

Intercountry Adoption in Australia — statistics, 1970 to 2024–25 (AIHW, with Rosenwald 2009 and Korean MOHW for early years)

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What this workbook contains

Every intercountry adoption (ICA) series AIHW publishes nationally, joined into the longest continuous runs the published tables allow.

Sheet guide

Timeline — key dates: a national timeline and separate NSW, VIC, QLD, SA and WA timelines (post-war to 2026), merged with the ICAV state and national history register without double entries. Each event shows that year's AIHW count (national or state), and an organisations index covers 33 parent groups, NGOs and services.

All_ICA_Totals — NEW TOTALS: state-arranged ICA plus expatriate adoptions (from AIHW visa data, 1996–97 on), by year, with cumulative totals, minimum/maximum ranges where visa type is unrecorded, AIHW's 1985–87 gaps filled from the 1989 Victorian review, and a wider long-run estimate from 1970.

Summary_Totals — all adoptions, adoptions within Australia and ICA, 1970–71 to 2024–25 (current AIHW revised series, Table S8).

By_State — ICA by state/territory, 1987–88 to 2024–25 (Tas, ACT, NT separate to 2018–19; combined thereafter).

By_Country_Matrix — ICA by country of origin × year, 1990–91 to 2024–25. Formulas pull from **By_Country_Long** and reconcile to AIHW's revised totals.

By_Country_Long — one row per year / country / program (Hague, non-Hague, bilateral) with the source table and notes. Use for filtering or pivot tables.

South_Korea_1969-2025 — full South Korea → Australia series: Korean MOHW calendar-year figures 1976–1989 (non-AIHW, fills the pre-1990 gap), derived pre-1976 estimate, then AIHW 1990–91 to 2024–25, with cross-checks.

Rosenwald_1970-2008 — Rosenwald (2009) Tables 1 and 2: cumulative ICA 1970 to 1 July 2008 by continent × state and ten main countries × state (non-AIHW). Three printing errors corrected and flagged; compared with AIHW to estimate pre-AIHW adoptions.

Vietnam_1968-2008 — Vietnamese adoptions before AIHW country data: 537 adopted 1972–75 (incl. 292 Babylift, ≥245 before it), Victoria 115 in 1974–75, Rosenwald's 540 and state split, reconciliations, year-by-year gaps, context figures and research leads.

Vietnam_Evidence — the full Vietnam evidence register (43 items) with sources, confidence and double-counting notes.

Taiwan_1980-2025 — the 1980–82 'Julie Chu' cohort from an SA Government FOI document (24 Taiwanese children adopted by Australian families, 15 in SA; 23 declared legal in 1983), joined to AIHW's Taiwan figures and checked against Rosenwald.

Victoria_Review_1989 — Chapter 4 statistics of the 1989 Victorian review (Fogarty, Sanders & Webster; NOT AIHW): children arriving on adoption visas nationally 1982–83 to 1988–89 (the only national count for AIHW's missing 1985–86 and 1986–87), arrivals by state and main country, 1988–89 placements by country × state, sex and age, Victorian applications, placements, finalisations, processing times and backlog — and what these change in the national totals (section A).

Hague_Bilateral — ICA by program type per year (formulas over **By_Country_Long**).

By_Region — ICA by child's region of origin, 1990–91 to 2024–25.

Age_Sex — ICA by age group at placement (1998–99 to 2024–25), sibling groups, and age × sex (1998–99 to 2012–13).

Visas_Summary — Adoption (subclass 102) visas: state-arranged vs expatriate, 1996–97 to 2024–25, plus visas by program status.

Visas_By_Country — subclass 102 visas by country of birth (1998–99 by visa post), 1998–99 to 2015–16, split state-arranged vs expatriate.

Activity_Processing — applicants, approvals, files sent overseas; median processing times; assessed level of need.

Adoptee_Age_2025 — AIHW estimate of current age (at 30 June 2025) of all ICA adoptees, by year of adoption, 1982–83 to 2024–25.

Sources — every AIHW edition and data table used, with URLs.

Important definitions and caveats

- Coverage: AIHW national data go back to 1968–69, but data before 1979–80 do not separate overseas-born from Australian-born adoptions. ICA counts therefore start in 1979–80. No national data were collected for 1985–86 and 1986–87; the 1989 Victorian review supplies Commonwealth adoption-visa counts for those years (180 and 575), used as an indicative gap fill on **All_ICA_Totals**.
- Before 1998–99 AIHW called ICA 'adoptions of overseas-born children by non-relatives'. 1987–88 excludes Victoria.
- Counts are FINALISED adoption orders in the financial year (1 July–30 June), by the state/territory authority. They exclude expatriate adoptions (Australians living overseas 12+ months who adopt through an overseas authority). Those are counted from visa data and added in **All_ICA_Totals**.
- From 2017–18, known-child (relative) intercountry adoptions are out of scope. Earlier years may include some.

- 2014 revision: after the 4 March 2014 amendment to the bilateral regulations, AIHW added adoptions to earlier years — Ethiopia +1 (2006–07), +1 (2009–10), +1 (2010–11), +1 (2011–12); Taiwan +1 (2010–11), +7 (2011–12), +9 (2012–13). The country sheets show these as separate 'Retrospective revision' rows so both the as-published and revised figures are visible.
- 2023–24 and 2024–25 exclude Victoria (Victorian data not supplied to AIHW).
- Country detail for each year comes from that year's own edition. Some later editions moved small counts into 'Other' (e.g. Fiji 1991–92, 1993–94, 1996–97; Sri Lanka 1996–97) or revised them (Colombia 1991–92, Thailand 1992–93). These are flagged in the Notes column of By_Country_Long.
- 'Other (not separately identified)' = counts AIHW grouped without a country split. Where a footnote named exactly as many countries as adoptions, the split is shown and marked 'Inferred'.
- Country names are standardised (e.g. 'Korea' → South Korea; 'England' → United Kingdom; 'Macedonia' → North Macedonia). China excludes Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan, as in AIHW tables.
- Pre-1998 scanned editions were read via text extraction; the 1992–93 and 1996–97 country tables were checked against page images, and every year reconciles to the published totals.
- AIHW published no country-of-origin breakdown before 1990–91. The South Korea sheet fills that gap from Korean government (MOHW) figures, which count children SENT by calendar year — not Australian finalised adoptions by financial year — so the two parts are joined, not strictly additive.
- Rosenwald (2009) gives the only published breakdown of intercountry adoptions since 1970 by continent, country and state (10,221 in total to 1 July 2008). It is cumulative only, from a different collection than AIHW, and three printed cells were inconsistent with the table totals. They are corrected on that sheet with explanations.
- Vietnam: adoptions from Vietnam (from 1968) are almost entirely missing from AIHW, which splits by country only from 1990–91. The Vietnam sheets use DIMA (537 in 1972–75, including 292 in Operation Babylift) and scholarly sources. The figures are cumulative, not annual; do not add subcomponents to the 537.
- Taiwan: AIHW published no country breakdown before 1990–91 and names no Taiwanese adoptions until 1993–94 (in a later edition). An SA Government memo released under FOI (31 May 2012) records 24 Taiwanese children adopted by Australian families in 1980–82, all affected by the Julie Chu trafficking case. AIHW's national totals for those years probably include them, but never identified them.
- '–' = nil. 'n.a.' = not available. 'n.p.' = not published (suppressed). '<5' / '<10' = suppressed small count.

Colour key

Blue text = figures entered from AIHW tables. Black text = formulas. Pale yellow rows = reconciliation checks (should be 0).

Key dates in the history of intercountry adoption in Australia — national and state timelines

Each event appears once: national events first, then NSW, VIC, QLD, SA and WA, then an organisations index. The right-hand columns show AIHW intercountry adoptions for the financial year containing the event (where the month is known; otherwise the year starting that July): national, or that state's count from 1967–88. Source codes: 'ICAV S01–S56' = ICAV state and national history register (listed on the Sources sheet); 'E0xx' = Vietnam evidence register; grey = supplied by the compiler and not independently verified.

