

Sources of Data for Table 1: 2014 National Council For Adoption (NCFA) Survey

ALABAMA – (10 contact attempts—see Methodological Notes for details).

1. 2,243 – Janet Winningham, Program Manager, Office of Data Analysis, Alabama Department of Human Resources (ALSDHR), 50 Ripley Street, Montgomery, AL, 36130. Winningham provided information for items 1–10. This number includes data from the Office of Adoption (non-agency adoptions) and the Office of Data Analysis (Adoption and Foster Care Reporting System [AFCARS], public adoptions). The Fiscal Year 2014 (FY 2014) AFCARS/ Administration for Children and Families (AFCARS/ACF) report gave 548 total adoptions from the foster care system. The National Center for State Courts (NCSC) provided an incoming adoption caseload of 16 and an outgoing caseload of 29. NCFA accepted Winningham’s numbers.
2. 1,353 – Winningham, see #1 above.
3. 890 – Winningham, see #1 above.
4. 588 – Winningham, see #1 above.
5. 103 – Winningham, Office of Adoptions, ALSDHR.
6. 102 – Winningham, see #5 above.
7. 278 – Winningham, see #1 above.
8. 466 – Winningham, see #1 above.
9. 82 – Winningham, ALSDHR Office of Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC).
10. 78 – Winningham, see #9 above.

ALASKA – (4 contact attempts).

1. 693 – The questionnaire was originally mailed to Tracy Spartz Campbell who referred it to KariLee Pietz, Social Services Program Administrator, Director’s Office, Office of Children’s Services, P.O. Box 110630, Juneau, Alaska 99811-0630. Pietz provided information for items 1–10. Pietz reported 380 for item 1 (total adoptions), which included data from the Statewide Automated Child Welfare Information System (SACWIS) (public), Infant Adoption Child Placement Agencies (AK private agencies), Fairbanks Counseling and Adoption (FCA), and Catholic Social Services (CSS). It is a count similar to the public agency count reported to AFCARS/ACF (367). NCSC provided a count of 714 incoming and 693 outgoing adoption caseloads. NCFA accepted the NCSC outgoing number of 693 as the total number of adoptions. Since Pietz provided internally consistent counts for items 1–5, 7–8, these counts were inflated proportionately by a 1.824 multiplier—the ratio of the NCSC item 1 count of 693 to the total number given by Pietz of 380.
2. 285 – Pietz, SACWIS system data (original number = 156).
3. 409 – Pietz, SACWIS system data, FCA, and CSS (original number = 224).
4. 385 – Pietz, SACWIS system data (original number = 211).
5. 24 – Pietz, FCA and CSS (original number = 13).
6. Est. – Estimated by NCFA (Pietz indicated this was unknown).
7. 60 – Pietz, FCA, CSS, and SACWIS data (original number = 33).
8. 385 – Pietz, all from public adoption—SACWIS system data (original number = 211).
9. 12 – Pietz, private, unknown public. ICPC spreadsheet data for 8/26/2014.
10. 80 – Pietz, SACWIS based on adoption subsidies put in place for out of state adoptive families.

ARIZONA – (16 contact attempts).

- 3,389 – Julie O’Dell, Adoptions Manager, Department of Child Safety, 3003 N. Central Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85012. O’Dell provided information for items 1–8, the source of which was the AFCARS adoption files transmitted for periods 2014A and 2014B

for the 2014 Federal Fiscal Year (FFY), October 1, 2013–September 30, 2014. NCSC reported 3,389 outgoing and 3,569 incoming adoption caseloads for 2014, and the 3,389 outgoing count was used. Because O’Dell reported 3,169 total adoptions for item 1 and items 1–8 were internally consistent, item counts for 1–8 were inflated proportionately by a 1.0694 multiplier—the ratio of the NCSC item 1 count of 3,389 to the total number given by O’Dell of 3,169.

11. 1,516 – O’Dell, see #1 above (original number = 1,418).
12. 1,873 – O’Dell, see #1 above (original number = 1,751).
13. 1,820 – O’Dell, see #1 above (original number = 1,702).
14. 44 – O’Dell, see #1 above (original number = 41).
15. 9 – O’Dell, see #1 above (original number = 8).
16. 403 – O’Dell, see #1 above (original number = 377).
17. 1,770 – O’Dell, see #1 above (original number = 1,655).
18. 157 – James W. O’Donnell, M.S., ICPC Compact Administrator, 3003 N. Central Avenue, 19th Floor, Phoenix, AZ 85012.
19. 455 – O’Donnell, see #9 above.

ARKANSAS – (8 contact attempts).

1. 1,829 – Danielle House-Barlow, Adoptions Webmaster, Department of Human Services/Division of Children & Family Services (DCFS), Adoption Services Unit, Central Office, P. O. Box 1437, Slot S565, Little Rock, AR, 72203, reported 711 for item 1 (total adoptions), indicated that information for items 2–7 were not available, and item 8 was “most.” The count of 711 is a count similar to the count provided in the AFCARS/ACF Report (743) and the Arkansas Human Services Annual Statistical Report (AR HSASR) of 724 (page DCFS-20, <http://humanservices.arkansas.gov/AnnualStatisticalReports/ASR%20SFY2014%20FINAL%20REPORT.pdf>). NCSC provided a count of 2,065 incoming and 1,829 outgoing adoption caseloads. NCFA accepted the outgoing number of 1,829 for the total number of adoptions.
2. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.
3. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.
4. 743 – AFCARS/ACF reported 743 public agency adoptions for Arkansas in FY 2014, whereas the AR HSASR reported 724 adoptions finalized in State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2014 and 677 finalized in SFY 2013.
5. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.
6. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.
7. 571 – Estimated from the AR HSASR, see #1 above, page DCFS-20. In SFY 2014, 21% (est. 152) of the 724 adopted children were aged 0–1 and 41% (est. 297) were aged 2–5. We estimated that one-fourth of the children age 2–5 were up to age 2, the cutoff for infants in NCFA’s survey. One-fourth of 297 = 74, so 74 was added to 152 for an estimate of 226 infant adoptions from foster care alone. The ratio of the NCSC/AR HSASR numbers (1,829/724 or 2.526) was applied to the estimated number of adoptions from foster care (226) for an estimate of 571 infant adoptions total.
8. 1,602 – AFCARS/ACF reported that 87.6% of adoptions were special needs. This percentage was applied to the NCSC total number of outgoing adoption caseload figure of 1,829.
9. 19 – House-Barlow, see #1 above.
10. 7 – House-Barlow, see #1 above.

CALIFORNIA – (12 contact attempts).

1. 13,061 – Ronni Vasconcellos, Chief, Vital Records Registration Branch, Center for Health Statistics and Informatics, MS 5103, California Department of Public Health (CDPH), P.O. Box 997410, Sacramento, CA, 95899-7410. Based on CDPH–Vital Records 2014– Court report of adoption (VS 44) forms submitted. NCSC had no

- information from California.
2. Est. – Estimated by NCFCA.
 3. Est. – Estimated by NCFCA.
 4. 5,948 – The total number of adoptions was generated using the dynamic data table creation tool on the California website (http://cssr.berkeley.edu/ucb_childwelfare/CaseClosures.aspx) with these filters applied: time frame–Jan 1, 2014 to Dec 31, 2014; ages–all; agency types–all*; days case open–all (Webster, D., Armijo, M., Lee, S., Dawson, W., Magruder, J., Exel, M., Cuccaro–Alamin, S., Putnam–Hornstein, E., King, B., Rezvani, G., Wagstaff, K., Sandoval, A., Yee, H., Xiong, B., Benton, C., Tobler, A., & Romero, R. (2016). CCWIP reports. Retrieved 5/4/2016, from University of California at Berkeley California Child Welfare Indicators Project website. URL: http://cssr.berkeley.edu/ucb_childwelfare).
- *Agency types include: County Welfare Departments and County Probation Departments. Excluded are: Private Adoption Agency, Indian Child Welfare, KinGAP, Mental Health, Out of State Agency, and State Adoption District Office.
5. Est. – Estimated by NCFCA.
 6. Est. – Estimated by NCFCA.
 7. 2,488 – The number of infant adoptions (1,133) was generated using the dynamic data table creation tool on the California website (http://cssr.berkeley.edu/ucb_childwelfare/CaseClosures.aspx) (See item 4 above). Filters applied to the dynamic table generator: case closures–all; agency types–all; days case open–all; ages 0 and 1; for Jan 1, 2014–Dec 31, 2014. The ratio of the Vasconcellos number in #1 above to the dynamically generated number in #4 above (13,061/5,948 or 2.196) was applied to the dynamically generated number of adoptions of children ages 0 and 1 (1,133); this resulted in an estimate of 2,488 infant adoptions total.
 8. Est. – Estimated by NCFCA.
 9. Est. – Estimated by NCFCA.
 10. Est. – Estimated by NCFCA.

