

ADOPTION BY THE NUMBERS

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INTRODUCTION

This National Council For Adoption (NCFA) research report presents data on the number of adoptions in the United States in 2019 and 2020. Data on the number of private domestic adoptions, intercountry adoptions, and adoptions from foster care are compiled in aggregate as well as at the state level, thus providing an estimate of the total number of adoptions in the United States.

The primary contribution of this report is to provide an estimate of the number of private domestic adoptions in the United States—information not otherwise reported on by any government or non-governmental organization. As such, this report focuses on the methodology, findings, discussion, and policy considerations impacting private domestic adoption. **Knowing the number of private domestic adoptions can serve as a foundation for researchers seeking to better understand private domestic adoption trends in this country.** It can also provide an important reference point for policymakers as they consider legislation in this area.

Collection of data on private domestic adoption is complex. No federal bureaucracy tracks or gathers state-level data on private adoptions, and many states do not routinely report or aggregate such information, though some scholars have reported estimates on the total number of adoptions in previous years.¹ Some state court systems commingle all private adoptions, including stepparent adoptions, while others track types of adoptions in discrete categories. Further complicating

the process, some state and county court systems report adoption filings or hearings, but not finalizations. Nonetheless, many states were able to provide partial or full responses to NCFA's survey instrument (see Appendix B). Additional information was obtained directly from various sources including State Bureaus of Vital Records, State Courts, and States' Departments of Social Services.

The decision to present data from both 2019 and 2020 was both practical and purposive. Practically, it is easier to collect two years of data at once, rather than at two separate times. **Additionally, collecting data from both years presented an opportunity to reflect on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on adoptions in the United States, documenting what practitioners had reported during this time; many noted significant declines in the number of adoptions.**

This report also provides historical information on the number of reported adoptions in the United States, which allows for a presentation of trends by adoption type as well as an aggregate estimate at various points in time. Intercountry adoption data are presented from fiscal year (FY) 2014 through FY 2020. Trends in private domestic adoption rely upon past research estimates made by NCFA at various intervals in recent decades. These previous efforts utilized a different methodology to estimate state-level data. While the general trend data is reliable, it should be noted as a limitation that the most recent data point relies upon a new approach to estimating this information.

¹ Child Welfare Information Gateway. (2016). *Trends in U.S. Adoptions: 2008–2012*. <https://www.childwelfare.gov/pubs/adopted0812/>

DATA COLLECTION METHODS

National Council For Adoption periodically publishes a **comprehensive report of U.S. adoption statistics**. With continued commitment to this work, in spring 2021 NCFA convened a research team consisting of members from NCFA and Center for the Advancement of Children, Youth, and Families at The Catholic University of America.

After a review of the survey instrument NCFA used to collect 2014 U.S. adoption data,² the research team updated and finalized the survey instrument for the current report (see Appendix B). While the survey inquired about the statistics on both public and private adoptions in the U.S., it mainly focused on private adoptions because information on public adoptions is readily available through the federal government's Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS).³ **In addition to the total number of adoptions in a given year, the survey asked about the number of kin and non-kin adoptions, and the number of adoptions that qualified for an adoption subsidy.**

Upon the finalization of the survey instrument, the research team reached out to representatives from 50 states and the District of Columbia from June 2021 to February 2022. Initial contacts were made to the representatives identified for the previous report in 2017. In many instances, the contact information needed to be updated as some individuals were no longer with the state agencies. If the research team did not receive a response from representatives in a state, additional contacts were made with other staff/offices in that state. The majority of the contacts were made with staff/offices in state departments responsible for children and family services, vital statistics offices, and the family court system.

The state representatives were asked to fill out the survey and provide statistics for 2019 and 2020. **In response to anecdotal data that indicated major shifts in the adoption landscape due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, the decision was made to collect data for both 2019 and 2020.** The state



Adoption by the Numbers encompasses data from 2019 and 2020, highlighting how the COVID-19 pandemic affected adoptions.

² National Council For Adoption. (2017). *Adoption by the numbers: A comprehensive report of U.S. adoption statistics*.

³ Children's Bureau. (2021). *Adoption & foster care statistics*. <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/cb/research-data-technology/statistics-research/afcars>

representatives were asked to specify whether the provided information was based on their fiscal year or calendar year.

For the number of private adoptions, this report relied on sources in addition to the survey completed by the state representatives. A major source of information was statistics on state court caseloads that are available through the Court Statistics Project (CSP). States provide aggregated caseload data to CSP annually. CSP data may differ from what states report in other documents due to the data transformation CSP makes for cross-state comparisons.⁴

For the number of children adopted through the public child welfare system (i.e., public adoption), the report referred to the estimates that the federal government reports from the AFCARS. State and Tribal child welfare agencies are required every six months to report to the AFCARS case-level information on all children who were placed in foster care and who were adopted with the involvement of public child welfare agencies.⁵

For the number of intercountry adoptions, the research team utilized the data collected and reported by the U.S. Department of State.⁶ In addition to intercountry adoptions in the 50 states and District of Columbia, the original data by the U.S. Department of State included adoptions by Americans overseas as well as those in Federated States of Micronesia, Guam, Marshall Islands, Puerto Rico, and Virgin Islands. As the numbers for Feder-

ated States of Micronesia, Guam, Marshall Islands, Puerto Rico, and Virgin Islands were often missing for multiple years, this report excluded the number of intercountry adoptions in these territories.

The research team conducted additional searches, mainly through publicly available data (i.e., websites) of state governmental agencies and courts, and obtained information on the number of adoptions. **The detailed information on data sources is presented for each state (see Appendix A).**

CHANGE IN METHODOLOGY FROM PREVIOUS ESTIMATES

NCFA's previous estimates on the number of private domestic adoptions relied on a different methodology to collect and report data. The survey instrument utilized for this report simplified the reporting from states, while also asking for two years of data. Previous reporting by NCFA highlighted unrelated domestic adoption of infants as an indication of private domestic adoption. In this previous methodology, it would include infant adoptions from the public system while excluding private adoptions by relatives. Alternatively, this report presents private domestic adoptions separate from those from the public system but is inclusive of relative adoptions (except for stepparents) and private domestic placements of non-infants.

⁴ Court Statistics Project. (n.d.). CSP STAT user guide. https://www.courtstatistics.org/_data/assets/pdf_file/0020/62561/CSP-STAT-User-Guide.pdf

⁵ Children's Bureau. (2021). AFCARS. <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/cb/data-research/adoption-fostercare>

⁶ U.S. Department of State. (n.d.). *Adoption statistics*. https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/Intercountry-Adoption/adopt_ref/adoption-statistics-esri.html?wcmode=disabled

DATA ANALYTIC METHODS

The report primarily relied on the data from the returned instrument. When there were multiple sources of data, the research team checked the consistency of the figures. When the figures were consistent, survey data was used over data from other sources in most cases. However, when there were significant differences in the figures across sources, the research team examined additional information to determine the final figure for a given state. For example, the research team examined the trends of public adoption for a given state using AFCARS data. The team also looked at the prior trends of the total number of adoptions for a given state, based on information available in previous reports.⁷

It was often the case that the survey data was incomplete with many fields missing. While most states that responded to the survey instrument provided the number of public adoptions, many did not report the number of total adoptions and/or private adoptions. When states only provided the total number of adoptions along with the number of public adoptions, the number of private adoptions was computed by subtracting the number of public adoptions from the total adoptions. Similarly, when states only reported the number of private adoptions along with the number of public adoptions, the total number of adoptions was computed by adding the number of private and public adoptions.

Sometimes, the research team had to rely on multiple sources for the number of private, public,

and/or total adoptions. Many of these sources would use timeframes that were not consistent (e.g., calendar year vs. state fiscal year vs. federal fiscal year). For example, the total number of adoptions available from the CSP data for a given state was based on a calendar year, whereas AFCARS offered the figures for the number of public adoptions for a federal fiscal year. The majority of figures from the NCFR survey were based on a state fiscal year. In such circumstances, the computation was based on the figures where there was significant timeframe overlap. In the above example, the number of private adoptions was computed using CSP and AFCARS data where AFCARS data was used instead of the survey data for the number of public adoptions. This is because the federal fiscal year aligns more closely with the calendar year than the state fiscal year. Detailed information on how the research team estimated the number of private, public, and total adoptions is provided for each state (see Appendix A).

The estimate for stepparent adoptions was computed using the figures available for a small number of states. Only 10 states and the District of Columbia reported the number of stepparent adoptions in the survey. One state reported zero stepparent adoptions and was excluded from the computation. The average percentage of stepparent adoptions was calculated with the figures from the remaining nine states and the District of Columbia, and applied to the total number of private adoptions in the U.S.

⁷ For example, Child Welfare Information Gateway. (2016). *Trends in U.S. Adoptions: 2008–2012*. <https://www.childwelfare.gov/pubs/adopted0812/>

FINDINGS

The findings in this section focus on the estimates for the U.S. A state-by-state analysis and its findings are presented in Appendix A.

TOTAL NUMBER OF DOMESTIC ADOPTIONS

It was estimated that 115,353 children were adopted in the U.S. in 2019. Public adoptions made up about 57% of the total domestic adoptions in 2019, and the remaining 43% were private adoptions. This estimate for the total number of domestic adoptions is higher than estimates reported for previous years.^{8,9} This is due to the increased number of public adoptions.

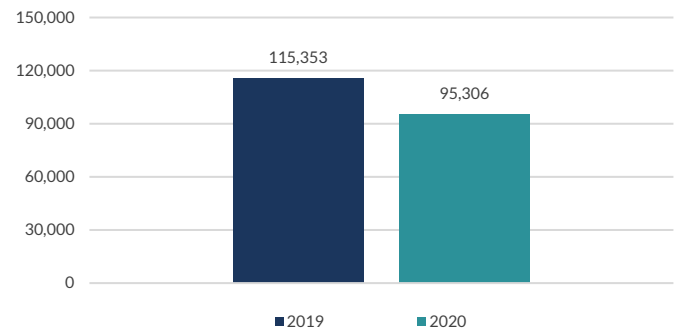
The total number of domestic adoptions decreased significantly in 2020. It was estimated that 95,306 children were adopted in the U.S. in 2020, which is about a 17% decrease from 2019. Public adoptions comprised 58% of the total domestic adoptions in 2020, and private adoptions made up 42%. A decrease in the number of adoptions was observed in all states and the District of Columbia except for one state, South Dakota. In South Dakota, the total number of domestic adoptions increased by 4% from 2019 to 2020.

PRIVATE DOMESTIC ADOPTIONS

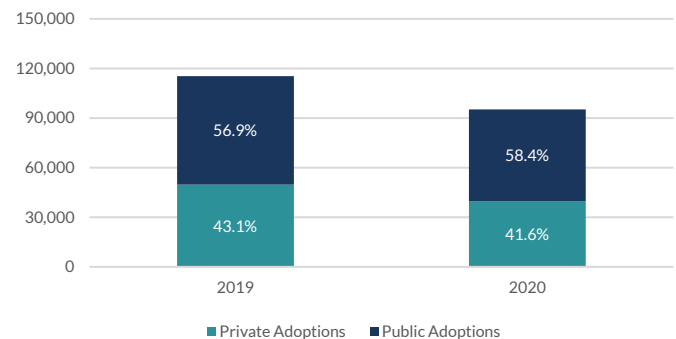
It was estimated that 49,771 children were adopted outside the public child welfare system in 2019. Close to half of these private adoptions (48%) were by stepparents. This estimate for the total number of private adoptions is lower than estimates reported for previous years, which was close to 60,000.^{10,11}

The total number of private adoptions dropped significantly from 2019 to 2020. In 2020, the number of private adoptions was estimated to be 39,601, a 20% decrease from 2019. Among these private adoptions, half (50%) were by stepparents.

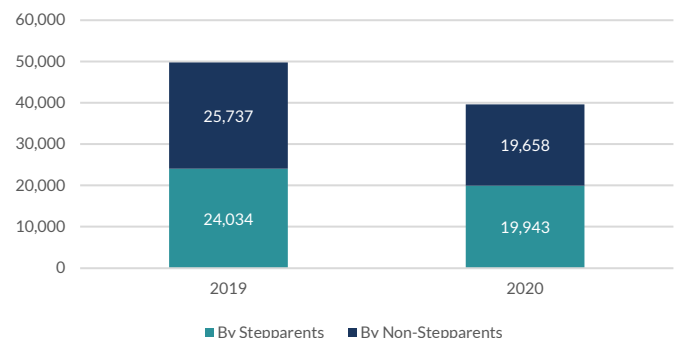
Total Number of Domestic Adoptions



Public and Private Adoptions



Private Adoptions



⁸ National Council For Adoption. (2017). *Adoption by the numbers: A comprehensive report of U.S. adoption statistics*.

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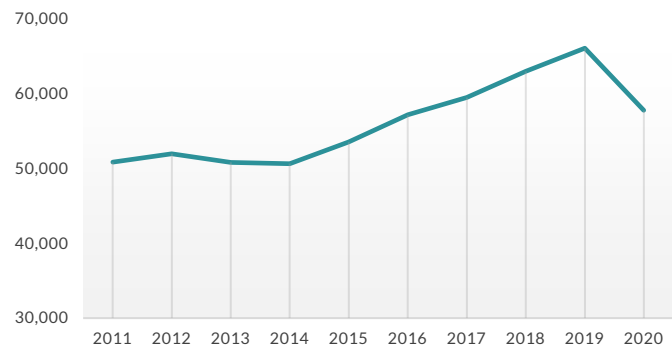
PUBLIC DOMESTIC ADOPTIONS

While NCFA collected data on public adoptions in 2019 and 2020, the research team relied on AFCARS data in order to examine the long-term trends. It is estimated that 66,087 children were adopted through the public child welfare system in the U.S. in FY 2019. This is an approximately 5% increase from FY 2018 when 63,008 children were reported to have been adopted from foster care.

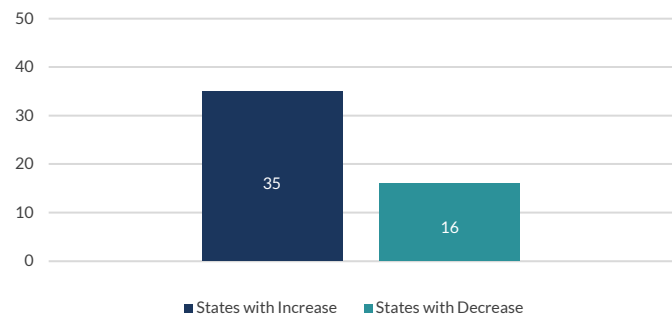
The increased number of public adoptions from FY 2018 to FY 2019 was observed in 35 states while the number decreased in 15 states and the District of Columbia.

The number of children who were adopted through the public child welfare system significantly dropped in FY 2020, compared to FY 2019. Nationally, the number of public adoptions decreased by 13% from FY 2019 to FY 2020. The reduced number of public adoptions was observed in 39 states, while the number increased in nine states. The number of children adopted from the public child welfare system remained the same between FY 2019 and FY 2020 in two states and the District of Columbia.

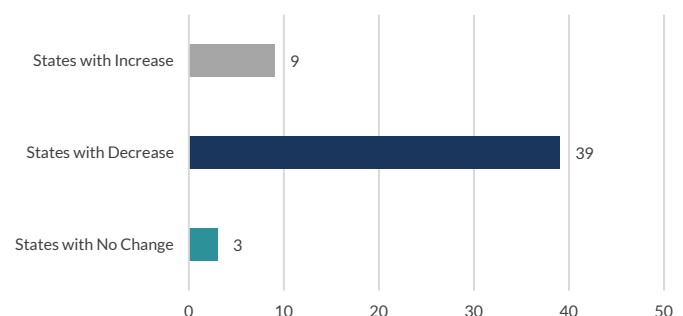
Trends in Public Adoptions



Change in Number of Public Adoptions from 2018 to 2019



Change in Number of Public Adoptions from 2019 to 2020

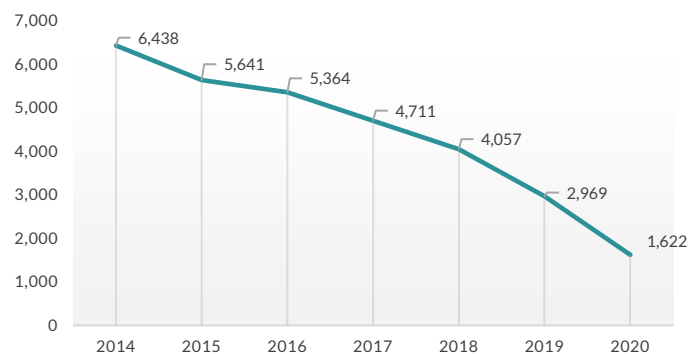


INTERCOUNTRY ADOPTIONS

There were 2,969 intercountry adoptions in FY 2019, a 27% decrease from FY 2018 when 4,057 intercountry adoptions were reported. This pattern was observed for most states, and only six states reported an increased number of intercountry adoptions in FY 2019. The number of intercountry adoptions remained the same between FY 2018 and FY 2019 in North Dakota.

The number of intercountry adoptions continued to decrease in FY 2020. There were 1,622 intercountry adoptions, a 45% decrease from FY 2019. Only three states reported an increased number of intercountry adoptions in FY 2020, and the number remained the same in Rhode Island.

Intercountry Adoption



IMPACT OF COVID-19

The COVID-19 pandemic upended nearly every aspect of life in the United States, and child welfare is not an exception. While federal government reports have shown a decline in adoptions from foster care as well as in intercountry adoptions, this report is the first to document a national decline in private domestic adoptions as well. This finding is consistent with practitioner reports from the field, who report fewer expectant parents requesting adoption counseling and fewer placements made with involvement by agencies and attorneys.

Adoptions declined dramatically between 2019 and 2020 (see Table 1). Private domestic, non-stepparent adoptions declined 24%, intercountry adoptions declined 45%, and adoptions from foster care declined 13%. By comparison, live births in the United States dropped 4% in 2020, totaling 3,613,647.¹²

Comparing the impact of Covid-19 on different types of adoptions is problematic. For example, it is possible that the decline in FY 2020 reflects delayed adoptions that ultimately happened after this reporting period – and subsequent years will

show a catch-up. That is more likely true for adoptions from public child welfare system and intercountry placements – but unlikely to be true for private domestic adoptions.

Comparisons between types of adoption may also be challenging due to differences in reporting periods. Both intercountry adoption and adoption from public child welfare system are reported in the federal fiscal year, while many states report data based upon either their state fiscal year or calendar year. Therefore, comparison between types of adoption may be comparing timeframes that were impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic for a longer period.

The fact that different fiscal years were reported is not the only factor confounding comparison. For instance, intercountry adoptions from China ceased well before pandemic shutdowns in the United States, so the negative impact of the pandemic on intercountry adoption was present for a greater portion of FY 2020 than for other types of adoption.

¹² Center for Disease Control. (2022). *National Vital Statistics Reports*, 70(17). <https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nvsr/nvsr70/nvsr70-17.pdf>

TABLE 1. IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON ADOPTION IN THE UNITED STATES

| Type of Adoption | 2019 | 2020 | Percent Decline |
|---|--------|--------|-----------------|
| Private Domestic Adoption (excluding stepparent adoptions)^a | 24,034 | 19,943 | 17% |
| Intercountry Adoption^b | 2,969 | 1,622 | 45% |
| Adoption from Foster Care^b | 66,087 | 57,794 | 13% |

Note. a. Different timeframes (e.g., state fiscal year, calendar year) were used in the estimates for the number of private adoptions. b. The figures are based on the federal fiscal year.



POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

State and federal policymakers have the capacity to support the provision of ethical adoptions by promulgating legislation and regulations that focus on evidence-based, high quality service provision.

FEDERAL REPORTING OF PRIVATE DOMESTIC ADOPTIONS

Information about the number of private domestic adoptions can allow researchers to better understand trends in the field and provide policymakers with accurate information for creating policies impacting vulnerable populations. Currently, the federal government tracks and reports on the number of intercountry adoptions each year as well as the number of adoptions from public child welfare system.

Adding a requirement for states to report on the number of private domestic adoptions would provide policymakers with meaningful information. This requirement can be added to statewide automated child welfare information systems (SACWIS) in compliance with requirements of the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis Reporting System (AFCARS). This information can, and should, track whether the placement is made to a relative, a stepparent, or unrelated parents.

DISCRETIONARY FUNDING TO SUPPORT ADOPTION-INFORMED EDUCATION

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

SUPPORT FOR ADOPTION SERVICE PROVIDERS IMPACTED BY COVID-19

The community of licensed professional adoption agencies and other adoption service providers has been significantly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Focused support for licensed child-placement organizations relies on the experienced cadre of professionals equipped to serve expectant parents, birth parents, adopted individuals, and adoptive families. Such support can be provided by state and federal grants, free or reduced cost training opportunities for these professionals, and in the case of intercountry agencies, reduced accreditation fees.

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APPENDIX A: STATE-LEVEL DATA

This section provides estimates for the number of adoptions as well as information on data sources for each state.

ALABAMA

In Alabama, the total number of domestic adoptions was 1,778 in 2019. Private adoptions made up 59% of the total number of domestic adoptions. The total number of domestic adoptions declined by 2% in 2020, with 1,741 domestic adoptions that year. Fifty-three percent were private adoptions, and public adoptions comprised 47% of the total number of domestic adoptions.

According to AFCARS data, the number of public adoptions in Alabama continued to increase in 2019 and 2020. In 2019, 738 children were adopted from foster care, which was a 4% increase compared to 2018. The number of children adopted from foster care increased by 11% in 2020, with 816 public adoptions that year.

In 2019, there were 63 intercountry adoptions in Alabama, a 45% decrease from 2018. The number of intercountry adoptions continued to decline in 2020, with 55 intercountry adoptions, which was a 13% decrease compared to 2019.

As Alabama did not return the survey, the number of public adoptions was obtained from their Department of Human Resources annual report.¹³ The total number of domestic adoptions was estimated based on the number of disposed domestic cases.¹⁴ Based on the figures from prior years,^{15,16} the percentage of adoption cases was calculated and applied in the estimation of the total number of domestic adoptions. The number of private adoptions was computed by subtracting the number of public adoptions from the total number of domestic adoptions.

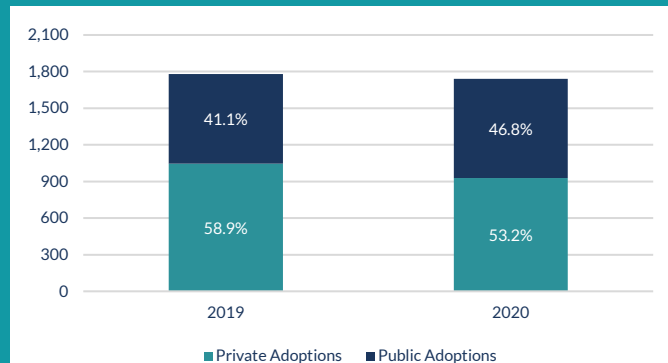
¹³ Alabama Department of Human Resources. (2021). Annual report 2020. <https://dhr.alabama.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/2020-Annual-Report-WEB.pdf>

¹⁴ The number of disposed domestic cases can be obtained from the *Annual Report and Statistics* (Section on Circuit Court Caseload Statistics; <https://www.alacourt.gov/Publications.aspx>) published by Alabama Administrative Office of Courts.

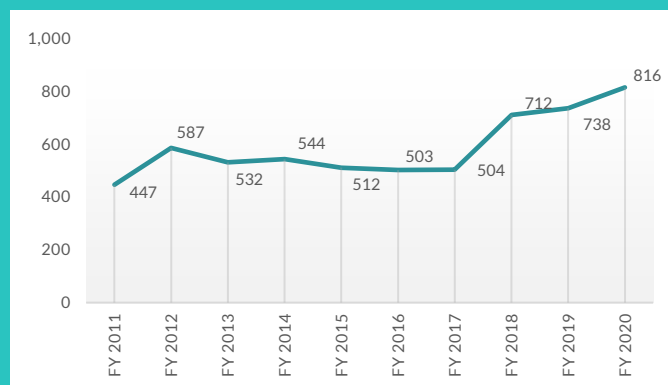
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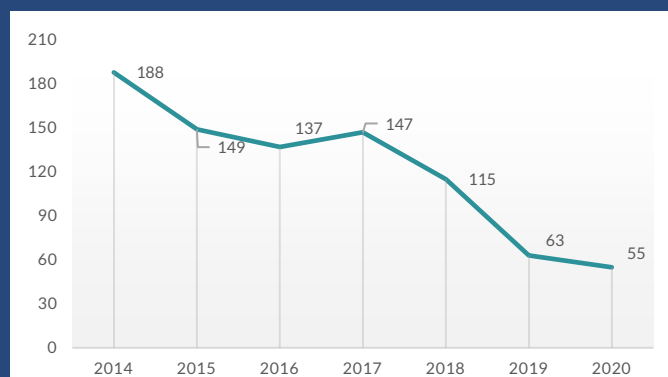
Domestic Adoption



Adoption from Foster Care



Intercountry Adoption



| | Domestic Adoptions | Domestic Private Adoptions | Domestic Public Adoptions | AFCARS | Intercountry Adoptions |
|------|--------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|--------|------------------------|
| 2019 | 1,778 | 1,047 | 731 | 738 | 63 |
| 2020 | 1,741 | 917 | 814 | 816 | 55 |

ALASKA

In Alaska, the total number of domestic adoptions was 492 in 2019. Private adoptions made up 24% of the total number of domestic adoptions. The number of domestic adoptions declined by 2% in 2020, with 483 domestic adoptions that year. Twenty-nine percent were private adoptions, and public adoptions comprised 71% of domestic adoptions.

It was estimated that 38% of private adoptions were by stepparents in 2019, with 45 stepparent adoptions within private adoptions. The number of stepparent adoptions was estimated to be 44 in 2020, making up 32% of private adoptions.

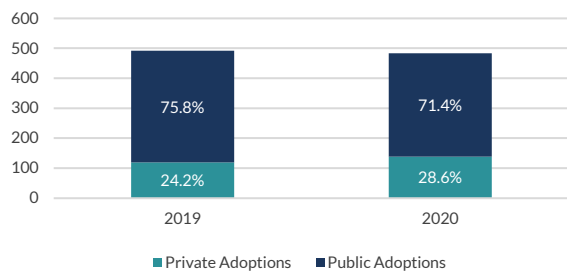
According to AFCARS data, the number of public adoptions in Alaska was 396 in 2019, a 12% increase compared to 2018. The number of children adopted from foster care decreased by 11% in 2020, with 354 public adoptions that year.

In 2019, there were eight intercountry adoptions in Alaska, a 38% decrease from 2018. The number of intercountry adoptions continued to decline in 2020, with only two intercountry adoptions that year, which was a 75% decrease compared to 2019.

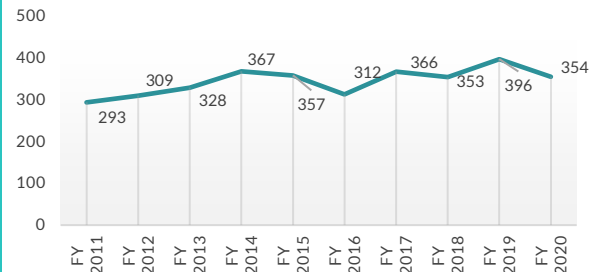
The Alaska court system returned the survey, providing the total number of adoptions granted and the number of stepparent adoptions for each state fiscal year (SFY). The number of public adoptions was provided by the Office of Children's Services. The number of private adoptions was computed by subtracting the number of public adoptions from the total number of domestic adoptions.

The survey response indicated that there were 187 stepparent adoptions in 2019 and 140 in 2020. Since these figures were larger than the computed figures for private adoptions, it was assumed that they were the number of stepparent adoptions out of all domestic adoptions. The percentage of stepparent adoptions was calculated and applied to the total number of private adoptions.

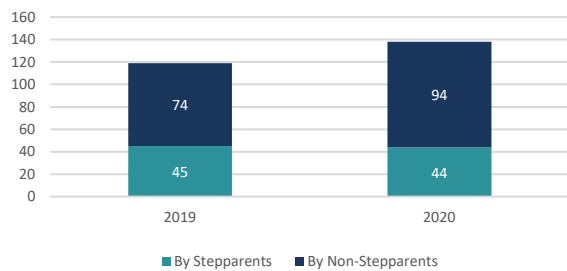
Domestic Adoption



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Intercountry Adoption



| | Domestic Adoptions | Domestic Private, Stepparent Adoptions | Domestic Private, Non-Stepparent Adoptions | Domestic Public Adoptions | AFCARS | Intercountry Adoptions |
|------|--------------------|--|--|---------------------------|--------|------------------------|
| 2019 | 492 | 45 | 74 | 373 | 396 | 8 |
| 2020 | 483 | 44 | 94 | 345 | 354 | 2 |

ARIZONA

In Arizona, the total number of domestic adoptions was 3,433 in 2019. Private adoptions made up 6% of domestic adoptions. The total number of domestic adoptions declined by 21% in 2020. There were 2,725 domestic adoptions in 2020.