1. National (Commonwealth, intergovernmental, national organisations and national data)

Year	Date as given	Event	Stakeholder / level	Theme	Legislation / policy instrument	Source / basis	Notes	AIHW financial year	ICA that year (AIHW, national)
1946	Post-war–early 1960s	Occasional attempts by Australian families to adopt children from overseas; no coordinated national intercountry adoption system.	National	Beginnings		ICAV S32 (Forkert)	Intercountry adoption began as exceptional, private or ad hoc activity.	1946–47	ot in AIHW series
	1964–1999	Period covered by the current independent investigation into Republic of Korea–Australia adoptions (see 2025–26).	Commonwealth / Republic of Korea			ICAV S48; S55	Not proof that 1964 was the first Korean adoption. Song & Gustafsson note Korean adoptions from at least 1967; MOHW figures begin 1976 (see South_Korea sheet).		
1964				Korea				1964–65	ot in AIHW series
1968		First Vietnamese adoptions to Australia. Forkert's archival history dates the start of modern intercountry adoption and related Commonwealth/State policy to this point.	National	Vietnam		ICAV S03; S32; S51; Dreyfus, Quarty & Cuthbert 2015, p. 340 (E001)	The 2005 inquiry used the end of the Vietnam War as a simpler starting point. No count exists for 1968–71.	1968–69	ot in AIHW series
1968	1973–1974	Australian Adoptive Families Association (AAFA) groups form and spread across the states (SA March 1973, VIC September 1973, WA by August 1974). They lobby governments, build overseas contacts and help families with Vietnamese adoptions.	National + States			ICAV S03; S51	Details in the state sections.		
1973	1974–1975	Ad hoc parent- and agency-led arrangements expand. Commonwealth immigration and foreign-affairs decisions and state adoption approvals are coordinated case by case.	Commonwealth + States	Parent organisations		ICAV S03; S32; S56	Exposed the lack of a national framework.	1973–74	n.a.
1974	November 1974	Australian Society for Intercountry Aid (Children) (ASIAC) formed after a split within South Australia's AAFA; Dr Eric Nicholls becomes national chairman.	Parent organisation (SA origin, national)			User; ICAV S03; S12	Grew into a multi-state movement (NSW 1975, VIC September 1975). World Families' own accounts of the early naming conflict; November 1974 is the better-supported date.	1974–75	n.a.
1974				Parent organisations				1974–75	n.a.
1975	1975	First Commonwealth inter-departmental committee on intercountry adoption.	Commonwealth	Governance		Supplied by compiler (user)		1975–76	n.a.
	April 1975 (4 & 17 April)	Operation Babylift: 292 Vietnamese children flown to Australia on RAAF and chartered Qantas aircraft. The Commonwealth coordinated evacuation and immigration; the states handled adoption and placement.	Commonwealth + States			Fronek 2012 (E013, E019); ICAV S33; S56; S51	Australia's first large, highly visible wave of intercountry adoption. Part of the 537 Vietnamese adoptions in 1972–75 (see Vietnam_1968-2008).		
1975				Vietnam				1974–75	n.a.
1976	1976	Korean MOHW series records the first children sent to Australia (5).	Practice	Korea		MOHW via user; see South_Korea_1969-2025		1976–77	n.a.
1976						ICAV S34; S06; S51	Program-based but decentralised: states control applications; the Commonwealth handles immigration and foreign relations.		
1977	Late 1970s–1980s	Country programs replace the Vietnam emergency model (Korea, India, Sri Lanka, Thailand, the Philippines and later others). The states increasingly formalise assessment and approval.	National + States	Program development				1977–78	n.a.
1977	1977–1981	National intercountry adoption committee operates.	Commonwealth			Supplied by compiler (user)		1977–78	n.a.
1978	1978	Eastern Social Welfare Society (Korea) formalises its agreement with the Australian Government; Korean adoptions more than double.	Program	Korea		Heaser 2016, p. 22		1978–79	n.a.
1978	1979–80	First national statistics that separate overseas-born adoptions (66 in 1979–80).	National			AIHW Table S8; ICAV S34	No national ICA figure exists before this.		
1979	1980s	ASIAC becomes particularly influential in the South Korean program: members liaise with Korean agencies and escort adoptees to Australia.	Parent organisations	Korea		Supplied by compiler (user)	Korean adoptions peak at 306 in 1987 (MOHW).	1979–80	66
1980	1980	National standard procedures for intercountry adoption adopted.	Commonwealth + States			Supplied by compiler (user)		1980–81	127
1983	1983	Ministers call for a coordinated Federal/State/Territory approach.	Ministers	Governance		Supplied by compiler (user)		1983–84	197
1985	1985	No national adoption data collected.	National			AIHW Table S8 notes	Gap in the AIHW series.	1985–86	n.a.
1985	1985–86 & 1986–87	National Guidelines endorsed. The Joint Committee on Intercountry Adoption reports.	Commonwealth + States	Statistics	National Guidelines (1986)	User; Rosenwald 2009, p. 200		1985–86	n.a.
1986	1986	AIHW begins publishing country of origin; Korea is the largest source (203 of 393).	National			AIHW 1990–91 edition		1986–87	n.a.
1990	1990–91			Statistics				1990–91	393
1990	17 December 1990	Australia ratifies the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (in force for Australia from 16 January 1991).	Commonwealth / international	International obligat	UN CRC	ICAV S35	Child-rights obligations later built into national adoption principles.	1990–91	393
1990	1991	National Minimum Standards in Adoption developed to reduce differences between state and territory practice.	National / intergovernmental			ICAV S06	Full 1991 text not reproduced in the sources used.	1991–92	338
1991	1988–1993; concluded 29 May 1993	Hague Convention on intercountry adoption negotiated and concluded. Australian ministers then negotiate how a federal system would implement it.	International + Australian governments	Hague	Hague Convention 1993	User; ICAV S06; S37	Australia ratified in 1998.	1992–93	227
1993	1993	National Principles in Adoption agreed by Community and Disability Services Ministers (paramountcy of the child's interests, safeguards, consistent assessment, regulated processes).	State & Territory ministers			ICAV S36	Revised 1997.	1993–94	222
1993	1997	National Principles in Adoption revised to include CRC and Hague obligations.	National / intergovernmental	National standards	National Principles (rev. 1997)	ICAV S36		1997–98	245
1997	9 April 1998	First Commonwealth–State Agreement (Hague implementation) commences; the Attorney-General's Department (AGD) becomes the Australian Central Authority, with state and territory Central Authorities.	Commonwealth + all States/Territories			Commonwealth–State Agreement (1998)	Merges the earlier '1998 — First Commonwealth–State Agreement' entry.	1997–98	245
1998	30 July 1998	Family Law (Hague Convention on Intercountry Adoption) Regulations 1998 made.	Commonwealth	Governance	Family Law (Hague Convention on Intercountry Adoption) Regulations 1998	ICAV S38	Federal legal machinery for Central Authorities and recognition of Convention adoptions.	1998–99	244
1998	25 August / 1 December 1998	Australia ratifies the Hague Convention (25 August) and it enters into force for Australia (1 December).	Commonwealth			Hague Convention 1993	The central national reform point. From 1998–99 AIHW reports Hague and non-Hague adoptions separately.	1998–99	244
1998	1998 onward	The Central Authority model consolidates formal adoption functions in government. States keep assessment and adoption processes inside a national Hague framework, and overseas programs move away from informal parent-led arrangements.	National + States/Territories	Hague		ICAV S06; S14; S54	The pace differed by state; SA kept AACAA until 2005.	1998–99	244
1998	2004–05	State-arranged intercountry adoptions peak at 434 (520 including expatriate adoptions in 2005–06).	National			AIHW Table S8; All_ICA_Totals		1998–99	244
2004				Statistics				2004–05	434

2005–2006	House of Representatives inquiry 'Overseas Adoption in Australia', chaired by Bronwyn Bishop, reviews the legal framework, state differences, services, overseas programs and support. Report tabled late 2005; Government response 2006.	Commonwealth Parliament		User; ICAV S05; S06; S40	Led to stronger national coordination and a renegotiated Commonwealth–State agreement.		
2005			Review / investigation			2005–06	421
2006	AGD establishes a dedicated intercountry adoption branch and takes on national strategic leadership.	Commonwealth	Governance		Supplied by compiler (user)	2006–07	406
2008	Second Commonwealth–State Agreement gives the Commonwealth a larger role in setting up and managing overseas country programs; the states keep assessment and adoption processes.	Commonwealth + States/Territories	Governance	Commonwealth–State Agreement (2008)	User; ICAV S39; S53		
2008	Allegations that children kidnapped in India had been adopted to Australia. AGD investigates, freezes prospective cases with agencies of concern, and seeks information from Indian authorities and the Hague Permanent Bureau.	Commonwealth + States			ICAV S53	2008–09	269
2008	August–September 2008		Review / investigation			2008–09	269
2008	2008–2009	Commonwealth	Governance	Intercountry Adoption Strategic Plan	ICAV S52	2008–09	269
2012	By 2012	Commonwealth + States	Safeguards	Trafficking protocol	Families SA memo, 31 May 2012 (FOI)	Applied to the Taiwanese 'Julie Chu' case (see SA section). Later replaced by the 2026 protocol.	2012–13
	December 2013–2014	Commonwealth / COAG			ICAV S44		
2013			Governance			2013–14	114
	4 March 2014	Commonwealth		Family Law (Bilateral Arrangements) Regulations amendments	ICAV S44; AIHW notes (2014 revision)	Merges the earlier '4 March 2014' entry.	
2014			Legislation			2013–14	114
	25 February 2015	Commonwealth		Australian Citizenship Amendment (Intercountry Adoption) Act 2015	ICAV S43		
2015			Legislation			2014–15	83
	17 May 2015	Commonwealth / DSS			User; ICAV S41; S42	Merges the earlier '2015 — DSS establishes IAA' entry. The \$33.6m figure is user-supplied.	
2015			Services			2014–15	83
2016	National Intercountry Adoption Family Support Service funded: free counselling, case management and support for adoptees and families.	Commonwealth / DSS			ICAV S45; S46	Later redesigned as ICAFSS (2021).	
2016	AIHW excludes known-child intercountry adoptions and renames 'non-Hague' adoptions 'bilateral'.	National	Services		AIHW 2017–18 edition	2016–17	69
2017			Statistics			2017–18	65
2018	DSS publishes an evaluation of IAA (implemented as intended; useful to users).	Commonwealth / DSS			ICAV S42	2018–19	57
2018			Review / investigation				
	2018–2019	Commonwealth + all States/Territories		Commonwealth–State Agreement (2019)	User; ICAV S39; S54	Merges the earlier '2019 — revised Agreement' entry. Signatures span 2018–19.	
2019			Governance			2019–20	37
2019	April 2019	Commonwealth	Governance		Supplied by compiler (user)	2018–19	57
2020	April 2020	National			AIHW visa table notes	See All_ICA_Totals.	
	1 July 2021	Commonwealth / DSS + Relationships Australia	Statistics		ICAV S45; S46	2019–20	37
2021			Services			2021–22	16
	22 March 2023	Commonwealth		Family Law (Bilateral Arrangements—Intercountry Adoption) Regulations 2023	ICAV S47	Taiwan remains a key bilateral partner.	
2023			Legislation			2022–23	28
	2025	Commonwealth + States/Territories			User; ICAV S50; S39	Merges the user's review entry and the ICAV National Action Plan entry.	
2025			Governance			2025–26	ot in AIHW series
	1 October 2025	International	Korea		AIHW 2024–25 report; ICAV S47 note	2025–26	ot in AIHW series
2025	2025–2026 (terms of reference June 2026)	Commonwealth / Republic of Korea			ICAV S48; S55 (ministerial release, 11 June 2026)	See South_Korea_1969-2025.	
2025			Review / investigation			2025–26	ot in AIHW series
	2026	Commonwealth + States/Territories		National protocol (2026)	ICAV S49	Replaces the earlier trafficking protocol (by 2012).	
2026			Safeguards			2026–27	ot in AIHW series
2026	2026	Commonwealth + States/Territories	Governance		Supplied by compiler (user)	Expected; not yet confirmed.	2026–27
	Current (2026)	National system			ICAV S39; S54	A cooperative federal system, not a single national agency.	
2026			Governance			—	—

