increased 75.7% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 1,401, which decreased 40.1% from the previous year. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was 79.

In 2021, an estimated 3,554 children were adopted in New York. This increased 40.81% from the previous year. In 2021, adoptions from foster care made up 31.96% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 65.81%, and intercountry adoptions made up 2.22%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 1,136, which increased 17.6% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 2,339, which increased 57.93% from the previous year. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was 79.

Reporting Period

All 2021–2023 data covered the state fiscal year (SFY) (April 1st to March 31st).

Data Sources

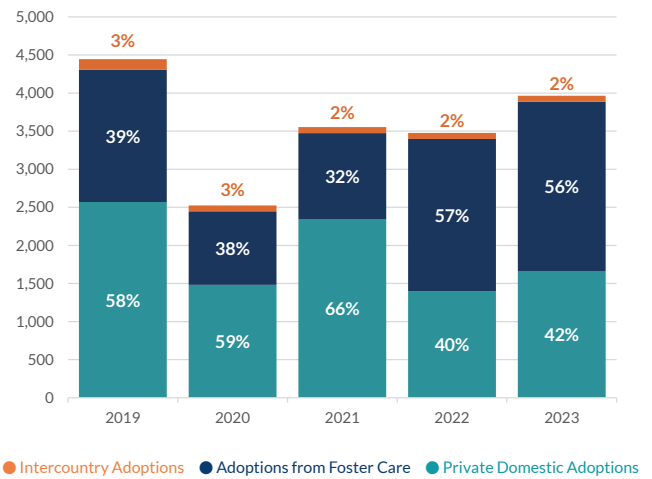
NCFCA approximated the total number of domestic adoptions by summing the number of adoption case dispositions reported by the Surrogate and Family/Supreme Courts in the Annual Reports of the Chief Administrator, also called the Unified Court System Annual Reports.⁸⁸

We used the sum of the LDSS and OCFS cases given in the Statewide Quarterly Reports published by the Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) for the number of adoptions from foster care.⁸⁹ These reports were originally ordered by calendar year.

88 These reports can be accessed at: <https://ww2.nycourts.gov/reports/annual/index.shtml>.

89 These reports can be accessed at: <https://ocfs.ny.gov/reports/custody/>. We summed “Total Adopted” across the reports to obtain a total for a fiscal year.

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To align with the reporting period of the Unified Court System Annual Reports, we added the “Total Adopted” values from the Statewide Quarterly Reports according to the state fiscal year. For example, for the count of adoptions from foster care for 2021, we summed the adoption statistics from the 2020 Q2, 2020 Q3, 2020 Q4, and 2021 Q1 reports. As a data point was not available for the third quarter of SFY 2022 (corresponding to the 2021 Q4 report from OCFS), we estimated it by averaging the corresponding 2021 and 2023 values.

An estimation for the number of private adoptions was obtained by taking the difference between total adoptions and adoptions from foster care.

Updates to 2019 and 2020 Data

In the previous report, NCFCA referenced the same source for the total number of adoptions. The number of adoptions from foster care reported for 2019 and 2020 was based on the Aggregate MAPS spreadsheets from OCFS.⁹⁰ The Aggregate MAPS data followed the calendar year instead of the state fiscal year.

In the table, for consistency, and for the sake of better year-to-year comparison, we report the 2019 and 2020 adoptions from foster care data using the 2021–2023 data sources.

90 These reports can be accessed at: <https://ocfs.ny.gov/reports/maps/aggregate.php>.

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total	4,445	2,524	3,554	3,476	3,960
Domestic Adoptions	4,306	2,447	3,475	3,397	3,886
> Adoptions from Foster Care	1,736*	966*	1,136	1,996	2,222
> Private Domestic Adoptions	2,570*	1,481*	2,339	1,401	1,664
Intercountry Adoptions	139	77	79	79	74

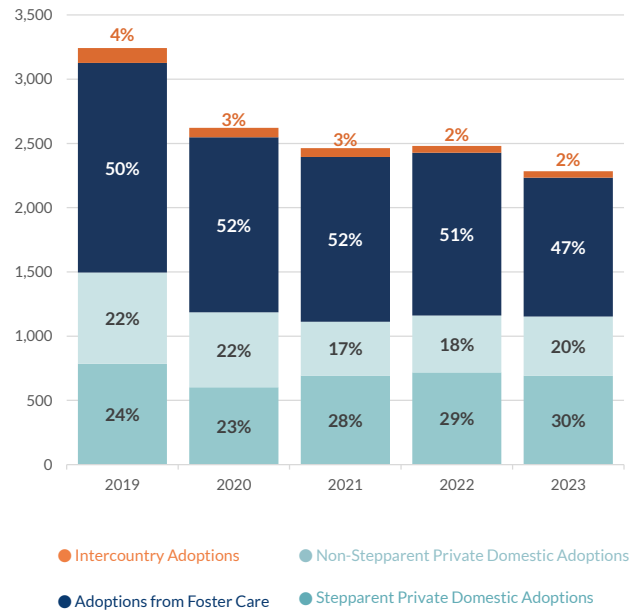
North Carolina

In 2023, an estimated 2,283 children were adopted in North Carolina. This decreased 7.94% from the previous year. In 2023, adoptions from foster care made up 47.39% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 50.46%, and intercountry adoptions made up 2.15%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 1,082, which decreased 14.67% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 1,152, which decreased 0.69% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions comprises 39.93% non-stepparent adoptions and 60.07% stepparent adoptions. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was 49.

In 2022, an estimated 2,480 children were adopted in North Carolina. This increased 0.69% from the previous year. In 2022, adoptions from foster care made up 51.13% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 46.77%, and intercountry adoptions made up 2.1%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 1,268, which decreased 1.17% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 1,160, which increased 4.32% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions comprises 38.10% non-stepparent adoptions and 61.90% stepparent adoptions. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was 52.

In 2021, an estimated 2,463 children were adopted in North Carolina. This decreased 6.03% from the previous year. In 2021, adoptions from foster care made up 52.09% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 45.15%, and intercountry adoptions made up 2.76%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 1,283, which decreased 5.8% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 1,112, which decreased 6.24% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions comprises 37.68% non-stepparent adoptions and 62.32% stepparent adoptions. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was 68.

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Reporting Period

All 2021-2023 data covered the state fiscal year.

Data Sources

NCFR received data on the total number of domestic adoptions and the number of public, private, kinship, biological, stepparent, and non-foster/non-kinship adoptions from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

Updates to 2019 and 2020 Data

The data sources are the same in the current report as in the previous report.

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total	3,242	2,621	2,463	2,480	2,283
Domestic Adoptions	3,126	2,548	2,395	2,428	2,234
> Adoptions from Foster Care	1,631	1,362	1,283	1,268	1,082
> Private Domestic Adoptions	1,495	1,186	1,112	1,160	1,152
> Stepparent Adoptions	785	602	693	718	692
> Non-Stepparent Adoptions	710	584	419	442	460
Intercountry Adoptions	116	73	68	52	49

North Dakota

In 2023, an estimated 322 children were adopted in North Dakota. This decreased 1.53% from the previous year. In 2023, adoptions from foster care made up 46.89% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 53.11%, and intercountry adoptions made up 0%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 151, which decreased 13.71% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 171, which increased 12.5% from the previous year. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was zero.

In 2022, an estimated 327 children were adopted in North Dakota. This decreased 17.63% from the previous year. In 2022, adoptions from foster care made up 53.52% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 46.48%, and intercountry adoptions made up 0%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 175, which decreased 21.88% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 152, which decreased 12.14% from the previous year. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was zero.

In 2021, an estimated 397 children were adopted in North Dakota. This increased 21.04% from the previous year. In 2021, adoptions from foster care made up 56.42% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 43.58%, and intercountry adoptions made up 0%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 224, which increased 3.7% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 173, which increased 55.86% from the previous year. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was zero.

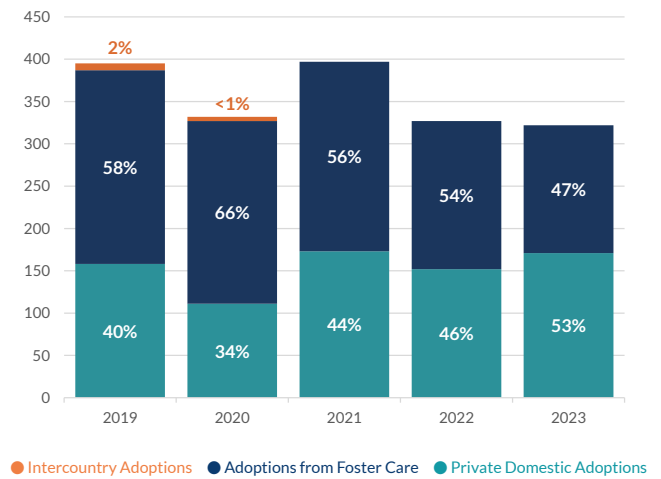
Reporting Period

All 2021-2023 data covered the calendar year.

Data Sources

NCFR received data on the total number of domestic adoptions from the North Dakota Court System and data on the number of adoptions from foster care from Adoption Services

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of the North Dakota Department of Human Services. The latter separated the number of adoptions of “state kids” from the number of adoptions of “incoming ICPC [Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children] kids.” An estimation for the number of private adoptions was obtained by taking the difference between total and public adoptions.

Updates to 2019 and 2020 Data

In the previous report, the source for the total number of adoptions was the same as in the current report, while the numbers of adoptions from foster care were provided by Catholic Charities, an adoption agency that handles foster care adoptions in North Dakota.

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total	395	328	397	327	322
Domestic Adoptions	387	327	397	327	322
> Adoptions from Foster Care	229	216	224	175	151
> Private Domestic Adoptions	158	111	173	152	171
Intercountry Adoptions	8	1	0	0	0

Ohio

In 2023, an estimated 3,916 children were adopted in Ohio. This decreased 3.02% from the previous year. In 2023, adoptions from foster care made up 37.21% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 61.95%, and intercountry adoptions made up 0.84%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 1,457, which decreased 5.57% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 2,426, which decreased 0.41% from the previous year. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was 33.

In 2022, an estimated 4,038 children were adopted in Ohio. This decreased 9.22% from the previous year. In 2022, adoptions from foster care made up 38.21% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 60.33%, and intercountry adoptions made up 1.46%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 1,543, which decreased 5.8% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 2,436, which decreased 11.61% from the previous year. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was 59.

In 2021, an estimated 4,448 children were adopted in Ohio. This increased 20.94% from the previous year. In 2021, adoptions from foster care made up 36.83% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 61.96%, and intercountry adoptions made up 1.21%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 1,638, which increased 15.84% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 2,756, which increased 23.7% from the previous year. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was 54.

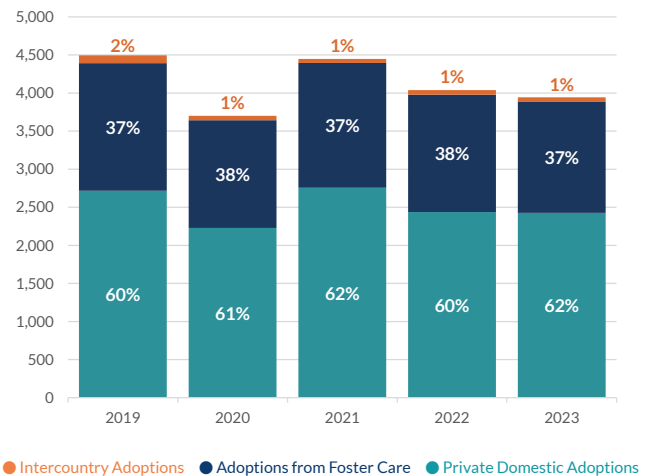
Reporting Period

All 2021–2023 data covered the calendar year.