According to AFCARS data, the number of public adoptions was 3,373 in 2019. This was a 14% decrease compared to 2018. The number of children adopted from foster care further declined by 14% in 2020: 2,905 children were adopted from foster care in 2020.

In 2019, there were 25 intercountry adoptions in Arizona, which was a 40% decrease from 2018. The number of intercountry adoptions continued to decline in 2020: there were 21 intercountry adoptions, which was a 16% decrease compared to 2019.

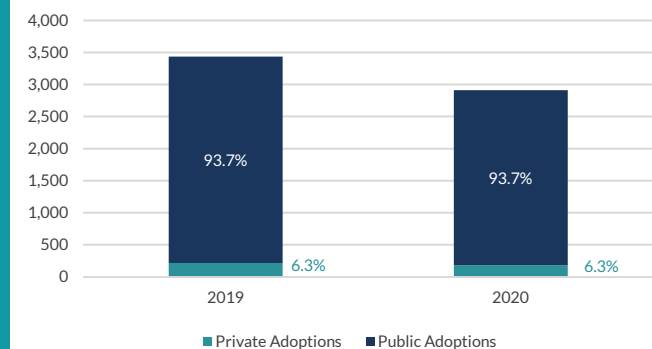
Arizona did not return the survey, and this report used the number of outgoing cases reported by CSP¹⁷ as its estimate for the total number of domestic adoptions in 2019. The number of public adoptions in 2019 was obtained from the Arizona Department of Child Safety (DCS) semi-annual child welfare reports.¹⁸ The number of private adoptions in 2019 was computed by subtracting the number of public adoptions from the total number of domestic adoptions.

The number of outgoing cases reported by CSP was 2,656 in 2020. This was larger than the number of public adoptions the Arizona DCS reported for 2020, which was 2,725. As a result, the research team decided to apply the ratio of private to public adoptions in 2019 in its estimation of the number of private adoptions in 2020. The total number of domestic adoptions in 2020 was computed by adding up the number of private and public adoptions.

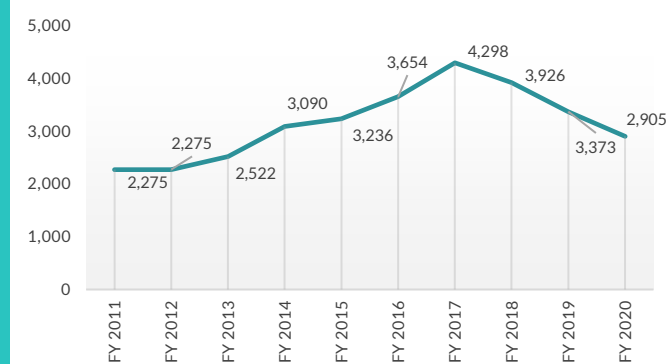
¹⁷ Court Statistics Project. (n.d.). *CSP stat domestic relations*. <https://www.courtstatistics.org/csp-stat-nav-cards-second-row/csp-stat-domestic-relations>

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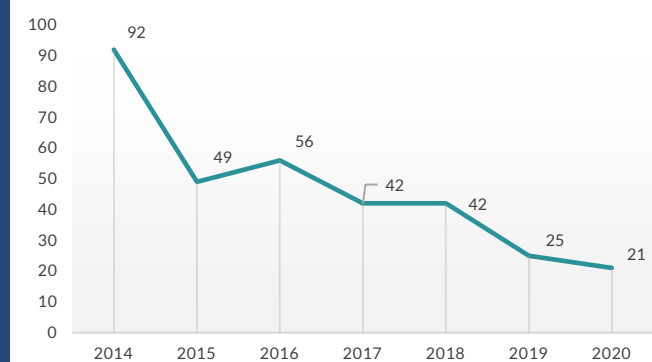
Domestic Adoption



Adoption from Foster Care



Intercountry Adoption



| | Domestic Adoptions | Domestic Private Adoptions | Domestic Public Adoptions | AFCARS | Intercountry Adoptions |
|------|--------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|--------|------------------------|
| 2019 | 3,433 | 217 | 3,216 | 3,373 | 25 |
| 2020 | 2,909 | 184 | 2,725 | 2,905 | 21 |

ARKANSAS

In Arkansas, the total number of domestic adoptions was 2,266 in 2019. Private adoptions made up 57% of domestic adoptions. The total number of domestic adoptions declined by 13% in 2020: there were 1,968 domestic adoptions in 2020. Private adoptions comprised 64% of domestic adoptions, and public adoptions 36%.

According to AFCARS data, the number of public adoptions was 984 in 2019. This was a 2% decline compared to 2018. The number of public adoptions continued to drop in 2020, with 777 children were adopted from foster care, which was a 21% decrease from 2019.

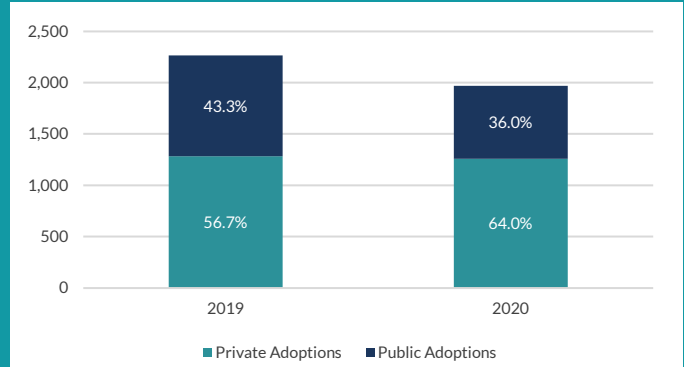
In 2019, there were three intercountry adoptions in Arkansas, which was a 90% decrease from 2018. The number increased in 2020 with eight intercountry adoptions reported.

Arkansas only provided the number of public adoptions through the survey instrument. Both the Division of Children and Family Services (DCFS) and the Office of Research and Justice Statistics (ORJS) presented the number of public adoptions.

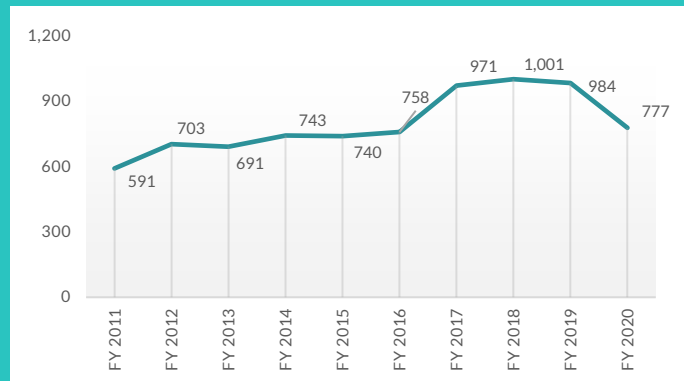
This report used the number of dispositions reported by CSP¹⁹ as its estimate for the total number of domestic adoptions. Since this figure was based on a calendar year, the report used the number of public adoptions submitted by ORJS, which was for a given calendar year. The number of private adoptions was computed by subtracting the number of public adoptions from the total number of domestic adoptions.

¹⁹ Court Statistics Project. (n.d.). *CSP stat domestic relations*. <https://www.courtstatistics.org/csp-stat-nav-cards-second-row/csp-stat-domestic-relations>

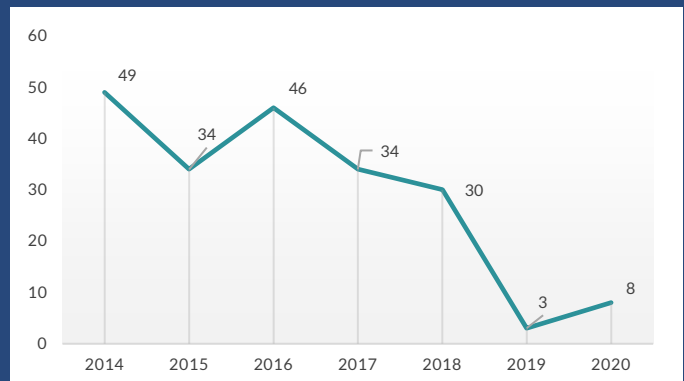
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Adoption from Foster Care



Intercountry Adoption



| | Domestic Adoptions ^a | Domestic Private Adoptions | Domestic Public Adoptions ^b | AFCARS | Intercountry Adoptions |
|------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|--|--------|------------------------|
| 2019 | 2,266 | 1,284 | 982 | 984 | 3 |
| 2020 | 1,968 | 1,259 | 709 | 777 | 8 |

Note. a. The number of domestic adoptions was also obtained from the Arkansas Judiciary Annual Summary (https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/orjs.arcourts/viz/AR_Annual_Summary_Public_o/Dashboard1). According to the report, there were 2,284 adoptions in July 2018 – June 2019, and 1,976 in July 2019 – June 2020. b. According to DCFS, the number of public adoptions was 950 in 2019 and 872 in 2020, which was based on the state fiscal year.

CALIFORNIA

In California, the total number of domestic adoptions was estimated to be 10,223 in 2019. Private adoptions made up 30% of domestic adoptions, and public adoptions 70%. The total number of domestic adoptions declined by 26% in 2020: there were 7,575 domestic adoptions in 2020. Private adoptions comprised 29% of domestic adoptions, and public adoptions 71%.

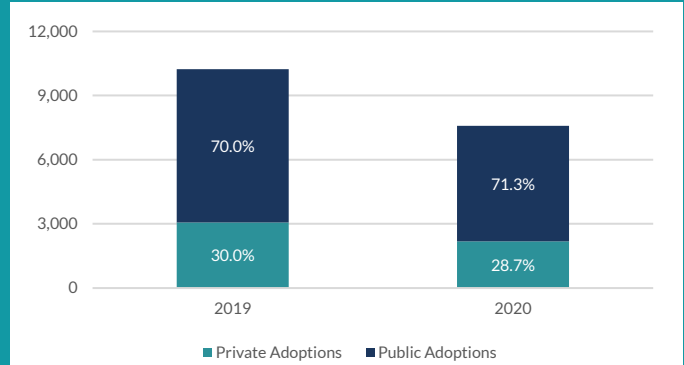
According to AFCARS data, the number of public adoptions was 6,981 in 2019. This was almost the same as in 2018 when there were 6,966 public adoptions. The number of public adoptions decreased in 2020: 5,562 children were adopted from foster care, which was a 20% decrease from 2019.

In 2019, there were 208 intercountry adoptions in California, which was a 23% decrease from 2018. The number continued to decline in 2020: there were 130 intercountry adoptions in 2020, which was a 38% decrease from 2019.

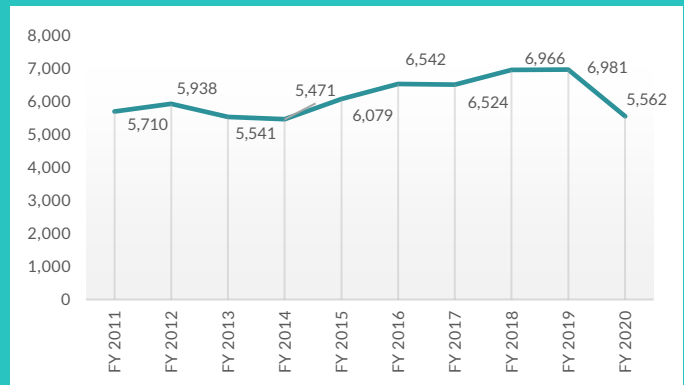
California only provided the number of public adoptions in their returned survey. Both the Department of Social Services and the Department of Public Health submitted the number of public adoptions, which was from the California Child Welfare Indicators Project (<https://ccwip.berkeley.edu/>).

For the total number of domestic adoptions, the research team reached out to each of the state's 58 superior courts, and received a response from 36 of them. The child population in the 36 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. This proportion was used to estimate the total number of domestic adoptions in California by dividing the total number of adoptions reported in these 36 counties by the calculated proportion. The number of private adoptions was computed by subtracting the number of public adoptions from the total number of domestic adoptions.

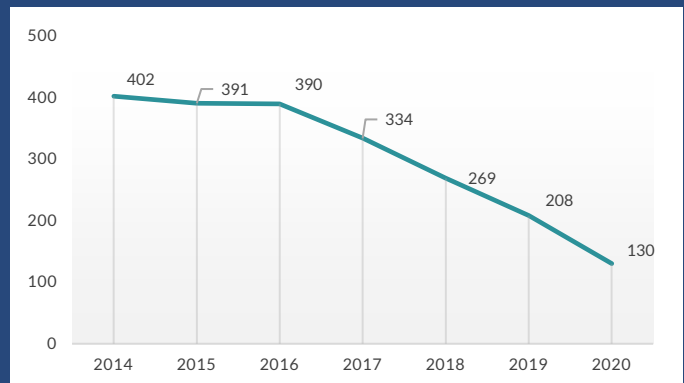
Domestic Adoption



Adoption from Foster Care



Intercountry Adoption



| | Domestic Adoptions | Domestic Private Adoptions | Domestic Public Adoptions | AFCARS | Intercountry Adoptions |
|------|--------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|--------|------------------------|
| 2019 | 10,223 | 3,062 | 7,161 | 6,981 | 208 |
| 2020 | 7,575 | 2,175 | 5,400 | 5,562 | 130 |

COLORADO

In Colorado, the total number of domestic adoptions was estimated to be 2,487 in 2019. Private adoptions made up 63% of domestic adoptions, and public adoptions 37%. The total number of domestic adoptions declined by 12% in 2020: there were 2,189 domestic adoptions in 2020. Private adoptions comprised 62% of domestic adoptions, and public adoptions 38%.

According to AFCARS data, the number of public adoptions was 919 in 2019. This was almost the same as in 2018 when there were 910 public adoptions. The number of public adoptions declined in 2020: 832 children were adopted from foster care, which was a 9% decrease from 2019.

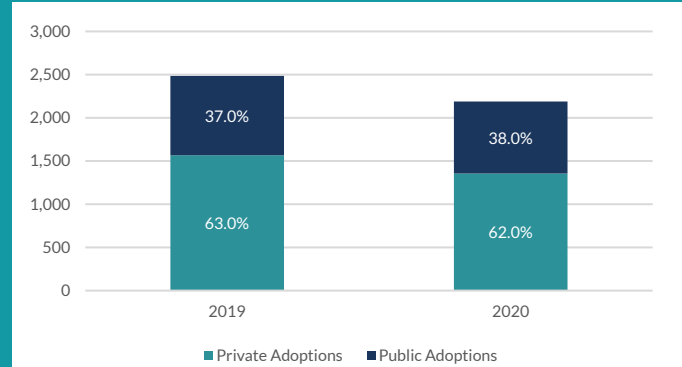
In 2019, there were 80 intercountry adoptions in Colorado, which was a 40% decrease from 2018. The number continued to decline in 2020: there were 42 intercountry adoptions in 2020, which was a 48% decrease from 2019.

The Office of Children, Youth and Family Services under the Colorado Department of Human Services returned the survey. However, it was decided that this report would not use the numbers provided in the survey because the total number of domestic adoptions from the survey was smaller than the number of public adoptions reported in AFCARS data.

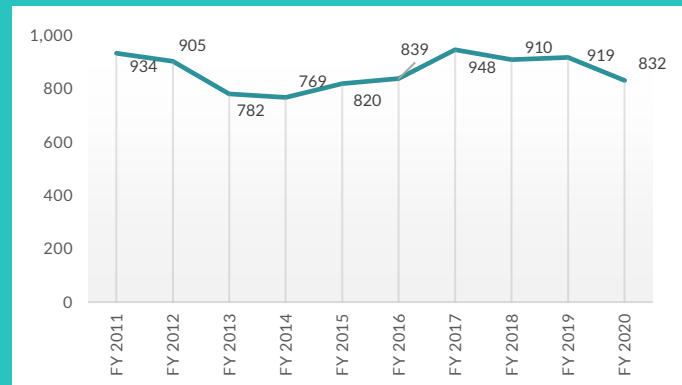
This report used the number of incoming cases reported by CSP²⁰ as its estimate for the total number of domestic adoptions. The number of public adoptions was based on AFCARS data. The number of private adoptions was computed by subtracting the number of public adoptions from the total number of domestic adoptions.

²⁰ Court Statistics Project. (n.d.). *CSP stat domestic relations*. <https://www.courtstatistics.org/csp-stat-nav-cards-second-row/csp-stat-domestic-relations>

Domestic Adoption



Adoption from Foster Care



Intercountry Adoption



| | Domestic Adoptions | Domestic Private Adoptions | Domestic Public Adoptions | AFCARS | Intercountry Adoptions |
|-------------|--------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|--------|------------------------|
| 2019 | 2,487 | 1,568 | 919 | 919 | 80 |
| 2020 | 2,189 | 1,357 | 832 | 832 | 42 |

Note. According to the returned survey, the total number of private adoptions was 268 and the total number of public adoptions was 623 in 2019 with the total number of domestic adoptions being 891. The survey reported that the total number of domestic adoptions was 756 in 2020 when there were 214 private adoptions and 551 public adoptions.

CONNECTICUT

In Connecticut, the total number of domestic adoptions was 759 in 2019. Private adoptions made up 24% of the total number of domestic adoptions. The number of domestic adoptions declined by 40% in 2020: there were 459 domestic adoptions in 2020. Thirty-three percent of them were private adoptions, and public adoptions comprised 67% of domestic adoptions.

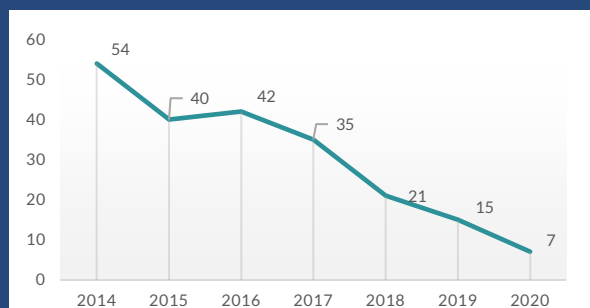
In 2019, 60% of private adoptions were by stepparents: there were 109 stepparent adoptions within private adoptions. The number of stepparent adoptions was reported to be 87 in 2020, making up 57% of private adoptions.

According to AFCARS data, the number of public adoptions was 661 in 2019, which was a 33% increase compared to 2018. The number of children adopted from foster care decreased by 32% in 2020: there were 450 public adoptions in 2020.

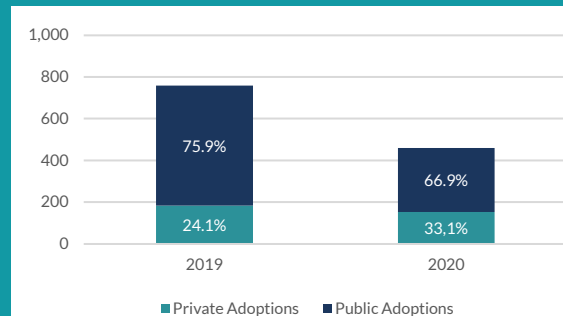
In 2019, there were 15 intercountry adoptions in Connecticut, which was a 29% decrease from 2018. The number of intercountry adoptions continued to decline in 2020: there were seven intercountry adoptions, which was a 53% decrease compared to 2019.

The State of Connecticut Judicial Branch and Connecticut Probate Court returned the survey, providing the number of domestic adoptions, private adoptions, and stepparent adoptions for each calendar year. The number of public adoptions was computed by subtracting the number of private adoptions from the total number of domestic adoptions.

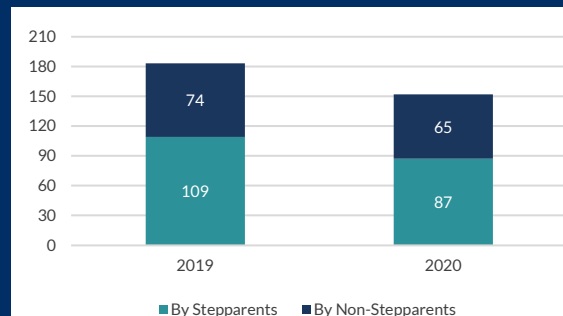
Intercountry Adoption



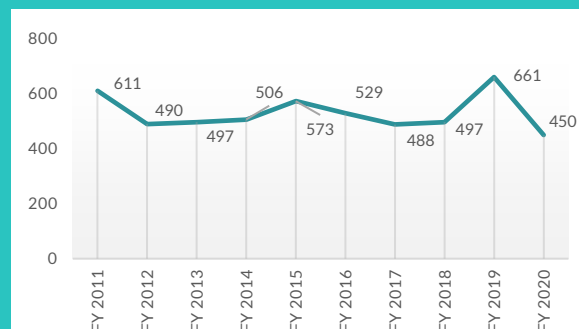
Domestic Adoption



Private Adoption



Adoption from Foster Care



| | Domestic Adoptions | Domestic Private, Stepparent Adoptions | Domestic Private, Non-Stepparent Adoptions | Domestic Public Adoptions | AFCARS | Intercountry Adoptions |
|------|--------------------|--|--|---------------------------|--------|------------------------|
| 2019 | 759 | 109 | 74 | 576 | 661 | 15 |
| 2020 | 459 | 87 | 65 | 307 | 450 | 7 |

DELAWARE

In Delaware, the total number of domestic adoptions was 252 in 2019. Private adoptions made up 49% of domestic adoptions, and public adoptions 51%. The total number of domestic adoptions declined by 38% in 2020: there were 156 domestic adoptions in 2020. Private adoptions comprised 26% of domestic adoptions, and public adoptions 74%.

According to AFCARS data, the number of public adoptions was 129 in 2019. This was an 11% increase from 2018 when there were 116 public adoptions. The number of public adoptions declined in 2020: 116 children were adopted from foster care, which was a 10% decrease from 2019.

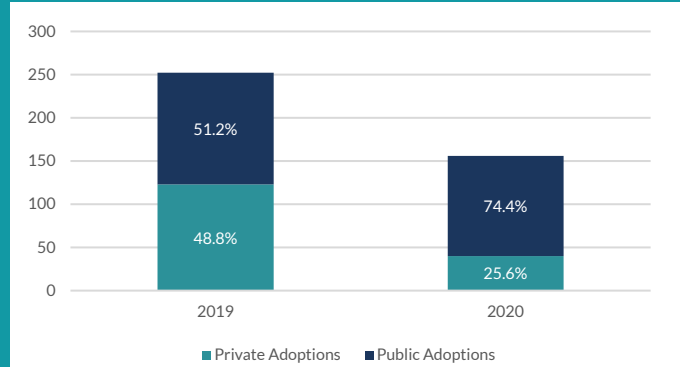
In 2019, there were four intercountry adoptions in Delaware, which was a 43% decrease from 2018. The number continued to decline in 2020: there were only two intercountry adoptions in 2020, which was a 50% decrease from 2019.

Delaware only provided the number of public adoptions in their returned survey. The Delaware Division of Family Services submitted the number of public adoptions, which was based on each calendar year.

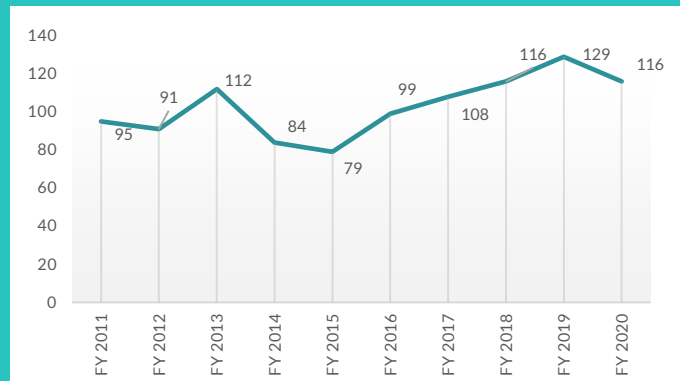
This report used the number of disposed cases, which was obtained from the Administrative Office of the Courts²¹, as its estimate for the total number of domestic adoptions. Since this number was based on the state fiscal year, the research team decided to use the figures reported in AFCARS data, instead of the numbers submitted in the survey, as its estimate for the total number of public adoptions. The number of private adoptions was computed by subtracting the number of public adoptions from the total number of domestic adoptions.

²¹ The information is available from the *Annual Report and Statistical Information for the Delaware Judiciary*, which can be accessed at <https://courts.delaware.gov/aoc/publications.aspx>. Refer to Statistical Information: Family Court.

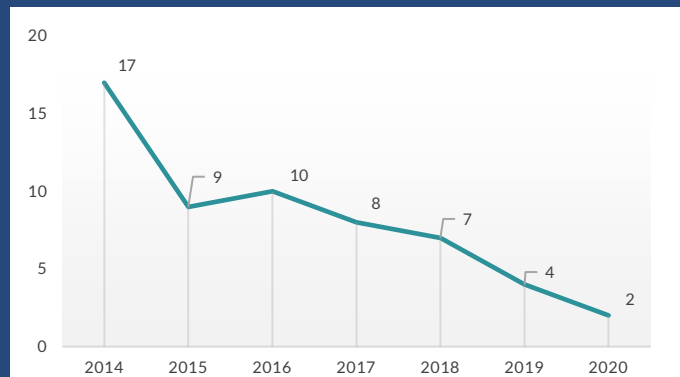
Domestic Adoption



Adoption from Foster Care



Intercountry Adoption



| | Domestic Adoptions | Domestic Private Adoptions | Domestic Public Adoptions | AFCARS | Intercountry Adoptions |
|------|--------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|--------|------------------------|
| 2019 | 252 | 123 | 129 | 129 | 4 |
| 2020 | 156 | 40 | 116 | 116 | 2 |

Note. According to the returned survey, the total number of public adoptions was 133 in 2019, and 82 in 2020.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

In the District of Columbia, the total number of domestic adoptions was 192 in 2019. Private adoptions made up 49% of the total number of domestic adoptions. The number of domestic adoptions declined by 10% in 2020: there were 172 domestic adoptions in 2020. Forty-three percent of them were private adoptions, and public adoptions comprised 57% of domestic adoptions.

It was estimated that 50% of private adoptions were by stepparents in 2019: there were 47 stepparent adoptions within private adoptions. The number of stepparent adoptions was estimated to be 31 in 2020, making up 42% of private adoptions.

According to AFCARS data, the number of public adoptions was 98 in 2019, which was about the same as in 2018 when there were 100 public adoptions. The number of children adopted from foster care remained the same in 2020: there were 98 public adoptions in 2020.

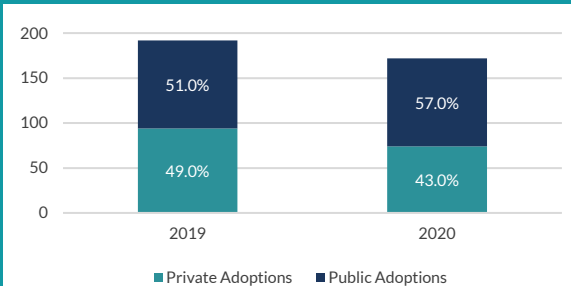
In 2019, there were 10 intercountry adoptions in the District of Columbia, which was a 17% decrease from 2018. The number of intercountry adoptions continued to decline in 2020: there were seven intercountry adoptions, which was a 30% decrease compared to 2019.

The Office of the General Council returned the survey, providing the total number of domestic adoptions, private adoptions, stepparent adoptions, and public adoptions. However, the total number of domestic adoptions from the survey appeared to be overly underestimated, compared to the estimates reported for prior years. The research team decided to use the number of outgoing cases reported by CSP²² as its estimate for the total number of domestic adoptions. The number of public adoptions was based on AFCARS data. The number of private adoptions was computed by subtracting the number of public adoptions from the total number of domestic adoptions.

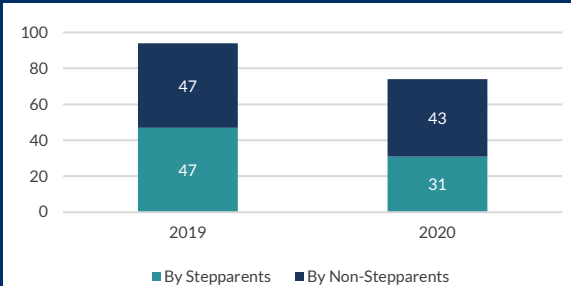
From the returned survey, the percentage of stepparent adoptions over private adoptions was computed. This percentage was applied to the computed number of private adoptions.