2. New South Wales

Year	Date as given	Event	Stakeholder / level	Theme	Legislation / policy instrument	Source / basis	Notes	AIHW financial year	ICA that year (AIHW, NSW)
1965	1965	Adoption of Children Act 1965 becomes the main statutory framework, written before intercountry adoption was significant.	NSW Government	Legislation	<i>Adoption of Children Act 1965 (NSW)</i>	ICAV S08	The Law Reform Commission later noted it said little specifically about intercountry adoption.	1965–66	AIHW state data

1975	Intercountry adoption becomes a recognised pathway in NSW after the Vietnam War evacuations.	NSW Government		Supplied by compiler (user)	NSW received 111 Vietnamese adoptees over 1970–2008 (Rosenwald). About 4,000 telephone applications followed news of the evacuation (Harvey, via Fronck 2009; E035).	1975–76	AIHW state data
1975	ASIAC NSW established as part of the national ASIAC network: applicant and family support, country knowledge, cultural preparation and post-adoption support.	Parent organisation	Governance	User; ICAV S07; S17	Countries: South Korea and India (1994); Thailand support by 2005.	1975–76	AIHW state data
1975	Hybrid model: the Department keeps the legal approval role while parent groups build country expertise, overseas links and practical program functions.	NSW Department + parent groups	Parent organisations	Administrative practice	User; ICAV S07	1975–76	AIHW state data
1975	Friends of Bolivia / Australian Families for Children (AFC) informally authorised by the Department to set up and run the Bolivia program.	NSW Department + AFC	State consolidation	Administrative authorisation	ICAV S05	1975–76	AIHW state data
1981	NSW Committee on Adoption holds a major Inter-Country Adoption Workshop.	NSW Committee on Adoption	Parent organisation	Supplied by compiler (user)	One of the clearest cases of a parent/NGO body doing substantive program work.	1981–82	AIHW state data
1985	Adoption Act amended (new s 65A) to formally authorise assessment of NSW residents seeking to adopt overseas.	NSW Parliament	Governance	s 65A, Adoption of Children Act 1965	User; ICAV S08	1985–86	AIHW state data
1987	Australians Caring for Children (ACC) founded by families who adopted through AFC; support, social functions and overseas aid.	Parent organisation	Legislation		ICAV S10; S09	1987–88	105
1987	Department of Community Services signs a contract with AFC for intercountry adoption services (AFC had expanded its programs in 1988).	NSW Department + AFC	Parent organisations	Service contract	ICAV S05	1987–88	105
1989	Law Reform Commission Discussion Paper 34 identifies major regulatory and accountability gaps and extensive parent-group involvement. It lists eight active parent groups, some with substantial overseas and program power.	NSW Law Reform Commission	Parent organisation	Discussion Paper 34	User; ICAV S07	1989–90	216
1994	Law Reform Commission Report 81 recommends that accredited, accountable bodies replace informal parent-group adoption functions, separating regulated work from parent support.	NSW Law Reform Commission	Review / investigati	Report 81	User; ICAV S08	1994–95	85
1997	Hague implementation begins moving core functions into government and accredited-authority structures. AFC's accreditation application is suspended pending a legislative basis.	NSW Government / State Central Authority	Review / investigati	Hague Convention implementation	User; ICAV S05; S06	1997–98	69
1998	60 Minutes and Taiwanese media cover a NSW Taiwanese adoptee's birth-family search; 30 women come forward (DNA database).	Media	Hague		Families SA memo (FOI)	1998–99	57
1998	Adoption Act 2000 replaces the 1965 Act and provides for accreditation.	NSW Parliament	Taiwan	Adoption Act 2000 (NSW)	ICAV S14; S28	1998–99	57
2000/2000	Accreditation provisions commence, so eligible NGOs can apply for local or intercountry adoption accreditation. No parent group automatically became a full intercountry provider.	NSW Government / Office of the Children's Guardian	Legislation	Adoption Act 2000 accreditation provisions	ICAV S28	2000–01	85
1 July 2005	Department of Communities and Justice (State Central Authority) handles intercountry applications and support; accredited providers operate under the NSW framework.	NSW DCJ	State consolidation	Adoption Act 2000; current regulations	ICAV S15; S09	2005–06	93
2026			State consolidation			—	—

3. Victoria

Year	Date as given	Event	Stakeholder / level	Theme	Legislation / policy instrument	Source / basis	Notes	AIHW financial year	ICA that year (AIHW, VIC)
Early 1970s		Intercountry adoption handled within existing adoption structures; early arrangements ad hoc and often started privately or through parents.	Victorian adoption authorities	Beginnings	Existing adoption law (not designed for ICA)	ICAV S01; S26	Vietnam and Cambodia publicity drove a new program focus.	1970–71	AIHW state data
1970	1971–72 (arrived May 1972)	Elaine Moir and private Victorian arrangements, one of the earliest organised efforts. Moir completed five proxy adoptions (November 1971–March 1972) and brought the five children to Mascot in May 1972, four of them for Victorian families.	Private facilitator			User; Dreyfus, Quartly & Cuthbert 2015, pp. 340–341 (E003–E004)		1971–72	AIHW state data
1971	September 1973	Australian Adoptive Families Association (AAFA Victoria) formed: liaison between prospective parents, overseas contacts, agencies and government. It was the precursor to ASIAC Victoria and aligned with the ASIAC movement by late 1974.	Parent organisation	Vietnam		ICAV S03; S04; user	Forkert supports September 1973; the user's earlier entry said 'by 1974'. Early focus: Vietnam.	1971–72	AIHW state data
1973	November 1973	Victorian adoption agencies set up an intercountry adoption sub-committee after children were already arriving for Victorian families.	Victorian adoption agencies	Parent organisations		Dreyfus, Quartly & Cuthbert 2015 (E010)		1973–74	AIHW state data
1973	1974	Child Care Service of the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches approved as an intercountry adoption agency: the first recognised Victorian agency arrangement. It processed applications and developed overseas agency links, and held an interim guardianship role; its director visited Vietnam in 1974 and 1975.	Church agency	Governance	Administrative approval	User; ICAV S01; Dreyfus, Quartly & Later a Uniting Church-related service. Cuthbert 2015 (E011)		1973–74	AIHW state data
1974	1974–1975	115 Vietnamese children enter Victoria, including the airlift.	Practice	Governance		Dreyfus, Quartly & Cuthbert 2015, p. 344 (E012)	Rosenwald gives 126 for Victoria over 1970–2008.	1974–75	AIHW state data
1974	September 1975	Australian Society for Intercountry Aid (Children), Victoria (ASIAC Victoria) formed. It became a major parent organisation, helping applicants, developing overseas contacts and advocating for intercountry adoption.	Parent organisation	Vietnam		User; ICAV S04; S24; Dreyfus, Quartly & Cuthbert 2015 (E037)	Merges both 1975 ASIAC Victoria entries.	1974–75	AIHW state data
1975	1977	Social Welfare Department creates a dedicated Inter Country Unit within adoption services.	Victorian Social Welfare Department	Parent organisations	Departmental restructuring	ICAV S26		1975–76	AIHW state data
1977	c.1978	Victorian Government decides to become directly involved and progressively takes responsibility from the church agency.	Victorian Government	State consolidation	Policy/administrative shift	User; ICAV S01	Progressive transition, not a single takeover date.	1977–78	AIHW state data
1978	1984	Adoption Act 1984 creates a modern framework with a clearer statutory basis for intercountry adoption, shifting emphasis to the needs and rights of adopted people and origin information.	Victorian Parliament	State consolidation	Adoption Act 1984 (Vic)	User; ICAV S27; S26		1978–79	AIHW state data
1984	March 1986	Applicant assessments and placement supervision for overseas adoptions transferred to International Social Service (ISS).	Victorian Government / ISS	Legislation	Administrative outsourcing	ICAV S01; S26	Formal state authority remained.	1984–85	AIHW state data
1986	November 1986	ISS arrangement ends as unsatisfactory; the Department resumes responsibility (about 450 files returned in December 1986).	Victorian Government	State consolidation		ICAV S01		1985–86	AIHW state data
1986				State consolidation				1986–87	AIHW state data