COLORADO – (4 contact attempts).

1. 2,245 – Mona Olivas, Modifications Unit Manager, Office of the State Registrar of Vital Statistics, Colorado Center for Health & Environmental Data, Department of Public Health & Environment, 4300 Cherry Creek Drive South, Denver, CO 80246, reported 1,918 as the total number of adoptions processed through the Vital Records Office for year 2014. She further stated that CO does not collect items 2–8. NCSC provided a count of 2,245 incoming adoption caseload, which NCFCA accepted for the total number of adoptions. The 2014 AFCARS/ACF report gave 769 finalized cases for FY 2014. Because Olivas indicated that the figure 1,918 included all Colorado and foreign-born adoptions, the number provided in the AFCARS/ACF report was accepted as the number of public adoptions.
2. Est. – Estimated by NCFCA.
3. Est. – Estimated by NCFCA.
4. 769 – See #1 above.
5. Est. – Estimated by NCFCA.
6. Est. – Estimated by NCFCA.
7. Est. – Estimated by NCFCA.
8. Est. – Estimated by NCFCA.
9. Est. – Estimated by NCFCA.
10. Est. – Estimated by NCFCA.

CONNECTICUT – (24 contact attempts).

1. 444 – Sherry Rautenberg, Subsidy Program Manager, Department of Children and Youth, 505 Hudson St., Hartford, CT 06106, from data taken from Rom/Link reports. NCSC reported an outgoing adoption caseload of 445 and an incoming adoption caseload of 1,138 (446 general court tier and 692 limited court tier). Because the outgoing NCSC report of outgoing cases is very close to Rautenberg's, NCFCA accepted Rautenberg's report of 444 total adoptions.
2. 100 – Rautenberg, Rom/Link reports, see #1 above.
3. 344 – Rautenberg, Rom/Link reports, see #1 above.
4. 344 – Rautenberg, see #1 above, processed by the State of Connecticut.
5. Est. – Estimated by NCFCA. Per Rautenberg, see #1 above, State of Connecticut does not have private agency statistics.
6. Est. – Estimated by NCFCA. Per Rautenberg, see #1 above, State of Connecticut does not have private agency statistics.
7. 79 – Rautenberg, Rom/Link reports, see #1 above.

8. 344 – Rautenberg reported 100% of adoptions were special needs, see #1 above.
9. 83 – Marisa Ruiz-Sabater, Social Work Supervisor, CT Interstate Compact, 505 Hudson St., Hartford, CT 06106.
10. 36 – Ruiz-Sabater, see #9 above.

DELAWARE – (4 contact attempts).

1. 169 – Frank Perfinski, Delaware Department of Health and Social Services, Department of Services for Children, Youth and Their Families, Division of Family Services, 1825 Faulkland Road, Wilmington, DE 19805. Perfinski's source was the State Case Management System and he reported 80 total adoptions for 2014. NCSC reported an incoming adoption caseload of 172 and an outgoing caseload of 169. AFCARS/ACF data reported 84 adoptions in FY 2014. NCFCA accepted the outgoing caseload number of 169 as the total number of adoptions. The number given by Perfinski (80) was similar to the AFCARS/ACF number of 84 so Perfinski's number was considered to be public adoptions only. Items 1–8 were internally consistent, so the ratio of the NCSC total (169) to the Perfinski total (80) was applied to items 2–8 (2.1125).
2. 13 – Perfinski, see #1 above (original number = 6).
3. 156 – Perfinski, see #1 above (original number = 74).
4. 156 – Perfinski, see #1 above (original number = 74).
5. 0 – Perfinski, see #1 above (original number = 0).
6. 0 – Perfinski, see #1 above (original number = 0).
7. 53 – Perfinski, see #1 above (original number = 25).
8. 156 – Perfinski, see #1 above (original number = 74).
9. 4 – Perfinski, see #1 above (Perfinski's original number).
10. 0 – Perfinski, see #1 above (Perfinski's original number).

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA – (39 contact attempts).

1. 239 – Wendy B. Singleton, Executive Assistant/FOIA Officer, Child and Family Services Agency, Office of the General Counsel; 200 I Street, SE – #3605k; Washington, DC 20003 reported 109 cases. The NCSC reported for 2014 that D.C. had 253 incoming and 239 outgoing adoption caseloads. AFCARS/ACF reported 107 public agency children adopted in FY 2014 a number almost identical to the number reported by Singleton. The NCSC outgoing adoption caseload number was accepted by NCFCA for item 1 and Singleton's number was used for item 4. Because the numbers provided by Singleton were internally consistent, the ratio of the NCSC total (239) to the Singleton total (109) was applied to items 2–3, 7–8 (2.193).
2. 39 – Singleton, see #1 above (original number = 18).
3. 200 – Singleton, see #1 above (original number = 91).
4. 109 – Singleton, see #1 above (original number = 91).
5. Est. – Estimated by NCFCA.
6. Est. – Estimated by NCFCA.
7. 2 – Singleton, see #1 above (original number = 1).
8. 200 – Singleton, see #1 above (original number = 91).
9. Est. – Estimated by NCFCA.
10. Est. – Estimated by NCFCA.

FLORIDA – (20 contact attempts).

1. Est. – Estimated by NCFCA. Courtney M. Smith, MSW, Adoption Policy Manager, Office of Child Welfare, Department of Children and Families, 1317 Winewood Blvd., Building 1, Room 301-M, Tallahassee, FL 32399, reported 3,343 total adoptions. This number and the number for items 2–5 and 7–8 were based on AFCARS submissions. NCSC did not report incoming or outgoing adoption caseload numbers for Florida. AFCARS/ACF reported 3,267 public agency children adopted in FY 2014. The report of 1,676 for unrelated domestic adoptions by public agencies (item 4) by Smith and 3,267 by ACF are incongruous; the number given by Smith for item 1, total adoptions (3,343) is similar to the number given by ACF. NCFCA accepted Smith's estimate for the item 1 (total number of adoptions) as the actual number for item 4; the total number of adoptions was imputed by NCFCA.
2. Est. – Smith, see #1 above (original number = 1,633).
3. Est. – Smith, see #1 above (original number = 1,710).
4. 3,343 – Smith, see #1 above (original number = 1,676).
5. Est. – Smith, see #1 above (original number = 34).
6. Est. – Smith, see #1 above (original number = n.a.).
7. Est. – Smith, see #1 above (original number = 306).
8. Est. – Smith, see #1 above (original number = 1,309).
9. 154 – Smith, National Electronic Interstate Compact Enterprise and Interstate Compact System (ICS).

10. 607 – Smith, see #9 above.

GEORGIA – (7 contact attempts).

- 1,885 – Fran Marie H. George, Program Manager, Division of Family and Children Services Permanency Unit, 2 Peachtree St., N.W., Suite 18–486, Atlanta, GA 30303 reported 914 cases from AFCARS. NCSC reported adoption caseloads of 1,885 outgoing and 2,832 incoming. The AFCARS/ACF 2014 report had a total number of children adopted as 887, similar to the number reported by George for item 4. NCFCA accepted the NCSC outgoing total of 1,885 as the total number of adoptions. The numbers given by George were internally consistent for items 1–8, so the ratio of NCSC/George numbers (1,885/914 or 2.062) was applied to items 2–3, 5–8.
- 241 – George, see #1 above (original number = 117).
- 1,643 – George, see #1 above (original number = 797).
- 791 – George, see #1 above. The 791 reported by George compares well with 887 reported by the ACF for FY 2014 so George's number was accepted as the number of unrelated domestic adoptions by public agencies.
- 852 – George, see #1 above. Because George indicated that there were no unrelated domestic adoptions by private individuals (item 6), this number was derived by subtracting item 4, the total number of adoptions by public agencies (791), from the estimated total number of unrelated adoptions in item 3 (1,643) (original number = 6).
- 0 – George, see #1 and #5 above (original number = 0).
- 381 – George, see #1 above (original number = 185).
- 1,458 – George, see #1 above (original number = 707).
- Est. – Estimated by NCFCA. George indicated that this number would come from SHINES, but did not supply a number. Georgia SHINES is a web-based, statewide, automated child welfare information system that offers case managers a comprehensive tool for helping children and families.
- Est. – Estimated by NCFCA. George indicated that this number would come from SHINES, but did not supply a number.