Data Sources

NCFCA approximated the total number of domestic adoptions from number of adoption case dispositions reported in the Dispositions and Marriage Applications Probate Division Data

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Dashboard⁹¹ and gathered the number of adoptions from foster care from the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services Data Dashboard.⁹² An estimation for the number of private adoptions was obtained by taking the difference between total and public adoptions.

Updates to 2019 and 2020 Data

The same data sources were used in the current report as were used in the previous report.

91 This dashboard can be accessed at: https://analytics.das.ohio.gov/t/SCPUB/views/FormC-judge-state-PROD/DispositionsandMarriageApplications?iframeSizedToWindow=true&%3Aembed=v&%3AshowAppBanner=false&%3Adisplay_count=no&%3AshowVizHome=no.

92 This dashboard can be accessed at: <https://data.jfs.ohio.gov/FamChild/ChildWelfare.stm>.

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total	4,496	3,678	4,448	4,038	3,916
Domestic Adoptions	4,393	3,642	4,394	3,979	3,883
> Adoptions from Foster Care	1,677	1,414	1,638	1,543	1,457
> Private Domestic Adoptions	2,716	2,228	2,756	2,436	2,426
Intercountry Adoptions	103	36	54	59	33

Oklahoma

In 2023, an estimated 1,752 children were adopted in Oklahoma. This increased 5.93% from the previous year. In 2023, adoptions from foster care made up 90.92% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 8.28%, and intercountry adoptions made up 0.8%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 1,593, which increased 2.91% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 145 and the total number of intercountry adoptions was 14.

In 2022, an estimated 1,654 children were adopted in Oklahoma. This increased 14.7% from the previous year. In 2022, adoptions from foster care made up 93.59% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 5.56%, and intercountry adoptions made up 0.85%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 1,548, which increased 14.67% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 92 and the total number of intercountry adoptions was 14.

In 2021, an estimated 1,442 children were adopted in Oklahoma. This decreased 25.21% from the previous year. In 2021, adoptions from foster care made up 93.62% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 5.89%, and intercountry adoptions made up 0.49%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 1,350, which decreased 27.18% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 85 and the total number of intercountry adoptions was seven.

Reporting Period

All 2021-2023 data covered the state fiscal year.

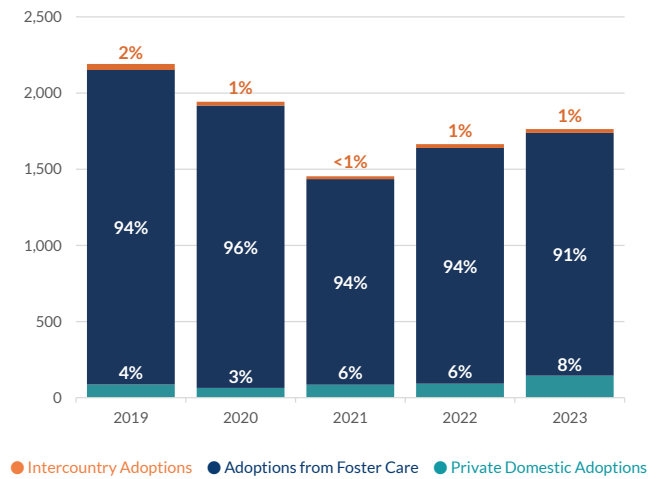
Data Sources

Child Welfare Services, Oklahoma Department of Human Services (OKDHS), provided the total number of adoptions and the number of public and private adoptions.

Updates to 2019 and 2020 Data

The same data sources were used in the current report as were used in the previous report. The total number of domestic adoptions in 2019 was updated from the previous report, as a slight calculation error was identified and corrected.

Total Adoptions



	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total	2,191	1,928	1,442	1,654	1,752
Domestic Adoptions	2,151*	1,918	1,435	1,640	1,738
> Adoptions from Foster Care	2,064	1,854	1,350	1,548	1,593
> Private Domestic Adoptions	87	64	85	92	145
Intercountry Adoptions	40	10	7	14	14

Oregon

In 2023, an estimated 971 children were adopted in Oregon. This decreased 1.32% from the previous year. In 2023, adoptions from foster care made up 56.64% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 41.5%, and intercountry adoptions made up 1.85%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 550, which decreased 4.35% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 403, which increased 3.87% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions comprises 28.29% non-stepparent adoptions and 71.71% stepparent adoptions. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was 18.

In 2022, an estimated 984 children were adopted in Oregon. This decreased 13.61% from the previous year. In 2022, adoptions from foster care made up 58.43% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 39.43%, and intercountry adoptions made up 2.13%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 575, which decreased 15.81% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 388, which decreased 8.92% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions comprises 22.94% non-stepparent adoptions and 77.06% stepparent adoptions. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was 21.

In 2021, an estimated 1,139 children were adopted in Oregon. This decreased 16.92% from the previous year. In 2021, adoptions from foster care made up 59.96% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 37.4%, and intercountry adoptions made up 2.63%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 683, which decreased 21.31% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 426, which decreased 11.25% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions comprises 24.88% non-stepparent adoptions and 75.12% stepparent adoptions. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was 30.

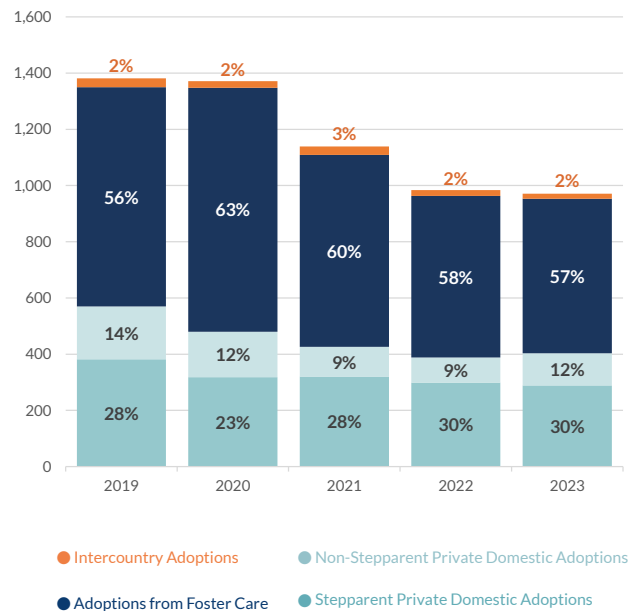
Reporting Period

All 2021-2023 data covered the federal fiscal year.

Data Sources

NCFA collected data on the number of adoptions from foster

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care from the Child Welfare Data Book published by the Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS) and data on the number of private, kinship, biological, stepparent, and non-foster/non-kinship adoptions from the Comparative Non-Departmental Adoption Statistics, 2020-2023.⁹³ An estimation for the total number of domestic adoptions was obtained by summing public and private adoptions.

Updates to 2019 and 2020 Data

The same data sources were used in the current report as were used in the previous report.

⁹³ These reports can be accessed at: <https://www.oregon.gov/odhs/data/pages/cw-data.aspx>.

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total	1,381	1,371	1,139	984	971
Domestic Adoptions	1,350	1,348	1,109	963	953
> Adoptions from Foster Care	780	868	683	575	550
> Private Domestic Adoptions	570	480	426	388	403
> Stepparent Adoptions	382	318	320	299	289
> Non-Stepparent Adoptions	188	162	106	89	114
Intercountry Adoptions	31	23	30	21	18

Pennsylvania

In 2023, an estimated 3,983 children were adopted in Pennsylvania. This decreased 5.86% from the previous year. In 2023, adoptions from foster care made up 49.03% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 49.86%, and intercountry adoptions made up 1.1%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 1,953, which decreased 11.83% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 1,986, which increased 1.48% from the previous year. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was 44.

In 2022, an estimated 4,231 children were adopted in Pennsylvania. This decreased 2.4% from the previous year. In 2022, adoptions from foster care made up 52.35% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 46.25%, and intercountry adoptions made up 1.39%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 2,215, which increased 11.19% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 1,957, which decreased 14.02% from the previous year. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was 59.

In 2021, an estimated 4,335 children were adopted in Pennsylvania. This increased 20.72% from the previous year. In 2021, adoptions from foster care made up 45.95% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 52.5%, and intercountry adoptions made up 1.55%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 1,992, which increased 3.21% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 2,276, which increased 41.45% from the previous year. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was 67.

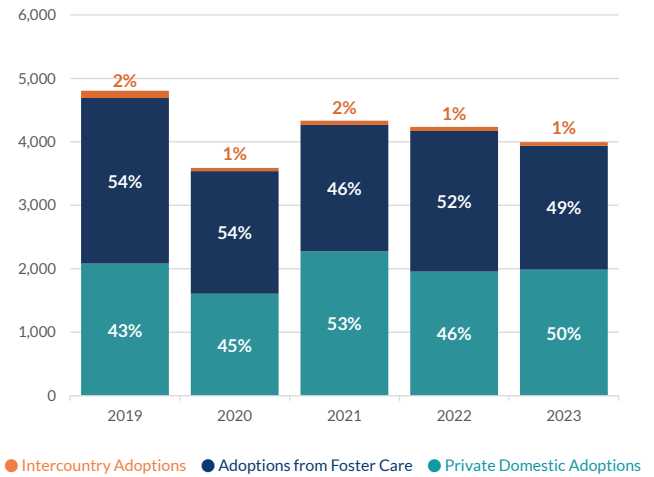
Reporting Period

All 2021-2023 data covered the calendar year.

Data Sources

NCFCA approximated the total number of domestic adoptions from the Caseload Statistics of the Unified Judicial System of Pennsylvania by summing the “Uncontested Granted” and “Judge (Contested) Granted” categories. The “Court

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Supervision Terminated By: Adoption” table entries from these reports were used for the number of adoptions from foster care.⁹⁴ An estimation for the number of private adoptions was obtained by taking the difference between total and public adoptions.

Updates to 2019 and 2020 Data

The source for the total number of adoptions is the same in the current report as in the previous report. For 2019 and 2020, NCFCA used the Child Dependency Data Dashboard from the Unified Judicial System of Pennsylvania for the number of adoptions from foster care.⁹⁵

⁹⁴ The judicial system reports are available at: <https://www.pacourts.us/news-and-statistics/research-and-statistics/caseload-statistics>.

⁹⁵ This dashboard can be accessed at: <https://www.pacourts.us/news-and-statistics/research-and-statistics/dashboard-table-of-contents/dependency-dashboard-statewide>.

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total	4,805	3,591	4,335	4,231	3,983
Domestic Adoptions	4,692	3,539	4,268	4,172	3,939
> Adoptions from Foster Care	2,610	1,930	1,992	2,215	1,953
> Private Domestic Adoptions	2,082	1,609	2,276	1,957	1,986
Intercountry Adoptions	113	52	67	59	44

Rhode Island

In 2023, an estimated 249 children were adopted in Rhode Island. This decreased 19.68% from the previous year. In 2023, adoptions from foster care made up 55.82% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 43.37%, and intercountry adoptions made up 0.8%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 139, which decreased 41.1% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 108 and the total number of intercountry adoptions was two.