1987	Adoption Regulations 1987 formalise which overseas organisations the government may work with.	Victorian Government	Legislation	<i>Adoption Regulations 1987</i>	ICAV S01		1987–88	n.a.
1987	Late 1980s (by 1990)	Han-Ho Kids' Club (now Korean Adoptive Families of Victoria – Han Ho Inc) established by families of Korean adoptees for cultural, identity, social and post-adoption support.	Parent organisation		User; ICAV S25	Its 2005 submission says it was founded more than 15 years earlier.		
1987	October 1988	Community Services Victoria introduces the Intercountry Adoption Program Statement and Guidelines (assessment, placement, supervision, overseas arrangements, accountability).	Community Services Victoria	Parent organisations	<i>Program Statement and Guidelines (1988)</i>	User; ICAV S01	1987–88	n.a.
1988	1989	Kajal case and the Fogarty review ('A Review of the Intercountry Adoption Service in Victoria') expose systemic problems and recommend reforms.	Family and Children's Services Council	Governance	<i>Fogarty, Sanders & Webster (1989)</i>	User; ICAV S01; S02	1988–89	31
1989	1990s (documented by 2005)	Parent support networks: Intercountry Adoption Resource Network Australia (ICARN); International Adoptive Parents Association (IAPA); International Adoption Association (FACTS).	Parent organisations	Review / investigati		User; ICAV S24	1989–90	50
1990	1998 onward	Hague framework implemented within the Commonwealth–State Central Authority structure; core adoption functions increasingly limited to government and accredited bodies.	Victorian Government / State Central Authority	Parent organisations	<i>Commonwealth Hague Regulations + Victorian adoption law</i>	ICAV S06; S14	1990–91	105
1998	March 2004	Families with Children from China Australia (FCC-Australia) incorporated: support and cultural connection for families with children from China, Hong Kong and Taiwan.	Parent organisation	Hague		User; ICAV S23	1998–99	59
2004	2005	ASIAC Victoria, FCC, FACTS, Han-Ho, IAPA and ICARN make a joint submission (No. 160) to the federal 'Overseas Adoption in Australia' inquiry, representing families from Guatemala, Hong Kong, Romania, Korea, India, China, the Philippines and elsewhere.	Parent organisations	Parent organisations		User; ICAV S24	2003–04	86
2005	2023–24	Victoria stops supplying data to the national adoptions collection.	Victorian Government	Parent organisations		AIHW 2023–24 and 2024–25 notes	2005–06	104
2023			Statistics				2023–24	n.a.

4. Queensland

Year	Date as given	Event	Stakeholder / level	Theme	Legislation / policy instrument	Source / basis	Notes	AIHW financial year	ICA that year (AIHW, QLD)
1964	1964	Adoption of Children Act 1964 becomes the main framework, before intercountry adoption was substantial; it stays in place for decades.	Queensland Government	Legislation	<i>Adoption of Children Act 1964 (Qld)</i>	ICAV S18		1964–65	AIHW state data
1977	Late 1970s–1980s	State-managed country programs expand. Parent groups support families, but formal processing stays with the Department (more state-controlled than SA).	Queensland Government	State consolidation	<i>Administrative practice</i>	ICAV S17		1977–78	AIHW state data
1978	1978	International Adoptive Families of Queensland (IAFQ) formed: peer support, information, education and advocacy.	Parent organisation	Parent organisations		ICAV S16; S17	No evidence it formally arranged adoptions.	1978–79	AIHW state data
1997	By 1997	Australian Korean Friendship Group Queensland (AKFG) active: support for Korean adoptees and applicants, cultural activities, and lobbying over delays and criteria.	Parent organisation	Parent organisations		ICAV S17		1997–98	43
1999	1999	Hague-related intercountry adoption provisions inserted into state law.	Queensland Government	Hague	<i>Amendments to Adoption of Children Act 1964</i>	ICAV S06; S19		1999–00	60
2001	2001–2002	Major review after decades under the 1964 Act; applicant registration and assessment reworked.	Queensland Government / Parliament	Legislation	<i>Adoption of Children Amendment Act 2002</i>	ICAV S18		2001–02	33
2002	By 2002	Country support groups active: the Queensland Taiwan Support Group (liaison with Christian Salvation Service; sponsored a Taiwanese agency visit in 2002) and the Australian African Children's Aid and Support Association (AACASA, Ethiopian/African programs).	Parent organisations	Parent organisations		ICAV S17; S18; S09		2002–03	29
2003	2003–2005	New applications restricted or closed for an extended period, prompting parent-group criticism over delay and access.	Queensland Government	State consolidation	<i>Administrative policy</i>	ICAV S17		2003–04	49
2004	6 August 2004	Upper age limits for prospective adopters removed after sustained advocacy.	Queensland Government	Governance	<i>Policy reform</i>	ICAV S17		2004–05	65
2005	2005	At the federal inquiry, IAFQ asks for alternative accredited providers; formal processing stays state-controlled. A Philippines parent network (exact name and year unverified) also gives evidence.	Queensland Government + parent groups	Review / investigati	<i>2005 inquiry evidence</i>	ICAV S17	No SA-style parent-run agency emerged.	2005–06	61
2010	2009 / 1 February 2010	Adoption Act 2009 replaces the 1964 Act and commences a modern Hague-aligned framework.	Queensland Parliament	Legislation	<i>Adoption Act 2009 (Qld)</i>	ICAV S19; S14		2009–10	38
2026	Today	Queensland State Central Authority runs the formal process: education, assessment, and post-adoption supervision and support.	Queensland Government	State consolidation	<i>Adoption Act 2009</i>	ICAV S15	Parent groups are support and advocacy bodies.	—	—

5. South Australia

Year	Date as given	Event	Stakeholder / level	Theme	Legislation / policy instrument	Source / basis	Notes	AIHW financial year	ICA that year (AIHW, SA)
1970	Early 1970s	Early Vietnamese adoptions largely driven by parent initiatives and private ('residential') arrangements.	Parents + SA authorities	Beginnings		ICAV S03		1970–71	AIHW state data
1973	March 1973	Australian Adoptive Families Association (AAFA) formed by prospective and adoptive parents to reduce bureaucratic barriers and facilitate Vietnamese adoptions. It reportedly brought in most children adopted from 1973 to the end of 1974.	Parent organisation	Parent organisations		User; ICAV S03; Dreyfus, Quartly & Cuthbert 2015, p. 342 (E008–E009)	Split in November 1974, which produced ASIAC (see National section).	1972–73	AIHW state data
1974	Early–mid 1970s (ASIAC November 1974); AAC name late 1974	The parent-led movement develops into ASIAC and then Australians Aiding Children (AAC), a volunteer aid and support arm separate from the formal agency AACAA.	Parent organisation	Parent organisations		User; ICAV S11; S12	The exact ASIAC → AAC rename date is unresolved.	1974–75	AIHW state data
1977	1977	Adoptive parent branch established in South Australia.	Parent organisation	Parent organisations		Supplied by compiler (user)		1977–78	AIHW state data