HAWAII – (5 contact attempts).

- 277 – Kathryn Boyer, Assistant Program Administrator, Hawaii Department of Human Services (DHS)/SSD/Child Welfare Services Branch (CWS)/Program Development, 810 Richards St., Suite 400, Honolulu, HI 96813 reported 137 total adoptions. Boyer indicated that the numbers were from a DHS/CWS database and did not track private agency or private individual adoptions. NCSC reported 277 outgoing and 344 incoming adoption caseloads for 2014. The AFCARS/ACF 2014 report indicated that there were 121 adoptions. NCFCA accepted the NCSC outgoing number for the total number of adoptions. Because the numbers provided by Boyer were internally consistent, the ratio of NCSC/Boyer numbers (277/137 or 2.022) was applied to items 2–4, 7–8.
- 160 – Boyer, see #1 above (original number = 79).
- 117 – Boyer, see #1 above (original number = 58).
- 117 – Boyer, see #1 above (original number = 58). It is unclear why the AFCARS/ACF number of adoptions (121) is twice as high as the number Boyer provided.
- Est. – Estimated by NCFCA. Per Boyer, see #1 above, this information not tracked by CWS.
- Est. – Estimated by NCFCA. Per Boyer, see #1 above, this information not tracked by CWS.
- 26 – Boyer, see #1 above (original number = 13).
- 109 – Boyer, see #1 above (original number = 54).
- Est. – Estimated by NCFCA.
- Est. – Estimated by NCFCA.

IDAHO – (15 contact attempts).

- 738 – Stephanie Miller, Permanency Program Specialist (Adoption), Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, Division of Family and Community Services, P. O. Box 83720, 450 West State Street, 5th Floor, Boise, ID 83702, reported 214 total adoptions. This information was for 2015 but she indicated that 2014 would be similar. She stated that the information she provided pertains only to adoptions originating from the Idaho child welfare program, and that data regarding private and independent adoptions was not kept. Miller gave AFCARS as the source for item 1 and Idaho's SACWIS data system as the source for items 2–4, 8, and 10. NCSC reported an incoming adoption caseload of 788 and 738 for the outgoing adoption caseload for 2014. The AFCARS/ACF report for

- FY 2014 gave 218 as the total number of children adopted. The NCSC outgoing adoption caseload figure of 738 was accepted by NCFCA as the total number of adoptions. Items 2, 3, and 8 were inflated by the ratio of NCSC/Miller numbers (738/214 or 3.449) because the data provided by Miller was internally consistent.
- 317 – Miller, see #1 above, SACWIS (original number = 92).
 - 421 – Miller, see #1 above, SACWIS (original number = 122).
 - 218 – AFCARS/ACF, see #1 above (Miller's original number = 122).
 - Est. – Estimated by NCFCA.
 - Est. – Estimated by NCFCA.
 - Est. – Estimated by NCFCA. Miller indicated that this information was not available.
 - 421 – Miller, see #1 above, SACWIS (original number = 122).
 - Est. – Estimated by NCFCA. Miller indicated that this information was not available.
 - 63 – Miller, see #1 above, SACWIS system. She noted that this number includes children placed in out-of-state legal guardianships.

ILLINOIS – (20 contact attempts).

- 3,437 – Megan Clark-Jimenez, Assistant Division Chief, Division of Vital Records, Illinois Department of Public Health, 925 East Ridgely Avenue, Springfield, IL 62702. NCSC reported an incoming adoption caseload of 3,460 and 3,878 for the outgoing adoption caseload for 2014. NCFCA accepted the Clark-Jimenez number of 3,437 because it came from the Division of Vital Records and was based on the number of revised birth certificates. AFCARS/ACF reported a total of 1,655 children adopted for FY 2014.
- 1,478 – Karen Wagner, Department of Children and Family Services Adoption/Post Adoption Unit, 1911/21 S. Indiana Ave., 4th floor, Chicago, IL 60616, reported a total of 1,727 adoptions, with 748 (43%) of them by relatives. The total number she gave is similar to the number of adoptions reported by AFCARS/ACF. The total number of adoptions provided by Vital Records was multiplied by the percentage of relative adoptions to obtain the number of related adoptions.
- 1,959 – Obtained by subtracting #2 from #1.
- 1,727 – Wagner, see #2 above.
- Est. – Estimated by NCFCA.
- Est. – Estimated by NCFCA.
- Est. – Estimated by NCFCA.
- Est. – Estimated by NCFCA.
- Est. – Estimated by NCFCA.
- Est. – Estimated by NCFCA.

INDIANA – (4 contact attempts).

- 3,922 – Reported by Mary Hinds, Coordinator, Indiana Adoption History Program, Division of Vital Records, State Department of Health, Two North Meridian Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204. By comparison, the NCSC reported an incoming adoption caseload of 3,662 and an outgoing adoption caseload of 3,880 in 2014. The Hinds number of 3,922 was accepted by NCFCA as the total number of adoptions. AFCARS/ACF reported a total of 850 children adopted for FY 2014.
- Est. – Estimated by NCFCA.
- Est. – Estimated by NCFCA.
- 850 – AFCARS/ACF, see #1 above.
- Est. – Estimated by NCFCA.
- Est. – Estimated by NCFCA.
- Est. – Estimated by NCFCA.
- Est. – Estimated by NCFCA.
- Est. – Estimated by NCFCA.
- Est. – Estimated by NCFCA.

IOWA – (3 contact attempts).

- 1,816 – Tracey Parker, Adoption Program Manager, Division of Child and Family Services, Iowa Department of Human Services, 1305 E. Walnut, Des Moines, IA 50319 reported a total of 879 adoptions for #1. SACWIS is the source for items 1–3, 7–8. She notes that adoptions by private agencies or private individuals, items 5–6, are not tracked in SACWIS. NCSC reported an incoming adoption caseload of 1,830 and 1,816 for the outgoing adoption caseload for 2014. NCFCA accepted the NCSC outgoing adoption caseload number for the total number of adoptions. AFCARS/ACF reported a total of 878 children adopted for FY 2014, confirming that the number of adoptions reported by Parker are

public agency adoptions only. The numbers provided by Parker are internally consistent so the ratio of the total adoptions provided by NCSC and Parker (1,816/879 or 2.066) was applied to the original numbers provided by Parker for items 2–3, 7–8.

2. 731 – Parker, see #1 above (original number = 354).
3. 1,085 – Parker, see #1 above (original number = 525)
4. 878 – AFCARS/ACF, see #1 above (original number given by Parker = 525).
5. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.
6. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.
7. 419 – Parker, see #1 above (original number = 203).
8. 1,085 – Parker, see #1 above (original number = 525).
9. 47 – Gerry Pine, Deputy Compact Administrator for ICPC, Division of Child and Family Services, Iowa Department of Human Services, ICPC tracking database.
10. 56 – Gerry Pine, see #9.

KANSAS – (19 contact attempts).

1. 1,843 – NCFA was unable to obtain information from Kansas state experts for this survey. Information about public adoptions only was found on the state webpage for SFY 2014 (7/2013–6/2014): http://www.dcf.ks.gov/services/PPS/Documents/FY2014DataReports/FinalizedAdoptions/adoptions_finalizedFY14.pdf and SFY 2015 (7/2014–6/2015): http://www.dcf.ks.gov/services/PPS/Documents/FY2015DataReports/FCAD_Summary/adoptions_finalizedFY15.pdf. Calendar year 2014 information was calculated by summing monthly data from the SFY 2014 and SFY 2015 reports to get a total of 749. NCSC reported an incoming adoption caseload of 1,843 for 2014; the number for the outgoing adoption caseload was not available. The incoming number was used for item 1. AFCARS/ACF reported a total of 695 children adopted for FY 2014 which compares favorably with the Kansas FFY 2014 report of 672 finalized adoptions obtained from: <http://www.dcf.ks.gov/services/PPS/Pages/HistoricalFFYAdoptionsFinalized.aspx>. The number of special needs children in the SFY 2014 and SFY 2015 is inflated because children could be counted multiple times, so the total number of children adopted from public agencies was used for item 8. The number of children <2 and the number of unrelated adoptions are the average of SFY 2014 and 2015. The numbers obtained from the SFY 2014 and 2015 reports were then inflated by the ratio of the NCSC/SFY numbers (1,843/749 or 2.461) for items 2–4, 7–8.
2. 780 – Kansas state website, see #1 above (original number = 317).
3. 1,063 – Kansas state website, see #1 above (original number = 432).
4. 1,063 – Kansas state website, see #1 above (original number = 432).
5. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.
6. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.
7. 150 – Kansas state website, see #1 above (original number = 61).
8. 1,063 – Kansas state website, see #1 above (original number = 1,466).
9. 85 – Patti Dawson-Young, Prevention and Protection Services – ICPC/ICAMA/PCS, Kansas Department for Children and Families (DCF), 555 S. Kansas, 4th Floor, Topeka, KS, 66603, reported 41 private-adoption and 44 public-adoption children placed in Kansas in calendar year (CY) 2014.
10. 157 – Patti Dawson-Young reported 61 private-adoption and 96 public-adoption children placed out of Kansas in CY2014.