²² Court Statistics Project. (n.d.). CSP stat domestic relations. <https://www.courtstatistics.org/csp-stat-nav-cards-second-row/csp-stat-domestic-relations>

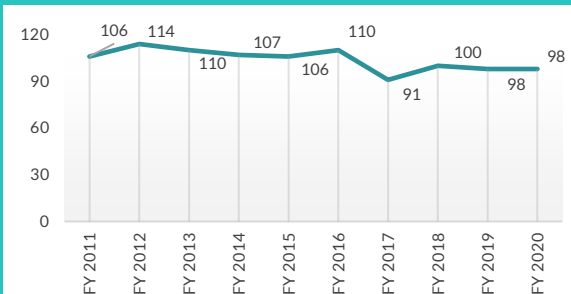
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Private Adoption



Adoption from Foster Care



Intercountry Adoption



| | Domestic Adoptions | Domestic Private, Stepparent Adoptions | Domestic Private, Non-Stepparent Adoptions | Domestic Public Adoptions | AFCARS | Intercountry Adoptions |
|------|--------------------|--|--|---------------------------|--------|------------------------|
| 2019 | 192 | 47 | 47 | 98 | 98 | 10 |
| 2020 | 172 | 31 | 43 | 98 | 98 | 7 |

Note. According to the returned survey, the total number of private adoptions was 10 in 2019. The total number of domestic adoptions and public adoptions was not provided for 2019. The survey reported that the total number of domestic adoptions was 110 in 2020 when there were 12 private adoptions and 98 public adoptions. The survey indicated that the number of stepparent adoptions was five in both 2019 and 2020.

FLORIDA

In Florida, the total number of domestic adoptions was estimated to be 6,733 in 2019. Private adoptions made up 32% of domestic adoptions, and public adoptions 68%. The total number of domestic adoptions declined by 13% in 2020: there were 5,859 domestic adoptions in 2020. Private adoptions comprised 32% of domestic adoptions, and public adoptions 68%.

According to AFCARS data, the number of public adoptions was 4,714 in 2019. This was a 6% increase from 2018 when there were 4,455 public adoptions. The number of public adoptions declined slightly in 2020: 4,534 children were adopted from foster care, which was a 4% decrease from 2019.

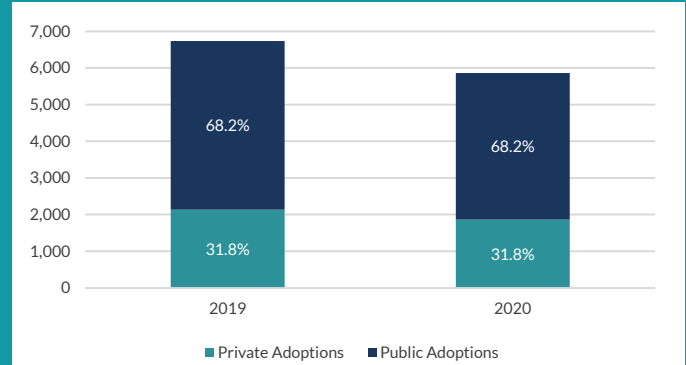
In 2019, there were 146 intercountry adoptions in Florida, which was a 20% decrease from 2018. The number continued to decline in 2020: there were 83 intercountry adoptions in 2020, which was a 43% decrease from 2019.

Florida only provided the number of public adoptions in their returned survey. The Office of the State Courts Administrator submitted the number of public adoptions, which was based on each calendar year.

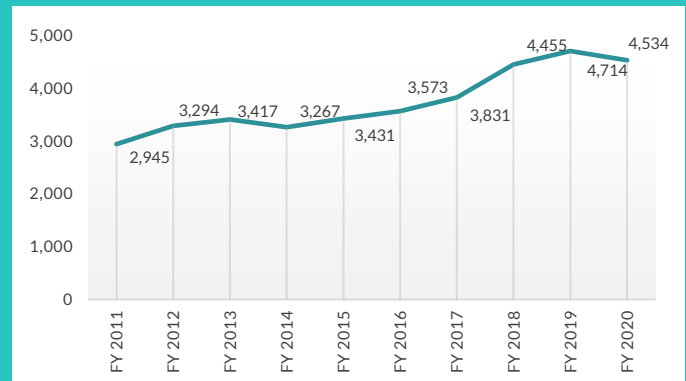
For the total number of domestic adoptions, the research team initially reached out to the 20 judicial courts in the Florida Courts. A few of the judicial courts were able to provide data for all of the counties in their jurisdiction, while several others redirected the research team to the individual county clerks of court. In the end, after contacting judicial court public information officers and county clerks of court, data for 32 of the 67 counties in the state was received.

The proportion of child population in these 32 counties over the entire state was calculated (i.e., child population in the 32 counties divided by child population in the state). This proportion was applied in estimating the total number of domestic adoptions in Florida, using the total number of adoptions reported for the 32 counties (i.e., total number of adoptions in the 32 counties divided by the calculated proportion). The number of private adoptions was computed by subtracting the number of public adoptions from the total number of domestic adoptions.

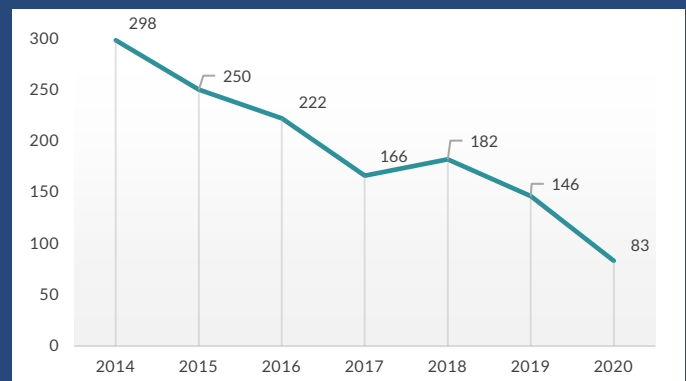
Domestic Adoption



Adoption from Foster Care



Intercountry Adoption



| | Domestic Adoptions | Domestic Private Adoptions | Domestic Public Adoptions | AFCARS | Intercountry Adoptions |
|------|--------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|--------|------------------------|
| 2019 | 6,733 | 2,139 | 4,594 | 4,714 | 146 |
| 2020 | 5,859 | 1,864 | 3,995 | 4,534 | 83 |

GEORGIA

In Georgia, the total number of domestic adoptions was 3,257 in 2019. Private adoptions made up 49% of domestic adoptions, and public adoptions 51%. The total number of domestic adoptions declined by 12% in 2020: there were 2,852 domestic adoptions in 2020. Private adoptions comprised 44% of domestic adoptions, and public adoptions 56%.

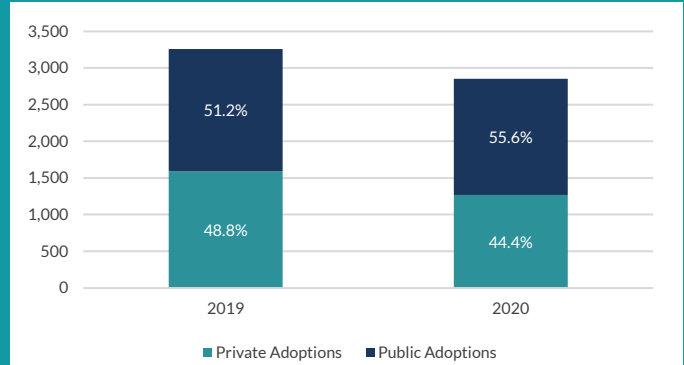
According to AFCARS data, the number of public adoptions was 1,668 in 2019. This was a 14% increase from 2018 when there were 1,469 public adoptions. The number of public adoptions declined slightly in 2020: 1,585 children were adopted from foster care, which was a 5% decrease from 2019.

In 2019, there were 99 intercountry adoptions in Georgia, which was a 31% decrease from 2018. The number continued to decline in 2020: there were 47 intercountry adoptions in 2020, which was a 53% decrease from 2019.

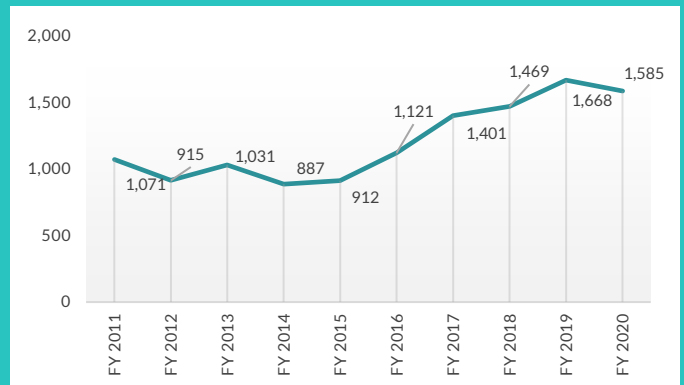
Georgia did not return the survey, and this report used the number of outgoing cases reported by CSP²³ as its estimate for the total number of domestic adoptions. The number of public adoptions was obtained from AFCARS data, which was based on the federal fiscal year. The number of private adoptions was computed by subtracting the number of public adoptions from the total number of domestic adoptions.

²³ Court Statistics Project. (n.d.). *CSP stat domestic relations*. <https://www.courtstatistics.org/csp-stat-nav-cards-second-row/csp-stat-domestic-relations>

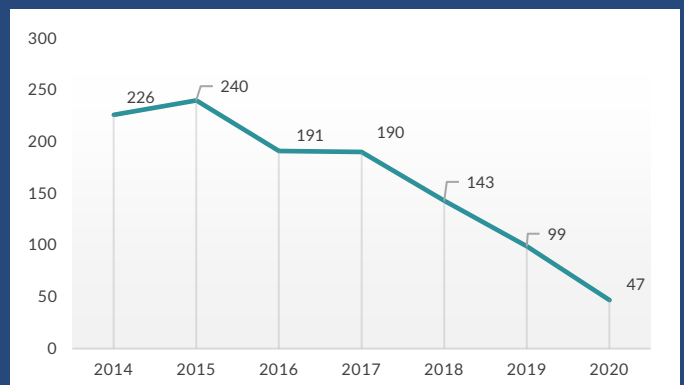
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Adoption from Foster Care



Intercountry Adoption



| | Domestic Adoptions | Domestic Private Adoptions | Domestic Public Adoptions | AFCARS | Intercountry Adoptions |
|------|--------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|--------|------------------------|
| 2019 | 3,257 | 1,589 | 1,668 | 1,668 | 99 |
| 2020 | 2,852 | 1,267 | 1,585 | 1,585 | 47 |

HAWAII

In Hawaii, the total number of domestic adoptions was 347 in 2019. Private adoptions made up 41% of domestic adoptions, and public adoptions 59%. The total number of domestic adoptions declined by 27% in 2020: there were 253 domestic adoptions in 2020. Private adoptions comprised 19% of domestic adoptions, and public adoptions 81%.

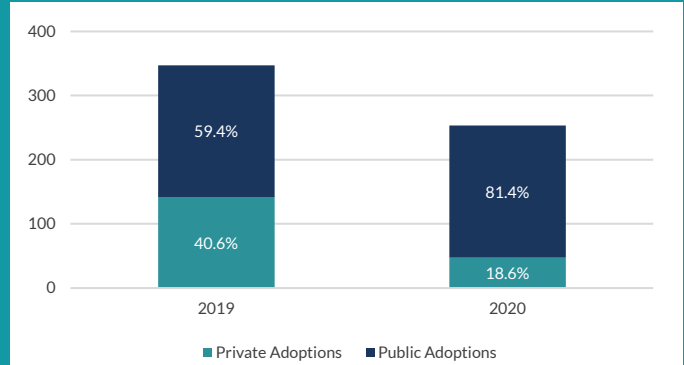
According to AFCARS data, the number of public adoptions was 206 in 2019. This was a 9% increase from 2018 when there were 189 public adoptions. The number of public adoptions remained the same in 2020 with 206 public adoptions reported.

In 2019, there were nine intercountry adoptions in Hawaii, which was a 36% decrease from 2018. The number continued to decline in 2020: there were only three intercountry adoptions in 2020, which was a 67% decrease from 2019.

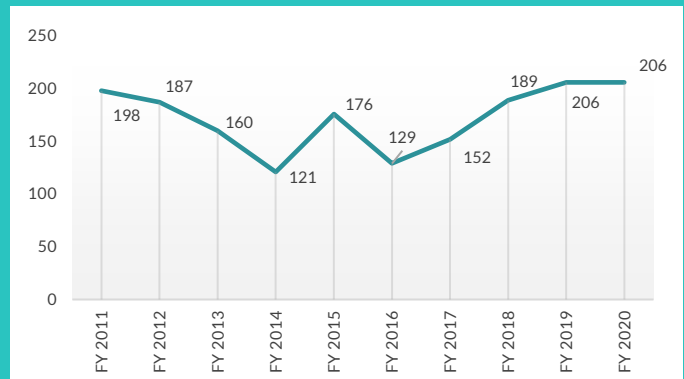
Hawaii did not return the survey, and this report used the number of dispositions reported by CSP²⁴ as its estimate for the total number of domestic adoptions. The number of public adoptions was obtained from AFCARS data, which was based on the federal fiscal year. The number of private adoptions was computed by subtracting the number of public adoptions from the total number of domestic adoptions.

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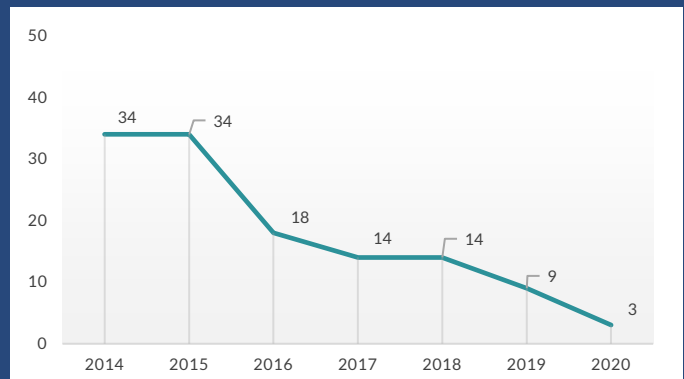
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Adoption from Foster Care



Intercountry Adoption



| | Domestic Adoptions | Domestic Private Adoptions | Domestic Public Adoptions | AFCARS | Intercountry Adoptions |
|------|--------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|--------|------------------------|
| 2019 | 347 | 141 | 206 | 206 | 9 |
| 2020 | 253 | 47 | 206 | 206 | 3 |

IDAHO

In Idaho, the total number of domestic adoptions was 874 in 2019. Private adoptions made up 63% of domestic adoptions, and public adoptions 38%. The total number of domestic adoptions declined by 11% in 2020: there were 779 domestic adoptions in 2020. Private adoptions comprised 55% of domestic adoptions, and public adoptions 45%.

According to AFCARS data, the number of public adoptions was 328 in 2019. This was a 34% increase from 2018 when there were 245 public adoptions. The number of public adoptions continued to increase in 2020: there were 353 public adoptions in 2020, which was an 8% increase from 2019.

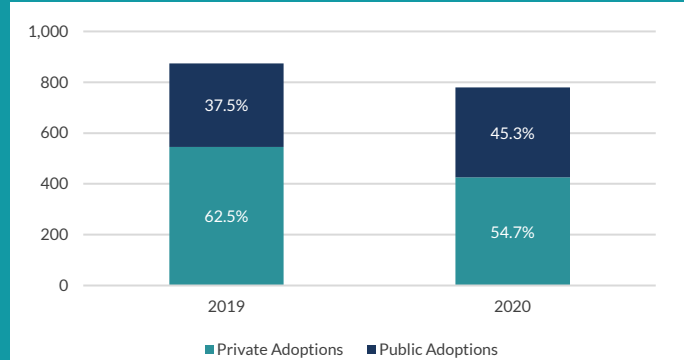
In 2019, there were 31 intercountry adoptions in Idaho, which was a 94% increase from 2018. The number declined in 2020: there were 15 intercountry adoptions in 2020, which was a 52% decrease from 2019.

Idaho only provided the number of public adoptions in their returned survey. The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare submitted the number of public adoptions, which was based on the state fiscal year.

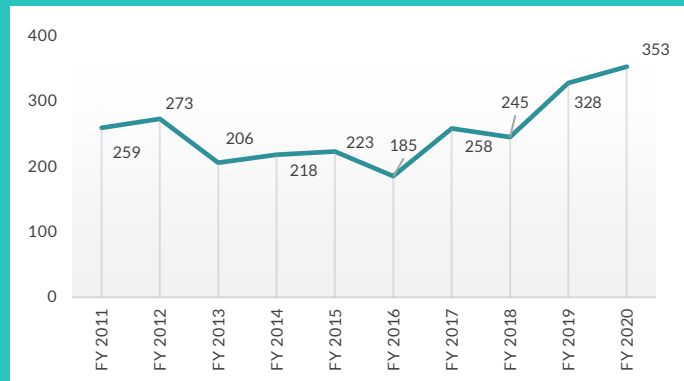
This report used the number of outgoing cases reported by CSP²⁵ as its estimate for the total number of domestic adoptions. The report used the number of public adoptions reported in AFCARS data because AFCARS data is based on the federal fiscal year, which aligns more closely with the calendar year. The number of private adoptions was computed by subtracting the number of public adoptions from the total number of domestic adoptions.

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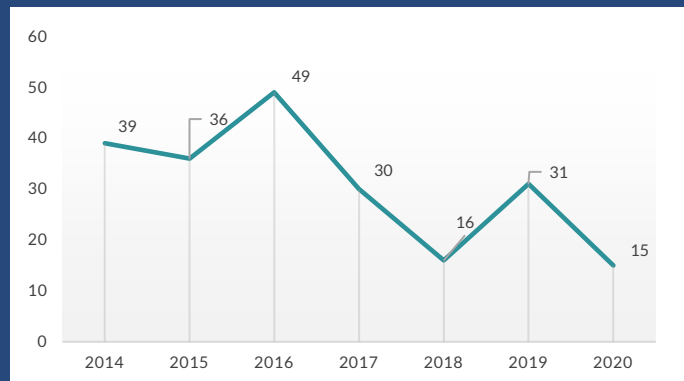
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Intercountry Adoption



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| 2019 | 874 | 546 | 328 | 328 | 31 |
| 2020 | 779 | 426 | 353 | 353 | 15 |

Note. According to the returned survey, the number of public adoptions was 297 in 2019 and 337 in 2020.

ILLINOIS

In Illinois, the total number of domestic adoptions was 2,880 in 2019. Private adoptions made up 39% of domestic adoptions, and public adoptions 61%. The total number of domestic adoptions declined by 34% in 2020: there were 1,903 domestic adoptions in 2020. Private adoptions comprised 20% of domestic adoptions, and public adoptions 80%.

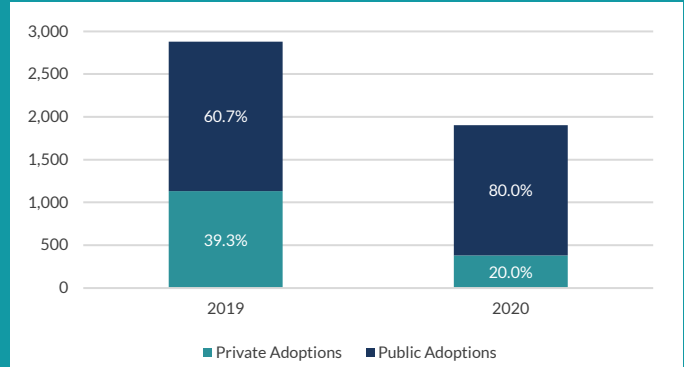
According to AFCARS data, the number of public adoptions was 1,747 in 2019. This was almost the same as in 2018 when there were 1,754 public adoptions. The number of public adoptions declined in 2020: there were 1,522 public adoptions in 2020, which was a 13% decrease from 2019.

In 2019, there were 134 intercountry adoptions in Illinois, which was a 24% decrease from 2018. The number continued to decline in 2020: there were 79 intercountry adoptions in 2020, which was a 41% decrease from 2019.

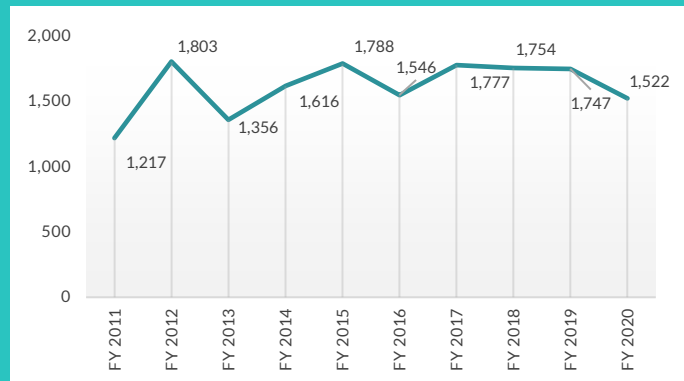
Illinois did not return the survey. This report used the number of outgoing cases reported by CSP²⁶ as its estimate for the total number of domestic adoptions. The report used the number of public adoptions reported in AFCARS data. The number of private adoptions was computed by subtracting the number of public adoptions from the total number of domestic adoptions.

²⁶ Court Statistics Project. (n.d.). *CSP stat domestic relations*. <https://www.courtstatistics.org/csp-stat-nav-cards-second-row/csp-stat-domestic-relations>

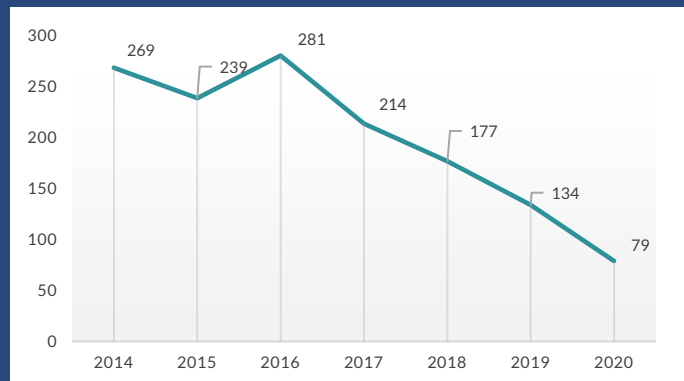
Domestic Adoption



Adoption from Foster Care



Intercountry Adoption



| | Domestic Adoptions | Domestic Private Adoptions | Domestic Public Adoptions | AFCARS | Intercountry Adoptions |
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| 2019 | 2,880 | 1,133 | 1,747 | 1,747 | 134 |
| 2020 | 1,903 | 381 | 1,522 | 1,522 | 79 |

INDIANA

In Indiana, the total number of domestic adoptions was 5,024 in 2019. Private adoptions made up 50.5% of domestic adoptions, and public adoptions 49.5%. The total number of domestic adoptions declined by 14% in 2020: there were 4,338 domestic adoptions in 2020. Private adoptions comprised 50.5% of domestic adoptions, and public adoptions 49.5%.

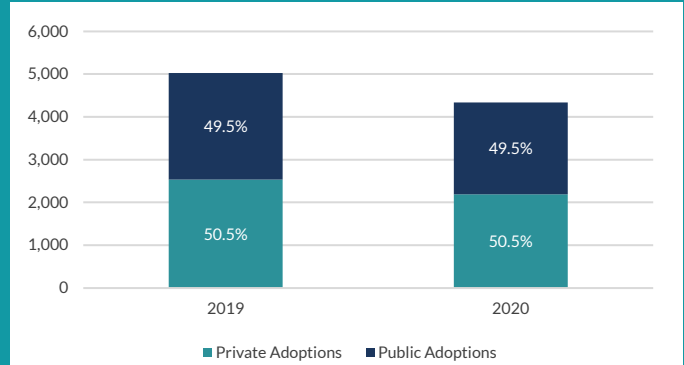
According to AFCARS data, the number of public adoptions was 2,489 in 2019. This was a 23% increase from 2018 when there were 2,016 public adoptions. The number of public adoptions declined in 2020: there were 2,149 public adoptions in 2020, which was a 14% decrease from 2019.

In 2019, there were 89 intercountry adoptions in Indiana, which was a 28% decrease from 2018. The number continued to decline in 2020: there were 50 intercountry adoptions in 2020, which was a 44% decrease from 2019.

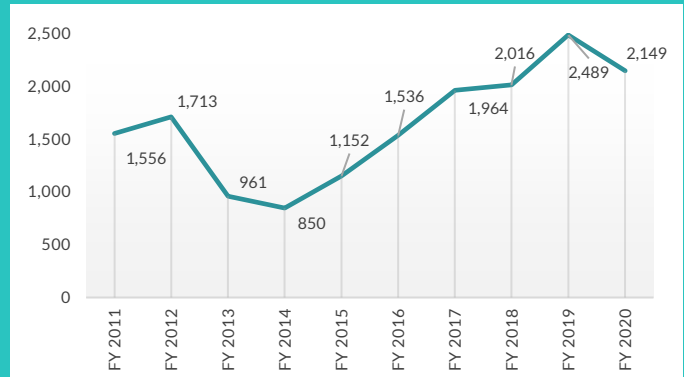
Indiana did not return the survey. This report used the number of dispositions reported by CSP²⁷ as its estimate for the total number of domestic adoptions. The number of public adoptions was obtained from AFCARS data. The number of private adoptions was computed by subtracting the number of public adoptions from the total number of domestic adoptions.

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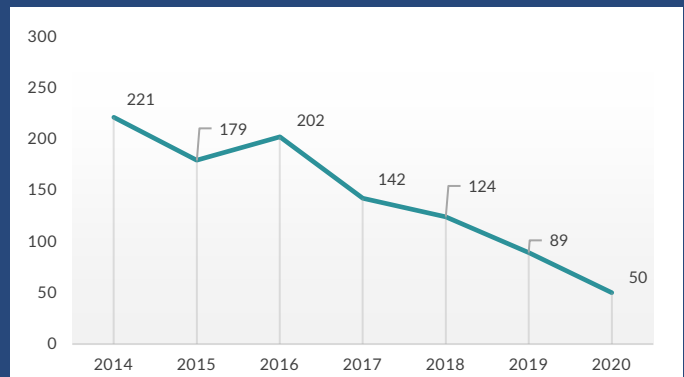
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Adoption from Foster Care



Intercountry Adoption



| | Domestic Adoptions | Domestic Private Adoptions | Domestic Public Adoptions | AFCARS | Intercountry Adoptions |
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| 2019 | 5,024 | 2,535 | 2,489 | 2,489 | 89 |
| 2020 | 4,338 | 2,189 | 2,149 | 2,149 | 50 |

IOWA

In Iowa, the total number of domestic adoptions was 2,172 in 2019. Private adoptions made up 43.5% of domestic adoptions, and public adoptions 56.5%. The total number of domestic adoptions declined by 3% in 2020: there were 2,111 domestic adoptions in 2020. Private adoptions comprised 40.0% of domestic adoptions, and public adoptions 60.0%.

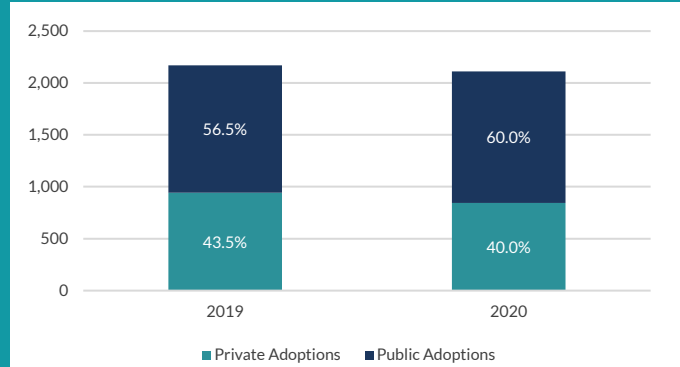
According to AFCARS data, the number of public adoptions was 1,228 in 2019. This was a 14% increase from 2018 when there were 1,074 public adoptions. The number of public adoptions further increased in 2020: there were 1,266 public adoptions in 2020, which was a 3% increase from 2019.

In 2019, there were 51 intercountry adoptions in Iowa, which was a 30% increase from 2018. The number significantly declined in 2020: there were 18 intercountry adoptions in 2020, which was a 65% decrease from 2019.

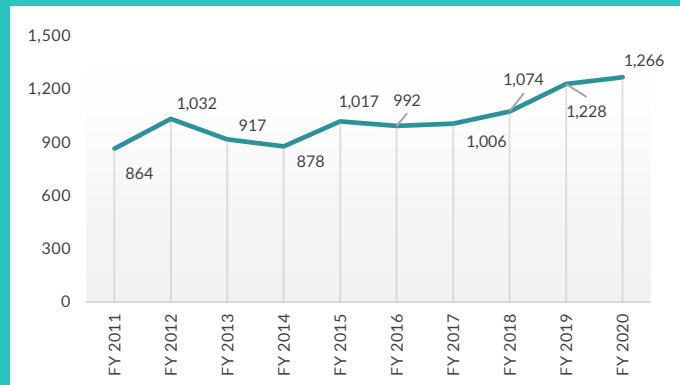
The Iowa Judicial Branch provided the total number of domestic adoptions for each federal fiscal year in their returned survey. The number of public adoptions was obtained from AFCARS data. The number of private adoptions was computed by subtracting the number of public adoptions from the total number of domestic adoptions.

The Iowa Department of Human Services also provided the total number of public adoptions for each calendar year. However, the figures were much larger than those reported in AFCARS data, and the research team decided not to use them in this report.