In 2022, an estimated 310 children were adopted in Rhode Island. This increased 9.15% from the previous year. In 2022, adoptions from foster care made up 76.13% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 23.55%, and intercountry adoptions made up 0.32%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 236, which decreased 5.6% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 73 and the total number of intercountry adoptions was one.

In 2021, an estimated 284 children were adopted in Rhode Island. This increased 42.71% from the previous year. In 2021, adoptions from foster care made up 88.03% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 10.21%, and intercountry adoptions made up 1.76%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 250, which increased 64.47% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 29 and the total number of intercountry adoptions was five.

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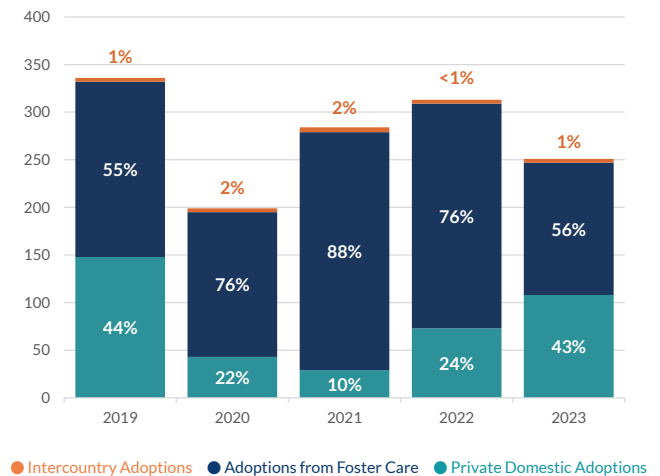
All 2021–2023 data covered the calendar year.

Data Sources

NCFA drew data on the total number of domestic adoptions from two sources: the Annual Reports of the Rhode Island Judiciary⁹⁶ and CSP STAT. For 2021 and 2023, the Annual Reports gave the number of adoptions finalized that year. This

96 These reports can be accessed at: <https://www.courts.ri.gov/Legal-Resources/Pages/annual-reports.aspx>.

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information was missing from the 2022 Annual Report, so the research team instead used the number of incoming adoption cases reported by CSP STAT. We note that, in Rhode Island, the Family Court handles all adoptions of minors (under age 18) and the Probate Court handles adoptions of adults; the CSP includes both categories while the Judiciary Annual Reports covers only minor adoptions.

NCFA received the number of adoptions from foster care from the Evaluation and Performance Division of the Rhode Island Department of Children, Youth & Families. An estimation for the number of private adoptions was obtained by taking the difference between total and public adoptions.

Updates to 2019 and 2020 Data

The source for the total number of adoptions is the same in the current report as in the previous report, but the source for the number of adoptions from foster care is different. For 2019 and 2020, NCFA used the adoption numbers provided in the AFCARS report, which covers the federal fiscal year.

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total	336	199	284	310	249
Domestic Adoptions	332	195	279	309	247
> Adoptions from Foster Care	184	152	250	236	139
> Private Domestic Adoptions	148	43	29	73	108
Intercountry Adoptions	4	4	5	1	2

South Carolina

In 2023, an estimated 1,739 children were adopted in South Carolina. This increased 3.08% from the previous year. In 2023, adoptions from foster care made up 37.09% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 61.82%, and intercountry adoptions made up 1.09%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 645, which increased 12.17% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 1,075, which decreased 1.29% from the previous year. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was 19.

In 2022, an estimated 1,687 children were adopted in South Carolina. This decreased 4.58% from the previous year. In 2022, adoptions from foster care made up 34.08% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 64.55%, and intercountry adoptions made up 1.36%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 575, which increased 18.8% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 1,089, which decreased 13.16% from the previous year. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was 23.

In 2021, an estimated 1,768 children were adopted in South Carolina. This increased 10.29% from the previous year. In 2021, adoptions from foster care made up 27.38% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 70.93%, and intercountry adoptions made up 1.7%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 484, which increased 3.64% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 1,254, which increased 12.97% from the previous year. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was 30.

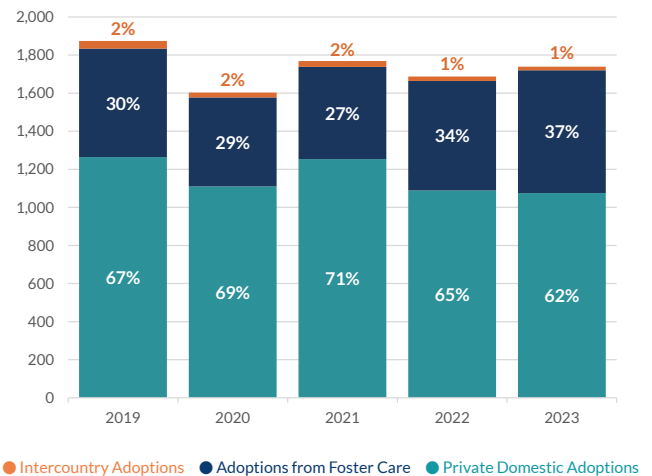
Reporting Period

All 2021–2023 data covered the calendar year.

Data Sources

NCFA used the number of incoming adoption cases reported by CSP STAT as the total number of domestic adoptions. The Department of Social Services (DSS) published two reports, one according to calendar year and one according to state fiscal year, tabulating the number of adoptions from foster care.

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We opted to use the “Adoptions Finalized for Calendar Year” report so that the reporting periods matched.⁹⁷ An estimation for the number of private adoptions was obtained by taking the difference between total and public adoptions.

Updates to 2019 and 2020 Data

In the previous report, data for South Carolina was based on the state fiscal year. NCFA received the number of adoption case filings from the Office of the State Court Administrator, South Carolina Courts and used the state fiscal year–based DSS report for the number of adoptions from foster care.

In the table, for consistency, and for the sake of better year-to-year comparison, we report the 2019 and 2020 data using the 2021–2023 data sources.

⁹⁷ This report can be accessed at: <https://reports.dss.sc.gov/ReportServer/Pages/ReportViewer.aspx?/Adoptions>. The report based on state fiscal year is “Adoption Data: Children Legally Freed and Adopted,” and can be accessed at: <https://dss.sc.gov/about/data-and-resources/child-welfare-data/adoption-data/>.

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total	1,874	1,603	1,768	1,687	1,739
Domestic Adoptions	1,834*	1,577*	1,738	1,664	1,720
> Adoptions from Foster Care	570*	467*	484	575	645
> Private Domestic Adoptions	1,264*	1,110*	1,254	1,089	1,075
Intercountry Adoptions	40	26	30	23	19

South Dakota

In 2023, an estimated 341 children were adopted in South Dakota. This decreased 6.58% from the previous year. In 2023, adoptions from foster care made up 73.61% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 25.22%, and intercountry adoptions made up 1.17%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 251, which increased 5.46% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 86, which decreased 30.08% from the previous year. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was four.

In 2022, an estimated 365 children were adopted in South Dakota. This decreased 12.68% from the previous year. In 2022, adoptions from foster care made up 65.21% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 33.7%, and intercountry adoptions made up 1.1%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 238, which increased 4.85% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 123, which decreased 33.87% from the previous year. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was four.

In 2021, an estimated 418 children were adopted in South Dakota. This increased 14.52% from the previous year. In 2021, adoptions from foster care made up 54.31% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 44.5%, and intercountry adoptions made up 1.2%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 227, which increased 7.58% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 186, which increased 22.37% from the previous year. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was five.

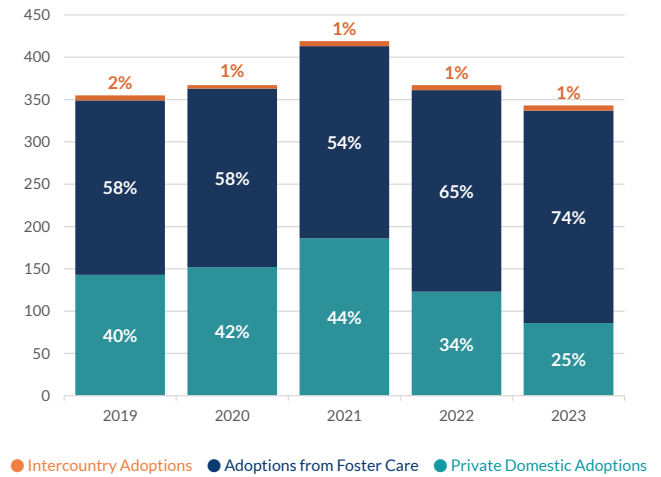
Reporting Period

All 2021-2023 data covered the state fiscal year.

Data Sources

NCFA received the number of adoptions filed each year from the South Dakota Unified Judicial System, which we took as an approximation of the total number of domestic adoptions. We collected the number of adoptions from foster care from

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the Child Protection Services (CPS) Annual Data Reports.⁹⁸ An estimation for the number of private adoptions was obtained by taking the difference between total and public adoptions.

Updates to 2019 and 2020 Data

The source for the total number of adoptions is the same between the previous report and the current report, but the source for the number of adoptions from foster care is different. For 2019 and 2020, NCFA received data from the Division of Legal Services in the Department of Social Services (DSS). Based on comparison between the data provided from DSS and the 2020 CPS Annual Data Report, we infer that the two sources are reporting the same data.

⁹⁸ These reports can be accessed at: <https://dss.sd.gov/keyresources/statistics.aspx#CPS>.

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total	355	365	418	365	341
Domestic Adoptions	349	363	413	361	337
> Adoptions from Foster Care	206	211	227	238	251
> Private Domestic Adoptions	143	152	186	123	86
Intercountry Adoptions	6	2	5	4	4

Tennessee

In 2023, an estimated 3,628 children were adopted in Tennessee. This decreased 1.6% from the previous year. In 2023, adoptions from foster care made up 29.08% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 69.82%, and intercountry adoptions made up 1.1%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 1,055, which decreased 7.37% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 2,533, which increased 1.32% from the previous year. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was 40.

In 2022, an estimated 3,687 children were adopted in Tennessee. This increased 4.68% from the previous year. In 2022, adoptions from foster care made up 30.89% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 67.81%, and intercountry adoptions made up 1.3%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 1,139, which decreased 5.16% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 2,500, which increased 10.23% from the previous year. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was 48.

In 2021, an estimated 3,522 children were adopted in Tennessee. This increased 4.51% from the previous year. In 2021, adoptions from foster care made up 34.1% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 64.4%, and intercountry adoptions made up 1.5%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 1,201, which increased 1.01% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 2,268, which increased 7.13% from the previous year. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was 53.