SA / National	Nov 1974	Australian Society for Intercountry Aid (Children) (ASIAC)	Parent-led aid / adoption support / overseas liaison	Created after AAFA split under Dr Eric Nicholls; developed overseas contacts and supported adoption and aid activities. National chairman Dr Eric Nicholls; state branches in NSW (1975) and VIC (Sept 1975).	Vietnam initially; later broader overseas adoption support	Later aid/support lineage became Australians Aiding Children	S03; S12	World Families' own retrospective dates conflict on early naming; Nov 1974 is better supported by archival research.
3 NSW	1975	Australian Society for Children (NSW) Inc (ASIAC NSW)	Parent support / country program support	Supported applicants and families; country knowledge, cultural preparation and post-adoption support.	South Korea; India; by 2005 also support around Thailand was represented in evidence	Support organisation	S07; S17	1994 NSWLRC lists Korea and India; 2005 evidence included a Thailand Program Information Officer.
4 NSW	1981	Friends of Bolivia / Australian Families for Children (AFC)	Adoption assistance / program administration	Initially informally authorised by NSW to establish/administer Bolivia program; expanded program administration and later contracted by NSW.	Bolivia; Colombia; Costa Rica; Chile; Peru; India	Later cooperation continued mainly for Colombia	S05	One of the clearest examples of a parent/NGO body performing substantive program functions in NSW.
5 NSW	1987	Australians Caring for Children (ACC)	Parent support / aid	Founded by families who adopted through AFC; support, social functions and overseas aid.	Families adopted from Bolivia, Colombia, Costa Rica, Chile, Peru, Guatemala, China, Philippines, Fiji, Brazil, India, Sri Lanka and others	Active support/aid organisation	S10; S09	ACC states it does not perform adoption functions.
6 NSW	By 1994	Aid for the Children of Brazil (ACOB)	Country-specific parent support / aid	Support associated with Brazilian adoptions.	Brazil	Historical group	S07	Listed among eight active NSW intercountry parent groups in 1994.
7 NSW	By 1994	Chilean Adoption Support Association (CASA)	Country-specific parent support	Support for Chilean adoptive families.	Chile	Historical/support group	S07	Listed among eight active NSW groups in 1994.
8 NSW	By 1994	Friends of FANA	Country-specific parent support / overseas liaison	Support for families adopting through FANA and connection with the Colombian organisation.	Colombia	Support network	S07; S09	NSW government still lists Friends of FANA as a support organisation.
9 NSW	By 1994	Illawarra Adoptive Parents Association (IAPA)	Parent support / country information	Parent support and country-specific knowledge.	Taiwan; Thailand; South Korea; Sri Lanka	Historical/support group	S07	Countries explicitly listed by NSWLRC.
10 NSW	By 1994	International Children's Aid Ltd (ICA)	Parent support / country program support	Country-specific support/assistance.	India; Sri Lanka; Fiji	Historical group	S07	Countries explicitly listed by NSWLRC.
11 VIC	Sep 1973	Australian Adoptive Families Association (AAFA Victoria)	Parent-led liaison / advocacy	Liaison between prospective adoptive parents, overseas contacts, local agencies and government; precursor to ASIAC Victoria.	Vietnam	By late 1974 aligned with emerging ASIAC movement	S03; S04	Establishment month is supported by Forkert; early focus was Vietnam. The user's earlier entry said 'by 1974'.
12 VIC	Sep 1975	Australian Society for Intercountry Aid (Children) Victoria (ASIAC Victoria)	Parent-led support / advocacy / overseas liaison	Major parent organisation; assisted applicants, developed overseas contacts and advocated for intercountry adoption.	Historical work included Vietnam; later multi-country support. Joint Victorian group membership in 2005 included families from Guatemala, Hong Kong, Romania, Korea, India, China, Philippines and other programs.	Continued as support organisation	S04; S24	Exact country-by-country ASIAC responsibilities are not fully verified in the sources used; countries listed conservatively.
13 VIC	Late 1980s / by 1990	Han-Ho Kids' Club Inc (now Korean Adoptive Families of Victoria – Han Ho Inc)	Country-specific parent support	Cultural, identity, social and post-adoption support for South Korean adoptees and families.	South Korea	Active support organisation	S25	2005 submission says founded more than 15 years earlier.
14 VIC	By 2005; exact foundation year not verified	Intercountry Adoption Resource Network Australia (ICARN)	Parent resource / support network	Information, peer support, advocacy and resources for families with overseas-born adoptees.	Multi-country; joint Victorian submission included Guatemala, Hong Kong, Romania, Korea, India, China, Philippines and others.	Support organisation	S24	Exact foundation year requires further archival verification.
15 VIC	By 2005; exact foundation year not verified	International Adoptive Parents Association (IAPA)	Parent support / advocacy	Support and advocacy for intercountry adoptive families.	Multi-country; exact program list not verified in current sources.	Support organisation	S24	Named as one of six major Victorian parent groups in 2005.
16 VIC	By 2005; exact foundation year not verified	International Adoption Association (FACTS)	Parent support / advocacy	Support and advocacy for intercountry adoptive families.	Multi-country; exact program list not verified in current sources.	Support organisation	S24	Named as one of six major Victorian parent groups in 2005.
17 VIC	Mar 2004	Families with Children from China – Australia (FCC-Australia)	Country/heritage-specific parent support	Support, cultural connection and advocacy for families with children adopted from Chinese jurisdictions.	China; Hong Kong; Taiwan	Active national organisation, Victoria-based	S23	Incorporated in 2004.
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19	VIC	1974	Child Care Service of the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches	Church adoption agency	Approved intercountry adoption agency; interim guardianship of Vietnamese children; overseas agency links.	Vietnam; later programs	Responsibility progressively taken over by the state from c.1978; later Uniting Church-related	ICAV S01; E011	
20	QLD	1978	International Adoptive Families of Queensland (IAFQ)	Parent support / advocacy	Peer support, information, education, advocacy and community connection for intercountry adoptive families.	Multi-country	Active support organisation	S16; S17	No evidence found that it formally arranged adoptions.
21	QLD	By 1997	Australian Korean Friendship Group Queensland (AKFG)	Country-specific parent support / advocacy	Support network for South Korean adoptees and applicants; cultural activities and lobbying over delays/criteria.	South Korea	Support organisation	S17	2005 evidence describes long-running Korean program and group support role.
22	QLD	By 2002	Queensland Taiwan Support Group	Country-specific parent support / overseas liaison	Supported Taiwan applicants/families; facilitated contact with Christian Salvation Service and advocated with Queensland Government.	Taiwan	Support group	S17	Sponsored Taiwanese agency visit in 2002 according to parliamentary evidence.
23	QLD	By 2002	Australian African Children's Aid and Support Association (AACASA)	Parent support / aid / advocacy	Support and advocacy around African intercountry adoption; aid activities.	Ethiopia / African programs	Support/aid organisation	S18; S09	Country focus includes Ethiopia in government support listings.
24	QLD	By 2005; exact name/year not verified	Philippines adoptive-parent support network	Country-specific parent support	Maintained contact with Philippine authorities and assisted families.	Philippines	Support network	S17	Parliamentary evidence describes the network but exact incorporated name/year needs verification.
25	SA	Mar 1973	Australian Adoptive Families Association (AAFA South Australia)	Parent-led liaison / advocacy / private arrangements	Formed by prospective/adoptive parents to reduce bureaucratic barriers and facilitate Vietnamese adoptions; acted as liaison among parents, overseas contacts, agencies and government.	Vietnam	Split in Nov 1974	S03	Forkert identifies AAFA as responsible for many 1973–74 Vietnamese adoptions.
26	SA	Late 1970s; exact rename date unresolved	Australians Aiding Children (AAC)	Parent-run aid and adoptive-family support	Volunteer aid/support arm, separate from the formal adoption agency AACAA.	Overseas aid and support; adoption-country list not fully verified	Later evolved into World Families Australia support/aid stream	S11; S12	Exact ASIAC → AAC date remains uncertain in current evidence.
27	SA	1979	Australians Aiding Children Adoption Agency (AACAA)	Formal non-government intercountry adoption agency	Provided formal intercountry adoption services under State oversight; received government support/funding.	Multiple country programs; exact historical country-by-country list not fully verified in sources used here	Services transferred to SA Government 1 Apr 2005; wound up 2006	S05; S06; S12	Do not infer a complete country list without AACAA archives.
28	SA	1999 / 2000	World Families Australia	Aid / post-adoption support	Continuation of volunteer aid/support stream; explicitly states it was not an adoption-arranging agency.	Overseas aid in multiple countries; not adoption programs	Active aid/support organisation	S11; S12	Important to distinguish from AACAA. Year conflict: the user gives 1999, the register 2000.
29	WA	By Aug 1974	Australian Adoptive Families Association (AAFA WA)	Parent-led advocacy / support	WA branch of the early national adoptive-parent movement.	Vietnam / early intercountry adoption focus	Later associated with ASIAC-era organising	S03	Forkert documents national expansion including WA.
30	WA	1973 origins; ASIAC/Australia for Children naming evolved later	ASIAC WA / Australia for Children Society	Parent-led aid / adoption support	Began as aid/sponsorship response to Vietnam; evolved into adoption support and overseas aid.	Vietnam initially; later multi-country support	Later became/led into ASFC support stream	S22	Precise legal name-change dates require archive verification.
31	WA	1973	Adoption Support for Families and Children (ASFC) - organisational origins	Parent support / education / advocacy	Education and support for prospective and adoptive families; evolved from Vietnam-era aid/sponsorship group.	Multi-country	Active support organisation	S22; S31	2005 inquiry dates organisational beginnings to 1973.
32	WA	1984	Adoption Research and Counselling Service (ARCS)	Professional counselling / post-adoption service	Research-informed counselling and support to adoptees, birth families and adoptive families; some licensed intercountry-related services.	Not country-specific	Active service	S22; S31	Not primarily a parent group but an important non-government adoption stakeholder.
33	WA	1995	Adoptions International of Western Australia (AIWA)	Proposed non-government adoption agency	Created to seek licensing/accreditation to provide formal intercountry adoption services independently of the State.	Intended multi-country intercountry adoption service	Never obtained full accreditation	S05; S22	Applied in 1996 and again from 2001; unsuccessful.

How the ICAV register was merged with the earlier timeline (no double entries)
 • Merged, national: Babylift; 1968 Vietnam start; 1979–80 statistics; Hague negotiation and 1993 conclusion; 1998 Agreement (9 April); 1998 ratification (25 August / 1 December); 2005–06 inquiry; 2008 Agreement; 2014 bilateral reforms (with the 4 March 2014 AIHW revision); IAA 17 May 2015 (with the user's \$33.6m reform entry); 2018–19 Agreement (with 'April 2019' kept separate as the Central Authority transfer); 2025 reviews.

- Moved from the register's national list to the state sections, to avoid repeats: Victoria 1977–c.1978 and the 1989 Fogarty review; SA AACAA 1979–2005, the 2003–04 review and 1 April 2005; Queensland late 1970s on; NSW AFC 1981–1998, the Law Reform Commission 1994–97 and accreditation 2000–05; WA 1986 on.

- Merged, state: NSW 1970s–80s hybrid model, 1987 s 65A, 1994 DP34, 1997 Report 81, 1998 Hague (user and register); VIC Child Care Service 1974 (with the user's 'first recognised agency arrangement'), c.1978, 1984 Act, October 1988 guidelines, Han-Ho, the 1990s parent groups, FCC and the 2005 submission; SA AAFA, AACAA, the 2003–04 review and the 2005 takeover.

- Date conflicts kept visible: AAFA Victoria (register September 1973, user 'by 1974'); World Families Australia (user 1999, register 2000); the ASIAC → Australians Aiding Children rename date is unresolved; 'Today' rows describe current arrangements (2026).

- Added from the Taiwan FOI: the national trafficking protocol was already in use by 2012, before the new 2026 protocol.

- The register's separate VIC, NSW, SA, QLD and WA tabs repeated its 'Parent organisations' and 'State role timeline' tabs exactly. They were checked and used once.