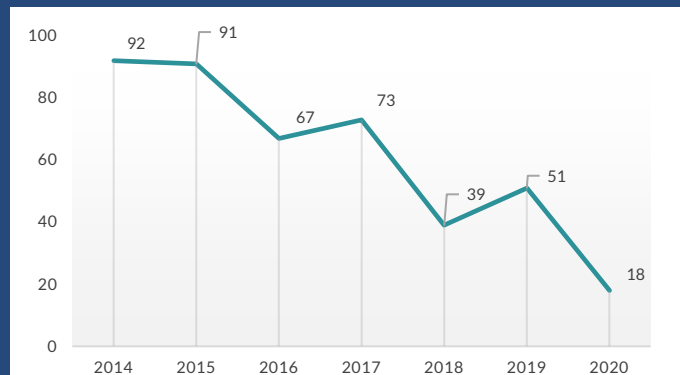
Domestic Adoption



Adoption from Foster Care



Intercountry Adoption



| | Domestic Adoptions | Domestic Private Adoptions | Domestic Public Adoptions | AFCARS | Intercountry Adoptions |
|------|--------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|--------|------------------------|
| 2019 | 2,172 | 944 | 1,228 | 1,228 | 51 |
| 2020 | 2,111 | 845 | 1,266 | 1,266 | 18 |

Note. The number of public adoptions submitted by the Iowa Department of Human Services was 2,531 in 2019 and 2,350 in 2020.

KANSAS

In Kansas, the total number of domestic adoptions was 2,342 in 2019. Private adoptions made up 48% of domestic adoptions, and public adoptions 52%. The total number of domestic adoptions declined by 18% in 2020: there were 1,932 domestic adoptions in 2020. Private adoptions comprised 48% of domestic adoptions, and public adoptions 52%.

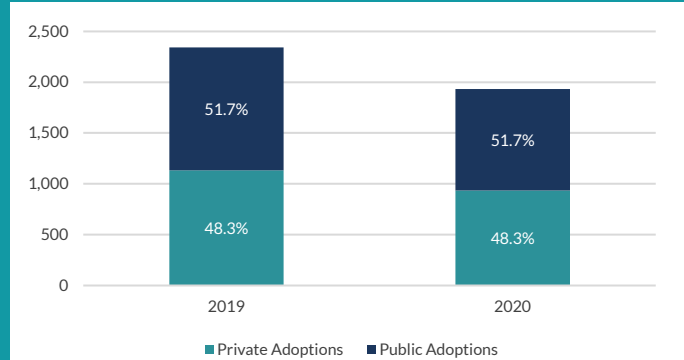
According to AFCARS data, the number of public adoptions was 1,227 in 2019. This was a 31% increase from 2018 when there were 936 public adoptions. The number of public adoptions declined in 2020: there were 985 public adoptions in 2020, which was a 20% decrease from 2019.

In 2019, there were 29 intercountry adoptions in Kansas, which was a 42% decrease from 2018. The number further declined in 2020: there were 20 intercountry adoptions in 2020, which was a 31% decrease from 2019.

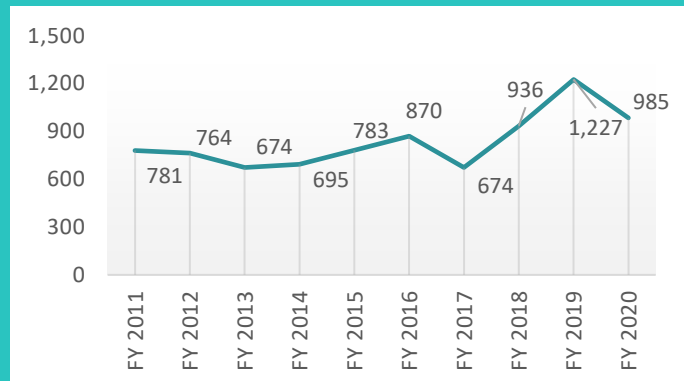
Kansas only provided the total number of public adoptions in their returned survey. The Department of Children and Families submitted the number of public adoptions for each state fiscal year. The total number of domestic adoptions in 2019 was obtained from the Kansas Judicial Branch website (district court caseload statistics; <https://www.kscourts.org/About-the-Courts/District-Courts/District-Court-Caseload-Statistics>). The number of private adoptions in 2019 was computed by subtracting the number of public adoptions from the total number of domestic adoptions.

The total number of private adoptions and domestic adoptions in 2020 was estimated using the figures for 2019 and the number of public adoptions in 2020. The ratio for the number of public adoptions in 2020 to the number of public adoptions in 2019 was computed. This ratio was applied in the estimation of the number of private adoptions and domestic adoptions in 2020 (i.e., the number of private adoptions in 2019 divided by the computed ratio; the number of domestic adoptions in 2019 divided by the computed ratio).

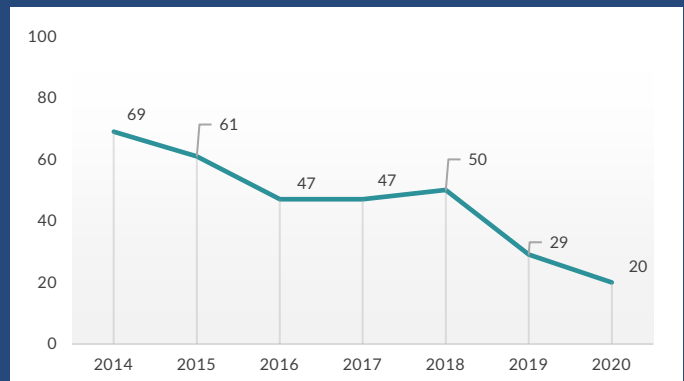
Domestic Adoption



Adoption from Foster Care



Intercountry Adoption



| | Domestic Adoptions | Domestic Private Adoptions | Domestic Public Adoptions | AFCARS | Intercountry Adoptions |
|------|--------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|--------|------------------------|
| 2019 | 2,342 | 1,132 | 1,210 | 1,227 | 29 |
| 2020 | 1,932 | 934 | 998 | 985 | 20 |

KENTUCKY

In Kentucky, the total number of domestic adoptions was 2,816 in 2019. Private adoptions made up 52% of domestic adoptions, and public adoptions 48%. The total number of domestic adoptions declined by 13% in 2020: there were 2,456 domestic adoptions in 2020. Private adoptions comprised 52% of domestic adoptions, and public adoptions 48%.

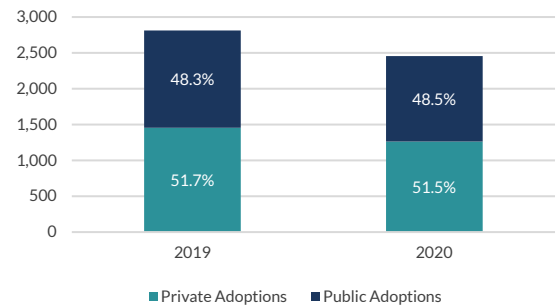
Forty percent of private adoptions were by stepparents in 2019: there were 579 stepparent adoptions within private adoptions. The number of stepparent adoptions was 531 in 2020, making up 42% of private adoptions.

According to AFCARS data, the number of public adoptions was 1,368 in 2019. This was a 22% increase from 2018 when there were 1,124 public adoptions. The number of public adoptions remained almost the same in 2020: there were 1,365 public adoptions in 2020.

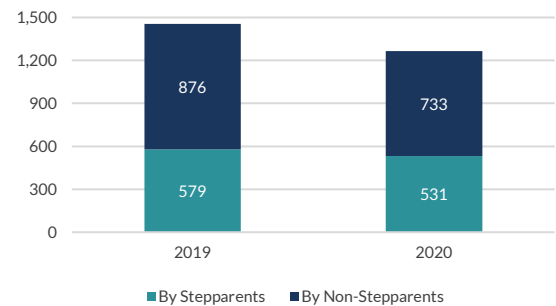
In 2019, there were 51 intercountry adoptions in Kentucky, which was a 42% decrease from 2018. The number further declined in 2020: there were 31 intercountry adoptions in 2020, which was a 39% decrease from 2019.

The Department for Community Based Services returned the survey, providing the total number of domestic adoptions, private adoptions, stepparent adoptions, and public adoptions.

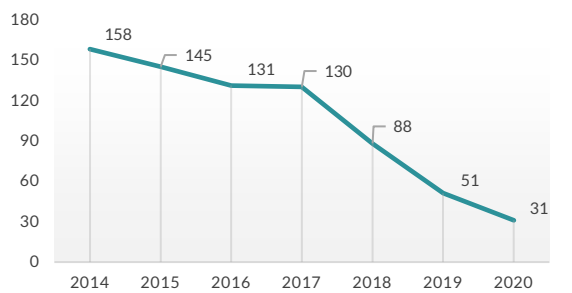
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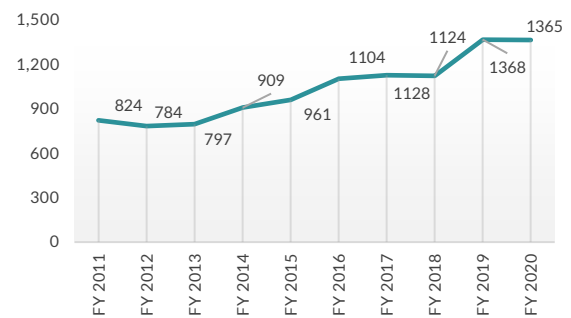
Private Adoption



Intercountry Adoption



Adoption from Foster Care



| | Domestic Adoptions | Domestic Private, Stepparent Adoptions | Domestic Private, Non-Stepparent Adoptions | Domestic Public Adoptions | AFCARS | Intercountry Adoptions |
|------|--------------------|--|--|---------------------------|--------|------------------------|
| 2019 | 2,816 | 579 | 876 | 1,361 | 1,368 | 51 |
| 2020 | 2,456 | 531 | 733 | 1,192 | 1,365 | 31 |

LOUISIANA

In Louisiana, the total number of domestic adoptions was 1,696 in 2019. Private adoptions made up 47% of domestic adoptions. The total number of domestic adoptions declined by 19% in 2020. There were 1,380 domestic adoptions in 2020. Private adoptions comprised 45% of domestic adoptions, and public adoptions 55%.

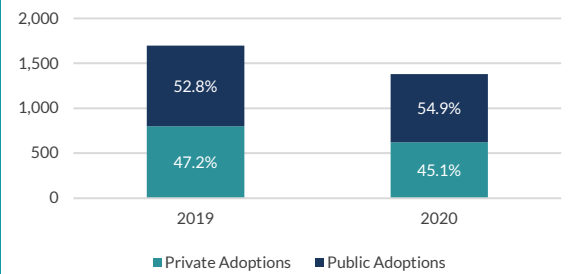
Forty-seven percent of private adoptions were by stepparents in 2019: there were 373 stepparent adoptions within private adoptions. The number of stepparent adoptions was 235 in 2020, making up 38% of private adoptions.

According to AFCARS data, the number of public adoptions was 895 in 2019. This was a 1% decline compared to 2018. The number of children adopted from foster care declined by 16% in 2020: 749 children were adopted from foster care in 2020.

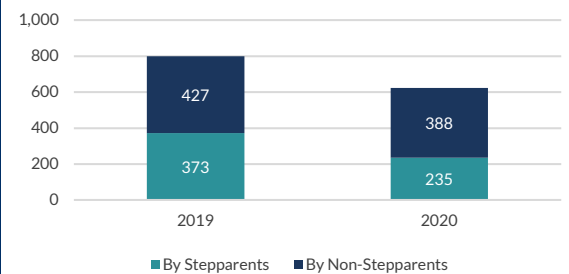
In 2019, there were 26 intercountry adoptions in Louisiana, which was a 26% decline from 2018. The number of intercountry adoptions further declined in 2020: there were six intercountry adoptions, which was a 77% decline compared to 2019.

The Department Children and Family Services returned the survey, providing the total number of domestic adoptions, private adoptions, stepparent adoptions, and public adoptions.

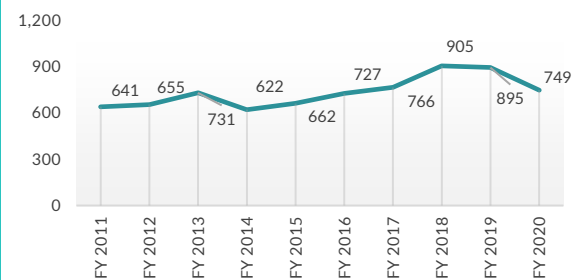
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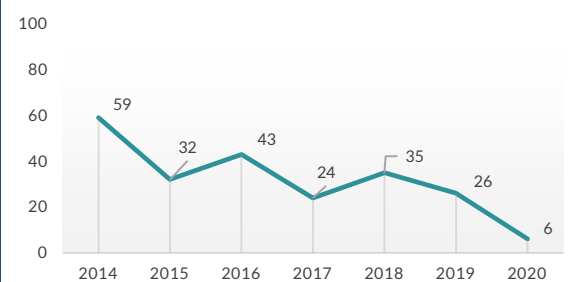
Private Adoption



Adoption from Foster Care



Intercountry Adoption



| | Domestic Adoptions | Domestic Private, Stepparent Adoptions | Domestic Private, Non-Stepparent Adoptions | Domestic Public Adoptions | AFCARS | Intercountry Adoptions |
|------|--------------------|--|--|---------------------------|--------|------------------------|
| 2019 | 1,696 | 373 | 427 | 896 | 895 | 26 |
| 2020 | 1,380 | 235 | 388 | 757 | 749 | 6 |

MAINE

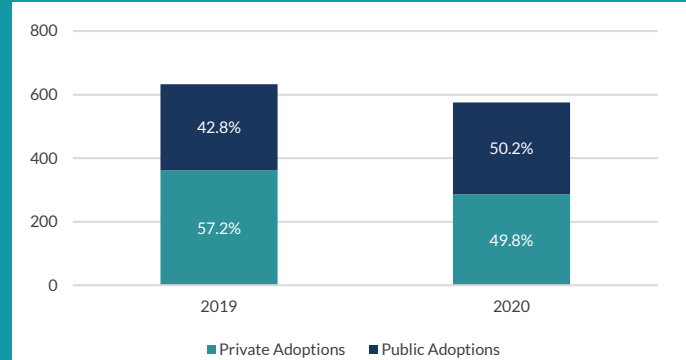
In Maine, the total number of domestic adoptions was 633 in 2019. Private adoptions made up 57% of domestic adoptions. The total number of domestic adoptions declined by 9% in 2020. There were 576 domestic adoptions in 2020. Private adoptions comprised 50% of domestic adoptions, and public adoptions 50%.

According to AFCARS data, the number of public adoptions was 294 in 2019. This was a 26% decline compared to 2018. The number of children adopted from foster care further declined by 16% in 2020: 247 children were adopted from foster care in 2020.

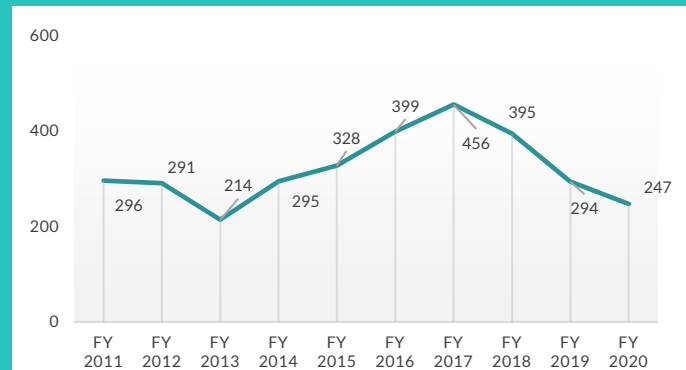
In 2019, there were seven intercountry adoptions in Maine, which was a 70% decline from 2018. The number of intercountry adoptions further declined in 2020: there were only four intercountry adoptions, which was a 43% decline compared to 2019.

The Office of Child and Family Services, Department of Health and Human Services, provided information on the total number of domestic adoptions and public adoptions. The number of private adoptions was calculated by subtracting the number of public adoptions from the total number of domestic adoptions.

Domestic Adoption



Adoption from Foster Care



Intercountry Adoption



| | Domestic Adoptions | Domestic Private Adoptions | Domestic Public Adoptions | AFCARS | Intercountry Adoptions |
|------|--------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|--------|------------------------|
| 2019 | 633 | 362 | 271 | 294 | 7 |
| 2020 | 576 | 287 | 289 | 247 | 4 |

MARYLAND

In Maryland, the total number of domestic adoptions was 313 in 2019. Private adoptions made up 20% of domestic adoptions. The total number of domestic adoptions declined by 10% in 2020. There were 282 domestic adoptions in 2020.

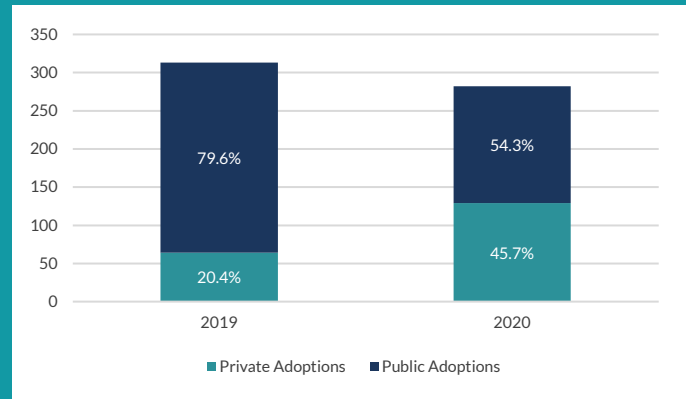
According to AFCARS data, the number of public adoptions was 291 in 2019. This was an 18% decline compared to 2018. The number of children adopted from foster care further declined by 19% in 2020: 237 children were adopted from foster care in 2020.

In 2019, there were 84 intercountry adoptions in Maryland, which was a 25% decline from 2018. The number of intercountry adoptions further declined in 2020: there were 54 intercountry adoptions, which was a 36% decline compared to 2019.

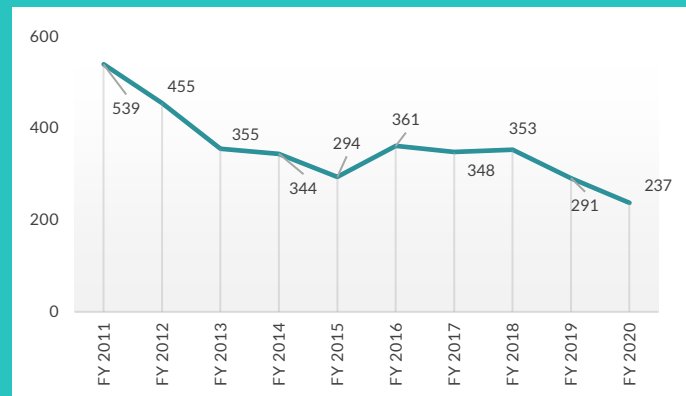
Maryland did not return the survey. The total number of adoptions was estimated from the adoption case terminations reported in the Maryland Judiciary Statistical Abstracts (<https://mdcourts.gov/publications/annual-reports>). The number of public adoptions was obtained from the annual reports of the Citizens Review Board For Children, a review panel of volunteers and Department of Human Services staff.²⁸ The number of private adoptions was computed by subtracting the number of public adoptions from the estimated total number of domestic adoptions.

²⁸ These reports can be located at <https://dhs.maryland.gov/citizens-review-board-for-children/publications/> under Annual Reports.

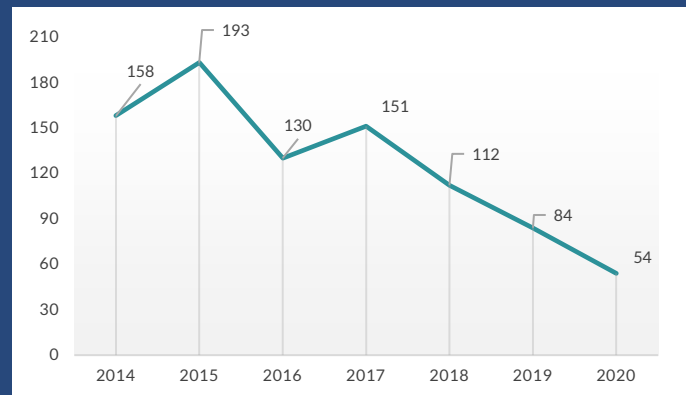
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Adoption from Foster Care



Intercountry Adoption



| | Domestic Adoptions | Domestic Private Adoptions | Domestic Public Adoptions | AFCARS | Intercountry Adoptions |
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| 2019 | 313 | 64 | 249 | 291 | 84 |
| 2020 | 282 | 129 | 153 | 237 | 54 |

MASSACHUSETTS

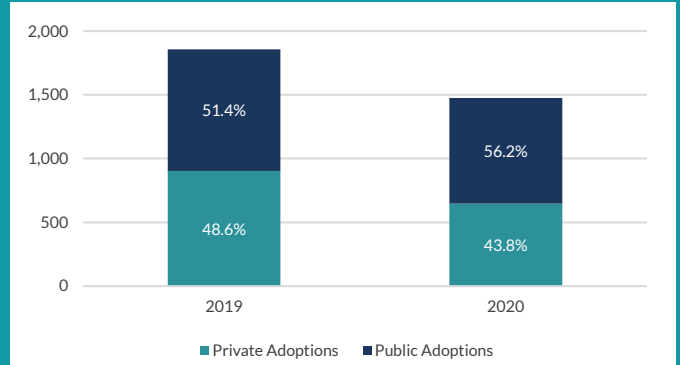
In Massachusetts, the total number of domestic adoptions was 1,857 in 2019. Private adoptions made up 49% of domestic adoptions. The total number of domestic adoptions declined by 21% in 2020. There were 1,475 domestic adoptions in 2020.

According to AFCARS data, the number of public adoptions was 998 in 2019. This was a 21% increase compared to 2018. The number of children adopted from foster care declined by 24% in 2020: 762 children were adopted from foster care in 2020.

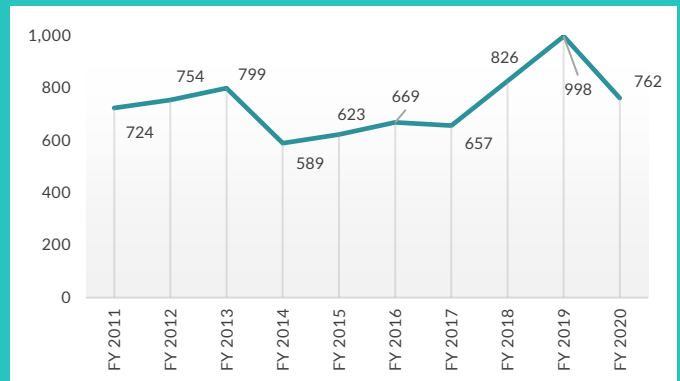
In 2019, there were 43 intercountry adoptions in Massachusetts, which was a 28% decline from 2018. The number of intercountry adoptions further declined in 2020: there were 31 intercountry adoptions, which was a 28% decline compared to 2019.

The Executive Office of the Trial Court provided data on the total number of domestic adoptions, public adoptions, and private adoptions. These figures were based on adoption cases filed in the Juvenile Court, the Probate and Family Court, and the Trial Court. Additional data on the number of public adoptions was provided by the Department of Children and Families. This report used the public adoption data from the Executive Office of the Trial Court for consistency.

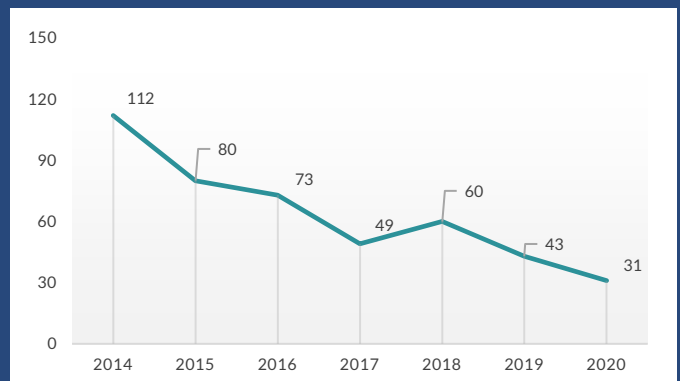
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Adoption from Foster Care



Intercountry Adoption



| | Domestic Adoptions | Domestic Private Adoptions | Domestic Public Adoptions | AFCARS | Intercountry Adoptions |
|------|--------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|--------|------------------------|
| 2019 | 1,857 | 903 | 954 | 998 | 43 |
| 2020 | 1,475 | 646 | 829 | 762 | 31 |

Note. According to the Department of Children and Families, the number of public adoptions was 936 in 2019 and 850 in 2020.

MICHIGAN

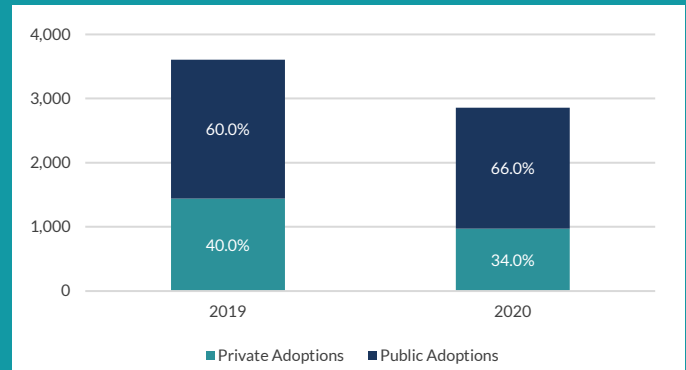
In Michigan, the total number of domestic adoptions was 3,603 in 2019. Private adoptions made up 40% of domestic adoptions. The total number of domestic adoptions declined by 21% in 2020. There were 2,858 domestic adoptions in 2020.

According to AFCARS data, the number of public adoptions was 2,161 in 2019. This was a 9% increase compared to 2018. The number of children adopted from foster care declined by 14% in 2020: 1,851 children were adopted from foster care in 2020.

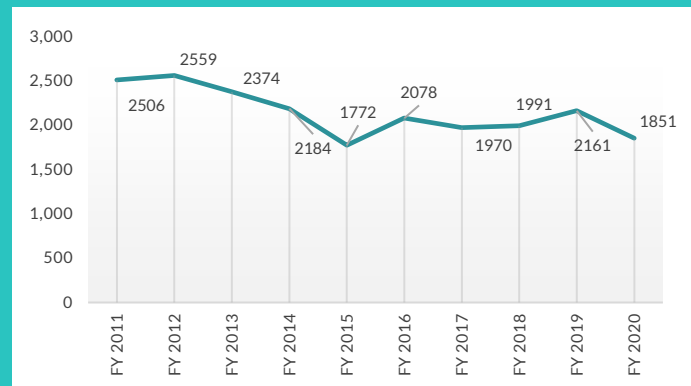
In 2019, there were 93 intercountry adoptions in Michigan, which was a 13% decline from 2018. The number of intercountry adoptions further declined in 2020: there were 38 intercountry adoptions, which was a 59% decline compared to 2019.

The total number of domestic adoptions was provided by the Michigan Supreme Court, which had data on the number of finalized adoptions. The number of public adoptions was provided by the Department of Health and Human Services. The number of private adoptions was computed by subtracting the number of public adoptions from the total number of domestic adoptions.

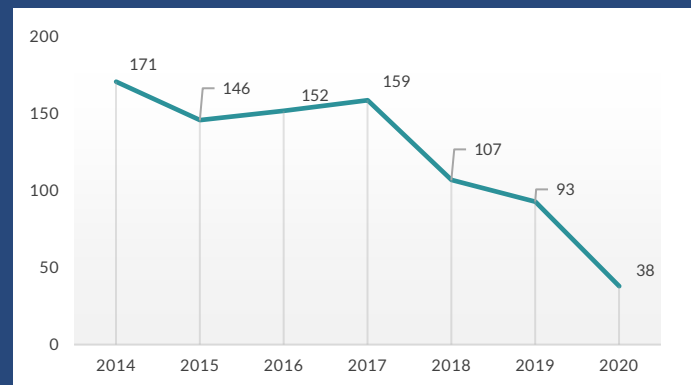
Domestic Adoption



Adoption from Foster Care



Intercountry Adoption



| | Domestic Adoptions | Domestic Private Adoptions | Domestic Public Adoptions | AFCARS | Intercountry Adoptions |
|------|--------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|--------|------------------------|
| 2019 | 3,603 | 1,442 | 2,161 | 2,161 | 93 |
| 2020 | 2,858 | 971 | 1,887 | 1,851 | 38 |

MINNESOTA

In Minnesota, the total number of domestic adoptions was 1,687 in 2019. Private adoptions made up 28% of domestic adoptions. The total number of domestic adoptions declined by 13% in 2020. There were 1,476 domestic adoptions in 2020.

According to AFCARS data, the number of public adoptions was 1,347 in 2019. This was a 5% increase compared to 2018. The number of children adopted from foster care decreased by 23% in 2020: 1,043 children were adopted from foster care in 2020.