KENTUCKY – (19 contact attempts).

1. Est. – Estimated by NCFA. NCFA was unable to obtain information from Kentucky state experts for this survey. NCSC did not provide data for incoming and outgoing adoption caseloads in 2014. AFCARS/ACF reported a total of 909 children adopted for FY 2014. This number was used for item 4.
2. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.
3. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.
4. 909 – AFCARS/ACF, see #1 above.
5. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.
6. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.
7. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.
8. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.
9. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.
10. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.

LOUISIANA – (14 contact attempts).

1. 1,416 – Reported by Cheryl Barton, MSW, Adoption Program Manager, Louisiana Department of Social Services, Office of

Community Services, 627 North Fourth Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, based on the Louisiana Adoption Petition Subsystem. NCSC did not provide data for incoming and outgoing adoption caseloads in 2014. AFCARS/ACF reported a total of 622 children adopted for FY 2014. Barton notes that the numbers are for the LA state calendar year, July 1, 2013–June 30, 2014.

2. 810 – Barton, see #1 above.
3. 606 – Barton, see #1 above.
4. 332 – Barton, see #1 above. By way of comparison, the AFCARS/ACF report stated almost twice as many children, 622, were adopted in FY 2014. Because Barton's numbers were internally consistent, NCFA accepted her count for item 4.
5. 36 – Barton, see #1 above.
6. 238 – Barton, see #1 above.
7. 293 – Barton, see #1 above.
8. 575 – Barton, see #1 above, TIP Legacy System. She noted that the number is only public agency special needs and that she is unable to determine relationship.
9. 46 – Barton, see #1 above.
10. 28 – Barton, see #1 above.

MAINE – (10 contact attempts).

1. 298 – Kristi Poole, Adoption and Title IV–E Program Manager, Maine Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Child and Family Services, 2 Anthony Avenue, Augusta, ME 04333–0011. Counts are from the Maine Automated Child Welfare Information System (MACWIS) and appear to be complete and internally consistent. #1 was a count of children adopted by legalization hearing date. NCSC did not provide data for incoming and outgoing adoption caseloads in 2014. AFCARS/ACF reported a total of 295 children adopted for FY 2014.
2. 127 – Poole, see #1 above. Count of children adopted by legalization hearing date where adoptive placement was with a relative.
3. 171 – Poole, see #1 above. Count of children adopted by legalization hearing date where adoptive placement was with a non–relative.
4. 171 – Poole, see #1 above. She notes that all unrelated adoptions were handled by Office of Child and Family Services (source: Maine OCFS). By comparison, AFCARS/ACF reports 295 public agency children adopted in Maine in FY 2014.
5. 0 – Poole, see #1 above, Maine OCFS.
6. 0 – Poole, see #5 above.
7. 29 – Poole, see #1 above. Count of children adopted by legalization hearing date where adoptive placement was with a non–relative and the child was less than age 2, based on age of child at the time of the adoption legalization.
8. 97 – Poole, see #1 above. Count of children adopted by legalization hearing date where adoptive placement was with a non–relative and a special need was recorded on the adoption assistance agreement.
9. 28 – Poole, see #1 above, Interstate Compact for the Placement of Children database.
10. 23 – Poole, see #9 above.

MARYLAND – (3 contact attempts).

1. 1,171 – The item 1 total of 344 reported by Jennifer McCabe, Adoption Policy Analyst, Maryland Department of Human Services, 311 West Saratoga Street, Baltimore, MD, 21201, comes from the Statewide Automated Child Welfare Information System (SACWA) – Maryland Children's Electronic Social Services Information Exchange system (MDChessie). NCSC reported an incoming adoption caseload of 1,046 and 1,171 for the outgoing adoption caseload for 2014. AFCARS/ACF reported a total of 344 children adopted for FY 2014. NCFA accepted the National Center for State Courts outgoing adoption caseload count of 1,171. Since McCabe provided internally consistent counts for items 2–3, 5, 7–8, these counts were inflated proportionately by a 3.404 multiplier to the NCSC item 1 count of 1,171. AFCARS/ACF and McCabe gave the same number, 344, which was used for item 4.
2. 191 – McCabe, SACWA–MDChessie. See #1 (original number = 56).
3. 980 – McCabe, SACWA–MDChessie. See #1 (original number = 288).
4. 344 – McCabe, SACWA–MDChessie. See #1 (original number = 287).
5. 3 – McCabe, SACWA–MDChessie. See #1 (original number = 1).
6. 0 – McCabe, SACWA–MDChessie. See #1 (original number = 0).
7. 381– McCabe, SACWA–MDChessie. See #1 (original number = 112).

8. 916 – McCabe, SACWA–MDChessie. See #1 (original number = 269).
9. 146 – Charles Gentemann, Deputy Compact Administrator, ICPC/ICAMA, MD–Department of Human Resource, Social Services Administration, 3E11 W. Saratoga Street, Baltimore, MD 21201.
10. 22 – Gentemann. See #9.

MASSACHUSETTS – (23 contact attempts).

1. 1,843– NCFA was unable to obtain information from Massachusetts state experts for this survey. NCSC reported an incoming adoption caseload of 1,843 for 2014; the number for the outgoing adoption caseload was not available. AFCARS/ACF reported a total of 589 children adopted for FY 2014. The NCSC incoming adoption caseload number was used for item 1 and the AFCARS/ACF number was used for item 4. The other items were estimated by NCFA.
2. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.
3. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.
4. 589 – AFCARS/ACF report, see #1 above.
5. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.
6. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.
7. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.
8. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.
9. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.
10. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.

MICHIGAN – (15 contact attempts).

1. 3,722 – NCFA was unable to obtain information from Michigan experts for this survey. NCSC reported an incoming adoption caseload of 3,784 and 3,722 for the outgoing adoption caseload for 2014. AFCARS/ACF reported a total of 2,137 children adopted for FY 2014. The NCSC outgoing adoption caseload number was used for item 1 and the AFCARS/ACF number was used for item 4. The other items were estimated by NCFA.
2. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.
3. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.
4. 2,137 – AFCARS/ACF report, see #1 above.
5. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.
6. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.
7. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.
8. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.
9. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.
10. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.

MINNESOTA – (13 contact attempts).

1. 1,383 – NCFA was unable to obtain information from Minnesota state experts for this survey. The “Minnesota’s Child Welfare Report 2014” produced by Children and Family Services Administration for the 2015 Minnesota Legislature, <https://edocs.dhs.state.mn.us/lfsrserver/Public/DHS-5408G-ENG>, stated that 604 children became state wards as a result of court terminations of parental rights and 686 state wards were adopted. In addition to the 36 American Indian state wards adopted in 2014 reported previously, 22 American Indian wards of tribal court were adopted through tribal customary adoptions (page iii, 29–37). NCSC reported an incoming adoption caseload of 1,383 for 2014; the number for the outgoing adoption caseload was not available. AFCARS/ACF reported a total of 642 children adopted for FY 2014. The NCSC incoming adoption caseload number was used for item 1 and the sum of state ward (686) and tribal customary adoptions (22) was used for item 4. The proportion of the number of adopted state wards under age 2 to the total number of state wards who were adopted (150/686 or .219) was applied to the NCSC incoming adoption caseload number of 1,383 to estimate item 7, total number of children under age 2 who had been adopted. The other items were estimated by NCFA.
2. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.
3. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.
4. 708 – “Minnesota’s Child Welfare Report 2014,” see #1 above.
5. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.
6. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.
7. 303 – “Minnesota’s Child Welfare Report 2014” and NCSC, see #1 above.
8. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.
9. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.
10. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.

MISSISSIPPI – (12 contact attempts).