Adoptions in Australia by where the child was adopted, 1970–71 to 2024–25

Source: AIHW Adoptions Australia 2024–25, Table S8 (current revised series). Blue = AIHW figures; black = formulas.

Year	Adopted within Australia	Intercountry adoptions (from overseas)	Total adoptions (published)	Not allocated (total – within – overseas)	ICA as % of all adoptions	Cumulative ICA since 1979–80	Notes
1970–71	n.a.	n.a.	8,553				National data before 1979–80 did not differentiate overseas and domestic adoptions.
1971–72	n.a.	n.a.	9,798				
1972–73	n.a.	n.a.	8,542				
1973–74	n.a.	n.a.	6,705				
1974–75	n.a.	n.a.	5,839				
1975–76	n.a.	n.a.	4,990				
1976–77	n.a.	n.a.	5,188				
1977–78	n.a.	n.a.	3,867				
1978–79	n.a.	n.a.	3,603				
1979–80	2,731	66	3,337	540	2.0%		Total includes 519 NSW non-relative adoptions (birthplace not split), 21 SA adoptions with birthplace/age unknown and 13 66 SA solicitor-arranged adoptions with relationship unknown.
1980–81	2,872	127	3,018	19	4.2%		Total includes 19 SA adoptions where birthplace and age not known. Probably includes some of the 24 Taiwanese 'Julie 193 Chu' adoptions of 1980–82 (see Taiwan sheet).
1981–82	2,805	162	2,971	4	5.5%		Total includes 4 SA adoptions where birthplace and age not known. Probably includes some of the 24 Taiwanese 'Julie Chu' 355 adoptions of 1980–82 (see Taiwan sheet).
1982–83	2,884	188	3,072	–	6.1%		543 Probably includes some of the 24 Taiwanese 'Julie Chu' adoptions of 1980–82 (see Taiwan sheet).
1983–84	2,560	197	2,770	13	7.1%		740 Total includes 13 adoptions whose country of birth is not available.
1984–85	2,045	235	2,294	14	10.2%		975 Total includes 14 adoptions whose country of birth is not available.
1985–86	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.				No national data collected in 1985–86 and 1986–87. The 1989 Victorian review gives 180 children arriving on adoption (1A3) visas in 1985–86; the figure looks low (see Victoria_Review_1989).
1986–87	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.				No national data collected in 1985–86 and 1986–87. The 1989 Victorian review gives 575 children arriving on adoption (1A3) visas in 1986–87 (see Victoria_Review_1989).
1987–88	1,183	308	1,504	13	20.5%	1,283	Overseas-born count excludes Victoria (not available). Total includes 13 adoptions with relationship unknown. Victoria's own count (1989 Victorian review): 31 finalised; 516 children arrived on adoption visas nationally.
1988–89	1,106	394	1,501	1	26.2%	1,677	Total includes 1 adoption with relationship unknown. 1989 Victorian review: 349 adoption-visa arrivals and 296 placements nationally; Victoria finalised 51 (AIHW Victoria: 31).
1989–90	874	420	1,294	–	32.5%	2,097	
1990–91	749	393	1,142	–	34.4%	2,490	
1991–92	713	338	1,052	1	32.1%	2,828	Total includes 1 adoption with relationship unknown.
1992–93	556	227	783	–	29.0%	3,055	
1993–94	542	222	764	–	29.1%	3,277	
1994–95	631	224	855	–	26.2%	3,501	
1995–96	394	274	668	–	41.0%	3,775	
1996–97	440	269	709	–	37.9%	4,044	
1997–98	332	245	577	–	42.5%	4,289	
1998–99	299	244	543	–	44.9%	4,533	May differ from earlier reports due to updates (1998–99 edition reported 243/244).
1999–00	265	301	566	–	53.2%	4,834	
2000–01	225	289	514	–	56.2%	5,123	
2001–02	267	294	561	–	52.4%	5,417	
2002–03	194	278	472	–	58.9%	5,695	
2003–04	132	370	502	–	73.7%	6,065	
2004–05	151	434	585	–	74.2%	6,499	
2005–06	155	421	576	–	73.1%	6,920	
2006–07	163	406	569	–	71.4%	7,326	Revised in 2014: +1 Ethiopia (bilateral regulation amendment).
2007–08	170	270	440	–	61.4%	7,596	
2008–09	172	269	441	–	61.0%	7,865	
2009–10	190	223	413	–	54.0%	8,088	Revised in 2014: +1 Ethiopia.
2010–11	169	217	386	–	56.2%	8,305	Revised in 2014: +1 Ethiopia, +1 Taiwan.
2011–12	184	157	341	–	46.0%	8,462	Revised in 2014: +1 Ethiopia, +7 Taiwan.
2012–13	210	138	348	–	39.7%	8,600	Revised in 2014: +9 Taiwan.
2013–14	203	114	317	–	36.0%	8,714	
2014–15	209	83	292	–	28.4%	8,797	
2015–16	196	82	278	–	29.5%	8,879	
2016–17	246	69	315	–	21.9%	8,948	
2017–18	265	65	330	–	19.7%	9,013	From 2017–18, known-child intercountry adoptions are out of scope and excluded.
2018–19	253	57	310	–	18.4%	9,070	
2019–20	297	37	334	–	11.1%	9,107	COVID-19 affected activity 2019–20 to 2021–22.
2020–21	222	42	264	–	15.9%	9,149	
2021–22	192	16	208	–	7.7%	9,165	
2022–23	173	28	201	–	13.9%	9,193	
2023–24	173	34	207	–	16.4%	9,227	Excludes Victoria (Victorian data not supplied for 2023–24 and 2024–25).
2024–25	136	19	155	–	12.3%	9,246	Excludes Victoria (Victorian data not supplied for 2023–24 and 2024–25).
Total ICA 1979–80 to 2024–25			9,246				
Peak year (ICA)			434	2004–05			

Change, peak to 2024–25

-95.6%

Rosenwald (2009): all ICA, 1970 to 1 July 2008

10,221

2,625

-- not captured in AIHW's annual series (1970 to mid-1979, 1985–86, 1986–87, Victoria 1987–88). See Rosenwald_1970-2008; Victoria_Review_1989 fills 786 of the gap-year adoptions (indicative).

Note: the total counts known finalised ICA only; 1985–86 and 1986–87 were not collected and 1987–88 excludes Victoria, so the cumulative figure understates the true number.

These totals cover state-arranged (finalised) intercountry adoptions only. For totals that include expatriate adoptions (1996–97 on), see All_ICA_Totals.

All intercountry adoptions to Australia: state-arranged plus expatriate, 1979–80 to 2024–25

AHWP finalised intercountry adoptions (Summary, Totals) plus expatriate adoptions: children adopted overseas by Australians living abroad 12+ months, counted by AIHW from adoption (subclass 102) visa data (Visas, Summary). All cells are formulas.