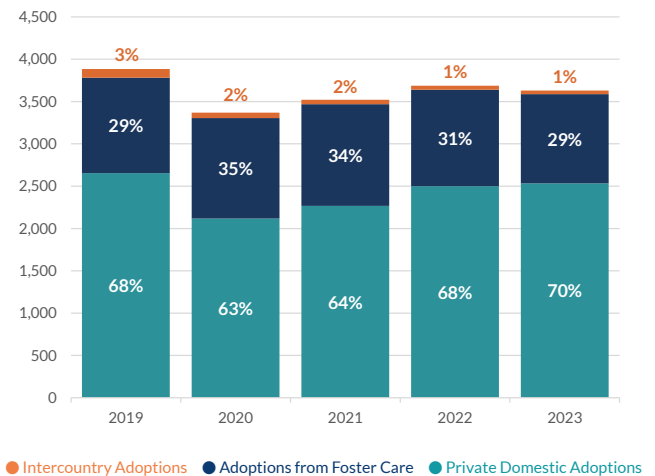
Reporting Period

All 2021-2023 data covered the state fiscal year, except for the adoptions from foster care count in 2022, which is based on the federal fiscal year.

Data Sources

NCFCA approximated the total number of domestic adoptions from the number of case dispositions reported by the Chancery

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Court, Probate Court, and Circuit Court in the Tennessee Court Annual Statistical Reports.⁹⁹ These counts combine adoption cases and surrender cases, presenting a potential overestimation of the number of adoptions. We referred to the annual reports of the Department of Children’s Services (DCS) for the number of adoptions from foster care.¹⁰⁰ An estimation for the number of private adoptions was obtained by taking the difference between total and public adoptions.

Updates to 2019 and 2020 Data

The data sources are the same in the current report as in the previous report.

⁹⁹ These reports can be accessed at: <https://www.tncourts.gov/media/statistical-reports>.

¹⁰⁰ These reports are available at Digital Tennessee: https://digitaltennessee.tnsos.gov/childrens_annual_reports/.

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total	3,885	3,370	3,522	3,687	3,628
Domestic Adoptions	3,782	3,306	3,469	3,639	3,588
> Adoptions from Foster Care	1,128	1,189	1,201	1,139	1,055
> Private Domestic Adoptions	2,654	2,117	2,268	2,500	2,533
Intercountry Adoptions	103	64	53	48	40

Texas

In 2023, an estimated 7,168 children were adopted in Texas. This decreased 1.34% from the previous year. In 2023, adoptions from foster care made up 58.33% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 39.96%, and intercountry adoptions made up 1.72%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 4,181, which decreased 6.74% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 2,864, which increased 7.35% from the previous year. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was 123, which increased 7.89% from the previous year.

In 2022, an estimated 7,265 children were adopted in Texas. This decreased 1.2% from the previous year. In 2022, adoptions from foster care made up 61.71% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 36.72%, and intercountry adoptions made up 1.57%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 4,483, which decreased 3.11% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 2,668, which increased 3.41% from the previous year. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was 114, which decreased 21.92% from the previous year.

In 2021, an estimated 7,353 children were adopted in Texas. This decreased 1.58% from the previous year. In 2021, adoptions from foster care made up 62.93% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 35.09%, and intercountry adoptions made up 1.99%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 4,627, which decreased 12.38% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 2,580, which increased 25.18% from the previous year. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was 146, which increased 13.18% from the previous year.

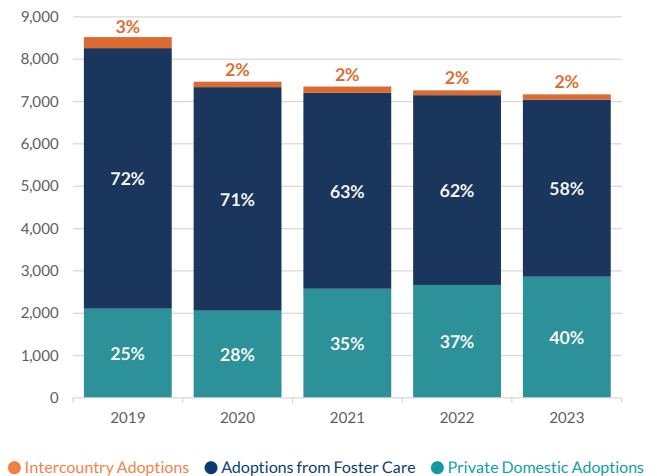
Reporting Period

All 2021–2023 data covered the state fiscal year.

Data Sources

For 2021 and 2022, NCFCA calculated the approximate number of domestic adoption finalizations (i.e., total number of adoptions) from the Judicial Branch Statistical Annual

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Reports by subtracting “Dismissed for Want of Prosecution” and “Non-Suited or Dismissed by Plaintiff” from the adoption disposition data from the District and Statutory County Courts.¹⁰¹ The number of adoptions from foster care was taken from the adoption placement data released by the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services interactive data book page.¹⁰² An estimation for the number of private adoptions was obtained by taking the difference between total and public adoptions.

Updates to 2019 and 2020 Data

The data sources are the same in the current report as in the previous report.

101 These reports can be accessed at: <https://www.txcourts.gov/statistics/annual-statistical-reports/>.

102 The data book is available at: https://www.dfps.texas.gov/About/DFPS/Data_Book/Child_Protective_Services/Adoption/Adoption_Placements.asp.

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total	8,522	7,471	7,353	7,265	7,168
Domestic Adoptions	8,264	7,342	7,207	7,151	7,045
> Adoptions from Foster Care	6,157	5,281	4,627	4,483	4,181
> Private Domestic Adoptions	2,107	2,061	2,580	2,668	2,864
Intercountry Adoptions	258	129	146	114	123

Utah

In 2023, an estimated 1,703 children were adopted in Utah. This decreased 3.35% from the previous year. In 2023, adoptions from foster care made up 22.14% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 76.63%, and intercountry adoptions made up 1.23%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 377, which decreased 29% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 1,305, which increased 7.67% from the previous year. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was 21.

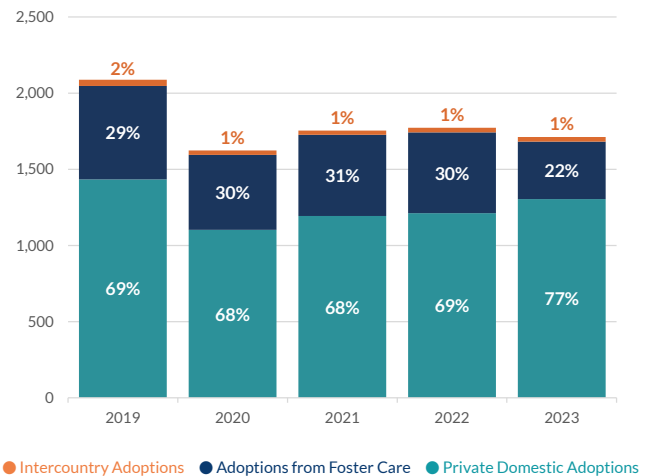
In 2022, an estimated 1,762 children were adopted in Utah. This increased 1.15% from the previous year. In 2022, adoptions from foster care made up 30.14% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 68.79%, and intercountry adoptions made up 1.08%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 531, which decreased 0.38% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 1,212, which increased 1.59% from the previous year. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was 19.

In 2021, an estimated 1,742 children were adopted in Utah. This increased 7.8% from the previous year. In 2021, adoptions from foster care made up 30.6% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 68.48%, and intercountry adoptions made up 0.92%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 533, which increased 8.55% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 1,193, which increased 8.16% from the previous year. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was 16.

Reporting Period

Data on the total number of domestic adoptions covered the calendar year, while data on the number of adoptions from foster care covered the federal fiscal year. As the number of private adoptions was taken as the difference between the total adoptions and the adoptions from foster care, the reporting period for private adoptions is mixed.

Total Adoptions



Data Sources

NCFCA received data on the total number of domestic adoptions from the Office of Vital Records and Statistics and the State Registrar and data on the number of adoptions from foster care from the Division of Child and Family Services. An estimation for the number of private adoptions was obtained by taking the difference between total and public adoptions.

Updates to 2019 and 2020 Data

The data source for the total number of adoptions and the number of adoptions from foster care is the same in the current report as in the previous report. However, in the previous report, NCFCA received adoptions from foster care data based on calendar year rather than federal fiscal year. For comparison of 2019 and 2020 to 2021-2023, we refer to the total adoption numbers from the previous report but use the federal fiscal year-based numbers for all years. (The representative from the Division of Child and Family Services provided 2019 and 2020 data in addition to 2021-2023 data.)

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total	2,088	1,616	1,742	1,762	1,703
Domestic Adoptions	2,047	1,594	1,726	1,743	1,682
> Adoptions from Foster Care	613*	491*	533	531	377
> Private Domestic Adoptions	1,434*	1,103*	1,193	1,212	1,305
Intercountry Adoptions	41	22	16	19	21

Vermont

For 2023, a majority of data are not yet available. The total number of intercountry adoptions was four.

In 2022, an estimated 272 children were adopted in Vermont. This increased 0.74% from the previous year. In 2022, adoptions from foster care made up 69.12% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 30.51%, and intercountry adoptions made up 0.37%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 188, which decreased 7.84% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 83 and the total number of intercountry adoptions was one.

In 2021, an estimated 270 children were adopted in Vermont. This decreased 22.41% from the previous year. In 2021, adoptions from foster care made up 75.56% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 22.96%, and intercountry adoptions made up 1.48%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 204, which decreased 22.43% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 62 and the total number of intercountry adoptions was four.

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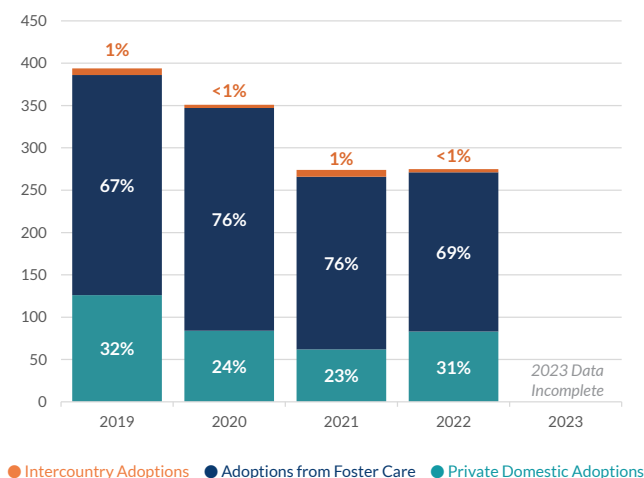
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Data Sources

Data on the total domestic, public, and private adoptions were all drawn from Appendix I – Statewide Data of the Annual Statistical Report published by the Vermont Judiciary.¹⁰³ These reports note the number of case filings for “Adoption – Adult,” “Adoption – Conversion,” “Adoption – Minor – Agency,” and “Adoption – Minor – Private” separately. NCFCA used the values for “Adoption – Minor – Agency” for the number of adoptions from foster care and the sum of “Adoption – Minor – Private” and “Adoption – Conversion” for the number of private adoptions. The total number of adoptions was taken as the sum of public and private adoptions. Note that we exclude the “Adoption – Adult” cases.

103 These and other reports can be accessed at: <https://www.vermontjudiciary.org/about-vermont-judiciary/court-statistics-and-reports>. As of writing, FY 2022 was the most recently published year.

Total Adoptions



Updates to 2019 and 2020 Data

In the previous report, NCFCA used the number of incoming cases reported by CSP for the total number of adoptions and the number of adoptions reported by AFCARS for the number of adoptions from foster care. The number of private adoptions was estimated by taking the difference between total and public adoptions. Due to the choice of sources, the data for Vermont in 2019 and 2020 had reporting period discrepancies that we have corrected in the current report by using sources that align with a common reporting period (state fiscal year).