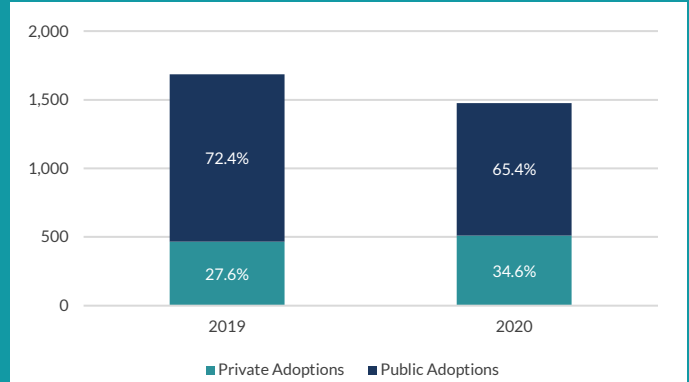
In 2019, there were 86 intercountry adoptions in Minnesota, which was a 36% decline from 2018. The number of intercountry adoptions further declined in 2020: there were 56 intercountry adoptions, which was a 35% decline compared to 2019.

Minnesota did not return the survey. The total number of domestic adoptions was obtained from the District Court Case Filings data dashboard from the Minnesota Judicial Branch.²⁹ The number of public adoptions was obtained from the Out-of-home Care and Permanency Reports distributed by the Minnesota Department of Human Services, Children and Family Services, Child Safety and Permanency Division.³⁰ The number of private adoptions was computed by subtracting the number of public adoptions from the total number of domestic adoptions.

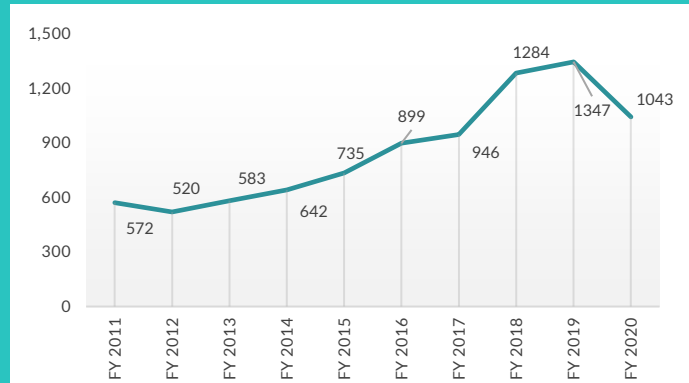
²⁹ The data dashboard can be accessed at <https://www.mncourts.gov/Help-Topics/Court-Statistics/District-Court-Filings.aspx>.

³⁰ These reports can be located at <https://mn.gov/dhs/media/legislative-information/legislative-reports/>.

Domestic Adoption



Adoption from Foster Care



Intercountry Adoption



| | Domestic Adoptions | Domestic Private Adoptions | Domestic Public Adoptions | AFCARS | Intercountry Adoptions |
|------|--------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|--------|------------------------|
| 2019 | 1,687 | 466 | 1,221 | 1,347 | 86 |
| 2020 | 1,476 | 511 | 965 | 1,043 | 56 |

MISSISSIPPI

In Mississippi, the total number of domestic adoptions was 1,116 in 2019. Private adoptions made up 36% of domestic adoptions. The total number of domestic adoptions declined by 17% in 2020. There were 927 domestic adoptions in 2020.

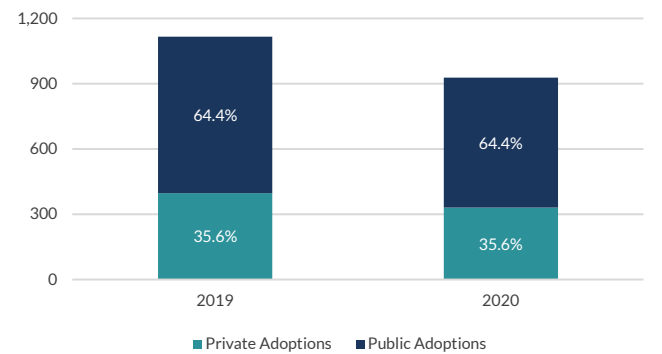
According to AFCARS data, the number of public adoptions was 719 in 2019. This was a 67% increase compared to 2018. The number of children adopted from foster care declined by 17% in 2020: 597 children were adopted from foster care in 2020.

In 2019, there were 22 intercountry adoptions in Mississippi, which was a 21% decline from 2018. The number of intercountry adoptions further declined in 2020: there were 14 intercountry adoptions, which was a 36% decline compared to 2019.

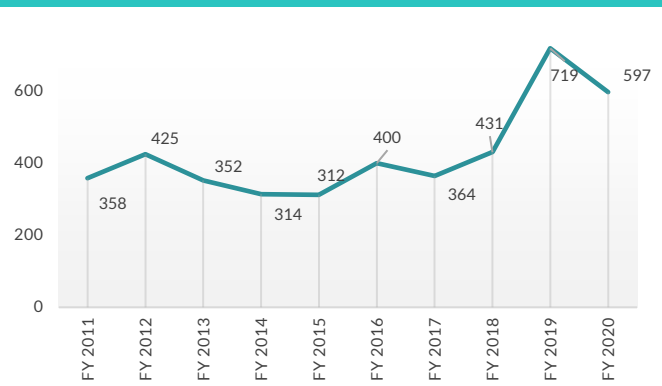
Mississippi did not return the survey, and the research team could not locate any information on the number of adoptions in the state. In order to estimate the total number of domestic adoptions, data for 2010, 2011, 2012, and 2014, derived from previous research³¹, was used. The number of private adoptions for each year was divided by the number of public adoptions to obtain a proportion for each year. The proportions were averaged to obtain an average proportion across these four discontinuous years. The number of public adoptions, which was obtained from AFCARS data, was multiplied by this average proportion to estimate the total number of domestic adoptions. The number of private adoptions was computed by subtracting the number of public adoptions from this estimated total number of domestic adoptions.

³¹ National Council For Adoption. (2017). *Adoption by the numbers: A comprehensive report of U.S. adoption statistics*. Child Welfare Information Gateway. (2016). *Trends in U.S. Adoptions: 2008–2012*. <https://www.childwelfare.gov/pubs/adopted0812/>

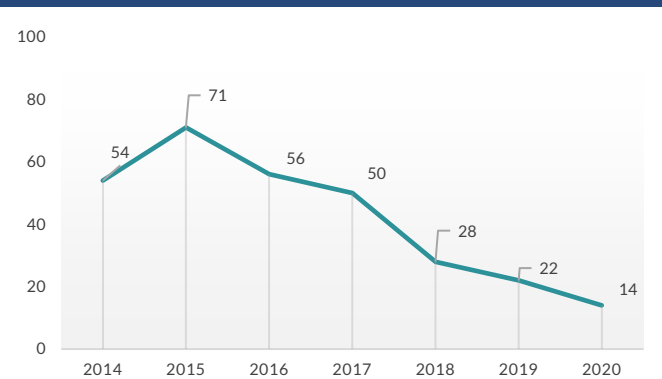
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Intercountry Adoption



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| 2019 | 1,116 | 397 | 719 | 719 | 22 |
| 2020 | 927 | 330 | 597 | 597 | 14 |

MISSOURI

In Missouri, the total number of domestic adoptions was 3,273 in 2019. Private adoptions made up 44% of domestic adoptions. The total number of domestic adoptions declined by 10% in 2020. There were 2,950 domestic adoptions in 2020.

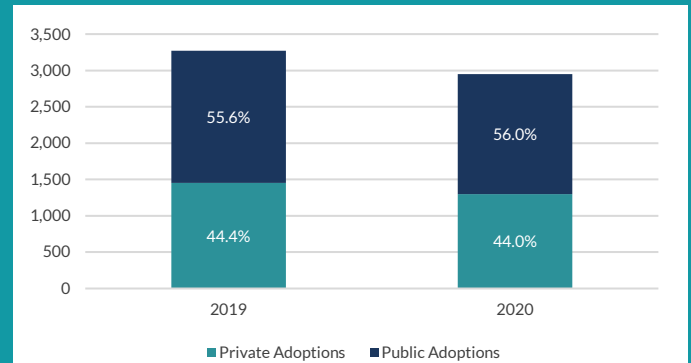
According to AFCARS data, the number of public adoptions was 1,820 in 2019. This was almost the same as in 2018 when there were 1,789 public adoptions. The number of children adopted from foster care declined by 9% in 2020: 1,652 children were adopted from foster care in 2020.

In 2019, there were 83 intercountry adoptions in Missouri, which was a 14% decline from 2018. The number of intercountry adoptions further declined in 2020: there were 37 intercountry adoptions, which was a 55% decline compared to 2019.

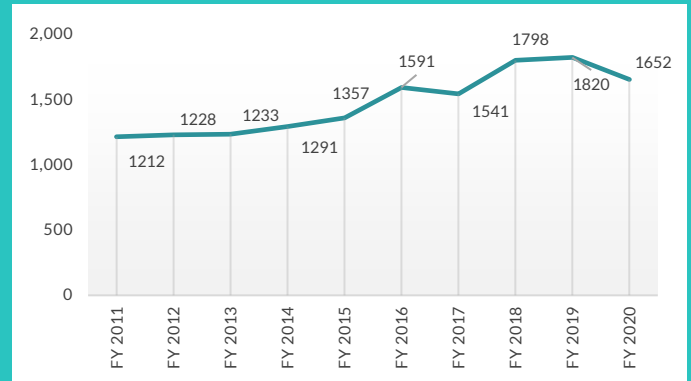
Missouri did not return the survey. This report used the number of outgoing cases reported by CSP³² as its estimate for the total number of domestic adoptions. The number of public adoptions was obtained from AFCARS data. The number of private adoptions was computed by subtracting the number of public adoptions from the total number of domestic adoptions.

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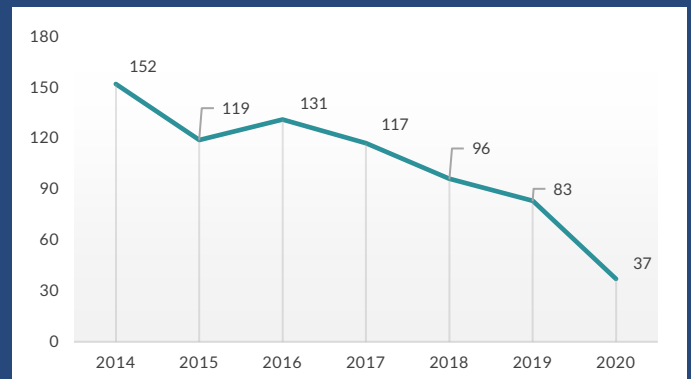
Domestic Adoption



Adoption from Foster Care



Intercountry Adoption



| | Domestic Adoptions | Domestic Private Adoptions | Domestic Public Adoptions | AFCARS | Intercountry Adoptions |
|------|--------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|--------|------------------------|
| 2019 | 3,273 | 1,453 | 1,820 | 1,820 | 83 |
| 2020 | 2,950 | 1,298 | 1,652 | 1,652 | 37 |

Note. An alternative source for the number of public adoptions was found in the Missouri Department of Social Services, Children's Division, Children's Services Management Report. The December 2020 report is accessible at <https://dss.mo.gov/re/pdf/csmr/1220-childrens-services-management-reports.pdf>. This gives the number of public adoptions in 2019 as 1,828; in 2020, as 1,744.

MONTANA

In Montana, the total number of domestic adoptions was 924 in 2019. Private adoptions made up 48% of domestic adoptions. The total number of domestic adoptions declined by 20% in 2020. There were 739 domestic adoptions in 2020.

It was estimated that 49% of private adoptions were by stepparents in 2019: there were 216 stepparent adoptions within private adoptions. The number of stepparent adoptions was estimated to be 72 in 2020, making up 23% of private adoptions.

According to AFCARS data, the number of public adoptions was 482 in 2019. This was a 22% increase compared to 2018. The number of children adopted from foster care declined by 10% in 2020: 432 children were adopted from foster care in 2020.

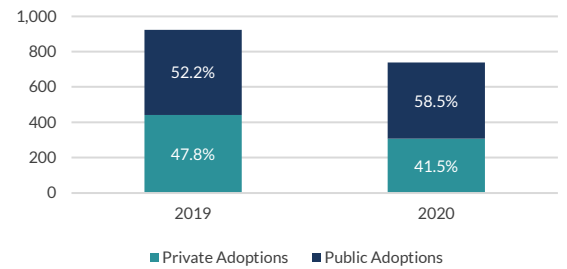
In 2019, there were five intercountry adoptions in Montana, which was a 79% decline from 2018. The number of intercountry adoptions increased in 2020: there were seven intercountry adoptions, which was a 40% increase compared to 2019.

The Child and Family Services Division under the Department of Public Health and Human Services returned the survey, providing the number of stepparent, private, public and domestic adoptions. However, the figures were based on the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC) placements. As a result, the research team decided to use the number of incoming cases reported by CSP³³ as the estimate for the total number of domestic adoptions. The report used AFCARS data for the number of public adoptions. The number of private adoptions was computed by subtracting the number of public adoptions from the total number of domestic adoptions.

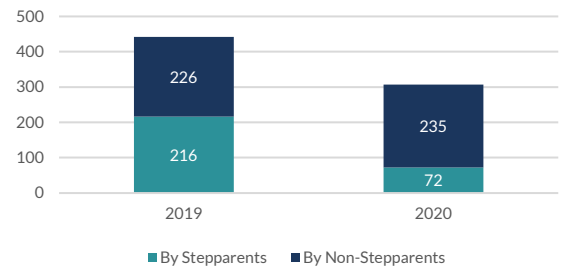
To estimate the proportion of stepparent adoptions, the report used the proportion available from the returned survey, which was based on ICPC placements.

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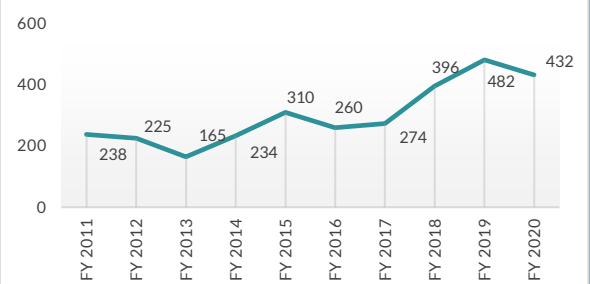
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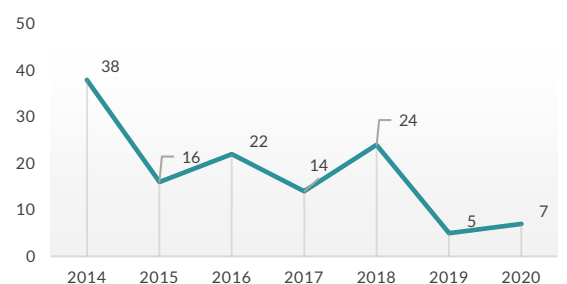
Private Adoption



Adoption from Foster Care



Intercountry Adoption



| | Domestic Adoptions | Domestic Private, Stepparent Adoptions | Domestic Private, Non-Stepparent Adoptions | Domestic Public Adoptions | AFCARS | Intercountry Adoptions |
|------|--------------------|--|--|---------------------------|--------|------------------------|
| 2019 | 924 | 216 | 226 | 482 | 482 | 5 |
| 2020 | 739 | 72 | 235 | 432 | 432 | 7 |

NEBRASKA

In Nebraska, the total number of domestic adoptions was 961 in 2019. Private adoptions made up 43% of domestic adoptions. The total number of domestic adoptions declined by 26% in 2020. There were 715 domestic adoptions in 2020.

According to AFCARS data, the number of public adoptions was 560 in 2019. This was almost the same as in 2018 when there were 564 public adoptions. The number of children adopted from foster care declined by 23% in 2020: 433 children were adopted from foster care in 2020.

In 2019, there were 15 intercountry adoptions in Nebraska, which was a 42% decline from 2018. The number of intercountry adoptions declined in 2020: there were 13 intercountry adoptions, which was a 13% decline compared to 2019.

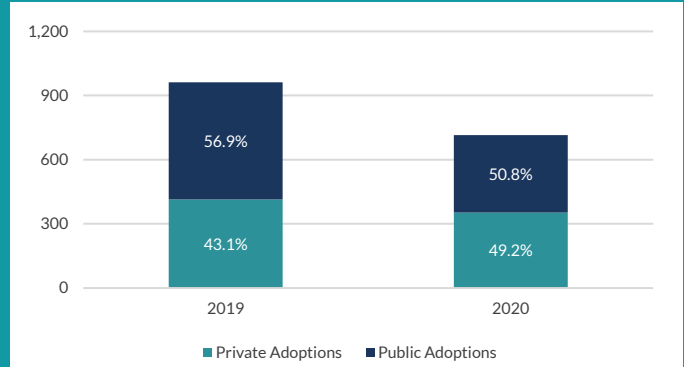
A total number of domestic adoptions was provided by the Nebraska Judicial Branch Annual Caseload Reports,³⁴ which gave the number of incoming cases. The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) in concert with the Nebraska Judicial Branch also provided the total number of adoptions of Nebraska-born children. Given that the number of incoming cases is often an overestimate, the research team decided to use the number of disposed cases reported by the CSP³⁵ as the estimate for the total number of domestic adoptions.

The Department of Health and Human Services provided data on the number of public adoptions. The number of private adoptions was computed by subtracting the number of public adoptions from the total number of domestic adoptions.

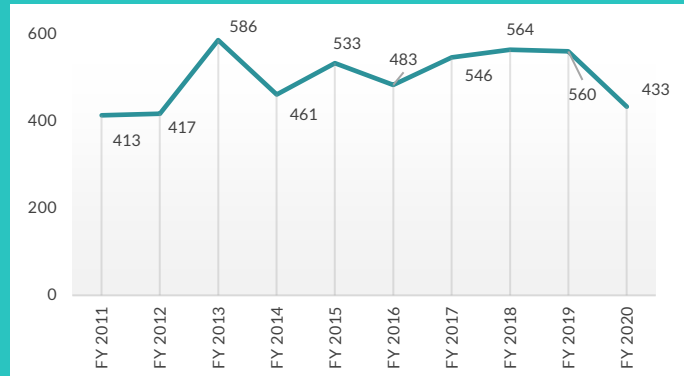
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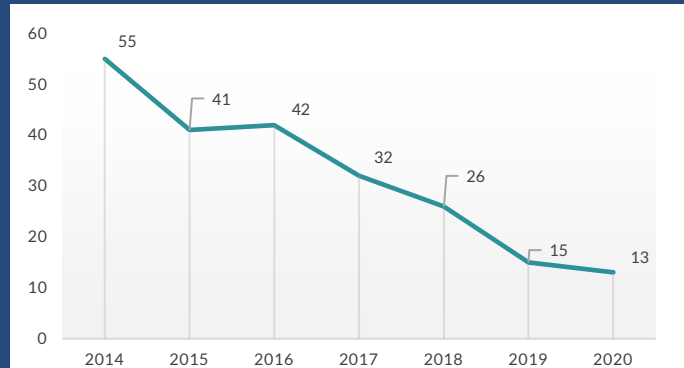
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Adoption from Foster Care



Intercountry Adoption



| | Domestic Adoptions | Domestic Private Adoptions | Domestic Public Adoptions | AFCARS | Intercountry Adoptions |
|------|--------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|--------|------------------------|
| 2019 | 961 | 414 | 547 | 560 | 15 |
| 2020 | 715 | 352 | 363 | 433 | 13 |

Note. According to the returned survey from DHHS/Courts, the total number of domestic adoptions was 928 in 2019 and 744 in 2020. According to the caseload reports from the Nebraska Judicial Branch, the total number of incoming adoption cases was 980 in 2019 and 840 in 2020.

NEVADA

In Nevada, the total number of domestic adoptions was 1,343 in 2019. Private adoptions made up 37.5% of domestic adoptions. The total number of domestic adoptions declined by 13% in 2020. There were 1,174 domestic adoptions in 2020.

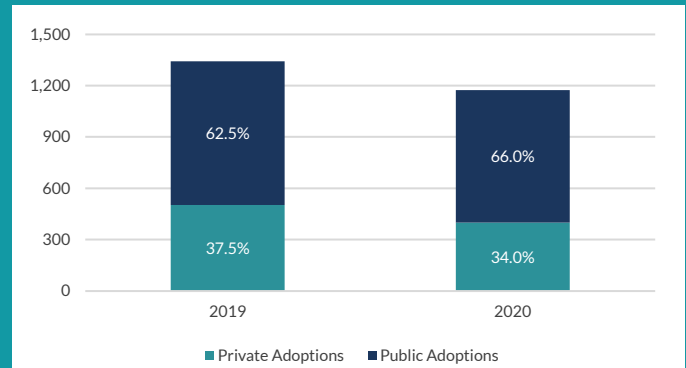
According to AFCARS data, the number of public adoptions was 805 in 2019. This was a 6% increase compared to 2018. The number of children adopted from foster care slightly declined in 2020: 796 children were adopted from foster care in 2020, which was a 1% decrease from 2019.

In 2019, there were nine intercountry adoptions in Nevada, which was a 13% increase from 2018. The number of intercountry adoptions declined in 2020: there were three intercountry adoptions, which was a 67% decline compared to 2019.

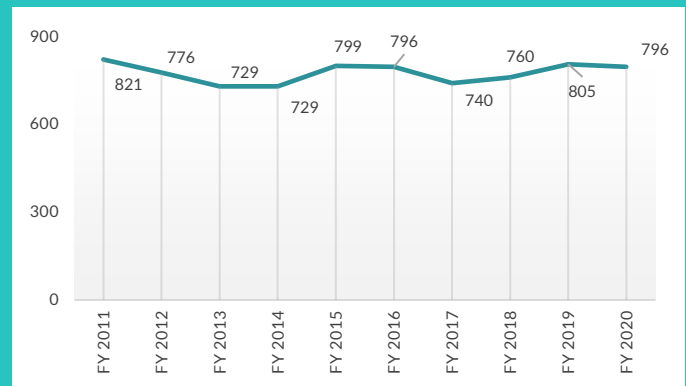
The Department of Health and Human Services submitted the total number of domestic adoptions in Nevada during the given state fiscal years. The number of public adoptions was obtained from the Division of Child and Family Services Data Book.³⁶ The number of private adoptions was computed by subtracting the number of public adoptions from the total number of domestic adoptions.

³⁶ This data book can be accessed at https://dcfs.nv.gov/uploadedFiles/dcfsnv.gov/content/Programs/Data/DCFS_Data_Book_ADA_for_September_2021_v2.pdf.

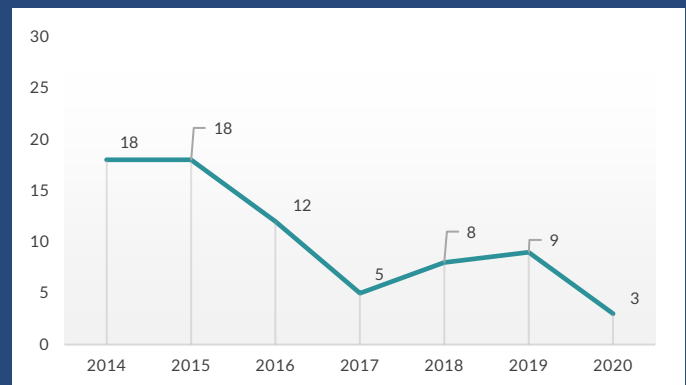
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Adoption from Foster Care



Intercountry Adoption



| | Domestic Adoptions | Domestic Private Adoptions | Domestic Public Adoptions | AFCARS | Intercountry Adoptions |
|------|--------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|--------|------------------------|
| 2019 | 1,343 | 503 | 840 | 805 | 9 |
| 2020 | 1,174 | 399 | 775 | 796 | 3 |

NEW HAMPSHIRE

In New Hampshire, the total number of domestic adoptions was 639 in 2019. Private adoptions made up 56.5% of domestic adoptions. The total number of domestic adoptions declined by 36% in 2020. There were 408 domestic adoptions in 2020.

According to AFCARS data, the number of public adoptions was 278 in 2019. This was a 32% increase compared to 2018. The number of children adopted from foster care declined by 34% in 2020: 183 children were adopted from foster care in 2020.

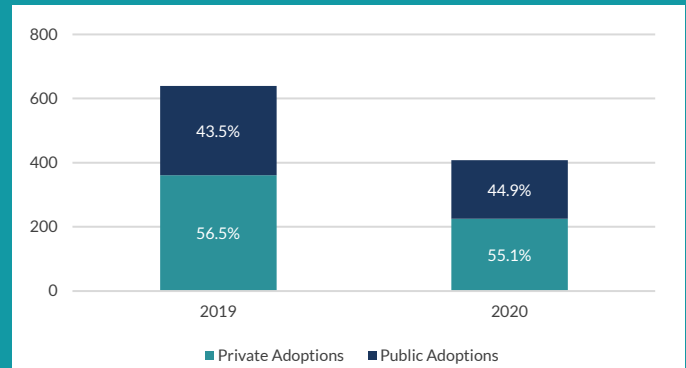
In 2019, there were nine intercountry adoptions in New Hampshire, which was a 44% decline from 2018. The number of intercountry adoptions further declined in 2020: there were only two intercountry adoptions, which was a 78% decline compared to 2019.

The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) returned the survey with data on the total number of domestic adoptions, public adoptions, and private adoptions. However, the research decided to use the number of outgoing cases reported by CSP³⁷ as its estimate for the total number of domestic adoptions instead of the DHHS number. There was a large discrepancy between the numbers provided by the DHHS and the CSP, and the research team chose the CSP figure, which was more consistent with the figures reported in prior reports.³⁸ The report used AFCARS data for its number of public adoptions. The number of private adoptions was computed by subtracting the number of public adoptions from the total number of domestic adoptions.

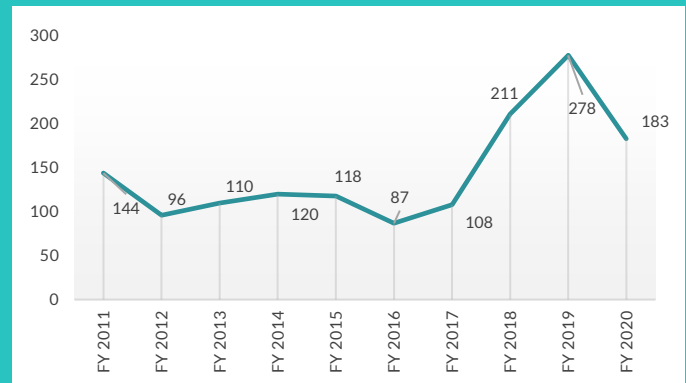
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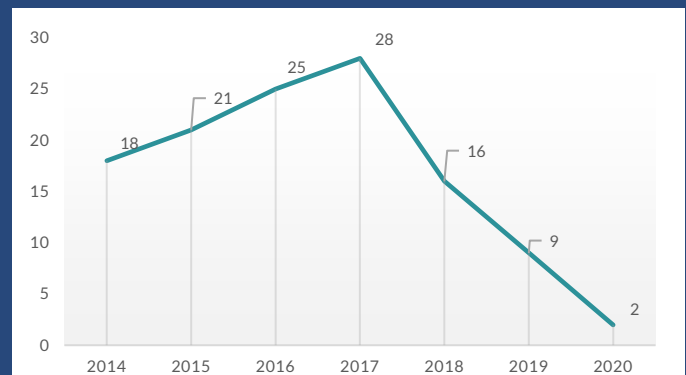
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Adoption from Foster Care



Intercountry Adoption



| | Domestic Adoptions | Domestic Private Adoptions | Domestic Public Adoptions | AFCARS | Intercountry Adoptions |
|------|--------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|--------|------------------------|
| 2019 | 639 | 361 | 278 | 278 | 9 |
| 2020 | 408 | 225 | 183 | 183 | 2 |

Note. According to the returned survey, the total number of adoptions was 326 in 2019, and 308 in 2020. The number of private adoptions was reported to be 57 in 2019, and 122 in 2020. The survey reported that the number of public adoptions was 269 in 2019, and 186 in 2020.

NEW JERSEY

In New Jersey, the total number of domestic adoptions was 2,109 in 2019. Private adoptions made up 47% of domestic adoptions. The total number of domestic adoptions declined by 35% in 2020. There were 1,372 domestic adoptions in 2020.

According to AFCARS data, the number of public adoptions was 1,162 in 2019. This was a 10% increase compared to 2018. The number of children adopted from foster care declined by 32% in 2020: 788 children were adopted from foster care in 2020.

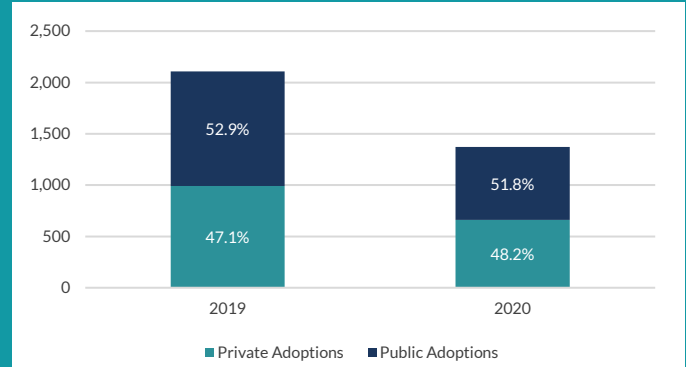
In 2019, there were 50 intercountry adoptions in New Jersey, which was a 31% decline from 2018. The number of intercountry adoptions further declined in 2020: there were 37 intercountry adoptions, which was a 26% decline compared to 2019.