Year	State/territory- arranged ICA (AIHW, finalised)	Expatriate adoptions (visas) — minimum	Expatriate adoptions (visas) — maximum	All ICA — minimum	All ICA — maximum	Expatriate share (of minimum total)	Cumulative all ICA minimum	Cumulative all ICA maximum	Data quality	Notes
1979–80	66	n.a.	n.a.	66	66	66	66	66	Expatriate not reported	AIHW did not report expatriate adoptions before 1996–97, so the total covers state-arranged adoptions only.
1980–81	127	n.a.	n.a.	127	127	100	100	100	Expatriate not reported	
1981–82	162	n.a.	n.a.	162	162	355	355	355	Expatriate not reported	AIHW did not report expatriate adoptions before 1996–97, so the total covers state-arranged adoptions only.
1982–83	188	n.a.	n.a.	188	188	543	543	543	Expatriate not reported	AIHW did not report expatriate adoptions before 1996–97, so the total covers state-arranged adoptions only.
1983–84	197	n.a.	n.a.	197	197	740	740	740	Expatriate not reported	AIHW did not report expatriate adoptions before 1996–97, so the total covers state-arranged adoptions only.
1984–85	235	n.a.	n.a.	235	235	975	975	975	Expatriate not reported	AIHW did not report expatriate adoptions before 1996–97, so the total covers state-arranged adoptions only.
1985–86	n.a.	n.a.	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	n.a.	975	975	975	Expatriate not reported	No national data collected. The 1989 Victorian review gives 180 children arriving on adoption visas (gap fill below). AIHW did not report expatriate adoptions before 1996–97, so the total covers state-arranged adoptions only.
1986–87	n.a.	n.a.	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	n.a.	975	975	975	Expatriate not reported	
1987–88	308	n.a.	n.a.	308	308	1,283	1,283	1,283	Expatriate not reported	Excludes Victoria (Victoria's own count: 31 finalised; gap fill below). AIHW did not report expatriate adoptions before 1996–97, so the total covers state-arranged adoptions only.
1988–89	394	n.a.	n.a.	394	394	1,677	1,677	1,677	Expatriate not reported	AIHW did not report expatriate adoptions before 1996–97, so the total covers state-arranged adoptions only.
1989–90	420	n.a.	n.a.	420	420	2,097	2,097	2,097	Expatriate not reported	AIHW did not report expatriate adoptions before 1996–97, so the total covers state-arranged adoptions only.
1990–91	393	n.a.	n.a.	393	393	2,490	2,490	2,490	Expatriate not reported	AIHW did not report expatriate adoptions before 1996–97, so the total covers state-arranged adoptions only.
1991–92	338	n.a.	n.a.	338	338	2,828	2,828	2,828	Expatriate not reported	AIHW did not report expatriate adoptions before 1996–97, so the total covers state-arranged adoptions only.
1992–93	227	n.a.	n.a.	227	227	3,055	3,055	3,055	Expatriate not reported	AIHW did not report expatriate adoptions before 1996–97, so the total covers state-arranged adoptions only.
1993–94	222	n.a.	n.a.	222	222	3,277	3,277	3,277	Expatriate not reported	AIHW did not report expatriate adoptions before 1996–97, so the total covers state-arranged adoptions only.
1994–95	224	n.a.	n.a.	224	224	3,501	3,501	3,501	Expatriate not reported	AIHW did not report expatriate adoptions before 1996–97, so the total covers state-arranged adoptions only.
1995–96	274	n.a.	n.a.	274	274	3,775	3,775	3,775	Expatriate not reported	AIHW did not report expatriate adoptions before 1996–97, so the total covers state-arranged adoptions only.
1996–97	269	153	153	422	422	36.3%	4,197	4,197	Recorded	From AIHW report text (Department of Immigration).
1997–98	245	124	124	369	369	33.6%	4,566	4,566	Recorded	From AIHW report text (Department of Immigration).
1998–99	244	113	113	357	357	31.7%	4,923	4,923	Recorded	
1999–00	301	75	75	376	376	19.9%	5,299	5,299	Minimum only	AIHW: exact number unavailable; 'at least 75' (shown as both minimum and maximum).
2000–01	289	42	42	331	331	12.7%	5,630	5,630	Recorded	
2001–02	294	15	15	309	309	4.9%	5,939	5,939	Recorded	Unusually low (15). Check against later sources.
2002–03	278	32	32	310	310	10.3%	6,249	6,249	Recorded	
2003–04	370	34	34	404	404	8.4%	6,653	6,653	Recorded	
2004–05	434	35	35	469	469	7.5%	7,122	7,122	Recorded	
2005–06	421	99	99	520	520	19.0%	7,642	7,642	Recorded	
2006–07	406	111	111	517	517	21.5%	8,159	8,159	Recorded	
2007–08	270	100	100	370	370	27.0%	8,529	8,529	Recorded	
2008–09	269	112	112	381	381	29.4%	8,910	8,910	Recorded	
2009–10	273	122	122	395	395	35.4%	9,255	9,255	Recorded	
2010–11	217	119	119	336	336	35.4%	9,591	9,591	Recorded	
2011–12	157	135	135	292	292	46.2%	9,883	9,883	Recorded	
2012–13	138	93	93	231	231	40.3%	10,114	10,114	Recorded	
2013–14	114	112	112	226	226	49.6%	10,340	10,340	Recorded	
2014–15	83	97	97	180	180	53.9%	10,520	10,520	Recorded	
2015–16	82	129	129	211	211	61.1%	10,731	10,731	Recorded	
2016–17	69	93	93	162	162	57.4%	10,893	10,893	Recorded	
2017–18	65	92	92	157	157	58.6%	11,050	11,050	Recorded	
2018–19	57	99	99	156	156	63.5%	11,206	11,206	Recorded	
2019–20	37	72	72	109	109	66.1%	11,315	11,315	Recorded	
2020–21	42	27	43	69	69	39.1%	11,384	11,400	Range (Visa type partly unrecorded; Minimum = recorded expatriate visas; maximum adds the 16 visas of unknown type).	
2021–22	16	14	90	30	106	46.7%	11,414	11,596	Range (Visa type partly unrecorded; Minimum = recorded expatriate visas; maximum adds the 76 visas of unknown type).	
2022–23	28	24	62	52	90	46.2%	11,466	11,596	Range (no split published)	Minimum = visas for countries with no previous Australian program (cannot be state-arranged); maximum = all adoption visas issued.
2023–24	34	50	80	84	114	59.5%	11,550	11,710	Range (no split published)	State-arranged figure excludes Victoria. Minimum = visas for countries with no previous Australian program (cannot be state-arranged); maximum = all adoption visas issued.
2024–25	19	32	61	51	80	62.7%	11,601	11,790	Range (no split published)	State-arranged figure excludes Victoria. Minimum = visas for countries with no previous Australian program (cannot be state-arranged); maximum = all adoption visas issued.
Total 1979–80 to 2024–25	9,246	2,355	2,544	11,601	11,790	20.3%				
Total 1996–97 to 2024–25 (years with expatriate data)	5,471	2,355	2,544	7,826	8,015	30.1%				
Total 2010–11 to 2019–20 (decade)	1,019	1,041	1,041	2,060	2,060	50.5%				
Years in which expatriate adoptions outnumbered state-arranged	8									Expatriate adoptions outnumbered state-arranged ones every year from 2014–15 to 2019–20, and again in 2023–24 and 2024–25 (minimum basis). Over 2010–11 to 2019–20 there were more expatriate than state-arranged adoptions.

Filling AIHW's gaps from the 1989 Victorian review (indicative; see Victoria, Review, 1989)

Gap	State/territory- arranged ICA (gap fill)		All ICA — minimum	All ICA — maximum		Basis	Notes
1985–86, national	180		180	180		Adoption-visa arrivals (IAs)	Printed figure (380) looks low: a third of the years either side. If it were about 575, the fill would be about 400 higher.
1986–87, national	575		575	575		Adoption-visa arrivals (IAs)	Arrivals, not adoption orders; includes relative adoptions.
1987–88, Victoria	31		31	31		Victorian finalised adoptions	AIHW's 1988–89 Victorian figure (31) equals this count, so it may already be in AIHW a year late.
Gap fill	786		786	786			
All ICA 1979–80 to 2024–25, including gap fill	10,032	2,355	2,544	12,387	12,576	19.0%	Indicative: the gap-year figures count children arriving, not finalised orders.

Wider long-run estimate (adds the non-AIHW sheets)

Component	Minimum	Maximum	Basis
All ICA recorded by AIHW, 1979–80 to 2024–25 (incl. expatriate)	11,601	11,790	This sheet
AHWP gap years filled from the 1989 Victorian review (1985–86, 1	786	786	Victoria, Review, 1989 (indicative; see above).
Other adoptions implied by Rosenwald (mainly before 1979–80)	1,839	1,839	Rosenwald 10.221 – AHWP 1979–80 to 2007–08 – the gap fill above. Rosenwald probably counts state-arranged adoptions only.
Estimated all intercountry adoptions to Australia, 1970 to 20	14,226	14,415	Still a minimum: excludes expatriate adoptions before 1996–97 and adoptions before 1970 (Vietnamese adoptions from 1968, Korean from at least 1967).

- * What 'expatriate adoption' means: an Australian citizen or permanent resident who has lived overseas for 12 months or more adopts through an overseas authority, then gets an Adoption (subclass 102) visa to bring the child to Australia. Australian authorities do not arrange or approve these adoptions, so they are NOT in AIHW's finalised-adoption counts. AIHW reports them only through Home Affairs visa data.
- * Visa counts are not adoption counts. They record visas issued in the year, and some relate to known-child (relative) adoptions (AHWP 2013–14 and 2014–15 notes).
- * The early years come from different sources: 1996–97 and 1997–98 are from report text, 1998–99 to 2001–02 are from tables labelled 'Parents 12 months overseas', and 1999–00 is a minimum only. The low figures for 2000–01 to 2004–05 (15–42) may reflect how visas were coded.
- * From April 2020 Home Affairs could not reliably record visa type. From 2022–23 AIHW publishes only total visas and program status, so those years are shown as a range.
- * Expatriate adoptions cannot be split by state (AIHW publishes no state data for them). Country detail for 2000–01 to 2015–16 is on Visas_By_Country.

Intercountry adoptions by state and territory, 1987–88 to 2024–25

Sources: 1998–99 ed. Table A4.2 (1987–88 to 1993–94); 2018–19 data tables S4 (1994–95 to 2018–19); 2024–25 data tables S17 (2019–20 on).