1. 388 – The item 1 total of 388 reported by Edna F. McLendon, Project Officer, IV, Special, Division of Family and Children’s Services, Adoption Unit, Mississippi Department of Human Services, 750 North State Street, Jackson, MS 39202, comes from the Mississippi Automated Child Welfare Information System (MACWIS). NCSC did not provide data for incoming and outgoing adoption caseloads in 2014. AFCARS/ACF reported a total of 314 children adopted for FY 2014. Since the number given by McLendon was larger than the number provided in the AFCARS/ACF report, the AFCARS/ACF number was used for item 4.
2. 2 – McLendon, MACWIS. See #1.
3. 386 – McLendon, MACWIS. See #1.
4. 314 – AFCARS/ACF report, see #1 above.
5. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.
6. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.
7. 23 – McLendon, MACWIS. See #1.
8. 388 – McLendon, MACWIS. See #1.
9. 0 – McLendon, Adoption placement report. See #1.
10. 0 – McLendon, Adoption placement report See #1.

MISSOURI – (13 contact attempts).

1. 2,626 – NCFA was unable to obtain information from Missouri state experts for this survey. The online report, “Quick Facts about DSS in Missouri,” <http://dss.mo.gov/mis/cqfacts/2014-missouri-counties-quick-facts.pdf>, indicated that 1,250 children had been adopted in SFY 2014. NCSC reported an incoming adoption caseload of 2,657 and 2,626 for the outgoing adoption caseload for 2014. AFCARS/ACF reported a total of 1,291 children adopted for FY 2014. The NCSC incoming adoption caseload number was used for item 1 and the quick facts number (similar to the AFCARS/ACF number) was used for item 4. The other items were estimated by NCFA.
2. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.
3. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.
4. 1,250 – Quick Facts about DSS in Missouri report, see #1 above.
5. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.
6. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.
7. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.
8. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.
9. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.
10. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.

MONTANA – (7 contact attempts).

1. 840 – Heidi R. Lutz, Adoptions Program Manager, Department of Public Health and Human Services – Child and Family Services, 111 North Sanders – Room 205, PO Box 8005, Helena, MT 59604–8005 reported 284 total adoptions, broken into 254 state adoptions and 30 tribal or private subsidized adoptions, generated by SACWIS. She clarified that answers to questions 1 through 8 include the adoption of children in State of Montana custody and Tribal, private agency, and direct parental placement adoptions which have an adoption assistance agreement. These numbers do not include non-State of Montana custody adoptions that do not have an adoption assistance agreement. The number of total State adoptions (254) given by Lutz is similar to the number provided by AFCARS/ACF for public-agency adoptions; AFCARS/ACF reported a total of 234 children adopted for FY 2014. NCSC reported an incoming adoption caseload of 840 for 2014; the number for the outgoing adoption caseload was not available. NCFA accepted the NCSC incoming adoption caseload for the total number of adoptions. Items #1-8 were internally consistent so the ratio of NCSC/Lutz numbers (840/284 or 2.958) was applied to items 2–8.
2. 349 – Lutz, see #1 above (original number = 118).
3. 491 – Lutz, see #1 above (original number = 166).
4. 479 – Lutz, see #1 above. Lutz further noted that her original number was broken down by 147 state adoptions and 15 Tribal subsidized adoptions (original number = 162).
5. 9 – Lutz, see #1 above (original number = 3).
6. 3 – Lutz, see #1 above (original number = 1).
7. 157 – Lutz, see #1 above (original number = 53).
8. 491 – Lutz, see #1 above (original number = 166).
9. 33 – Kandice Morse, ICPC Specialist and Adoptions & Interstate Unit Supervisor, CFSD PO Box 8005, Helena, MT 59604–800.
10. 44 – Morse, see #9 above.

NEBRASKA – (10 contact attempts).

1. 929 – Christine Jones, Permanency Program and Adoption Specialist, Division of Children and Family Services, Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, 301 Centennial Mall South, P.O. Box 95026, Lincoln, NE 68509–5026 reported 465 adoptions. She indicated that her agency “only gathers data and information on public agency adoptions (wards of the state)... All of our numbers were calculated using our AFCARS report, or by a report calculated and managed by specialist or business analyst.” Item 1 is from a Business Analyst Report. Items 2–4, 7–8 are from AFCARS reports. She reached out to Vital Records who provided a total of 929 adoptions, but indicated they do not have any descriptive data about whether those were private agency or individuals. NCSC reported an incoming adoption caseload of 858 and 855 for the outgoing adoption caseload for 2014. AFCARS/ACF reported a total of 461 children adopted for FY 2014, which was very similar to the number reported by Jones. NCFA accepted the Vital Records number for item 1. Items 1–8 were internally consistent so the ratio of Vital Records/Jones numbers (929/465 or 1.998) was applied to items 2–3, 5–8. Item 4 is Jones’s original total number for item 1.
2. 310 – Jones, see #1 above (original number = 155).
3. 619 – Jones, see #1 above (original number = 310).
4. 465 – Jones and AFCARS/ACF report, see #1 above.
5. Est. – Estimated by NCFA. Jones noted, “Not measured. Our agency only.” (Original number = 0).
6. Est. – Estimated by NCFA (original number = 0).
7. 78 – Jones, see #1 above (original number = 39).
8. 320 – Jones, see #1 above (original number = 160).
9. 44 – Jones, see #1 above, ICPC deputy report.
10. 27 – Jones, see #1 above, ICPC deputy report.

NEVADA – (15 contact attempts).

1. 951 – NCFA was unable to obtain information from Nevada state experts for this survey. NCSC reported an incoming adoption caseload of 994 and 951 for the outgoing adoption caseload for 2014. AFCARS/ACF reported a total of 729 children adopted for FY 2014. The NCSC outgoing adoption caseload number was accepted by NCFA for item 1 and the AFCARS/ACF number was accepted for item 4.
2. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.
3. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.
4. 729 – AFCARS/ACF report, see #1 above.
5. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.
6. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.
7. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.
8. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.
9. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.
10. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.

NEW HAMPSHIRE – (9 contact attempts).

1. 461 – Catherine Meister, Adoption Program Supervisor, NH Division for Children Youth and Families, 129 Pleasant St., Concord, NH, 03301-3951 reported 340 from the report of City & Town Clerk relative to adoption. This number was generated from compiling data provided on the State of New Hampshire “Report of City and Town Clerk Relative to an Adoption” form. There was a note on item 6 that there were 27 adoptions where the relationship could not be identified. When these 27 were added to the sum of items 4–6, the total was 3 more (145) than the number provided in item 3 (142). NCSC reported an incoming adoption caseload of 440 and 461 for the outgoing adoption caseload for 2014. NCFA accepted the outgoing case count for item 1. AFCARS/ACF reported a total of 120 children adopted for FY 2014. Meister’s numbers for 2–3 summed to item 1 and were inflated proportionately by a 1.356 multiplier (461/340) to the NCSC item 1 count of 461. Items 7–8 were also inflated by 1.356. The 27 cases where relationship was unidentified were distributed proportionately across items 4–6 and then inflated proportionately by (193/145 or 1.331) to sum to the adjusted total of item 3.
2. 268 – Meister, see #1 (original number = 198).
3. 193 – Meister, see #1 above (original number = 142).
4. 130 – Meister, see #1 above (original number = 80 plus 18 where relationship unidentified = 98).
5. 36 – Meister, see #1 above (original number = 22 plus 5 = 27).
6. 27 – Meister, see #1 above (original number = 16 plus 4 = 20).
7. 58 – Meister, see #1 above (original number = 43).

8. 11 – Meister, see #1 above (original number = 8).
9. 48 – Kara Buxton, Deputy Compact Administrator; New Hampshire Division of Children, Youth and Families; 129 Pleasant St.; Concord, NH 03301-3951.
10. 20 – Buxton, see #9.

NEW JERSEY – (8 contact attempts).

1. 1,833 – NCFA was unable to obtain information from New Jersey state experts for this survey. NCSC reported an incoming adoption caseload of 1,896 and 1,833 for the outgoing adoption caseload for 2014. AFCARS/ACF reported a total of 1,024 children adopted for FY 2014. The NCSC outgoing adoption caseload number was accepted by NCFA for item 1 and the AFCARS/ACF number was accepted for item 4.
2. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.
3. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.
4. 1,024 – AFCARS/ACF report, see #1 above.
5. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.
6. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.
7. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.
8. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.
9. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.
10. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.

NEW MEXICO – (4 contact attempts).