The estimated total number of domestic adoptions was provided by New Jersey Department of Health Office of Vital Statistics and Registry, which was between 2,000 and 2,500 for both 2019 and 2020. Since they only submitted the range, this report used the number of dispositions reported by CSP³⁹ as its estimate for the total number of domestic adoptions. The number of public adoptions was obtained from New Jersey Child Protection & Permanency Data Portal, “Children Exiting Out of Home Placement.”⁴⁰ The number of private adoptions was computed by subtracting the number of public adoptions from the total number of domestic adoptions.

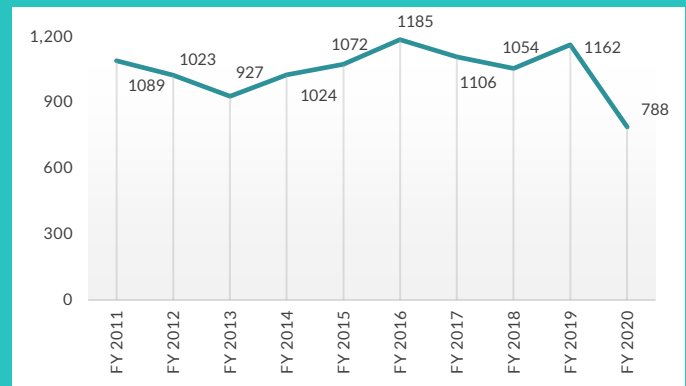
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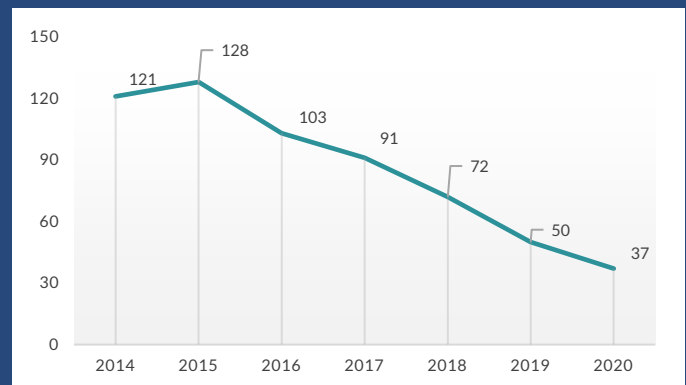
Domestic Adoption



Adoption from Foster Care



Intercountry Adoption



| | Domestic Adoptions | Domestic Private Adoptions | Domestic Public Adoptions | AFCARS | Intercountry Adoptions |
|------|--------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|--------|------------------------|
| 2019 | 2,109 | 993 | 1,116 | 1,162 | 50 |
| 2020 | 1,372 | 661 | 711 | 788 | 37 |

NEW MEXICO

In New Mexico, the total number of domestic adoptions was 567 in 2019. Private adoptions made up 41% of domestic adoptions. The total number of domestic adoptions declined by 23% in 2020. There were 439 domestic adoptions in 2020.

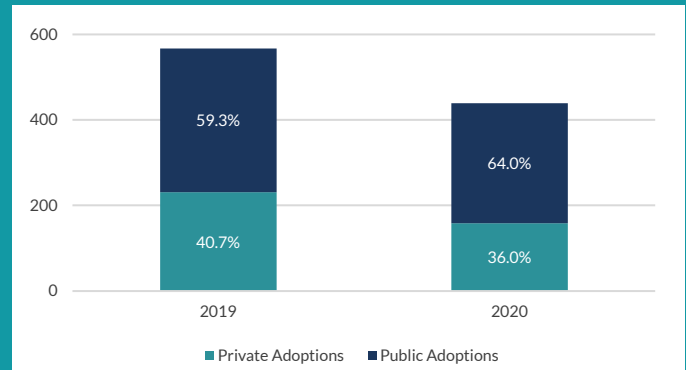
According to AFCARS data, the number of public adoptions was 336 in 2019. This was a 13% increase compared to 2018. The number of children adopted from foster care declined by 16% in 2020: 281 children were adopted from foster care in 2020.

In 2019, there were 18 intercountry adoptions in New Mexico, which was almost the same as in 2018 when there were 17 intercountry adoptions. The number of intercountry adoptions declined in 2020: there were five intercountry adoptions, which was a 72% decline compared to 2019.

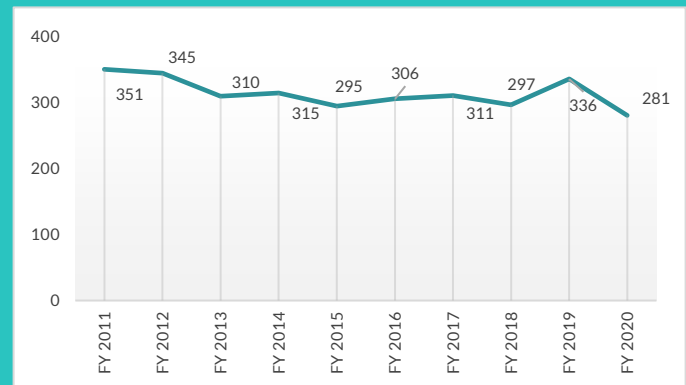
New Mexico did not return the survey. This report used the number of outgoing cases reported by CSP⁴¹ as its estimate for the total number of domestic adoptions. AFCARS data was used for the number of public adoptions in this report. The number of private adoptions was computed by subtracting the number of public adoptions from the total number of domestic adoptions.

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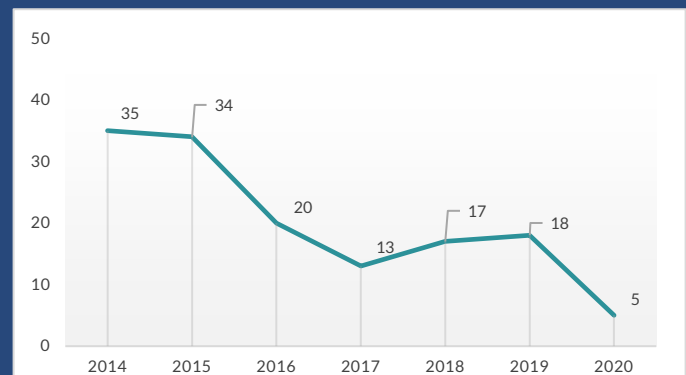
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Intercountry Adoption



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|------|--------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|--------|------------------------|
| 2019 | 567 | 231 | 336 | 336 | 18 |
| 2020 | 439 | 158 | 281 | 281 | 5 |

NEW YORK

In New York, the total number of domestic adoptions was 4,306 in 2019. Private adoptions made up 59% of domestic adoptions. The total number of domestic adoptions declined by 43% in 2020. There were 2,447 domestic adoptions in 2020.

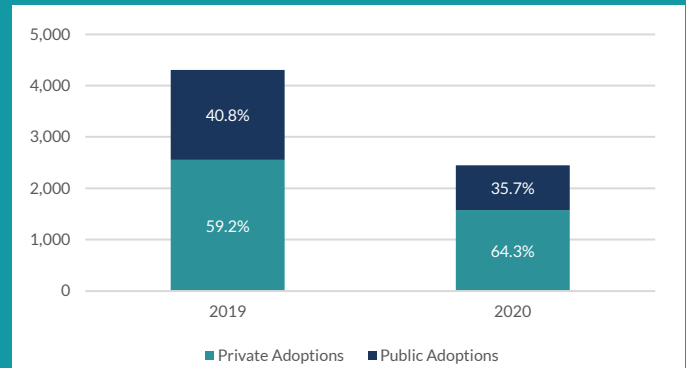
According to AFCARS data, the number of public adoptions was 1,648 in 2019. This was a 3% decline compared to 2018. The number of children adopted from foster care further declined by 41% in 2020: 974 children were adopted from foster care in 2020.

In 2019, there were 139 intercountry adoptions in New York, which was a 16% decline from 2018. The number of intercountry adoptions further declined in 2020: there were 77 intercountry adoptions, which was a 45% decline compared to 2019.

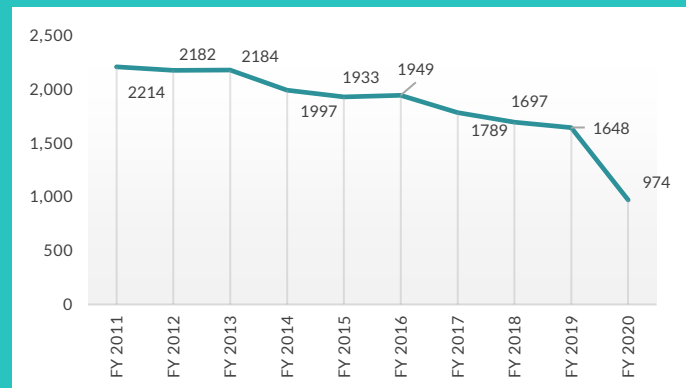
The Office of Children and Family Services only provided the number of public adoptions. The total number of domestic adoptions was obtained from the Annual Reports from the Unified Court System by adding the number of adoption dispositions in Surrogate's Court and Family & Supreme Court together.⁴² The number of private adoptions was computed by subtracting the number of public adoptions from the total number of domestic adoptions.

⁴² These reports can be accessed at https://www.nycourts.gov/legacypdfs/19_UCS-Annual_Report.pdf and <https://www.nycourts.gov/legacypdfs/20-UCS-Annual-Report.pdf>

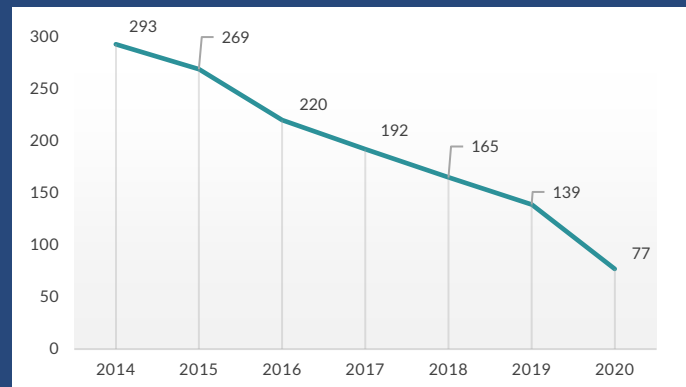
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Adoption from Foster Care



Intercountry Adoption



| | Domestic Adoptions | Domestic Private Adoptions | Domestic Public Adoptions | AFCARS | Intercountry Adoptions |
|------|--------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|--------|------------------------|
| 2019 | 4,306 | 2,551 | 1,755 | 1,648 | 139 |
| 2020 | 2,447 | 1,574 | 873 | 974 | 77 |

NORTH CAROLINA

In North Carolina, the total number of domestic adoptions was 3,126 in 2019. Private adoptions made up 48% of domestic adoptions. The total number of domestic adoptions declined by 18% in 2020. There were 2,548 domestic adoptions in 2020.

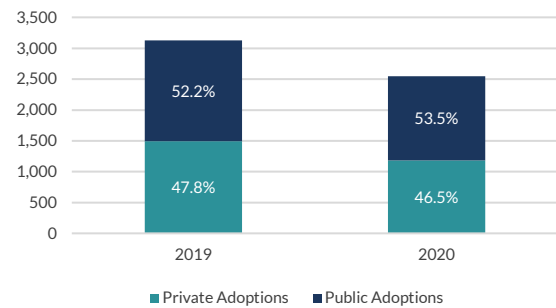
Fifty-three percent of private adoptions were by stepparents in 2019: there were 785 stepparent adoptions within private adoptions. The number of stepparent adoptions was 602 in 2020, making up 51% of private adoptions.

According to AFCARS data, the number of public adoptions was 1,546 in 2019. This was a 2% increase compared to 2018. The number of children adopted from foster care declined by 2% in 2020: 1,521 children were adopted from foster care in 2020.

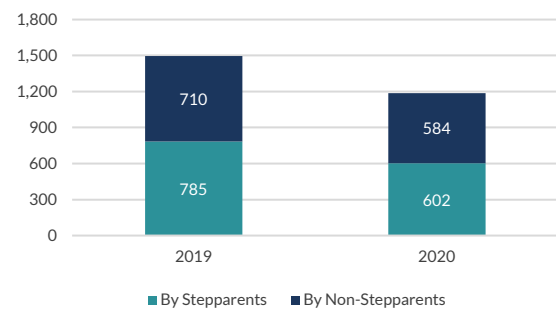
In 2019, there were 116 intercountry adoptions in North Carolina, which was a 33% decline from 2018. The number of intercountry adoptions further declined in 2020: there were 73 intercountry adoptions, which was a 37% decline compared to 2019.

The Department of Health and Human Services returned the survey, providing data on the number of stepparent adoptions, private adoptions, public adoptions and domestic adoptions.

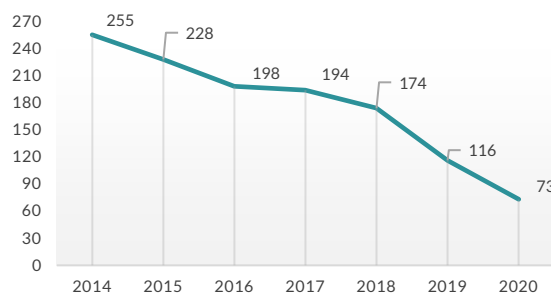
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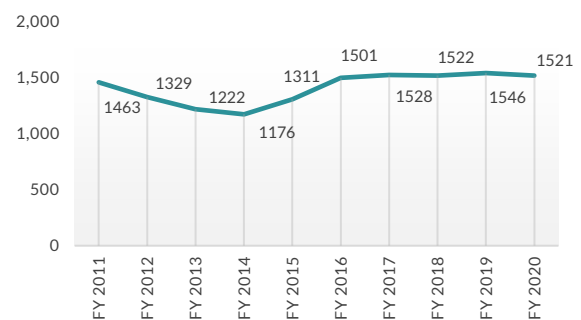
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Intercountry Adoption



Adoption from Foster Care



| | Domestic Adoptions | Domestic Private, Stepparent Adoptions | Domestic Private, Non-Stepparent Adoptions | Domestic Public Adoptions | AFCARS | Intercountry Adoptions |
|------|--------------------|--|--|---------------------------|--------|------------------------|
| 2019 | 3,126 | 785 | 710 | 1,631 | 1,546 | 116 |
| 2020 | 2,548 | 602 | 584 | 1,362 | 1,521 | 73 |

NORTH DAKOTA

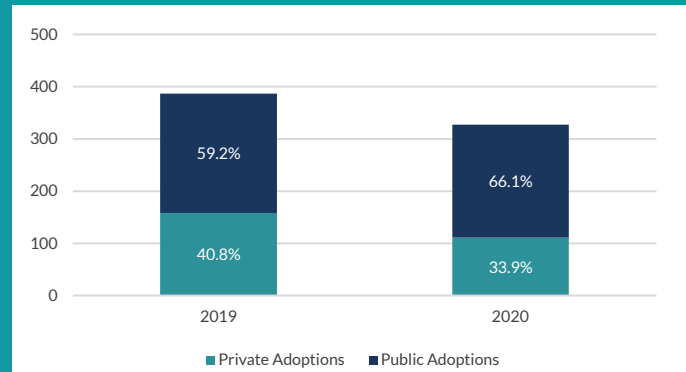
In North Dakota, the total number of domestic adoptions was 387 in 2019. Private adoptions made up 41% of domestic adoptions. The total number of domestic adoptions declined by 16% in 2020. There were 327 domestic adoptions in 2020.

According to AFCARS data, the number of public adoptions was 197 in 2019. This was a 15% increase compared to 2018. The number of children adopted from foster care remained the same in 2020: 197 children were adopted from foster care in 2020.

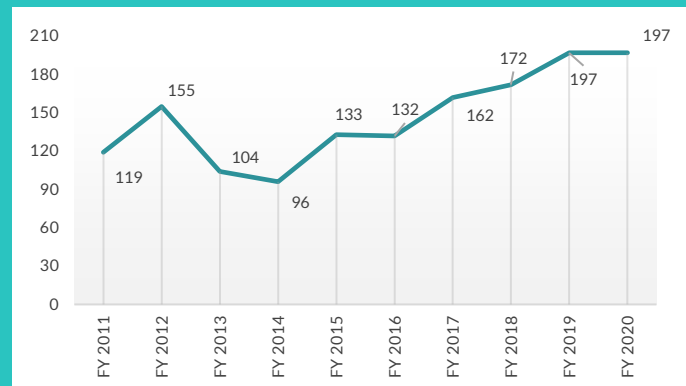
In 2019, there were eight intercountry adoptions in North Dakota, which was the same as in 2018. The number of intercountry adoptions declined in 2020: there was only one intercountry adoption, which was an 88% decline compared to 2019.

The total number of domestic adoptions was provided by the North Dakota Court System. The number of public adoptions was provided by Catholic Charities, an adoption agency that handles all of foster care adoptions that take place in North Dakota. The number of private adoptions was computed by subtracting the number of public adoptions from the total number of domestic adoptions.

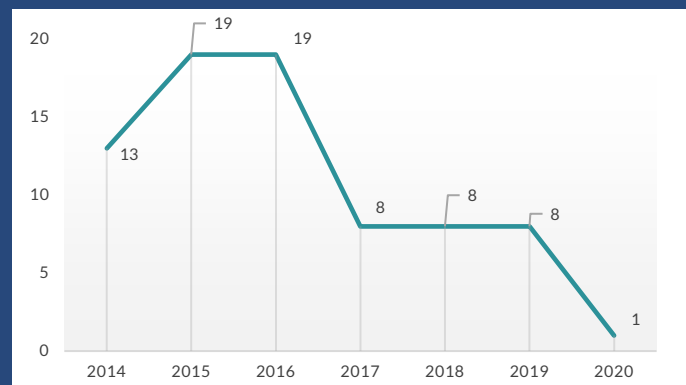
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Intercountry Adoption



| | Domestic Adoptions | Domestic Private Adoptions | Domestic Public Adoptions | AFCARS | Intercountry Adoptions |
|------|--------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|--------|------------------------|
| 2019 | 387 | 158 | 229 | 197 | 8 |
| 2020 | 327 | 111 | 216 | 197 | 1 |

OHIO

In Ohio, the total number of domestic adoptions was 4,393 in 2019. Private adoptions made up 62% of domestic adoptions. The total number of domestic adoptions declined by 17% in 2020. There were 3,642 domestic adoptions in 2020.

According to AFCARS data, the number of public adoptions was 1,665 in 2019. This was a 6% increase compared to 2018. The number of children adopted from foster care declined by 12% in 2020: 1,466 children were adopted from foster care in 2020.

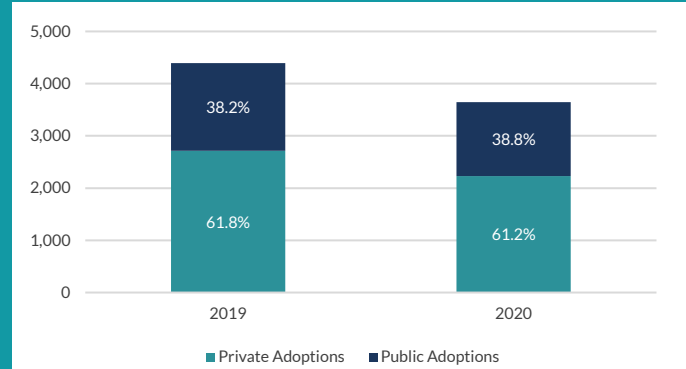
In 2019, there were 103 intercountry adoptions in Ohio, which was a 35% decline from 2018. The number of intercountry adoptions further declined in 2020: there were 36 intercountry adoptions, which was a 65% decline compared to 2019.

Ohio did not return the survey. The total number of domestic adoptions was obtained from the Dispositions and Marriage Applications Data Dashboard from the State of Ohio Courts of Common Pleas, Probate Division.⁴³ The number of public adoptions was obtained from Ohio's Interactive Children Services Dashboard, made available through Department of Job and Family Services.⁴⁴ The number of private adoptions was computed by subtracting the number of public adoptions from the total number of domestic adoptions.

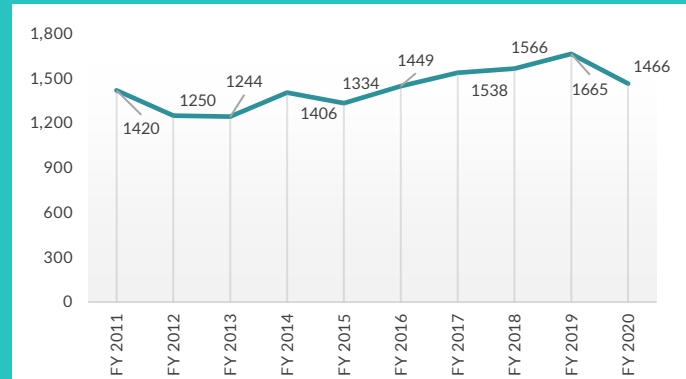
⁴³ This dashboard can be accessed at <https://analytics.das.ohio.gov/t/SCPUB/views/FormC-judge-state-PROD/DispositionsandMarriageApplications?iframeSizedToWindow=true&%3Aembed=v&%3AshowAppBanner=false&%3Adisplaycount=no&%3AshowVizHome=no>

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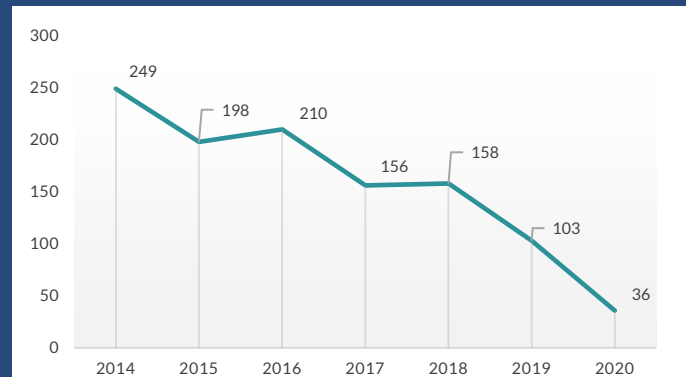
Domestic Adoption



Adoption from Foster Care



Intercountry Adoption



| | Domestic Adoptions | Domestic Private Adoptions | Domestic Public Adoptions | AFCARS | Intercountry Adoptions |
|------|--------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|--------|------------------------|
| 2019 | 4,393 | 2,716 | 1,677 | 1,665 | 103 |
| 2020 | 3,642 | 2,228 | 1,414 | 1,466 | 36 |

OKLAHOMA

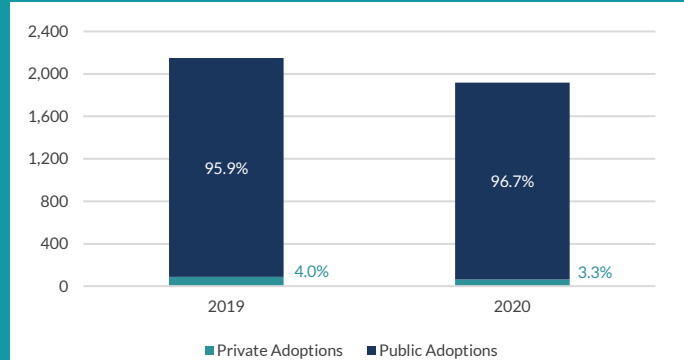
In Oklahoma, the total number of domestic adoptions was 2,152 in 2019. Private adoptions made up 4% of domestic adoptions. The total number of domestic adoptions declined by 11% in 2020. There were 1,917 domestic adoptions in 2020. It was reported that none of private adoptions were by stepparents in both 2019 and 2020.

According to AFCARS data, the number of public adoptions was 2,086 in 2019. This was a 7% decline compared to 2018. The number of children adopted from foster care further declined by 13% in 2020: 1,820 children were adopted from foster care in 2020.

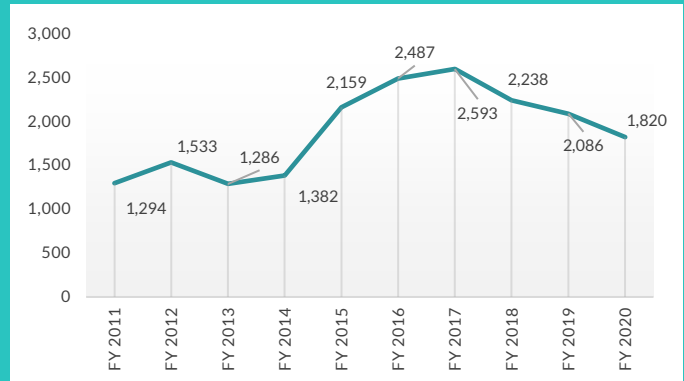
In 2019, there were 40 intercountry adoptions in Oklahoma, which was an 8% increase from 2018. The number of intercountry adoptions declined in 2020: there were 10 intercountry adoptions, which was a 75% decline compared to 2019.

The Oklahoma Department of Human Services returned the survey with all fields filled.

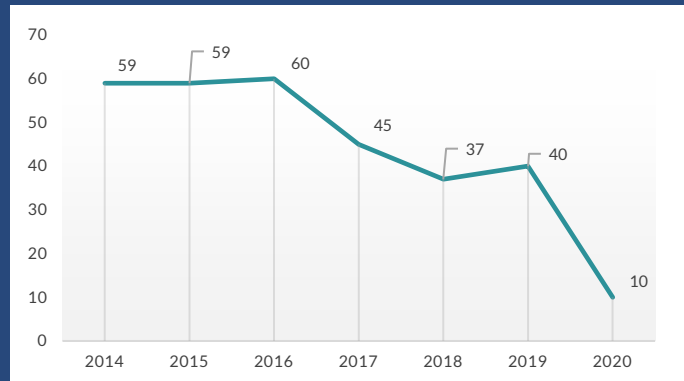
Domestic Adoption



Adoption from Foster Care



Intercountry Adoption



| | Domestic Adoptions | Domestic Private, Stepparent Adoptions | Domestic Private, Non-Stepparent Adoptions | Domestic Public Adoptions | AFCARS | Intercountry Adoptions |
|------|--------------------|--|--|---------------------------|--------|------------------------|
| 2019 | 2,152 | 0 | 87 | 2,064 | 2,086 | 40 |
| 2020 | 1,917 | 0 | 64 | 1,854 | 1,820 | 10 |

OREGON

In Oregon, the total number of domestic adoptions was 1,350 in 2019. Private adoptions made up 42% of domestic adoptions. The total number of domestic adoptions stayed about the same in 2020 with 1,348 adoptions reported.

Sixty-seven percent of private adoptions were by stepparents in 2019: there were 382 stepparent adoptions within private adoptions. The number of stepparent adoptions was 318 in 2020, making up 66% of private adoptions.

According to AFCARS data, the number of public adoptions was 792 in 2019. This was a 17% increase compared to 2018. The number of children adopted from foster care further increased by 11% in 2020: 877 children were adopted from foster care in 2020.

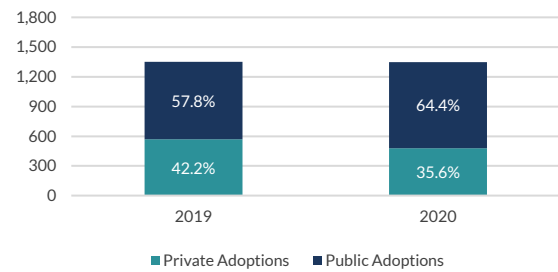
In 2019, there were 31 intercountry adoptions in Oregon, which was a 61% decline from 2018. The number of intercountry adoptions further declined in 2020: there were 23 intercountry adoptions, which was a 26% decline compared to 2019.

Oregon did not return the survey. The number of public adoptions was obtained from the 2020 Child Welfare Data Book by the Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS).⁴⁵ The number of private adoptions and stepparent adoptions was obtained from the 2018–2021 Oregon Non-Departmental Adoptions Statistics fact sheet distributed by DHS.⁴⁶ This source gives the number of adoption petitions for various types of independent adoptions. The total number of domestic adoptions was calculated by adding up the number of private and public adoptions.

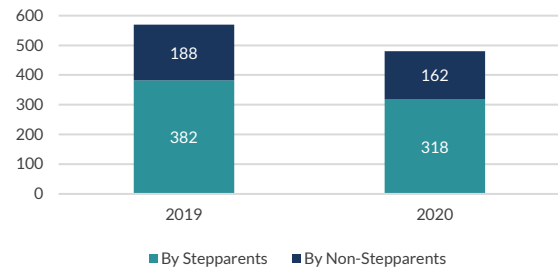
⁴⁵ This report can be accessed at <https://www.oregon.gov/dhs/CHILDREN/CHILD-ABUSE/Documents/2020-Child-Welfare-Data-Book.pdf>.