We also previously received 2019 and 2020 data from Lund, a non-profit organization, and the Department of Children and Families, but the research team opted to not use these numbers in the previous report due to perceived discrepancies with data collected from 2014.¹⁰⁴ Reference to the 2019 and 2020 statistical reports from the Vermont Judiciary suggests that the total number of adoptions stated in the previous report are based on a summation of both juvenile and adult adoptions in Vermont.

104 National Council For Adoption. (2017). *Adoption by the numbers: A comprehensive report of U.S. adoption statistics*.

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total	389	348	270	272	
Domestic Adoptions	386	347	266	271	data unavailable
> Adoptions from Foster Care	260	263	204	188	
> Private Domestic Adoptions	126	84	62	83	
Intercountry Adoptions	3	1	4	1	4

Virginia

In 2023, an estimated 3,511 children were adopted in Virginia. This decreased 16% from the previous year. In 2023, adoptions from foster care made up 21.62% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 77.39%, and intercountry adoptions made up 1%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 759, which decreased 16.41% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 2,717, which decreased 15.31% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions comprises 49.54% non-stepparent adoptions and 50.46% stepparent adoptions. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was 35.

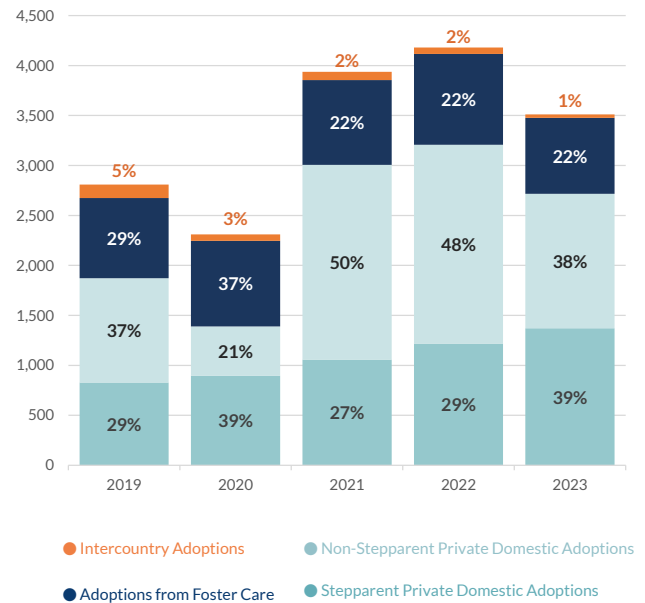
In 2022, an estimated 4,180 children were adopted in Virginia. This increased 6.17% from the previous year. In 2022, adoptions from foster care made up 21.72% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 76.75%, and intercountry adoptions made up 1.53%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 908, which increased 6.95% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 3,208, which increased 6.72% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions comprises 62.16% non-stepparent adoptions and 37.84% stepparent adoptions. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was 64.

In 2021, an estimated 3,937 children were adopted in Virginia. This increased 70.43% from the previous year. In 2021, adoptions from foster care made up 21.56% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 76.35%, and intercountry adoptions made up 2.08%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 849, which decreased 1.05% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 3,006, which increased 116.41% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions comprises 64.84% non-stepparent adoptions and 35.16% stepparent adoptions. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was 82.

Reporting Period

All 2021-2023 data covered the state fiscal year.

Total Adoptions



Data Sources

NCFA received data on the total number of domestic adoptions and the number of public, private, kinship, biological, stepparent, and other adoptions completed in Virginia from a representative in the Adoption Unit of the Department of Social Services.

Updates to 2019 and 2020 Data

The data source in the current report is the same as the data source in the previous report.

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total	2,809	2,310	3,937	4,180	3,511
Domestic Adoptions	2,674	2,247	3,855	4,116	3,476
> Adoptions from Foster Care	801	858	849	908	759
> Private Domestic Adoptions	1,873	1,389	3,006	3,208	2,717
> Stepparent Adoptions	828	894	1,057	1,214	1,371
> Non-Stepparent Adoptions	1,045	495	1,949	1,994	1,346
Intercountry Adoptions	135	63	82	64	35

Washington

In 2023, an estimated 1,557 children were adopted in Washington. This increased 1.04% from the previous year. In 2023, adoptions from foster care made up 46.44% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 51.57%, and intercountry adoptions made up 1.99%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 723, which decreased 11.07% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 803, which increased 18.44% from the previous year. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was 31.

In 2022, an estimated 1,541 children were adopted in Washington. This decreased 16.48% from the previous year. In 2022, adoptions from foster care made up 52.76% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 44%, and intercountry adoptions made up 3.24%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 813, which decreased 19.02% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 678, which decreased 12.63% from the previous year. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was 50.

In 2021, an estimated 1,845 children were adopted in Washington. This decreased 3.15% from the previous year. In 2021, adoptions from foster care made up 54.42% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 42.06%, and intercountry adoptions made up 3.52%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 1,004, which decreased 18.37% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 776, which increased 26.38% from the previous year. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was 65.

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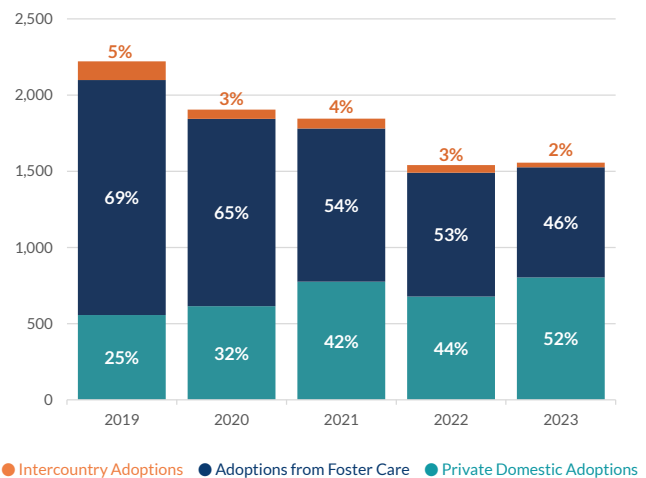
All 2021–2023 data covered the calendar year.

Data Sources

The Superior Court Annual Caseload Reports, published by the Washington State Courts, provided counts of the total number of domestic adoptions.¹⁰⁵ The Office of Innovation, Alignment and Accountability within the Washington State

¹⁰⁵ See the “Adoption and Parentage Cases Completed by Type” tables in the caseload data.

Total Adoptions



Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF) provided counts for adoptions from foster care in their annual Child Welfare Overview Reports.¹⁰⁶ An estimation for the number of private adoptions was obtained by taking the difference between total and public adoptions.

Updates to 2019 and 2020 Data

The source for the total number of adoptions is the same in this report as in NCFCA’s previous report, but the source for the number of adoptions from foster care is slightly different. The 2019 and 2020 numbers were provided directly from a contact in the Department of Children, Youth & Families, while the 2021–2023 numbers are drawn from reports published by DCYF. As of writing, the 2022 and 2023 Child Welfare Overview Reports are available online. NCFCA received the 2021 Child Welfare Overview Report by email request to DCYF.

¹⁰⁶ The 2022 report can be accessed at: <https://dcyf.wa.gov/sites/default/files/pdf/OIAA-ChildWelfareOverviewCY2022.pdf>. The 2023 report can be accessed at: <https://www.dcyf.wa.gov/sites/default/files/pdf/OIAA-ChildWelfareOverviewCY2023.pdf>.

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total	2,221	1,905	1,845	1,541	1,557
Domestic Adoptions	2,099	1,844	1,780	1,491	1,526
> Adoptions from Foster Care	1,542	1,230	1,004	813	723
> Private Domestic Adoptions	557	614	776	678	803
Intercountry Adoptions	122	61	65	50	31

West Virginia

In 2023, an estimated 1,840 children were adopted in West Virginia. This decreased 15.67% from the previous year. In 2023, domestic adoptions made up 99.84% of total adoptions, while intercountry adoptions made up 0.16%. Data on adoptions from foster care and private domestic adoptions are not yet available. The total number of intercountry adoptions was three.

In 2022, an estimated 2,182 children were adopted in West Virginia. This decreased 7.58% from the previous year. In 2022, adoptions from foster care made up 83.91% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 15.9%, and intercountry adoptions made up 0.18%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 1,831, which decreased 1.35% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 347, which decreased 30.46% from the previous year. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was four.

In 2021, an estimated 2,361 children were adopted in West Virginia. This increased 22.2% from the previous year. In 2021, adoptions from foster care made up 78.61% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 21.14%, and intercountry adoptions made up 0.25%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 1,856, which increased 10.28% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 499, which increased 103.67% from the previous year. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was six.

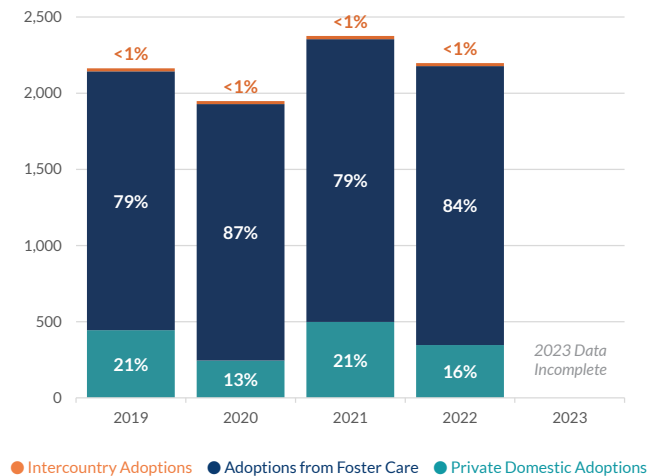
Reporting Period

Data on the total number of domestic adoptions covered the calendar year, while data on the number of adoptions from foster care covered the federal fiscal year. As the number of private adoptions was taken as the difference between the total adoptions and the adoptions from foster care, the reporting period for private adoptions is mixed.

Data Sources

NCFA gathered data on the total number of domestic adoptions from the Supreme Court Annual Statistical Reports

Total Adoptions



published by the West Virginia Judiciary.¹⁰⁷ These reports provided statistics on the number of adoption case filings. In response to a Freedom of Information Act request, we received data on the number of adoptions from foster care from the Office of the Cabinet Secretary in the West Virginia Department of Human Services (DHS). However, due to a large discrepancy between DHS and AFCARS on the number of adoptions in 2022, we opted to use AFCARS data for the number of public adoptions. An estimation for the number of private adoptions was obtained by taking the difference between total and public adoptions.

Updates to 2019 and 2020 Data

The data sources are the same in the current report as in the previous report.

¹⁰⁷ These reports are available at: <https://www.courtsww.gov/public-resources/news-publications/publications>.

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total	2,150	1,932	2,361	2,182	1,840
Domestic Adoptions	2,143	1,928	2,355	2,178	1,837
> Adoptions from Foster Care	1,699	1,683	1,856	1,831	data unavailable
> Private Domestic Adoptions	444	245	499	347	
Intercountry Adoptions	7	4	6	4	3

Wisconsin

In 2023, an estimated 1,514 children were adopted in Wisconsin. This decreased 38.88% from the previous year. In 2023, adoptions from foster care made up 45.44% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 53.1%, and intercountry adoptions made up 1.45%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 688, which decreased 10.77% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 804, which decreased 52% from the previous year. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was 22.