1. 326 – Kathleen Hardy, Public Records Custodian, Children, Youth, & Families Department, P.O. Drawer 5160, Santa Fe, NM, 87502-5160 forwarded the survey that had been completed by John Barela of the Statistics Bureau. The source of his information is the “sm16a07 FACTS” data system. This number is very similar to the AFCARS/ACF number of children adopted. NCFA accepted the number provided by Hardy for item 4. NCSC did not provide data for incoming and outgoing adoption caseloads in 2014. AFCARS/ACF reported a total of 315 children adopted for FY 2014.
2. 124 – Hardy, see #1 above.
3. 202 – Hardy, see #1 above.
4. 326 – Hardy, see #1 above.
5. 0 – Hardy, see #1 above.
6. 0 – Hardy, see #1 above.
7. 51 – Hardy, see #1 above.
8. 202 – Hardy, see #1 above.
9. 12 – Hardy, see #1, ICPC database.
10. 24 – Hardy, see #1, ICPC database.

NEW YORK – (5 contact attempts).

1. 7,563 – NCFA was unable to obtain information from New York state experts for this survey. NCSC reported an incoming adoption caseload of 6,959 and 7,563 for the outgoing adoption caseload for 2014. AFCARS/ACF reported a total of 1,997 children adopted for FY 2014. The NCSC outgoing adoption caseload number was accepted by NCFA for item 1 and the AFCARS/ACF number was accepted for item 4.
2. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.
3. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.
4. 1,997 – AFCARS/ACF report, see #1 above.
5. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.
6. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.
7. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.
8. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.
9. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.
10. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.

NORTH CAROLINA – (4 contact attempts).

1. 2,639 – Jamie Bazemore, BSW, MSW; Adoption Program Manager – Division of Social Services; N.C. Department of Health and Human Services; 820 South Boylan Avenue; Mail Service Center 2411; Raleigh; NC 27699 reported. Items 1–8 are based on the Adoption Information Management System (AIMS). The sum of items 4–6 (1,219) is 14 less than the total provided for item 3. These 14 cases were distributed proportionately among items 4–6. NCSC did not provide data for incoming and outgoing adoption caseloads in 2014. AFCARS/ACF reported a total of 1,164 children adopted for FY 2014.
2. 1,406 – Bazemore, see #1.
3. 1,233 – Bazemore, see #1.
4. 853 – Bazemore, see #1 (original number = 843).
5. 132 – Bazemore, see #1 (original number = 131).

6. 248 – Bazemore, see #1 (original number = 245).
7. 358 – Bazemore, see #1.
8. 839 – Bazemore, see #1.
9. 65 – Bazemore, see #1, based on NC's ICPC Database.
10. 53 – Bazemore, see #9.

NORTH DAKOTA – (7 contact attempts).

1. 311 – Julie Hoffman, Adoption Services, Administrator, North Dakota Department of Human Services, Children and Family Services Division, State Capitol, Department 325, Bismarck, ND 58505 reported 311 adoptions based on the Child Welfare Information and Payment System (CCWIPS). The CCWIPS was used for items 1–8. NCSC reported an incoming adoption caseload of 298 and 283 for the outgoing adoption caseload for 2014. AFCARS/ACF reported a total of 96 children adopted for FY 2014.
2. 152 – Hoffman, see #1.
3. 159 – Hoffman, see #1.
4. 108 – Hoffman, see #1.
5. 51 – Hoffman, see #1.
6. 0 – Hoffman, see #1.
7. 49 – Hoffman, see #1.
8. 109 – Hoffman, see #1.
9. 17 – Hoffman, see #1, source ICPC Deputy Compact Administrator Hand Count.
10. 14 – Hoffman, see #9.

OHIO – (9 contact attempts).

1. 3,970 – Kristine Monroe, Data Reporting Supervisor, Bureau of Automated Systems, Department of Job and Family Services, PO 183204, Columbus, OH 43215 reported 1,394 for item 1. Her source was Ohio's Statewide Automated Child Welfare System (SACWIS) for items 1-8. She clarified that the information she provided was from the SACWIS system and includes only public agency adoptions as well as a very limited number of private adoptions if the adoptive parents applied for an adoption subsidy. Therefore, she could only provide accurate information for item 4. NCFA accepted her number for item 4. NCSC reported an incoming adoption caseload of 3,862 and 3,970 for the outgoing adoption caseload for 2014. The NCSC outgoing adoption caseload number was accepted by NCFA for the total number of adoptions. AFCARS/ACF reported a total of 1,406 children adopted for FY 2014 very similar to the number provided by Monroe. Because Monroe's numbers were internally consistent, items 2–3, 7–8 were inflated by the ratio of NCSC/Monroe numbers (3,970/1,394 or 2.848).
2. 211 – Monroe, see #1 (original number = 74).
3. 3,759 – Monroe, see #1 (original number = 1,320).
4. 1,394 – Monroe, see #1.
5. Est. – Estimated by NCFA. Monroe, see #1, notes that this information is not available in the SACWIS system.
6. Est. – Estimated by NCFA. Monroe, see #5.
7. 632 – Monroe, see #1 (original number = 222).
8. 3,865 – Monroe, see #1 (original number = 1,357).
9. Est. – Estimated by NCFA. Monroe, see #1, indicated this information was not available because complete information is unavailable in the SACWIS system.
10. 106 – Monroe, see #1, noted that these are public adoptions only and that complete information for privately adopted children is unavailable.

OKLAHOMA – (13 contact attempts).

1. 1,622 – Deborah Goodman, Adoption Program Administrator, Oklahoma Department of Human Services, 6128 East 38th Street, Suite 300, Tulsa, OK 74135. Her source for items 1–8 was KIDS (Oklahoma SACWIS) for the 2014 calendar year and was internally consistent. Goodman's number for item 1 is similar to the number reported by AFCARS/ACF. She noted that the Oklahoma Department of Human Services does not collect private agency adoption data; however, there are some private or Tribal Agency adoptions in items 2 and 5 that are in SACWIS due to application and approval of Adoption Assistance. NCSC did not provide data for incoming and outgoing adoption caseloads in 2014. AFCARS/ACF reported a total of 1,382 children adopted for FY 2014.
2. 677 – Goodman, see #1. Goodman noted that there are 25 private or tribal agency adoptions in this total.
3. 945 – Goodman, see #1.
4. 919 – Goodman, see #1.
5. 26 – Goodman, see #1. Goodman noted that the 23 Tribal and 3

private adoptions are in SACWIS due to application and approval of Adoption Assistance.

6. 0 – Goodman, see #1.
7. 296 – Goodman, see #1.
8. 914 – Goodman, see #1.
9. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.
10. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.

OREGON – (10 contact attempts).

1. 865 – Kathy Prouty, Manager, Child Permanency Program Manager, Oregon Department of Human Services, 500 Summer Street NE, E71; Salem, OR 97310-1067 provided information on adoptions in calendar year 2014 verbally. The 2014 Child Welfare Data Book, <http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/CHILDREN/CHILD-ABUSE/Documents/2014-data-book.pdf>, indicated 837 finalized adoptions in FFY 2014. These numbers are similar to the AFCARS/ACF number. Prouty estimated that 80% of the 865 adoptions were related/foster adoptions and 20% were unrelated. These percentages were not applied when estimating related–unrelated adoptions, as foster adoptions should be included with other unrelated adoptions. The 2014 Child Welfare Data Book indicated that 203 of the 837 adopted children were younger than age 3 and almost all (816 or 97.6%) had one or more special need. The estimate of infant adoptions assumed that 2/3 of the proportion of children under 3 who were adopted (203/837*.67 or 16.2% of the total number of children adopted) were under age 2. NCSC did not provide data for incoming and outgoing adoption caseloads in 2014. AFCARS/ACF reported a total of 847 children adopted for FY 2014. NCFA accepted the AFCARS/ACF number for the number of public agency adoptions.
2. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.
3. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.
4. 847 – Child Welfare Data Book, see #1.
5. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.
6. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.
7. 140 – 2014 Child Welfare Data Book, see #1.
8. 844 – 2014 Child Welfare Data Book, see #1.
9. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.
10. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.

PENNSYLVANIA – (4 contact attempts).