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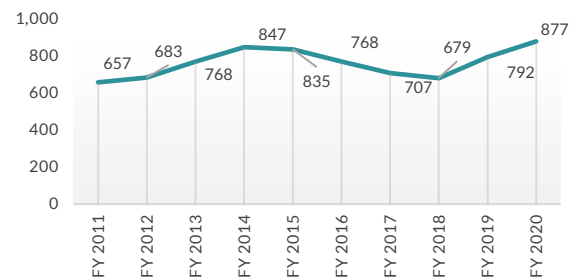
Domestic Adoption



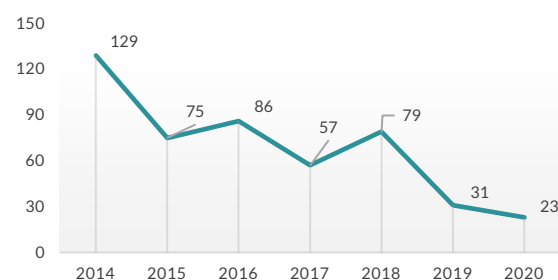
Private Adoption



Adoption from Foster Care



Intercountry Adoption



| | Domestic Adoptions | Domestic Private, Stepparent Adoptions | Domestic Private, Non-Stepparent Adoptions | Domestic Public Adoptions | AFCARS | Intercountry Adoptions |
|------|--------------------|--|--|---------------------------|--------|------------------------|
| 2019 | 1,350 | 382 | 188 | 780 | 792 | 31 |
| 2020 | 1,348 | 318 | 162 | 868 | 877 | 23 |

PENNSYLVANIA

In Pennsylvania, the total number of domestic adoptions was 4,692 in 2019. Private adoptions made up 44.4% of domestic adoptions. The total number of domestic adoptions declined by 25% in 2020. There were 3,539 domestic adoptions in 2020.

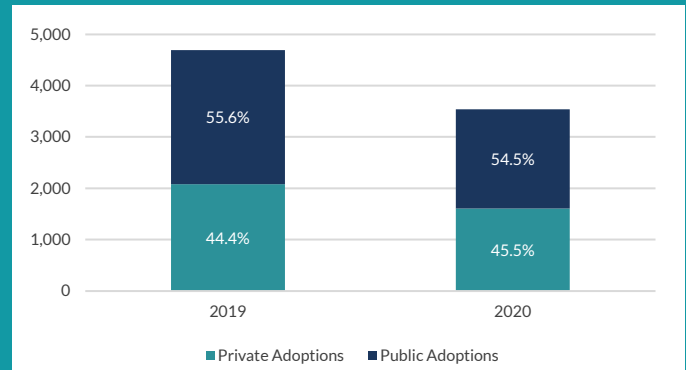
According to AFCARS data, the number of public adoptions was 2,849 in 2019. This was an 8% increase compared to 2018. The number of children adopted from foster care declined by 27% in 2020: 2,087 children were adopted from foster care in 2020.

In 2019, there were 113 intercountry adoptions in Pennsylvania, which was a 22% decline from 2018. The number of intercountry adoptions further declined in 2020: there were 52 intercountry adoptions, which was a 54% decline compared to 2019.

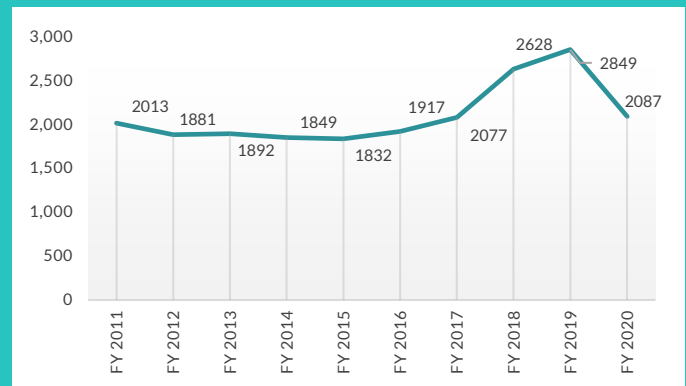
Pennsylvania did not return the survey. The total number of domestic adoptions and the number of public adoptions were obtained from the Caseload Statistics of the Unified Judicial System of Pennsylvania.⁴⁷ The number of private adoptions was computed by subtracting the number of public adoptions from the total number of domestic adoptions.

⁴⁷ These annual reports can be located at <https://www.pacourts.us/news-and-statistics/research-and-statistics/caseload-statistics>

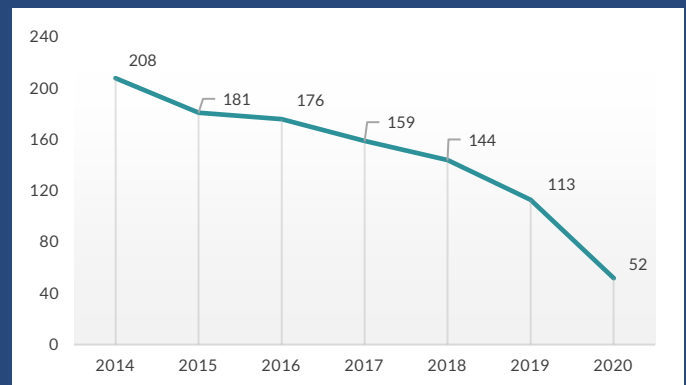
Domestic Adoption



Adoption from Foster Care



Intercountry Adoption



| | Domestic Adoptions | Domestic Private Adoptions | Domestic Public Adoptions | AFCARS | Intercountry Adoptions |
|------|--------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|--------|------------------------|
| 2019 | 4,692 | 2,082 | 2,610 | 2,849 | 113 |
| 2020 | 3,539 | 1,609 | 1,930 | 2,087 | 52 |

Note. An alternative source for the number of public adoptions was the Child Dependency Court Data dashboard from the Unified Judicial System of Pennsylvania. This dashboard is accessible at <https://www.pacourts.us/news-and-statistics/research-and-statistics/dashboard-table-of-contents/dependency-dashboard-statewide>. This gives the number of public adoptions in 2019 as 2,619; in 2020, as 1,942.

RHODE ISLAND

In Rhode Island, the total number of domestic adoptions was 332 in 2019. Private adoptions made up 45% of domestic adoptions. The total number of domestic adoptions declined by 41% in 2020. There were 195 domestic adoptions in 2020.

According to AFCARS data, the number of public adoptions was 184 in 2019. This was a 28% decline compared to 2018. The number of children adopted from foster care further declined by 17% in 2020: 152 children were adopted from foster care in 2020.

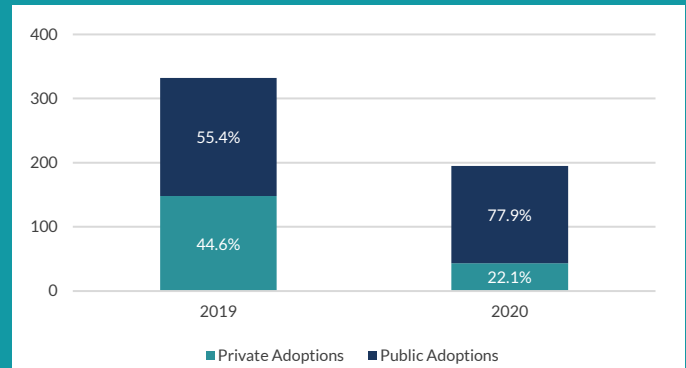
In 2019, there were four intercountry adoptions in Rhode Island, which was a 56% decline from 2018. The number of intercountry adoptions did not change in 2020: there were four intercountry adoptions.

The Rhode Island Family Court provided the total number of domestic adoptions, and the Department of Children, Youth and Families (DCYF) submitted the number of public adoptions. However, the total number of domestic adoptions reported by the Family Court appeared to be significantly low in comparison to the figures reported in prior reports.⁴⁸ As a result, the research team decided to use the number of incoming cases reported by CSP⁴⁹ as its estimate for the total number of domestic adoptions. Since CSP data is based on a calendar year, the research team decided to use the number of public adoptions reported by AFCARS data. AFCARS data is based on the federal fiscal year, and it aligns more closely with the calendar year than the state fiscal year, which was the basis of the data submitted by the DCYF. The number of private adoptions was computed by subtracting the number of public adoptions from the total number of domestic adoptions.

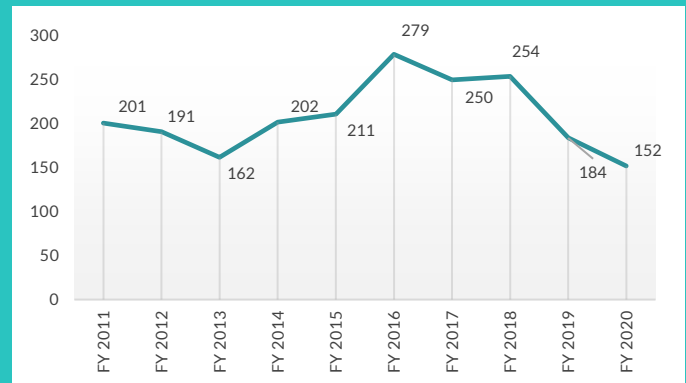
⁴⁸ National Council For Adoption. (2017). *Adoption by the numbers: A comprehensive report of U.S. adoption statistics*. Child Welfare Information Gateway. (2016). *Trends in U.S. Adoptions: 2008–2012*. <https://www.childwelfare.gov/pubs/adopted0812/>

⁴⁹ Court Statistics Project. (n.d.). *CSP stat domestic relations*. <https://www.courtstatistics.org/csp-stat-nav-cards-second-row/csp-stat-domestic-relations>

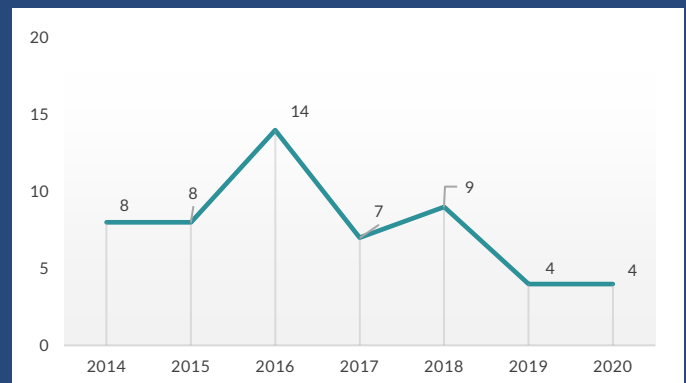
Domestic Adoption



Adoption from Foster Care



Intercountry Adoption



| | Domestic Adoptions | Domestic Private Adoptions | Domestic Public Adoptions | AFCARS | Intercountry Adoptions |
|------|--------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|--------|------------------------|
| 2019 | 332 | 148 | 184 | 184 | 4 |
| 2020 | 195 | 43 | 152 | 152 | 4 |

Note. The Rhode Island Family Court reported 217 adoptions finalized in SFY 2019 and 215 adoptions in SFY 2020. According to the DCYF, the number of public adoptions was 208 in SFY 2019 and 162 in SFY 2020.

SOUTH CAROLINA

In South Carolina, the total number of domestic adoptions was 1,688 in 2019. Private adoptions made up 70% of domestic adoptions. The total number of domestic adoptions declined by 1% in 2020. There were 1,676 domestic adoptions in 2020.

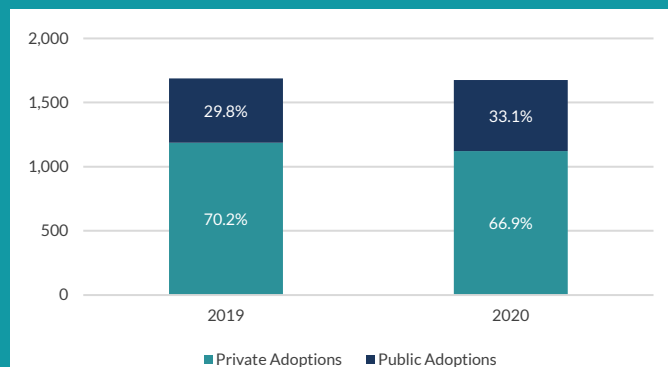
According to AFCARS data, the number of public adoptions was 529 in 2019. This was a 22% increase compared to 2018. The number of children adopted from foster care further increased by 4% in 2020: 551 children were adopted from foster care in 2020.

In 2019, there were 40 intercountry adoptions in South Carolina, which was an 11% decline from 2018. The number of intercountry adoptions further declined in 2020: there were 26 intercountry adoptions, which was a 35% decline compared to 2019.

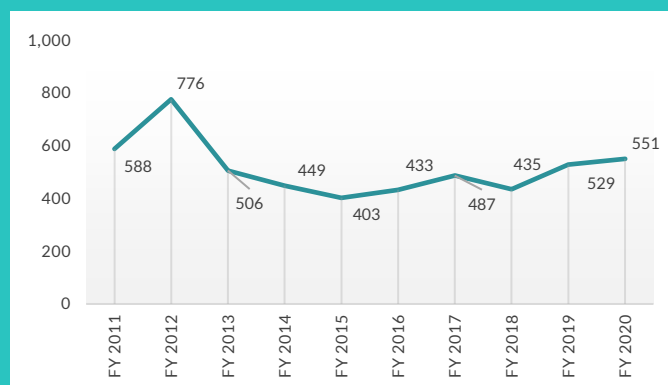
The total number of domestic adoptions was provided by the South Carolina Judicial Department, which had data on adoption case filings during the state fiscal years. The number of public adoptions for the calendar years was provided by the Department of Social Services. In order to keep the date ranges consistent (state fiscal year instead of calendar year), we used the Child Welfare Services reports from DSS for the number of public adoptions in South Carolina.⁵⁰ The number of private adoptions was computed by subtracting the number of public adoptions from the total number of domestic adoptions.

⁵⁰ These reports can be accessed at https://dss.sc.gov/media/2146/child-welfare-flow-chart_sfy-2019-1.pdf and https://dss.sc.gov/media/2669/revised_child-welfare-flow-chart.pdf

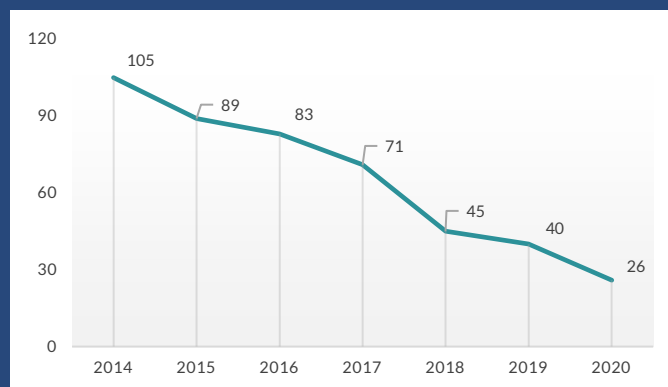
Domestic Adoption



Adoption from Foster Care



Intercountry Adoption



| | Domestic Adoptions | Domestic Private Adoptions | Domestic Public Adoptions | AFCARS | Intercountry Adoptions |
|------|--------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|--------|------------------------|
| 2019 | 1,688 | 1,185 | 503 | 529 | 40 |
| 2020 | 1,676 | 1,121 | 555 | 551 | 26 |

Note. According to the returned survey, there were 576 public adoptions in calendar year 2019, and 467 in calendar year 2020.

SOUTH DAKOTA

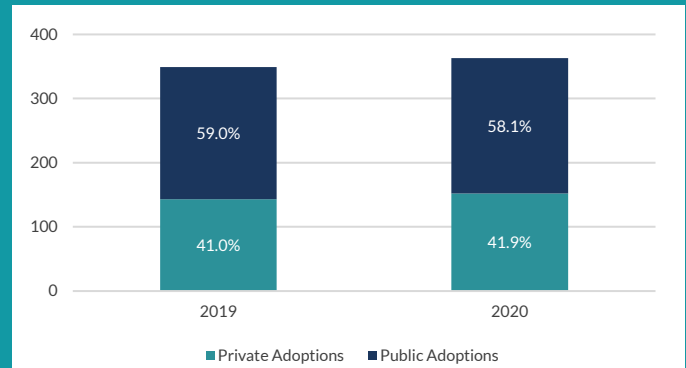
In South Dakota, the total number of domestic adoptions was 349 in 2019. Private adoptions made up 41% of domestic adoptions. The total number of domestic adoptions increased by 4% in 2020. There were 363 domestic adoptions in 2020.

According to AFCARS data, the number of public adoptions was 211 in 2019. This was a 15% increase compared to 2018. The number of children adopted from foster care in 2020 was almost the same as in 2019: 209 children were adopted from foster care in 2020.

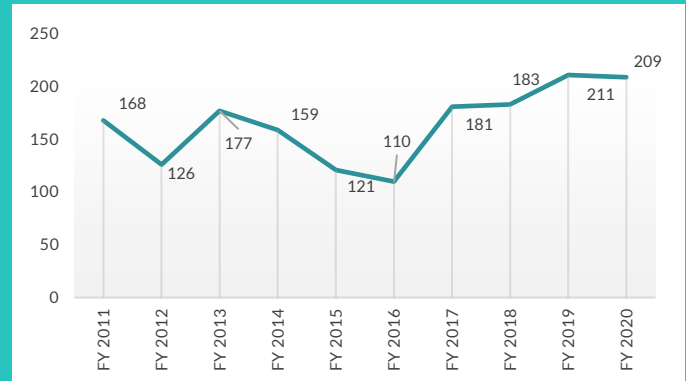
In 2019, there were six intercountry adoptions in South Dakota, which was a 60% decline from 2018. The number of intercountry adoptions further declined in 2020: there were only two intercountry adoptions, which was a 67% decline compared to 2019.

The total number of domestic adoptions was provided by the South Dakota Unified Judicial System, which had data on adoption case filings during the state fiscal years. The number of public adoptions was provided by the Department of Social Services. The number of private adoptions was computed by subtracting the number of public adoptions from the total number of domestic adoptions.

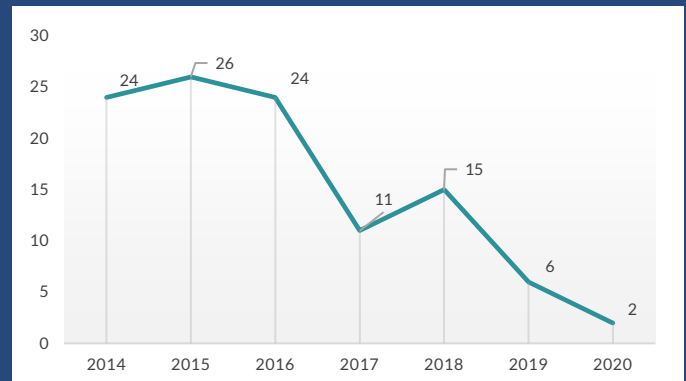
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Adoption from Foster Care



Intercountry Adoption



| | Domestic Adoptions | Domestic Private Adoptions | Domestic Public Adoptions | AFCARS | Intercountry Adoptions |
|------|--------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|--------|------------------------|
| 2019 | 349 | 143 | 206 | 211 | 6 |
| 2020 | 363 | 152 | 211 | 209 | 2 |

TENNESSEE

In Tennessee, the total number of domestic adoptions was 3,782 in 2019. Private adoptions made up 70% of domestic adoptions. The total number of domestic adoptions declined by 13% in 2020. There were 3,306 domestic adoptions in 2020.

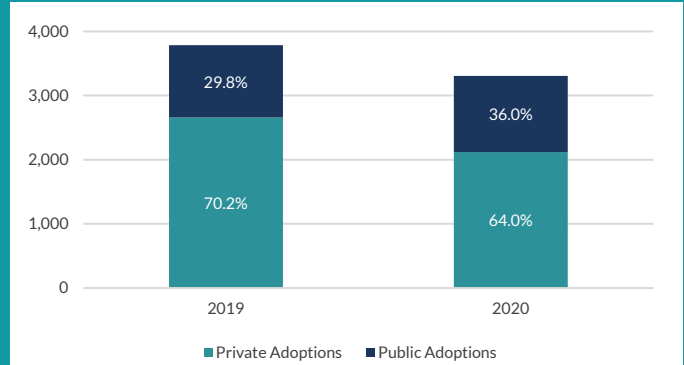
According to AFCARS data, the number of public adoptions was 1,166 in 2019. This was a 7% decline compared to 2018. The number of children adopted from foster care increased by 2% in 2020: 1,186 children were adopted from foster care in 2020.

In 2019, there were 103 intercountry adoptions in Tennessee, which was a 38% decline from 2018. The number of intercountry adoptions further declined in 2020: there were 64 intercountry adoptions, which was a 38% decline compared to 2019.

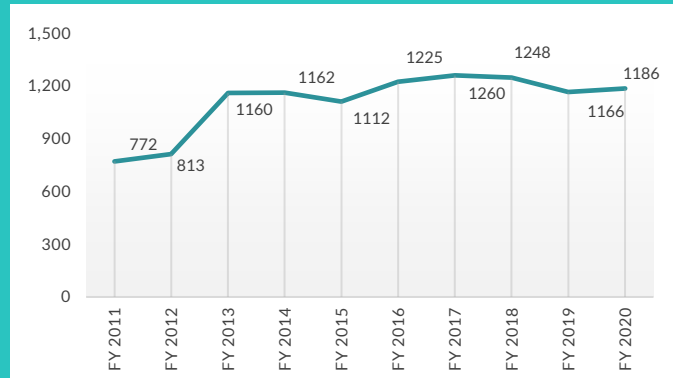
The total number of domestic adoptions was obtained from the Court Annual Statistical Reports by the Administrative Office of the Courts.⁵¹ This source gave the number of adoption case dispositions. The number of public adoptions was provided by the Office of General Counsel at the Department of Children's Services. The number of private adoptions was computed by subtracting the number of public adoptions from the total number of domestic adoptions.

⁵¹ These reports can be found at <https://www.tncourts.gov/media/statistical-report>. Sum of dispositions was computed using the Adoption/Surrender figures from Statewide Chancery Court and Statewide Circuit Court.

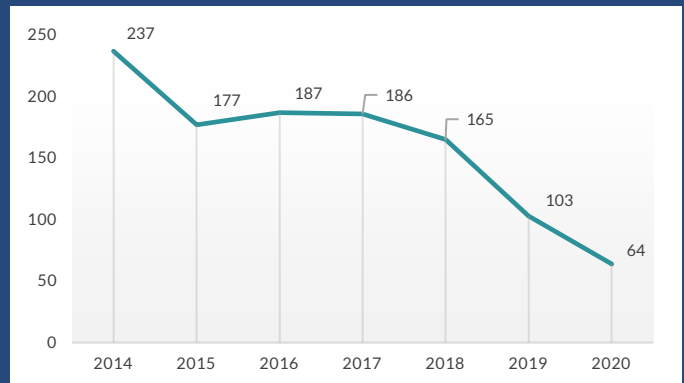
Domestic Adoption



Adoption from Foster Care



Intercountry Adoption



| | Domestic Adoptions | Domestic Private Adoptions | Domestic Public Adoptions | AFCARS | Intercountry Adoptions |
|------|--------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|--------|------------------------|
| 2019 | 3,782 | 2,654 | 1,128 | 1,166 | 103 |
| 2020 | 3,306 | 2,117 | 1,189 | 1,186 | 64 |

TEXAS

In Texas, the total number of domestic adoptions was 8,264 in 2019. Private adoptions made up 25.5% of domestic adoptions. The total number of domestic adoptions declined by 11% in 2020. There were 7,342 domestic adoptions in 2020.

According to AFCARS data, the number of public adoptions was 6,105 in 2019. This was a 6% increase compared to 2018. The number of children adopted from foster care declined by 14% in 2020: 5,249 children were adopted from foster care in 2020.

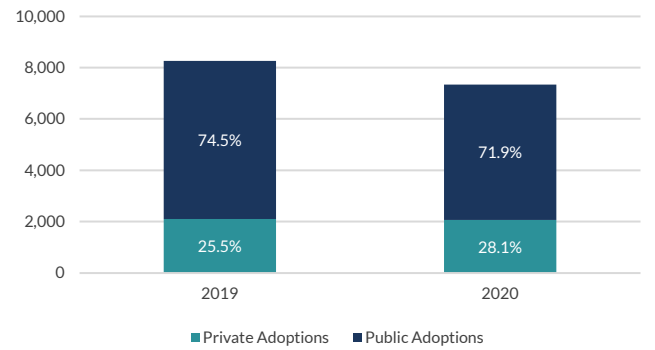
In 2019, there were 258 intercountry adoptions in Texas, which was a 17% decline from 2018. The number of intercountry adoptions further declined in 2020: there were 129 intercountry adoptions, which was a 50% decline compared to 2019.

Texas did not return the survey. The total number of domestic adoptions was obtained from the Judicial Branch Statistical Annual Reports.⁵² The number of public adoptions was obtained from the Child Protective Services website.⁵³ The number of private adoptions was computed by subtracting the number of public adoptions from the total number of domestic adoptions.

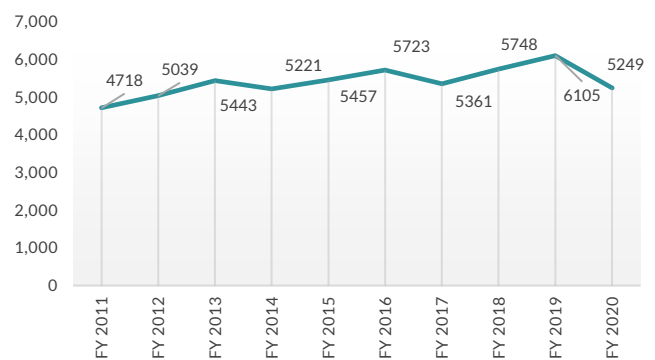
⁵² These reports can be found at <https://www.tncourts.gov/media/statistical-reports>. District and Statutory County Courts: Family Case Activity, Adoption column, Total Cases Disposed Row, subtracting "Dismissed for Want of Prosecution" and "Non-Suited or Dismissed by Plaintiff." Estimated adoption finalizations.

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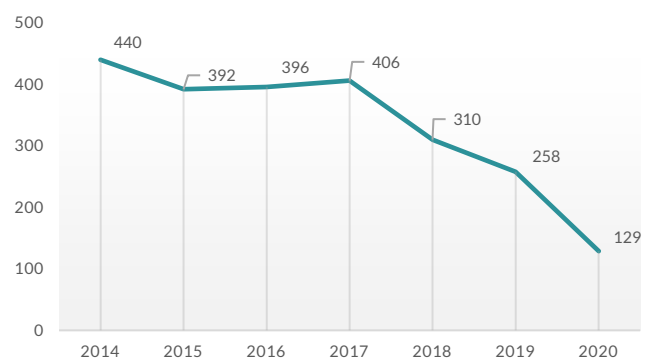
Domestic Adoption



Adoption from Foster Care



Intercountry Adoption



| | Domestic Adoptions | Domestic Private Adoptions | Domestic Public Adoptions | AFCARS | Intercountry Adoptions |
|------|--------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|--------|------------------------|
| 2019 | 8,264 | 2,107 | 6,157 | 6,105 | 258 |
| 2020 | 7,342 | 2,061 | 5,281 | 5,249 | 129 |

UTAH

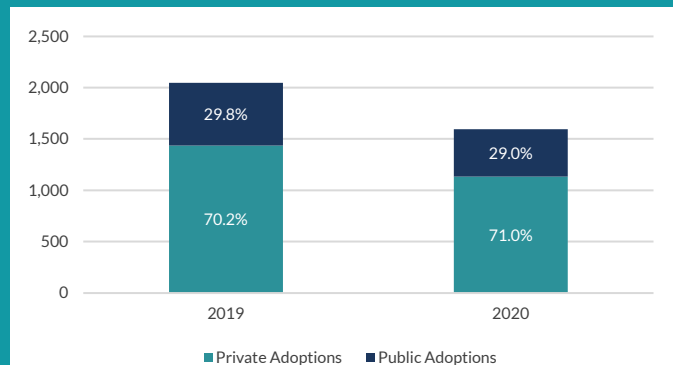
In Utah, the total number of domestic adoptions was 2,047 in 2019. Private adoptions made up 70% of domestic adoptions. The total number of domestic adoptions declined by 22% in 2020. There were 1,594 domestic adoptions in 2020.

According to AFCARS data, the number of public adoptions was 639 in 2019. This was a 22% decline compared to 2018. The number of children adopted from foster care further declined by 19% in 2020: 518 children were adopted from foster care in 2020.

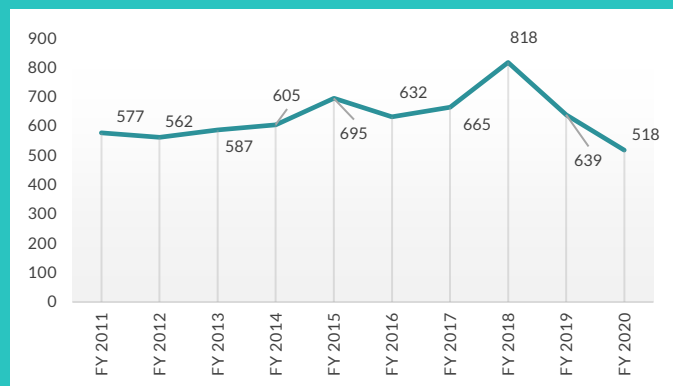
In 2019, there were 41 intercountry adoptions in Utah, which was a 31% decline from 2018. The number of intercountry adoptions declined in 2020 with 22 intercountry adoptions, which was a 46% decline compared to 2019.