In 2022, an estimated 2,477 children were adopted in Wisconsin. This increased 61.9% from the previous year. In 2022, adoptions from foster care made up 31.13% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 67.62%, and intercountry adoptions made up 1.25%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 771, which increased 12.55% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 1,675, which increased 106.28% from the previous year. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was 31.

In 2021, an estimated 1,530 children were adopted in Wisconsin. This decreased 4.14% from the previous year. In 2021, adoptions from foster care made up 44.77% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 53.07%, and intercountry adoptions made up 2.16%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 685, which decreased 5.12% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 812, which decreased 3.56% from the previous year. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was 33.

Reporting Period

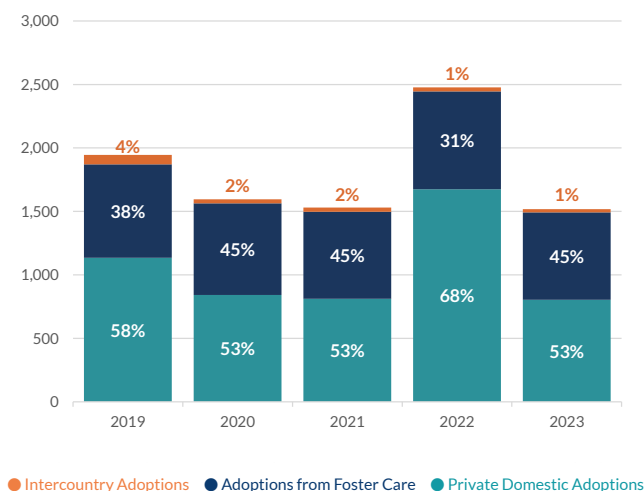
All 2021–2023 data covered the calendar year.

Data Sources

The total number of adoptions was estimated from the disposition summaries published annually by the Wisconsin Court System.¹⁰⁸ These summaries tabulate the number of adoption cases opened, reopened, and disposed. NCFCA summed the “Total Disposed” for juvenile adoptions and probate adoptions given in the 2022 and 2023 probate disposition summaries. As the probate disposition summary for 2021 listed only probate adoptions, we also referenced the juvenile disposition summary report from that year for the number of juvenile adoptions.

108 These publications are available at: <https://www.wicourts.gov/publications/statistics/circuit/historicalcircuitstats.htm>.

Total Adoptions



The number of adoptions from foster care came from the Department of Children and Families Out-of-Home Care Dashboard.¹⁰⁹ An estimation for the number of private adoptions was obtained by taking the difference between total and public adoptions.

Updates to 2019 and 2020 Data

In the previous report, NCFCA initially referenced the Wisconsin Court System caseload reports for the total number of adoptions in 2019 and 2020,¹¹⁰ but used the outgoing case data from CSP instead due to its greater agreement with figures reported in an earlier Adoption by the Numbers report. We are uncertain why this discrepancy between disposition data from the Court System and outgoing case data from CSP existed for 2019 and 2020 but note that the outgoing case data reported by CSP for Wisconsin in 2021–2023 are approximately equal to the numbers reported by the court disposition summaries.

The source for the number of adoptions from foster care is the same between this report and the previous one.

109 This dashboard can be accessed at: <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/dashboard/ohc>.

110 The disposition values reported in the caseload summaries sum to the same number as the probate disposition summaries.

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total	1,945	1,596	1,530	2,477	1,514
Domestic Adoptions	1,870	1,564	1,497	2,446	1,492
> Adoptions from Foster Care	735	722	685	771	688
> Private Domestic Adoptions	1,135	842	812	1,675	804
Intercountry Adoptions	75	32	33	31	22

Wyoming

In 2023, an estimated 335 children were adopted in Wyoming. This decreased 6.94% from the previous year. In 2023, adoptions from foster care made up 27.16% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 72.84%, and intercountry adoptions made up 0%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 91, which increased 9.64% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 244, which decreased 8.27% from the previous year. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was zero.

In 2022, an estimated 360 children were adopted in Wyoming. This decreased 6.01% from the previous year. In 2022, adoptions from foster care made up 23.06% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 73.89%, and intercountry adoptions made up 3.06%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 83, which decreased 35.66% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 266, which increased 7.69% from the previous year. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was 11.

In 2021, an estimated 383 children were adopted in Wyoming. This increased 61.6% from the previous year. In 2021, adoptions from foster care made up 33.68% of total adoptions, while private domestic adoptions made up 64.49%, and intercountry adoptions made up 1.83%. The total number of adoptions from foster care was 129, which increased 32.99% from the previous year. The total number of private domestic adoptions was 247, which increased 91.47% from the previous year. Lastly, the total number of intercountry adoptions was seven.

Reporting Period

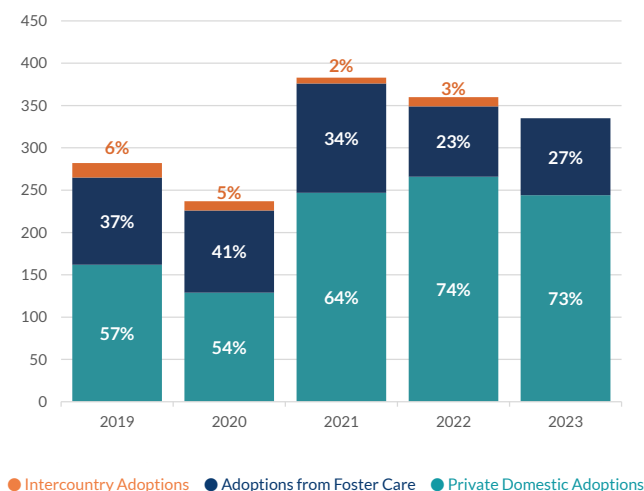
All 2021-2023 data covered the state fiscal year.

Data Sources

The Administrative Office of the Courts provided data on the total domestic adoptions; the numbers provided were based on filings. These data are available in the Wyoming District Court Statistics, excluding 2023, as of writing.¹¹¹ The Department of Family Services Support Services Division provided

111 The District Court Statistics can be accessed at: <https://www.courts.state.wy.us/district-courts/district-court-reports-and-statistics/>

Total Adoptions



data on the number of adoptions from foster care. An estimation for the number of private adoptions was obtained by taking the difference between total and public adoptions.

Updates to 2019 and 2020 Data

In the previous report, NCFR drew from the Wyoming District Court Statistics for the total number of adoptions.¹¹² These reports provided the number of adoption case filings. For the current report, we referred to the District Court Statistics to start but, at the time of writing, the 2023 report had not been released. Hence, the data for 2021-2023 are based on direct correspondence with the Administrative Office of the Courts. These two sources agreed on the 2021 and 2022 numbers.

The source of adoptions from foster care data is the same between the previous report and the current report.

112 These reports are available at: <https://www.courts.state.wy.us/district-courts/district-court-reports-and-statistics/>

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total	282	237	383	360	335
Domestic Adoptions	265	226	376	349	335
> Adoptions from Foster Care	103	97	129	83	91
> Private Domestic Adoptions	162	129	247	266	244
Intercountry Adoptions	17	11	7	11	0

APPENDIX B:

State-Level Data Tables

These tables present another view of the state-by-state adoption estimates and trends provided in Appendix A. This includes state-level data on total adoptions, total domestic adoptions, adoptions from foster care, private domestic adoptions, and intercountry adoptions for 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023, where available. Sources for these data match the sources detailed in Appendix A.¹¹³

¹¹³ Estimates provided in this appendix slightly vary from those presented in the findings section of this report. The findings section presents national-level AFCARS data for adoptions from foster care, while the appendices present data from state-level sources, which often utilize a different reporting period.

Total Adoptions 2019-2023

Year-Over-Year
Percentage Change  Increase
 Decrease

	2019	2020	2021	YOY % chg.	2022	YOY % chg.	2023	YOY % chg.
Alabama	1,841	1,786	2,539	42.16%	2,360	-7.05%	2,218	-6.02%
Alaska	662	495	522	5.45%	536	2.68%	523	-2.43%
Arizona	4,928	4,175	3,765	-9.82%	3,959	5.15%	3,143	-20.61%
Arkansas	2,381	2,081	2,262	8.70%	2,152	-4.86%	2,189	1.72%
California	10,431	7,705	9,503	23.34%	9,527	0.25%	10,597	11.23%
Colorado	2,567	2,231	2,203	-1.26%	2,294	4.13%	2,239	-2.40%
Connecticut	774	466	742	59.23%	685	-7.68%	751	9.64%
Delaware	163	158	151	-4.43%	111	-26.49%	151	36.04%
District of Columbia	202	179	213	18.99%	176	-17.37%	185	5.11%
Florida	6,879	5,942	6,868	15.58%	6,311	-8.11%	data unavailable	
Georgia	3,356	2,899	2,857	-1.45%	2,946	3.12%	2,576	-12.56%
Hawaii	350	296	313	5.74%	413	31.95%	412	-0.24%
Idaho	845	825	877	6.30%	833	-5.02%	718	-13.81%
Illinois	3,014	1,982	2,585	30.42%	2,932	13.42%	data unavailable	
Indiana	5,238	4,752	4,802	1.05%	4,431	-7.73%	4,046	-8.69%
Iowa	2,223	2,129	2,071	-2.72%	1,830	-11.64%	1,807	-1.26%
Kansas	2,371	2,110	2,029	-3.84%	2,051	1.08%	1,888	-7.95%
Kentucky	2,867	2,487	2,551	2.57%	2,471	-3.14%	data unavailable	
Louisiana	1,722	1,386	1,531	10.46%	1,374	-10.25%	1,236	-10.04%
Maine	640	580	603	3.97%	657	8.96%	514	-21.77%
Maryland	1,024	794	943	18.77%	979	3.82%	1,133	15.73%
Massachusetts	1,900	1,506	1,461	-2.99%	1,616	10.61%	1,754	8.54%
Michigan	3,696	2,896	2,981	2.94%	2,897	-2.82%	2,745	-5.25%
Minnesota	1,773	1,532	1,501	-2.02%	1,643	9.46%	1,644	0.06%
Mississippi	1,773	1,468	1,355	-7.70%	1,466	8.19%	1,607	9.62%
Missouri	3,356	2,987	3,030	1.44%	2,987	-1.42%	2,683	-10.18%
Montana	929	746	786	5.36%	672	-14.50%	628	-6.55%
Nebraska	976	728	858	17.86%	823	-4.08%	737	-10.45%
Nevada	1,352	1,177	1,246	5.86%	1,222	-1.93%	1,173	-4.01%
New Hampshire	648	410	588	43.41%	588	0.00%	506	-13.95%
New Jersey	2,159	1,409	1,526	8.30%	1,499	-1.77%	data unavailable	
New Mexico	585	444	560	26.13%	571	1.96%	430	-24.69%
New York	4,445	2,524	3,554	40.81%	3,476	-2.19%	3,960	13.92%
North Carolina	3,242	2,621	2,463	-6.03%	2,480	0.69%	2,283	-7.94%
North Dakota	395	328	397	21.04%	327	-17.63%	322	-1.53%
Ohio	4,496	3,678	4,448	20.94%	4,038	-9.22%	3,916	-3.02%
Oklahoma	2,191	1,928	1,442	-25.21%	1,654	14.70%	1,752	5.93%
Oregon	1,381	1,371	1,139	-16.92%	984	-13.61%	971	-1.32%
Pennsylvania	4,805	3,591	4,335	20.72%	4,231	-2.40%	3,983	-5.86%
Rhode Island	336	199	284	42.71%	310	9.15%	249	-19.68%
South Carolina	1,874	1,603	1,768	10.29%	1,687	-4.58%	1,739	3.08%
South Dakota	355	365	418	14.52%	365	-12.68%	341	-6.58%
Tennessee	3,885	3,370	3,522	4.51%	3,687	4.68%	3,628	-1.60%
Texas	8,522	7,471	7,353	-1.58%	7,265	-1.20%	7,168	-1.34%
Utah	2,088	1,616	1,742	7.80%	1,762	1.15%	1,703	-3.35%
Vermont	389	348	270	-22.41%	272	0.74%	data unavailable	
Virginia	2,809	2,310	3,937	70.43%	4,180	6.17%	3,511	-16.00%
Washington	2,221	1,905	1,845	-3.15%	1,541	-16.48%	1,557	1.04%
West Virginia	2,150	1,932	2,361	22.20%	2,182	-7.58%	1,840	-15.67%
Wisconsin	1,945	1,596	1,530	-4.14%	2,477	61.90%	1,514	-38.88%
Wyoming	282	237	383	61.60%	360	-6.01%	335	-6.94%
TOTAL	121,436	99,754	109,013		108,290		data incomplete	