1. 4,564 – Carrie Keiser; Office of Children, Youth and Families; Pennsylvania Department of Human Services; P. O Box 2675; Harrisburg, PA 17105 reported 4,564 total public and private adoptions taken from the FFY 2014 AFCARS adoption filed, AOPC. NCFA accepted Keiser's number for item 1. Keiser indicated that items 2–8 were only public adoptions. Keiser reported 1,547 for item 4, a number somewhat similar to the AFCARS/ACF number and accepted by NCFA. Because Keiser's numbers were internally consistent, items 2–3 were inflated by their relative proportions to sum to item 1. Items 5–6 were inflated by their relative proportions to sum to the inflated value of item 3 minus item 4 (3,830-1,547=2,283). Items 7 and 8 were inflated by the ratio of the adjusted number for item 3 by the original number of item 3 given by Keiser (3,830/1,556 or 2.461). NCSC reported an incoming adoption caseload of 3,882 and 3,814 for the outgoing adoption caseload for 2014. AFCARS/ACF reported a total of 1,849 children adopted for FY 2014.
2. 734 – Keiser, see #1 (original number = 298).
3. 3,830 – Keiser, see #1 (original number = 1,556).
4. 1,547 – Keiser, see #1.
5. 1,776 – Keiser, see #1 (original number = 7).
6. 507 – Keiser, see #1 (original number = 2).
7. 578 – Keiser, see #1 (original number = 235).
8. 3,347 – Keiser, see #1 (original number = 1,360).
9. 184 – Jason McCrea, PA Director, Interstate Compact Unit.
10. 146 – McCrea, see #9.

RHODE ISLAND – (23 contact attempts).

1. 453 – NCFA was unable to obtain information from Rhode Island state experts for this survey. NCSC reported an incoming adoption caseload of 457 and 453 for the outgoing adoption caseload for 2014. AFCARS/ACF reported a total of 202 children adopted for FY 2014. The NCSC outgoing adoption caseload number was accepted by NCFA for item 1 and the AFCARS/ACF number was accepted for item 4.
2. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.

3. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.
4. 202 – AFCARS/ACF report, see #1 above.
5. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.
6. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.
7. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.
8. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.
9. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.
10. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.

SOUTH CAROLINA – (15 contact attempts).

1. 1,689 – Cheryl Herring, State Adoption Unit Manager, Dept. of Social Services, 3220 Cherry Hill Drive, Columbia, SC 29204 reported 404 adoptions with the comment, “...the only thing we were able to provide is a partial answer to the first question on the list” and this note, “EXACT count from CAPSS database downloads on December 1, 2015.” This number is similar to the AFCARS/ACF number. NCSC reported an incoming adoption caseload of 1,679 and 1,689 for the outgoing adoption caseload for 2014. AFCARS/ACF reported a total of 449 children adopted for FY 2014. NCFA accepted the NCSC outgoing adoption caseload number for item 1 and Herring’s number for item 4.
2. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.
3. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.
4. 404 – Herring, see #1 above.
5. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.
6. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.
7. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.
8. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.
9. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.
10. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.

SOUTH DAKOTA – (10 contact attempts).

1. 345 – Patricia Reiss, Adoption Program Specialist/Adoption ICPC/ICAMA, SD Department of Social Services, Division of Child Protection Services, 700 Governors Drive Pierre, SD 57501-2291 reported 150 adoptions. Her source for items 1–4, 7–8 was the FACIS Report. She noted that South Dakota does not track private independent adoptions and that all adoptions reported on the survey were Child Welfare adoptions. Her number of 150 is similar to the AFCARS/ACF. Items 1–8 were internally consistent, so items 2–3, 7–8 were inflated by the ratio of NCSC/Reiss numbers (345/150 or 2.3). NCSC reported an incoming adoption caseload of 345 for 2014; the number for the outgoing adoption caseload was not available. AFCARS/ACF reported a total of 159 children adopted for FY 2014. NCFA accepted the incoming adoption caseload number for item 1 and Reiss’s number for item 4.
2. 127 – Reiss, see #1 above (original number = 55).
3. 218 – Reiss, see #1 above (original number = 95).
4. 150 – Reiss, see #1 above.
5. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.
6. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.
7. 7 – Reiss, see #1 above (original number = 3).
8. 218 – Reiss, see #1 above (original number = 95).
9. 33 – Reiss, ICPC Summary report 2014.
10. 46 – Reiss, see #9 above.

TENNESSEE – (27 contact attempts).

1. Est. – Estimated by NCFA. NCFA was unable to obtain information from Tennessee state experts for this survey. NCSC did not provide data for incoming and outgoing adoption caseloads in 2014. AFCARS/ACF reported a total of 1,161 children adopted for FY 2014. The AFCARS/ACF number was accepted for item 4.
2. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.
3. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.
4. 1,161 – AFCARS/ACF report, see #1 above.
5. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.
6. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.
7. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.
8. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.
9. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.
10. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.

TEXAS – (2 contact attempts).

- 8,018 – Jillian Bonacquisti, MMSW, Adoption Program Specialist, Department of Family and Protective Services, 701 W. 51st Street, Department Mail Code W157, Austin, TX 78751 reported 5,175 adoptions. This number is very similar to the AFCARS/ACF

number. She noted that all data are by state fiscal year, 9/1/2013–8/31/2014. The source for items 1–4 was the DFPS Databook 2014. These numbers are public adoptions from foster care only because DFPS does not track private or international adoptions. DFPS also does not track age of child at adoption finalization or special needs status by related/unrelated status nor ICPC incoming or outgoing cases, so no information for items 5–10 was submitted. NCSC reported an incoming adoption caseload of 8,677 and 8,018 for the outgoing adoption caseload for 2014. AFCARS/ACF reported a total of 5,221 children adopted for FY 2014. NCFA accepted the outgoing adoption caseload number for item 1. Items 2 and 3 were inflated proportionately to sum to item 1, and item 4 is the inflated item 3 number.

11. 3,917 – Bonacquisti, see #1 above (original number = 2,528)
12. 4,101 – Bonacquisti, see #1 above (original number = 2,647)
13. 4,101 – Bonacquisti, see #1 above (original number = 2,647)
14. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.
15. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.
16. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.
17. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.
18. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.
19. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.

UTAH – (15 contact attempts).

1. 1,846 – Carolyn Woodward, Adoption/Court Order Specialist, Office of Vital Records and Statistics, Utah Department of Health, Mailing address: PO BOX 141012/Salt Lake City/UT/84114–1012, Street address: 288 North 1460 West, Salt Lake City, Utah 84114–1012. NCSC reported an incoming adoption caseload of 1,377 and 1,348 for the outgoing adoption caseload for 2014. AFCARS/ACF reported a total of 605 children adopted for FY 2014.
2. 884 – Woodward, see #1 above
3. 962 – Woodward, see #1 above
4. 182 – Woodward, see #1 above
5. 738 – Woodward, see #1 above
6. 8 – Woodward, see #1 above
7. 464 – Woodward, see #1 above
8. Est. – Estimated by NCFA. Woodward, see #1, stated, “Utah Vital Records haven’t ever kept count of children with special needs.”
9. 248 – Woodward, see #1 above.
10. Est. – Estimated by NCFA. Woodward, see #1, stated, “Utah Vital Records haven’t ever kept court of children left our state for purpose of adoption in another state.”

VERMONT – (20 contact attempts).

1. 365 – Rachel “Gillie” Hopkins, Deputy Compact Administrator, Department for Children and Families, 103 South Main Street, Waterbury, VT 05671-2401 reported 263 based on the Adoption Registry and Lund’s Adoption Administrator, Toni Yandow, Adoption Administrator, Lund Family Home, PO Box 4009, Burlington, VT 05406. Her number of 263 is midway between the NCSC and AFCARS/ACF numbers. Items 1–8 were internally consistent, so were inflated by the ratio of NCSC/Hopkins numbers (365/263 or 1.388). NCSC reported an incoming adoption caseload of 367 and 365 for the outgoing adoption caseload for 2014. AFCARS/ACF reported a total of 161 children adopted for FY 2014. The NCSC outgoing adoption caseload number was accepted by NCFA for item 1.
2. 176 – Hopkins, see #1 above (original number = 127).
3. 189 – Hopkins, see #1 above (original number = 136).
4. 143 – Hopkins, see #1 above (original number = 103).
5. 31 – Hopkins, see #1 above (original number = 22).
6. 15 – Hopkins, see #1 above (original number = 11).
7. 29 – Hopkins, see #1 above (original number = 21).
8. 143 – Hopkins, see #1 above (original number = 103).
9. 15 – Hopkins, VT ICPC Database.
10. 12 – Hopkins, see #9 above.

VIRGINIA – (9 contact attempts).

- 2,048 – Traci Jones, Adoption Program Manager, Family Services Division, Virginia Department of Social Services, 801 East Main Street, Richmond, VA 23219 reported 2,048 adoptions. Numbers are for Virginia State Fiscal Year 2014 (07/01/2013–06/30/2014). The source of the information for items 1–7 is Virginia’s Adoption Research and Reporting Information System (ARRIS). There were 47 children for whom relationship status was not reported—these cases were distributed proportionately between items 2 and 3.