The total number of domestic adoptions was provided by the Office of Vital Records and Statistics. The number of public adoptions was provided by the Department of Human Services. The number of private adoptions was computed by subtracting the number of public adoptions from the total number of domestic adoptions.

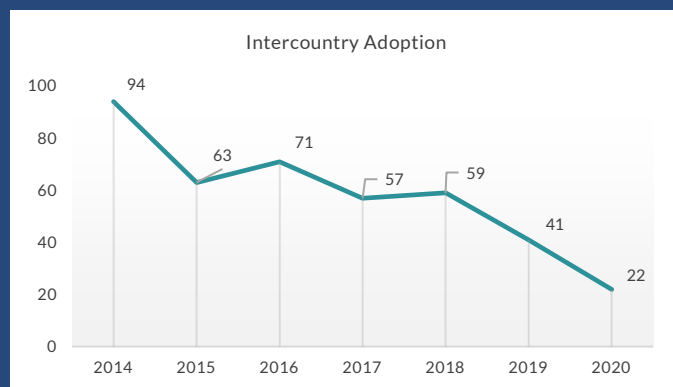
Domestic Adoption



Adoption from Foster Care



Intercountry Adoption



| | Domestic Adoptions | Domestic Private Adoptions | Domestic Public Adoptions | AFCARS | Intercountry Adoptions |
|------|--------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|--------|------------------------|
| 2019 | 2,047 | 1,436 | 611 | 639 | 41 |
| 2020 | 1,594 | 1,132 | 462 | 518 | 22 |

VERMONT

In Vermont, the total number of domestic adoptions was 386 in 2019. Private adoptions made up 33% of domestic adoptions. The total number of domestic adoptions declined by 10% in 2020. There were 347 domestic adoptions in 2020.

It was estimated that 73% of private adoptions were by stepparents in 2019: there were 92 stepparent adoptions within private adoptions. The number of stepparent adoptions was estimated to be 55 in 2020, making up 65% of private adoptions.

According to AFCARS data, the number of public adoptions was 260 in 2019. This was almost the same as in 2018 when there were 262 public adoptions. The number of children adopted from foster care remained stable in 2020: 263 children were adopted from foster care in 2020.

In 2019, there were three intercountry adoptions in Vermont, which was a 40% decline from 2018. The number of intercountry adoptions further declined in 2020: there was only one intercountry adoption.

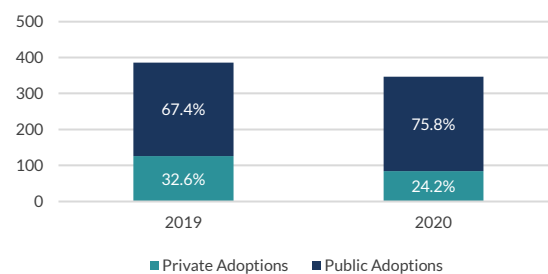
The survey was returned by Lund, a non-profit organization in Vermont, in collaboration with the Department for Children and Families, Family Services Division, with data on the total domestic adoptions, public adoptions, private adoptions, and stepparent adoptions. However, the research team decided to use the number of incoming cases reported by CSP⁵⁴ as the estimate for the total number of domestic adoptions because the number provided in the survey appeared to be low compared to the figures reported in prior reports.⁵⁵ AFCARS data was used for the number of public adoptions in this report. The number of private adoptions was computed by subtracting the number of public adoptions from the total number of domestic adoptions.

To estimate the proportion of stepparent adoptions, the report used the percentage available from the returned survey. This proportion was applied to the computed number of private adoptions.

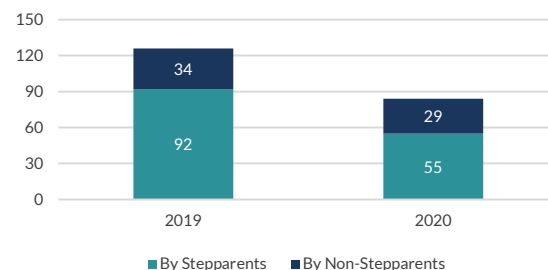
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⁵⁵ National Council For Adoption. (2017). *Adoption by the numbers: A comprehensive report of U.S. adoption statistics*. Child Welfare Information Gateway. (2016). *Trends in U.S. Adoptions: 2008–2012*. <https://www.childwelfare.gov/pubs/adopted0812/>

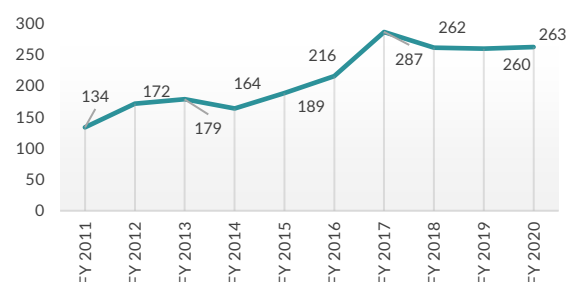
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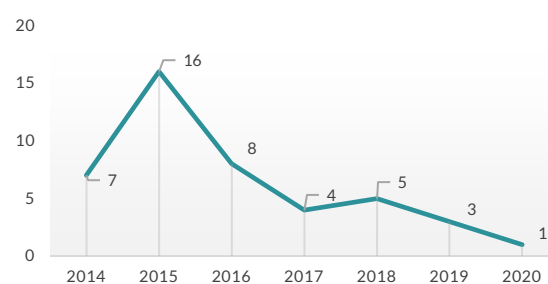
Private Adoption



Adoption from Foster Care



Intercountry Adoption



| | Domestic Adoptions | Domestic Private, Stepparent Adoptions | Domestic Private, Non-Stepparent Adoptions | Domestic Public Adoptions | AFCARS | Intercountry Adoptions |
|------|--------------------|--|--|---------------------------|--------|------------------------|
| 2019 | 386 | 92 | 34 | 260 | 260 | 3 |
| 2020 | 347 | 55 | 29 | 263 | 263 | 1 |

Note. According to the returned survey, the number of domestic adoptions was 308 in 2019 and 287 in 2020. The survey reported that the number of public adoptions was 252 in 2019 and 241 in 2020, and the number of private adoptions was 56 in 2019 and 46 in 2020.

VIRGINIA

In Virginia, the total number of domestic adoptions was 2,674 in 2019. Private adoptions made up 70% of domestic adoptions. The total number of domestic adoptions declined by 16% in 2020. There were 2,247 domestic adoptions in 2020.

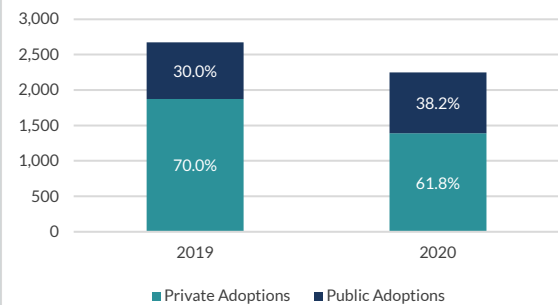
It was reported that 44% of private adoptions were by stepparents in 2019, with 828 stepparent adoptions within private adoptions. The number of stepparent adoptions was reported to be 894 in 2020, making up 64% of private adoptions.

According to AFCARS data, the number of public adoptions was 769 in 2019. This was a 13% decrease compared to 2018. The number of children adopted from foster care increased by 10% in 2020: 844 children were adopted from foster care in 2020.

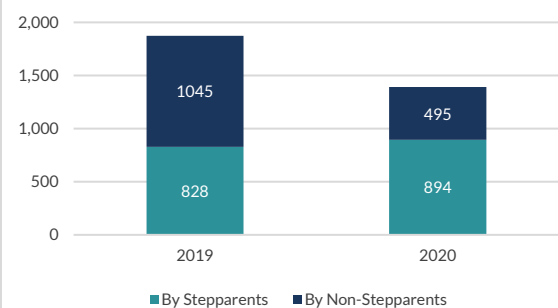
In 2019, there were 135 intercountry adoptions in Virginia, which was a 20% decline from 2018. The number of intercountry adoptions continued to decrease in 2020: there were 63 intercountry adoptions, which was a 53% decline compared to 2019.

The total number of domestic adoptions, public adoptions, and private adoptions were provided by the Virginia Department of Social Services. The survey response also included the number of stepparent adoptions.

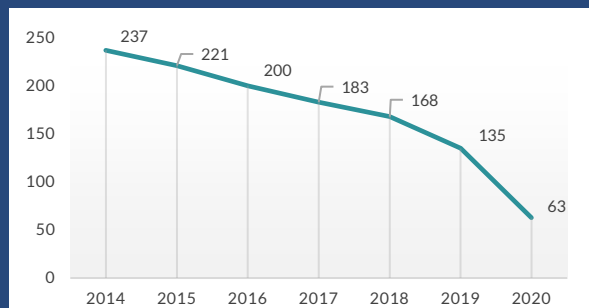
Domestic Adoption



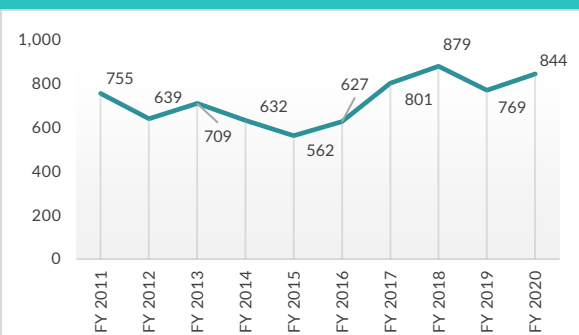
Private Adoption



Intercountry Adoption



Adoption from Foster Care



| | Domestic Adoptions | Domestic Private, Stepparent Adoptions | Domestic Private, Non-Stepparent Adoptions | Domestic Public Adoptions | AFCARS | Intercountry Adoptions |
|------|--------------------|--|--|---------------------------|--------|------------------------|
| 2019 | 2,674 | 828 | 1,045 | 801 | 769 | 135 |
| 2020 | 2,247 | 894 | 495 | 858 | 844 | 63 |

WASHINGTON

In Washington, the total number of domestic adoptions was 2,099 in 2019. Private adoptions made up 27% of domestic adoptions. The total number of domestic adoptions declined by 12% in 2020. There were 1,844 domestic adoptions in 2020.

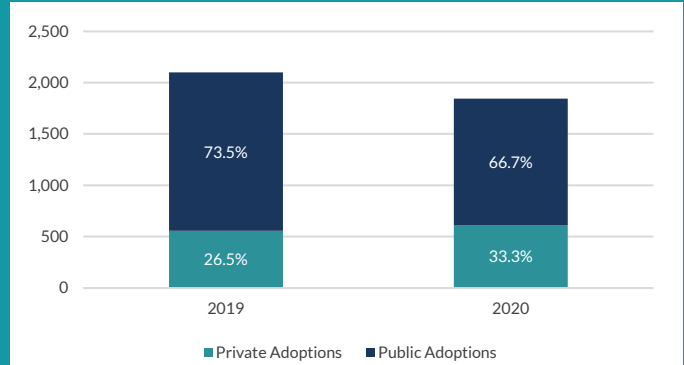
According to AFCARS data, the number of public adoptions was 1,509 in 2019. This was a 13% increase compared to 2018. The number of children adopted from foster care declined by 6% in 2020: 1,425 children were adopted from foster care in 2020.

In 2019, there were 122 intercountry adoptions in Washington, which was a 21% decline from 2018. The number of intercountry adoptions further declined in 2020: there were 61 intercountry adoptions, which was a 50% decrease compared to 2019.

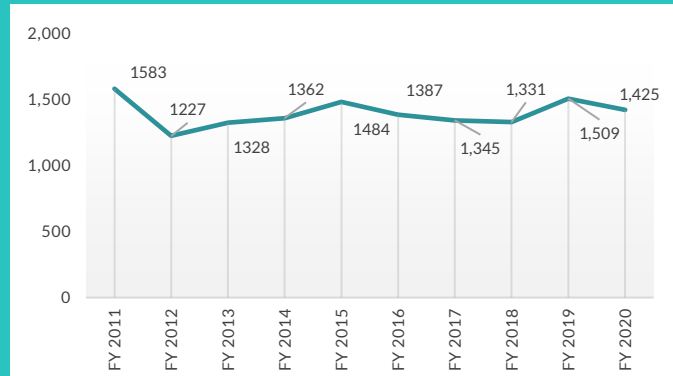
The total number of domestic adoptions was obtained from the Washington Superior Court Annual Caseload Reports.⁵⁶ The number of public adoptions was provided by the Washington Department of Children, Youth & Families. The number of private adoptions was computed by subtracting the number of public adoptions from the total number of domestic adoptions.

⁵⁶ These reports can be found at <https://www.courts.wa.gov/caseload/?fa=caseload.showArchived>. See the Statewide Total for Adoption under "Adoption and Parentage Cases Completed by Type of Case."

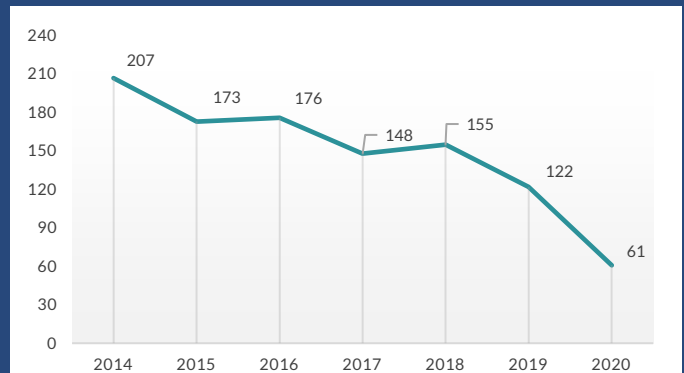
Domestic Adoption



Adoption from Foster Care



Intercountry Adoption



| | Domestic Adoptions | Domestic Private Adoptions | Domestic Public Adoptions | AFCARS | Intercountry Adoptions |
|------|--------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|--------|------------------------|
| 2019 | 2,099 | 557 | 1,542 | 1,509 | 122 |
| 2020 | 1,844 | 614 | 1,230 | 1,425 | 61 |

WEST VIRGINIA

In West Virginia, the total number of domestic adoptions was 2,143 in 2019. Private adoptions made up 21% of domestic adoptions. The total number of domestic adoptions decreased by 10% in 2020. There were 1,928 domestic adoptions in 2020.

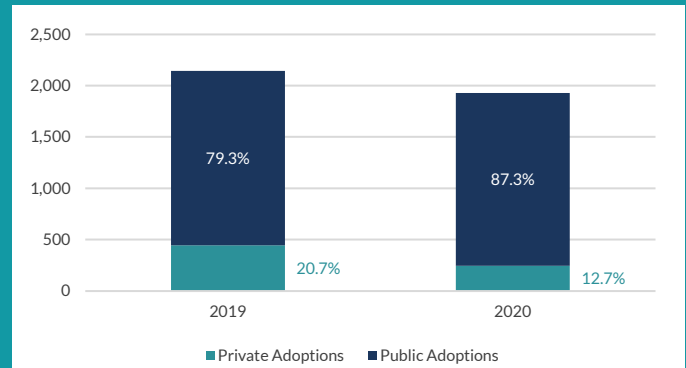
According to AFCARS data, the number of public adoptions was 1,699 in 2019. This was a 20% increase compared to 2018. The number of children adopted from foster care decreased by 1% in 2020: 1,683 children were adopted from foster care in 2020.

In 2019, there were seven intercountry adoptions in West Virginia, which was a 36% decrease from 2018. The number of intercountry adoptions continued to decrease in 2020: there were four intercountry adoptions, which was a 43% decrease compared to 2019.

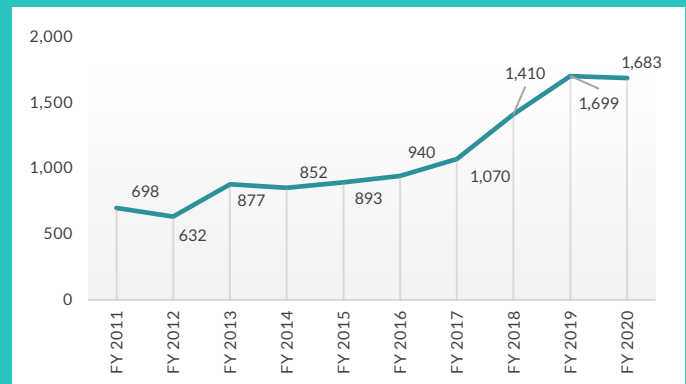
West Virginia did not return the survey. The total number of domestic adoptions was obtained from the West Virginia Court System Annual Statistics Report on Circuit, Family, and Magistrate Courts.⁵⁷ It reported that there were 2,143 adoption case filings in 2019 and 1,928 in 2020. The number of public adoptions was obtained from AFCARS. The number of private adoptions was computed by subtracting the number of public adoptions from the total number of domestic adoptions.

⁵⁷ The reports for 2019 and 2020 can be found at <http://www.courts.wv.gov/public-resources/press/Publications/index.html>.

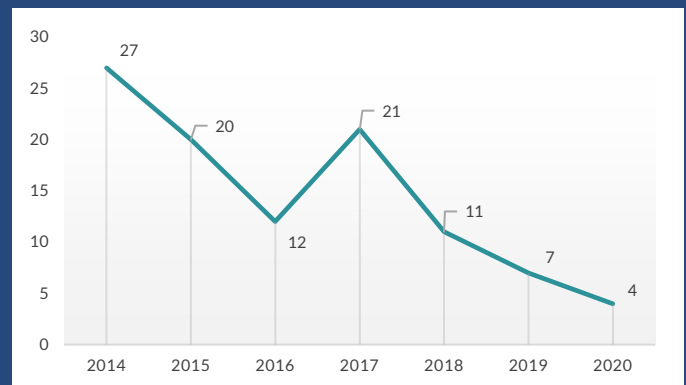
Domestic Adoption



Adoption from Foster Care



Intercountry Adoption



| | Domestic Adoptions | Domestic Private Adoptions | Domestic Public Adoptions | AFCARS | Intercountry Adoptions |
|------|--------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|--------|------------------------|
| 2019 | 2,143 | 444 | 1,699 | 1,699 | 7 |
| 2020 | 1,928 | 245 | 1,683 | 1,683 | 4 |

WISCONSIN

In Wisconsin, the total number of domestic adoptions was 1,870 in 2019. Private adoptions made up 61% of domestic adoptions. The total number of domestic adoptions decreased by 16% in 2020. There were 1,564 domestic adoptions in 2020.

According to AFCARS data, the number of public adoptions was 711 in 2019. This was a 6% decrease compared to 2018. The number of children adopted from foster care increased by 5% in 2020: 748 children were adopted from foster care in 2020.

In 2019, there were 75 intercountry adoptions in Wisconsin, which was an 18% decrease from 2018. The number of intercountry adoptions further declined in 2020: there were 32 intercountry adoptions, which was a 57% decrease compared to 2019.

Wisconsin did not return the survey. The total number of domestic adoptions was initially collected from the Wisconsin Courts Caseload Summary reports for 2019 and 2020.⁵⁸ These reports provided statistics on adoption case dispositions. According to the reports, there were 2,720 adoption case dispositions in 2019 and 2,162 in 2020. The research team decided to use the number of outgoing cases from the CSP⁵⁹ as the estimate for the total number of domestic adoptions; these figures better conformed to data reported in prior reports.⁶⁰

The number of public adoptions was obtained from the Wisconsin Department of Children & Families Out-of-Home Care Dashboard.⁶¹ The number of private adoptions was computed by subtracting the number of public adoptions from the total number of domestic adoptions.

⁵⁸ These reports can be located at <https://www.wicourts.gov/publications/statistics/circuit/circuitstats.htm>. See the Adoptions row and Total Dispositions column.

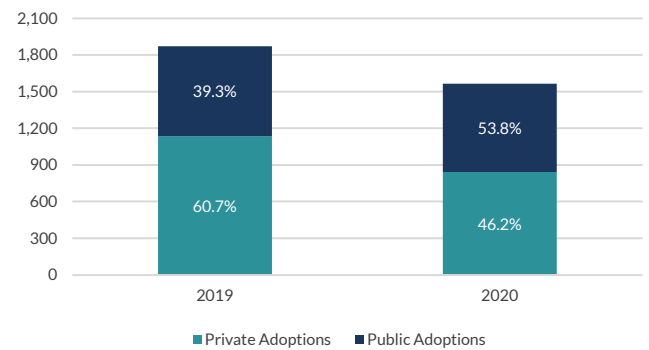
⁵⁹ Court Statistics Project. (n.d.). CSP stat domestic relations. <https://www.courtstatistics.org/csp-stat-nav-cards-second-row/csp-stat-domestic-relations>

⁶⁰ National Council For Adoption. (2017). *Adoption by the numbers: A comprehensive report of U.S. adoption statistics*.

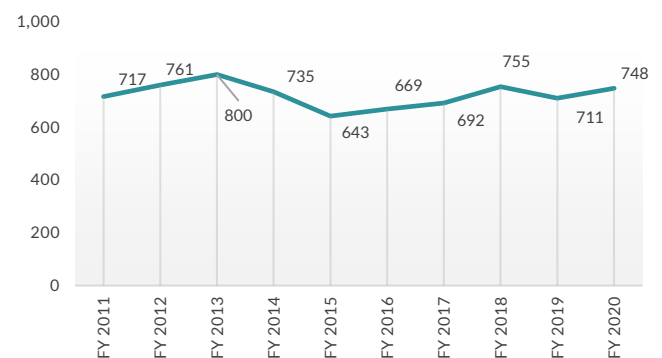
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⁶¹ This dashboard can be located at <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/dashboard/ohc>.

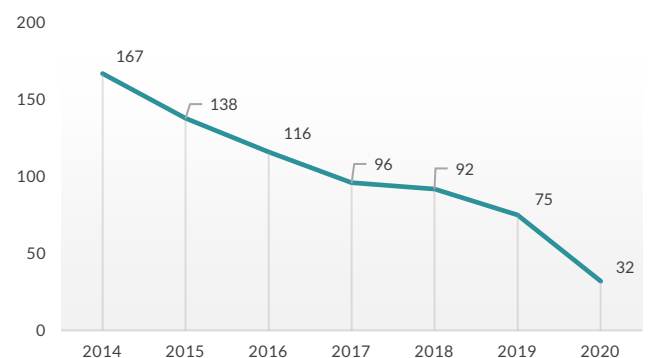
Domestic Adoption



Adoption from Foster Care



Intercountry Adoption



| | Domestic Adoptions | Domestic Private Adoptions | Domestic Public Adoptions | AFCARS | Intercountry Adoptions |
|------|--------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|--------|------------------------|
| 2019 | 1,870 | 1,135 | 735 | 711 | 75 |
| 2020 | 1,564 | 842 | 722 | 748 | 32 |

WYOMING

In Wyoming, the total number of domestic adoptions was 265 in 2019. Private adoptions made up 61% of domestic adoptions. The total number of domestic adoptions declined by 15% in 2020. There were 226 domestic adoptions in 2020.

According to AFCARS data, the number of public adoptions was 120 in 2019. This was a 60% increase compared to 2018. The number of children adopted from foster care declined by 18% in 2020: 98 children were adopted from foster care in 2020.

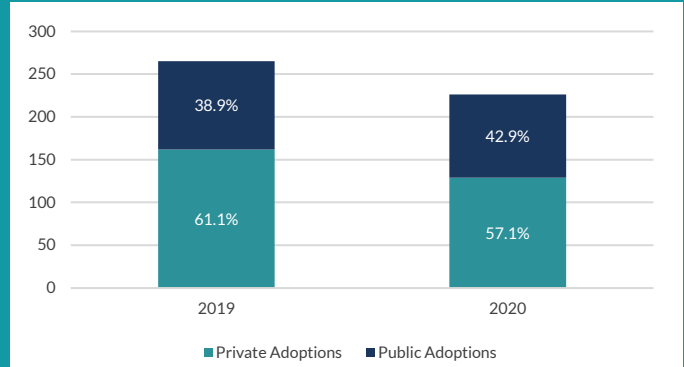
In 2019, there were 17 intercountry adoptions in Wyoming, which was a 70% increase from 2018. The number of intercountry adoptions declined in 2020: there were 11 intercountry adoptions, which was a 35% decrease compared to 2019.

The total number of domestic adoptions was provided by the Wyoming Administrative Office of the Courts in their District Court Statistics for SFY 2019 and SFY 2020. These figures were confirmed by the State Court Administrator as being records of case filings.⁶²

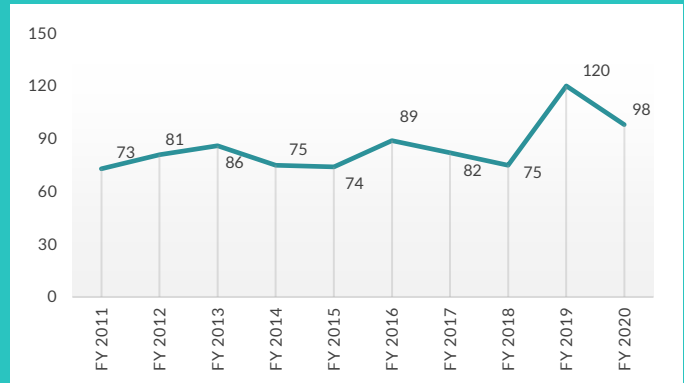
The number of public adoptions was obtained from the Wyoming Department of Family Services. The number of private adoptions was computed by subtracting the number of public adoptions from the total number of domestic adoptions.

⁶² These reports can be located at <https://www.courts.state.wy.us/district-courts/district-court-reports-and-statistics/> under Statistical Reports. The values for Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4 in the Subtype: Adoption row were added.

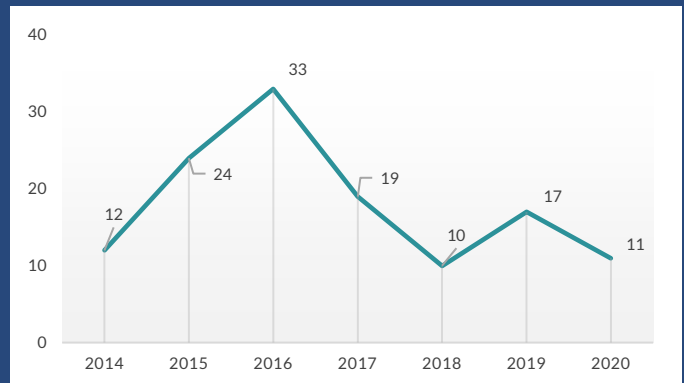
Domestic Adoption



Adoption from Foster Care



Intercountry Adoption



| | Domestic Adoptions | Domestic Private Adoptions | Domestic Public Adoptions | AFCARS | Intercountry Adoptions |
|------|--------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|--------|------------------------|
| 2019 | 265 | 162 | 103 | 120 | 17 |
| 2020 | 226 | 129 | 97 | 98 | 11 |



APPENDIX B: 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 intercountry adoptions.

If you do not have an exact count, please provide an **estimated** figure. 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; or 5) another source you consider reliable. You may also provide an estimated range (e.g., 200-250). When you provide an estimated figure or range, please describe the method used for estimation.

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.

| | 2019 Data | | | 2020 Data | | |
|--|-----------|--------------------|----------------------|-----------|--------------------|----------------------|
| | 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? | | | | | | |

| | 2019 Data | | | 2020 Data | | |
|---|-----------|--|--|-----------|--|--|
| 2. Among the non-foster care adoptions (number reported in 1-B), how many were kinship adoptions? (e.g., adoptions by relatives, step-parents, 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 step-parent? | | | | | | |
| | 2019 Data | | | 2020 Data | | |
| 3. How many were non-foster care, and non-kinship adoptions? (For many states, this will be "1-B" minus "2".) | | | | | | |
| | 2019 Data | | | 2020 Data | | |
| . Among the non-foster care adoptions (number reported in 1-B), what is the total number that qualified for adoption subsidy (a.k.a. adoption assistance)? | | | | | | |

For the data provided above in 2019 and 2020, is that based on calendar year or fiscal year data?

☐ Calendar Year ☐ Fiscal Year

If applicable, what is your state's fiscal year: [Click to enter fiscal year here](#)

Do you track information about the adoption service provider involved in the case (adoption attorney, licensed agency, unlicensed facilitator, etc.)?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ I don't know

Our report will have updated data on all types of adoption by state, including intercountry adoptions, private domestic adoptions, and adoptions from foster care. Would you like to receive a copy of our report when it is completed?

☐ Yes ☐ No

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?

[Click or tap here to enter additional information](#)

Thank you for completing this questionnaire. As a small token of appreciation for your time and input, we would like to offer a gift card of \$100. Would you like to receive it?

☐ Yes ☐ No If you said yes, where should we mail it? [Click or tap here to enter address.](#)

If you have any additional reports or other documents that would help us understand adoptions in your state, please send them to us.

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