Domestic Adoptions 2019–2023

Year-Over-Year
Percentage Change  Increase
 Decrease

	2019	2020	2021	YOY % chg.	2022	YOY % chg.	2023	YOY % chg.
Alabama	1,778	1,731	2,482	43.39%	2,319	-6.57%	2,192	-5.48%
Alaska	654	493	518	5.07%	536	3.47%	523	-2.43%
Arizona	4,903	4,154	3,752	-9.68%	3,946	5.17%	3,132	-20.63%
Arkansas	2,378	2,073	2,258	8.92%	2,144	-5.05%	2,187	2.01%
California	10,223	7,575	9,347	23.39%	9,393	0.49%	10,482	11.59%
Colorado	2,487	2,189	2,156	-1.51%	2,263	4.96%	2,184	-3.49%
Connecticut	759	459	731	59.26%	677	-7.39%	737	8.86%
Delaware	159	156	141	-9.62%	108	-23.40%	145	34.26%
District of Columbia	192	172	208	20.93%	170	-18.27%	179	5.29%
Florida	6,733	5,859	6,789	15.87%	6,254	-7.88%	data unavailable	
Georgia	3,257	2,852	2,787	-2.28%	2,892	3.77%	2,521	-12.83%
Hawaii	341	293	305	4.10%	410	34.43%	407	-0.73%
Idaho	814	810	864	6.67%	823	-4.75%	708	-13.97%
Illinois	2,880	1,903	2,502	31.48%	2,876	14.95%	data unavailable	
Indiana	5,149	4,702	4,749	1.00%	4,369	-8.00%	4,020	-7.99%
Iowa	2,172	2,111	2,046	-3.08%	1,805	-11.78%	1,794	-0.61%
Kansas	2,342	2,090	2,001	-4.26%	2,027	1.30%	1,880	-7.25%
Kentucky	2,816	2,456	2,525	2.81%	2,451	-2.93%	data unavailable	
Louisiana	1,696	1,380	1,521	10.22%	1,363	-10.39%	1,234	-9.46%
Maine	633	576	598	3.82%	648	8.36%	510	-21.30%
Maryland	940	740	873	17.97%	936	7.22%	1,088	16.24%
Massachusetts	1,857	1,475	1,426	-3.32%	1,585	11.15%	1,743	9.97%
Michigan	3,603	2,858	2,937	2.76%	2,864	-2.49%	2,709	-5.41%
Minnesota	1,687	1,476	1,457	-1.29%	1,602	9.95%	1,615	0.81%
Mississippi	1,751	1,454	1,348	-7.29%	1,450	7.57%	1,599	10.28%
Missouri	3,273	2,950	2,999	1.66%	2,958	-1.37%	2,653	-10.31%
Montana	924	739	782	5.82%	665	-14.96%	619	-6.92%
Nebraska	961	715	851	19.02%	806	-5.29%	730	-9.43%
Nevada	1,343	1,174	1,237	5.37%	1,213	-1.94%	1,171	-3.46%
New Hampshire	639	408	584	43.14%	574	-1.71%	505	-12.02%
New Jersey	2,109	1,372	1,473	7.36%	1,460	-0.88%	data unavailable	
New Mexico	567	439	553	25.97%	563	1.81%	419	-25.58%
New York	4,306	2,447	3,475	42.01%	3,397	-2.24%	3,886	14.40%
North Carolina	3,126	2,548	2,395	-6.00%	2,428	1.38%	2,234	-7.99%
North Dakota	387	327	397	21.41%	327	-17.63%	322	-1.53%
Ohio	4,393	3,642	4,394	20.65%	3,979	-9.44%	3,883	-2.41%
Oklahoma	2,151	1,918	1,435	-25.18%	1,640	14.29%	1,738	5.98%
Oregon	1,350	1,348	1,109	-17.73%	963	-13.17%	953	-1.04%
Pennsylvania	4,692	3,539	4,268	20.60%	4,172	-2.25%	3,939	-5.58%
Rhode Island	332	195	279	43.08%	309	10.75%	247	-20.06%
South Carolina	1,834	1,577	1,738	10.21%	1,664	-4.26%	1,720	3.37%
South Dakota	349	363	413	13.77%	361	-12.59%	337	-6.65%
Tennessee	3,782	3,306	3,469	4.93%	3,639	4.90%	3,588	-1.40%
Texas	8,264	7,342	7,207	-1.84%	7,151	-0.78%	7,045	-1.48%
Utah	2,047	1,594	1,726	8.28%	1,743	0.98%	1,682	-3.50%
Vermont	386	347	266	-23.34%	271	1.88%	data unavailable	
Virginia	2,674	2,247	3,855	71.56%	4,116	6.77%	3,476	-15.55%
Washington	2,099	1,844	1,780	-3.47%	1,491	-16.24%	1,526	2.35%
West Virginia	2,143	1,928	2,355	22.15%	2,178	-7.52%	1,837	-15.66%
Wisconsin	1,870	1,564	1,497	-4.28%	2,446	63.39%	1,492	-39.00%
Wyoming	265	226	376	66.37%	349	-7.18%	335	-4.01%
TOTAL	118,470	98,136	107,234		106,774		data incomplete	

Private Domestic Adoptions (including stepparent adoptions) 2019–2023

Year-Over-Year
Percentage Change  Increase
 Decrease

	2019	2020	2021	YOY % chg.	2022	YOY % chg.	2023	YOY % chg.
Alabama	1,047	917	1,699	85.28%	1,549	-8.83%	1,451	-6.33%
Alaska	228	197	175	-11.17%	218	24.57%	223	2.29%
Arizona	1,684	1,427	1,364	-4.41%	1,311	-3.89%	1,045	-20.29%
Arkansas	1,428	1,201	1,426	18.73%	1,338	-6.17%	1,371	2.47%
California	3,062	2,175	2,994	37.66%	3,159	5.51%	4,177	32.23%
Colorado	1,565	1,268	1,332	5.05%	1,474	10.66%	1,462	-0.81%
Connecticut	183	152	323	112.50%	144	-55.42%	244	69.44%
Delaware	24	37	38	2.70%	49	28.95%	data unavailable	
District of Columbia	94	73	96	31.51%	68	-29.17%	114	67.65%
Florida	2,139	1,864	2,854	53.11%	2,454	-14.02%	data unavailable	
Georgia	1,589	1,267	1,491	17.68%	1,653	10.87%	1,239	-25.05%
Hawaii	152	81	57	-29.63%	199	249.12%	200	0.50%
Idaho	517	468	476	1.71%	514	7.98%	448	-12.84%
Illinois	1,133	381	823	116.01%	1,097	33.29%	data unavailable	
Indiana	2,277	2,344	2,598	10.84%	2,005	-22.83%	1,978	-1.35%
Iowa	944	845	910	7.69%	840	-7.69%	855	1.79%
Kansas	1,132	1,092	1,155	5.77%	1,079	-6.58%	1,000	-7.32%
Kentucky	1,455	1,264	1,370	8.39%	1,243	-9.27%	data unavailable	
Louisiana	800	623	909	45.91%	663	-27.06%	data unavailable	
Maine	362	287	214	-25.44%	242	13.08%	155	-35.95%
Maryland	633	571	658	15.24%	704	6.99%	769	9.23%
Massachusetts	903	646	706	9.29%	755	6.94%	958	26.89%
Michigan	1,442	971	1,236	27.29%	1,186	-4.05%	1,099	-7.34%
Minnesota	466	511	410	-19.77%	552	34.63%	data unavailable	
Mississippi	1,032	857	817	-4.67%	808	-1.10%	962	19.06%
Missouri	1,440	1,192	1,479	24.08%	1,375	-7.03%	1,069	-22.25%
Montana	442	307	476	55.05%	412	-13.45%	448	8.74%
Nebraska	424	236	445	88.56%	442	-0.67%	319	-27.83%
Nevada	503	399	489	22.56%	454	-7.16%	499	9.91%
New Hampshire	361	225	346	53.78%	366	5.78%	309	-15.57%
New Jersey	993	661	881	33.28%	930	5.56%	data unavailable	
New Mexico	231	158	210	32.91%	310	47.62%	221	-28.71%
New York	2,570	1,481	2,339	57.93%	1,401	-40.10%	1,664	18.77%
North Carolina	1,495	1,186	1,112	-6.24%	1,160	4.32%	1,152	-0.69%
North Dakota	158	111	173	55.86%	152	-12.14%	171	12.50%
Ohio	2,716	2,228	2,756	23.70%	2,436	-11.61%	2,426	-0.41%
Oklahoma	87	64	85	32.81%	92	8.24%	145	57.61%
Oregon	570	480	426	-11.25%	388	-8.92%	403	3.87%
Pennsylvania	2,082	1,609	2,276	41.45%	1,957	-14.02%	1,986	1.48%
Rhode Island	148	43	29	-32.56%	73	151.72%	108	47.95%
South Carolina	1,264	1,110	1,254	12.97%	1,089	-13.16%	1,075	-1.29%
South Dakota	143	152	186	22.37%	123	-33.87%	86	-30.08%
Tennessee	2,654	2,117	2,268	7.13%	2,500	10.23%	2,533	1.32%
Texas	2,107	2,061	2,580	25.18%	2,668	3.41%	2,864	7.35%
Utah	1,434	1,103	1,193	8.16%	1,212	1.59%	1,305	7.67%
Vermont	126	84	62	-26.19%	83	33.87%	data unavailable	
Virginia	1,873	1,389	3,006	116.41%	3,208	6.72%	2,717	-15.31%
Washington	557	614	776	26.38%	678	-12.63%	803	18.44%
West Virginia	444	245	499	103.67%	347	-30.46%	data unavailable	
Wisconsin	1,135	842	812	-3.56%	1,675	106.28%	804	-52.00%
Wyoming	162	129	247	91.47%	266	7.69%	244	-8.27%
TOTAL	52,410	41,745	52,536		51,101		<i>data incomplete</i>	