Jones's numbers for items 4–6 did not sum to the number in item 3 (sum of 4–6 = 864, unadjusted number for item 3 = 1,012). Items 4–6 were inflated proportionately to sum to the adjusted total for number 3 (1,036). NCSC did not provide data for incoming and outgoing adoption caseloads in 2014. AFCARS/ACF reported a total of 632 children adopted for FY 2014. The AFCARS/ACF number is very similar to the number reported by Jones for item 4.

11. 1,012 – Jones, see #1 above (original number = 989).
12. 1,036 – Jones, see #1 above (original number = 1,012)
13. 752 – Jones, see #1 above (original number = 627).
14. 167 – Jones, see #1 above (original number = 139).
15. 117 – Jones, see #1 above. (original number = 98)
16. 278 – Jones, see #1 above.
17. Est. – Estimated by NCFA. Jones did not provide a number and noted that the VA electronic case record system and ARRIS would need to communicate in order to identify this number.
18. 189 – Jones, see #1 above, no source given.
19. 76 – Jones, see #1 above, no source given.

WASHINGTON – (2 contact attempts).

1. 2,411 – Phyllis Reed, MPH, Center for Health Statistics, Washington State Department of Health, 101 Israel Road SE, Olympia, Washington 98504 from Washington State Vital Records. NCFA accepted Reed's number for item 1. She stated that they do not have the capacity to generate items 2–10. NCSC reported an incoming adoption caseload of 2,674 and 2,559 for the outgoing adoption caseload for 2014. AFCARS/ACF reported a total of 1,362 children adopted for FY 2014. NCFA accepted the AFCARS/ACF number for item 4.
2. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.
3. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.
4. 1,362 – AFCARS/ACF, see #1 above.
5. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.
6. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.
7. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.
8. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.
9. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.
10. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.

WEST VIRGINIA – (4 contact attempts).

1. 1,217 – Gary L. Thompson, State Registrar, West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, Bureau for Public Health, Health Statistics Center, 350 Capitol Street, Room 165, Charleston, West Virginia 25301-3701. His source for 1–3, and 7 was WV Vital Registration. NCSC reported an incoming adoption caseload of 1,243 and 1,235 for the outgoing adoption caseload for 2014. AFCARS/ACF reported a total of 852 children adopted for FY 2014. NCFA did not use this count for item 4 because it believes that it is likely that related adoptions and possibly even private agency adoptions may be included in the 852.
2. 688 – Thompson, see #1 above.
3. 529 – Thompson, see #1 above.
4. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.
5. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.
6. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.
7. 102 – Thompson, see #1 above.
8. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.
9. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.
10. Est. – Estimated by NCFA.

WISCONSIN – (20 contact attempts).

1. 1,158 – Katie Sepnieski, MSW; Adoption and Interstate Services Section Chief; Bureau of Permanency and Out of Home Care; Department of Children and Families; 125 S. Webster Street, P10; P.O. Box 8916; Madison, WI 53703 reported 1,158 total adoptions. Her source for items 1–5, 7 was the eWisACWIS report SM16X103 Adoption Finalization SNAP and DCF data collection from private adoption agencies. NCSC did not provide data for incoming and outgoing adoption caseloads in 2014. AFCARS/ACF reported a total of 735 children adopted for FY 2014. The AFCARS/ACF number is very similar to the number reported by Sepnieski for item 4.
2. 93 – Sepnieski, see #1 above.
3. 1,065 – Sepnieski, see #1 above.
4. 720 – Sepnieski, see #1 above.
5. 345 – Sepnieski, see #1 above.
6. Est. – Estimated by NCFA. Sepnieski noted that they are unable to collect this information.

7. 438 – Sepnieski, see #1 above
8. 697 – Sepnieski, see #1 above. The source for this item was eWisACWIS reports SM16X103 Adoption Finalization SNAP, SM16X101 Adoption Assistance Activity and DCF data collection from private adoption agencies.
9. 274 – Sepnieski, see #1 above, source: eWisACWIS report SM18X100 ICPC Referral Request.
10. 102 – Sepnieski, see #9 above.

WYOMING – (5 contact attempts).

1. 70 – Maureen Clifton; Adoption Program Analyst; Department of Family Services; Hathaway Building, 3rd Floor; 2300 Capitol Ave; Cheyenne, WY 82002. Her source was DFS, statewide children adopted from foster care. NCSC did not provide data for incoming and outgoing adoption caseloads in 2014. AFCARS/ACF reported a total of 75 children adopted for FY 2014.
2. 24 – Clifton, see #1 above.
3. 46 – Clifton, see #1 above.
4. 70 – Clifton, see #1 above.
5. 0 – Clifton, see #1 above.
6. 0 – Clifton, see #1 above.
7. 0 – Clifton, see #1 above.
8. 46 – Clifton, see #1 above.
9. 50 – Clifton, see #1 above.
10. 50 – Clifton, see #1 above.

Other Data Sources

Legend for Sources of 2014 Data in Table 1

Est. – Estimated by Dr. Paul Placek, Statistical Consultant to National Council For Adoption, based on “raking” or proportional distribution based on statistical distributions in reporting states. Dr. Placek has used this method in all previous national NCFA surveys. See Technical Appendix for discussion of methodology.

AFCARS/ACF – Children's Bureau, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, http://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/cb/final_age2014.pdf. These data were sometimes used for item 4 unless state data were more complete and consistent.

National Center for State Courts. 2014 data and definition of terms for the NCSC Excel spreadsheet provided by Deborah Wood Smith, JD, KIS Senior Analyst and Shauna M. Strickland, Senior Court Research Analyst, Research Division, National Center for State Courts, 300 Newport Avenue, Williamsburg, VA 23185

The Court Statistics Project reports trial court caseload data by court tier—either general or limited. There are ten states (CA, DC, ID, IL, IA, ME, MN, MO, PR, and VT) that have only a single, general jurisdiction caseload. In all other states, the general jurisdiction court(s) process a part of the total statewide caseload and this portion is reported as the general tier caseload. The remaining caseload is processed in limited jurisdiction court(s) and reported as the limited tier caseload. Which part and what percentage of the total statewide caseload is processed in which courts is dependent on many factors and can vary significantly from state to state. For more information on states' general and limited jurisdiction courts and how states report caseload data for CSP, please consult the state court structure charts on the CSP website (www.courtstatistics.org).

Definitions for all CSP case types and status categories from the State Court Guide to Statistical Reporting, page 52 (www.courtstatistics.org/domestic-relations/~media/microsites/files/csp/data%20pdf/csp%20statisticsguide%20v1%203.ashx).

“Incoming” is the term used by the CSP to describe the sum of cases that are filed, reopened, and reactivated during the reporting period.

“Outgoing” case status categories include cases that have been Disposed and Placed Inactive during the reporting period.

We selected the “outgoing” count whenever “incoming” and “outgoing” were both available. The NCSC incoming data were available for 37 states and outgoing data were available for 31 states. Outgoing figures were used where available; for the six states where an outgoing number was not available, the incoming number was used if 1) state-expert data were not available for counts of total adoptions or 2) the count provided by the state expert included only adoptions from the public system (#1).

USDHS – U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Washington, D.C. Previous source for Item 11 – “Intercountry Adoptions”; in Office of Immigration Statistics terms, are “Immigrant-Orphans.” For immigration purposes, this is defined as a child whose parents have died or disappeared, or who has been abandoned or otherwise separated from both parents. An orphan may also be a child whose sole or surviving parent is incapable of providing that child with proper care and who has, in writing, irrevocably released the child for emigration and adoption. In order to qualify as an immediate relative, the orphan must be under the age of sixteen at the time a petition is filed on his or her behalf. To enter the United States, an orphan must have been adopted abroad by a U.S. citizen (and spouse, if married) or be coming to the United States for adoption by a citizen. These data were available for all states for 2013, accessed 3/16/2016, Yearbook of Immigration Statistics: 2013 Lawful Permanent Residents, Supplemental Table 4, www.dhs.gov/sites/default/files/publications/immsuptable4d_4.xls. Since the U.S. State Department had 2014 immigration data, the State Department figures were used in Table 1.

U.S. State Department. Source for column 11, “FY 2014 Annual Report on Intercountry Adoption: March 31, 2015,” accessed 3/16/2016, http://travel.state.gov/content/dam/aa/pdfs/fy2014_annual_report.pdf.