Adoptions from Foster Care 2019–2023

Year-Over-Year
Percentage Change  Increase
 Decrease

	2019	2020	2021	YOY % chg.	2022	YOY % chg.	2023	YOY % chg.
Alabama	731	814	783	-3.81%	770	-1.66%	741	-3.77%
Alaska	426	296	343	15.88%	318	-7.29%	300	-5.66%
Arizona	3,219	2,727	2,388	-12.43%	2,635	10.34%	2,087	-20.80%
Arkansas	950	872	832	-4.59%	806	-3.13%	816	1.24%
California	7,161	5,400	6,353	17.65%	6,234	-1.87%	6,305	1.14%
Colorado	922	921	824	-10.53%	789	-4.25%	722	-8.49%
Connecticut	576	307	408	32.90%	533	30.64%	493	-7.50%
Delaware	135	119	103	-13.45%	59	-42.72%	data unavailable	
District of Columbia	98	99	112	13.13%	102	-8.93%	65	-36.27%
Florida	4,594	3,995	3,935	-1.50%	3,800	-3.43%	3,710	-2.37%
Georgia	1,668	1,585	1,296	-18.23%	1,239	-4.40%	1,282	3.47%
Hawaii	189	212	248	16.98%	211	-14.92%	207	-1.90%
Idaho	297	342	388	13.45%	309	-20.36%	260	-15.86%
Illinois	1,747	1,522	1,679	10.32%	1,779	5.96%	2,160	21.42%
Indiana	2,872	2,358	2,151	-8.78%	2,364	9.90%	2,042	-13.62%
Iowa	1,228	1,266	1,136	-10.27%	965	-15.05%	939	-2.69%
Kansas	1,210	998	846	-15.23%	948	12.06%	880	-7.17%
Kentucky	1,361	1,192	1,155	-3.10%	1,208	4.59%	data unavailable	
Louisiana	896	757	612	-19.15%	700	14.38%	data unavailable	
Maine	271	289	384	32.87%	406	5.73%	355	-12.56%
Maryland	307	169	215	27.22%	232	7.91%	319	37.50%
Massachusetts	954	829	720	-13.15%	830	15.28%	785	-5.42%
Michigan	2,161	1,887	1,701	-9.86%	1,678	-1.35%	1,610	-4.05%
Minnesota	1,221	965	1,047	8.50%	1,050	0.29%	data unavailable	
Mississippi	719	597	531	-11.06%	642	20.90%	637	-0.78%
Missouri	1,833	1,758	1,520	-13.54%	1,583	4.14%	1,584	0.06%
Montana	482	432	306	-29.17%	253	-17.32%	171	-32.41%
Nebraska	537	479	406	-15.24%	364	-10.34%	411	12.91%
Nevada	840	775	748	-3.48%	759	1.47%	672	-11.46%
New Hampshire	278	183	238	30.05%	208	-12.61%	196	-5.77%
New Jersey	1,116	711	592	-16.74%	530	-10.47%	414	-21.89%
New Mexico	336	281	343	22.06%	253	-26.24%	198	-21.74%
New York	1,736	966	1,136	17.60%	1,996	75.70%	2,222	11.32%
North Carolina	1,631	1,362	1,283	-5.80%	1,268	-1.17%	1,082	-14.67%
North Dakota	229	216	224	3.70%	175	-21.88%	151	-13.71%
Ohio	1,677	1,414	1,638	15.84%	1,543	-5.80%	1,457	-5.57%
Oklahoma	2,064	1,854	1,350	-27.18%	1,548	14.67%	1,593	2.91%
Oregon	780	868	683	-21.31%	575	-15.81%	550	-4.35%
Pennsylvania	2,610	1,930	1,992	3.21%	2,215	11.19%	1,953	-11.83%
Rhode Island	184	152	250	64.47%	236	-5.60%	139	-41.10%
South Carolina	570	467	484	3.64%	575	18.80%	645	12.17%
South Dakota	206	211	227	7.58%	238	4.85%	251	5.46%
Tennessee	1,128	1,189	1,201	1.01%	1,139	-5.16%	1,055	-7.37%
Texas	6,157	5,281	4,627	-12.38%	4,483	-3.11%	4,181	-6.74%
Utah	613	491	533	8.55%	531	-0.38%	377	-29.00%
Vermont	260	263	204	-22.43%	188	-7.84%	data unavailable	
Virginia	801	858	849	-1.05%	908	6.95%	759	-16.41%
Washington	1,542	1,230	1,004	-18.37%	813	-19.02%	723	-11.07%
West Virginia	1,699	1,683	1,856	10.28%	1,831	-1.35%	data unavailable	
Wisconsin	735	722	685	-5.12%	771	12.55%	688	-10.77%
Wyoming	103	97	129	32.99%	83	-35.66%	91	9.64%
TOTAL	66,060	56,391	54,698		55,673		<i>data incomplete</i>	

Intercountry Adoptions

2019–2023

Year-Over-Year
Percentage Change  Increase
 Decrease

	2019	2020	2021	YOY % chg.	2022	YOY % chg.	2023	YOY % chg.
Alabama	63	55	57	3.64%	41	-28.07%	26	-36.59%
Alaska	8	2	4	100.00%	0	-100.00%	0	0.00%
Arizona	25	21	13	-38.10%	13	0.00%	11	-15.38%
Arkansas	3	8	4	-50.00%	8	100.00%	2	-75.00%
California	208	130	156	20.00%	134	-14.10%	115	-14.18%
Colorado	80	42	47	11.90%	31	-34.04%	55	77.42%
Connecticut	15	7	11	57.14%	8	-27.27%	14	75.00%
Delaware	4	2	10	400.00%	3	-70.00%	6	100.00%
District of Columbia	10	7	5	-28.57%	6	20.00%	6	0.00%
Florida	146	83	79	-4.82%	57	-27.85%	75	31.58%
Georgia	99	47	70	48.94%	54	-22.86%	55	1.85%
Hawaii	9	3	8	166.67%	3	-62.50%	5	66.67%
Idaho	31	15	13	-13.33%	10	-23.08%	10	0.00%
Illinois	134	79	83	5.06%	56	-32.53%	66	17.86%
Indiana	89	50	53	6.00%	62	16.98%	26	-58.06%
Iowa	51	18	25	38.89%	25	0.00%	13	-48.00%
Kansas	29	20	28	40.00%	24	-14.29%	8	-66.67%
Kentucky	51	31	26	-16.13%	20	-23.08%	21	5.00%
Louisiana	26	6	10	66.67%	11	10.00%	2	-81.82%
Maine	7	4	5	25.00%	9	80.00%	4	-55.56%
Maryland	84	54	70	29.63%	43	-38.57%	45	4.65%
Massachusetts	43	31	35	12.90%	31	-11.43%	11	-64.52%
Michigan	93	38	44	15.79%	33	-25.00%	36	9.09%
Minnesota	86	56	44	-21.43%	41	-6.82%	29	-29.27%
Mississippi	22	14	7	-50.00%	16	128.57%	8	-50.00%
Missouri	83	37	31	-16.22%	29	-6.45%	30	3.45%
Montana	5	7	4	-42.86%	7	75.00%	9	28.57%
Nebraska	15	13	7	-46.15%	17	142.86%	7	-58.82%
Nevada	9	3	9	200.00%	9	0.00%	2	-77.78%
New Hampshire	9	2	4	100.00%	14	250.00%	1	-92.86%
New Jersey	50	37	53	43.24%	39	-26.42%	29	-25.64%
New Mexico	18	5	7	40.00%	8	14.29%	11	37.50%
New York	139	77	79	2.60%	79	0.00%	74	-6.33%
North Carolina	116	73	68	-6.85%	52	-23.53%	49	-5.77%
North Dakota	8	1	0	-100.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Ohio	103	36	54	50.00%	59	9.26%	33	-44.07%
Oklahoma	40	10	7	-30.00%	14	100.00%	14	0.00%
Oregon	31	23	30	30.43%	21	-30.00%	18	-14.29%
Pennsylvania	113	52	67	28.85%	59	-11.94%	44	-25.42%
Rhode Island	4	4	5	25.00%	1	-80.00%	2	100.00%
South Carolina	40	26	30	15.38%	23	-23.33%	19	-17.39%
South Dakota	6	2	5	150.00%	4	-20.00%	4	0.00%
Tennessee	103	64	53	-17.19%	48	-9.43%	40	-16.67%
Texas	258	129	146	13.18%	114	-21.92%	123	7.89%
Utah	41	22	16	-27.27%	19	18.75%	21	10.53%
Vermont	3	1	4	300.00%	1	-75.00%	4	300.00%
Virginia	135	63	82	30.16%	64	-21.95%	35	-45.31%
Washington	122	61	65	6.56%	50	-23.08%	31	-38.00%
West Virginia	7	4	6	50.00%	4	-33.33%	3	-25.00%
Wisconsin	75	32	33	3.13%	31	-6.06%	22	-29.03%
Wyoming	17	11	7	-36.36%	11	57.14%	0	-100.00%
TOTAL	2,966	1,618	1,779		1,516		1,274	

APPENDIX C: Survey Instrument

Adoption by the Numbers

This questionnaire focuses on the number of **domestic adoptions** in the United States. Please **do not** report on any Inter-country Adoptions.

If you do not have an exact count, please provide an **estimated** figure (e.g., 200-250). When you provide an estimated figure or range, please describe the method used for estimation.

If needed, please refer to one of the following sources:

- 1) Previous year's data
- 2) Provisional data
- 3) Judgment of your state adoption experts
- 4) Summaries assembled from adoption agencies
- 5) Another source you consider reliable

Please specify whether the figure you provide is an exact count or an estimate. Write down "C" for count and "E" for estimate in the column, "Count or Estimate." Along with the numbers, please provide the specific sources of the numbers. If needed, please attach any reports, technical documents, or related materials you used to derive your counts or estimates.

If you cannot answer a given question, please leave the corresponding space blank.



	2021 Data			2022 Data			2023 Data		
	Number	Count or Estimate?	Data Source or Notes	Number	Count or Estimate?	Data Source or Notes	Number	Count or Estimate?	Data Source or Notes
1. Total # of adoptions (excluding any international adoption)									
1-A. How many were from foster care?									
1-B. How many were not from foster care?									



	2021 Data			2022 Data			2023 Data		
	Number	Count or Estimate?	Data Source or Notes	Number	Count or Estimate?	Data Source or Notes	Number	Count or Estimate?	Data Source or Notes
2. Among the non-foster care adoptions (number reported in 1-B), how many were kinship adoptions? (e.g., adoptions by relatives, stepparents, etc.)									
2-A. How many were with relatives who were biologically related to the child(ren)? – e.g., grandparent, aunt/uncle, cousin?									
2-B. How many were with a stepparent?									



	2021 Data			2022 Data			2023 Data		
	Number	Count or Estimate?	Data Source or Notes	Number	Count or Estimate?	Data Source or Notes	Number	Count or Estimate?	Data Source or Notes
3. How many were non-foster care, and non-kinship adoptions? (For many states, this will be “1-B” minus “2”.)									

For the data provided above, is that based on calendar year or fiscal year data?

- Calendar Year Fiscal Year

If applicable, what is your state's fiscal year: _____

Is there anything else that is important for us to know about the number of adoptions in your state or the info you have provided on this form?

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