Year	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Tas/ACT/NT combined	Australia (sum)	Australia (published)	Check (sum – published)	Notes
1987–88	105	n.a.	22	37	83	34	15	12	61	308	308	—	Victoria not available; Australia figure excludes Victoria. The 1989 Victorian review gives 31 Victorian finalised adoptions (Victoria_Review_1989).
1988–89	148	31	48	36	64	41	17	9	67	394	394	—	The 1989 Victorian review gives 51 Victorian finalised adoptions in 1988–89 (AIHW: 31) and 296 placements nationally by state (Victoria_Review_1989).
1989–90	216	50	30	20	41	23	32	8	63	420	420	—	
1990–91	162	105	25	22	43	16	16	4	36	393	393	—	
1991–92	145	67	27	24	50	13	10	2	25	338	338	—	
1992–93	95	37	19	14	40	9	9	4	22	227	227	—	
1993–94	89	30	26	16	34	14	10	3	27	222	222	—	
1994–95	85	59	21	9	35	2	9	4	15	224	224	—	
1995–96	105	57	37	29	29	9	4	4	17	274	274	—	
1996–97	81	56	41	13	49	15	12	2	29	269	269	—	
1997–98	69	64	43	14	37	8	10	—	18	245	245	—	
1998–99	57	59	36	20	45	12	11	4	27	244	244	—	
1999–00	55	76	60	26	56	13	11	4	28	301	301	—	
2000–01	85	60	40	20	44	14	18	8	40	289	289	—	
2001–02	71	74	33	29	54	16	9	8	33	294	294	—	
2002–03	61	59	29	24	68	15	15	7	37	278	278	—	
2003–04	66	86	49	44	72	22	26	5	53	370	370	—	
2004–05	88	132	65	29	74	18	12	16	46	434	434	—	
2005–06	93	104	61	36	69	26	20	12	58	421	421	—	
2006–07	113	95	63	40	56	11	18	10	39	406	406	—	Revised (2006–07 edition showed NSW 112, total 405).
2007–08	73	66	47	17	32	23	5	7	35	270	270	—	
2008–09	93	48	49	14	34	17	6	8	31	269	269	—	
2009–10	79	54	38	18	21	6	6	1	13	223	223	—	Includes 2014 retrospective revision.
2010–11	72	56	35	8	26	12	7	1	20	217	217	—	Includes 2014 retrospective revision.
2011–12	53	37	20	5	23	4	6	9	19	157	157	—	Includes 2014 retrospective revision.
2012–13	38	24	25	10	18	9	4	10	23	138	138	—	Includes 2014 retrospective revision.
2013–14	30	22	15	9	14	7	10	7	24	114	114	—	
2014–15	31	9	19	3	14	4	2	1	7	83	83	—	
2015–16	21	9	26	4	14	2	1	5	8	82	82	—	
2016–17	13	8	16	11	11	3	3	4	10	69	69	—	
2017–18	20	7	13	9	6	1	1	8	10	65	65	—	
2018–19	13	5	11	6	6	1	3	12	16	57	57	—	
2019–20	11	4	11	1	6	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	4	37	37	—	From 2019–20 Tas, ACT and NT are published only as a combined figure.
2020–21	12	3	16	6	1	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	4	42	42	—	
2021–22	2	—	5	3	—	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	6	16	16	—	
2022–23	5	2	8	1	4	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	8	28	28	—	
2023–24	4	n.a.	14	3	2	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	11	34	34	—	Victoria not supplied; Australia excludes Victoria.
2024–25	4	n.a.	10	1	—	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	4	19	19	—	Victoria not supplied; Australia excludes Victoria.
Total 1988–89	2,458	1,655	1,131	594	1,192	386	323	187	933	7,963	7,963		
Share of total	30.9%	20.8%	14.2%	7.5%	15.0%				11.7%				

Totals start at 1988–89 because 1987–88 lacks Victoria. Tas/ACT/NT columns are blank (n.a.) from 2019–20; use the combined column for full-period comparisons. Victoria's share is understated because its 2023–24 and 2024–25 data are missing.

Intercountry adoptions by country of origin and year, 1990–91 to 2024–25 (includes 2014 revisions)

All cells are SUMIFS formulas over By_Country_Long. Rows sorted by all-time total. Bottom rows reconcile to AIHW's current national totals.

Country of origin	Total 1990–91 to 2024–25	1990–91	1991–92	1992–93	1993–94	1994–95	1995–96	1996–97	1997–98	1998–99	1999–00	2000–01	2001–02	2002–03	2003–04	2004–05	2005–06	2006–07	2007–08	2008–09	2009–10	2010–11	2011–12	2012–13	2013–14	2014–15	2015–16	2016–17	2017–18	2018–19	2019–20	2020–21	2021–22	2022–23	2023–24	2024–25
South Korea	1,834	203	106	50	64	71	94	84	69	70	77	75	93	101	98	96	103	80	47	45	30	19	26	14	13	4	14	14	19	17	8	12	7	5	5	1
China	864	–	–	–	–	–	–	3	1	–	–	1	15	39	46	112	140	116	125	63	63	32	51	24	14	11	4	3	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Philippines	777	30	37	17	14	22	22	27	19	14	29	18	12	18	29	48	42	45	41	45	49	37	29	20	18	22	20	18	9	15	4	2	1	4	–	–
Thailand	678	15	34	22	20	25	18	34	26	25	33	35	28	17	39	31	27	28	19	19	16	13	16	16	11	13	18	10	9	6	6	6	6	9	19	9
Ethiopia	659	–	–	–	–	–	–	5	16	37	34	46	37	36	39	45	59	70	48	35	38	34	41	19	17	3	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
India	643	39	28	30	29	20	35	28	30	37	40	40	33	29	31	34	25	25	12	22	19	8	3	7	2	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Taiwan	473	–	–	–	–	–	10	4	8	6	2	6	6	3	3	10	10	26	22	32	26	27	29	46	41	30	16	24	21	15	16	15	2	4	9	4
Colombia	268	–	15	26	22	16	40	23	14	11	17	15	9	7	7	3	9	5	3	8	5	–	–	–	–	–	–	4	–	–	2	1	4	–	–	1
Sri Lanka	223	24	43	38	33	18	14	9	3	5	3	4	3	2	2	2	3	5	6	1	3	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Fiji	108	11	14	6	7	6	13	5	18	12	5	3	5	–	–	1	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Hong Kong	91	11	–	–	–	–	8	2	1	6	3	3	10	4	4	3	4	9	4	2	3	2	–	–	–	–	–	1	2	3	2	2	1	–	–	1
Romania	88	–	–	–	–	–	–	5	5	17	36	22	2	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Guatemala	56	–	–	–	–	11	6	7	7	6	2	3	6	4	–	1	1	2	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Chile	49	–	9	15	6	–	7	2	2	–	–	–	3	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	3	–	2	–	–	–	–	–	–	
Brazil	43	10	10	7	7	–	6	3	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Bolivia	34	–	–	–	–	–	3	3	5	3	5	6	3	1	–	–	1	1	1	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Poland	12	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	3	1	2	2	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Cambodia	11	10	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Lithuania	9	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	5	–	2	–	2	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
United Kingdom	8	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	1	–	3	–	–	2	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Lebanon	4	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	1	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
North Macedonia	3	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Azerbaijan	2	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
United States	2	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Croatia	2	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Papua New Guinea	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Burundi	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Italy	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
South Africa	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	
Malaysia	1	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Ghana	1	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Vietnam	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Honduras	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Canada	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Ukraine	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Uganda	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Burkina Faso	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Malta	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Bulgaria	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
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Serbia	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Tonga	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Nicaragua	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Other (not separately identified)	190	38	29	26	27	26	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	8	6	8	10	8	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total as published in that year's edition	7,128	393	338	227	222	224	274	269	245	244	301	289	294	278	370	434	421	405	270	269	222	215	149	129	114	83	82	69	65	57	37	42	16	28	34	19
of which: 2014 retrospective revisions	21	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	1	2	8	9	–	–	–	–	–						

Reading dashes: 1990–91 to 1994–95 editions named only the main source countries, so a dash for a smaller country in those years means 'not separately identified' (counted in the Other row), not necessarily nil. The same applies to the Other row in 2010–11 to 2014–15 and 2022–23. See By_Country_Long notes for later reclassifications.

South Korea before 1990–91: AIHW has no country data. See sheet South_Korea_1969

South Korea → Australia: full adoption series, 1969 to 2024–25

Part A = Korean Ministry of Health and Welfare (MOHW) figures, children sent by calendar year (NOT AIHW). Part B = AIHW finalised adoptions by financial year. Blue = entered figures; black = formulas.

A. Before AIHW country data — Korean MOHW: children sent to Australia, by calendar year

Year	Korean children sent to Australia	Cumulative	Basis	Corroboration	Notes
1969–1975	9	9	Derived estimate	Derived: 1,275 cumulative 'reported adoptions' by 1986 (Son	Adoptions from Korea to Australia were occurring from at least 1967 (Song & Gustafsson 2023). No annual split available.
1976	5	14	MOHW (calendar year)		
1977	26	40	MOHW (calendar year)	Heaser 2016, fn 55 (26)	Eastern Social Welfare Society (ESWS) formalised its agreement with the Australian Government in 1978 (Heaser 2016, p. 22).
1978	60	100	MOHW (calendar year)	Heaser 2016, fn 55 (60)	
1979	53	153	MOHW (calendar year)		
1980	19	172	MOHW (calendar year)		
1981	25	197	MOHW (calendar year)		
1982	67	264	MOHW (calendar year)		
1983	155	419	MOHW (calendar year)	Heaser 2016, p. 12: 1,689 for 1983–1989 (see check E1)	
1984	275	694	MOHW (calendar year)		
1985	278	972	MOHW (calendar year)		
1986	303	1,275	MOHW (calendar year)		
1987	306	1,581	MOHW (calendar year)	Heaser 2016, p. 12 (peak, 306)	
1988	216	1,797	MOHW (calendar year)		
1989	156	1,953	MOHW (calendar year)		
Total 1976–1989	1,944				
Total incl. 1969–1975 estimate	1,953				

B. AIHW — finalised adoptions from South Korea, by financial year (1 July–30 June)

Year	Finalised adoptions (AIHW)	Cumulative since 1990–91	Program type	Source	Notes
1990–91	203	203	Not classified	AIHW (see By_Country_Long)	Published as 'Korea'.
1991–92	106	309	Not classified	AIHW (see By_Country_Long)	Published as 'Korea'.
1992–93	50	359	Not classified	AIHW (see By_Country_Long)	
1993–94	64	423	Not classified	AIHW (see By_Country_Long)	
1994–95	71	494	Not classified	AIHW (see By_Country_Long)	
1995–96	94	588	Not classified	AIHW (see By_Country_Long)	
1996–97	84	672	Not classified	AIHW (see By_Country_Long)	Published as 'Korea' (includes North and South Korea).
1997–98	69	741	Not classified	AIHW (see By_Country_Long)	Published as 'Korea' (includes North and South Korea).
1998–99	70	811	Non-Hague	AIHW (see By_Country_Long)	
1999–00	77	888	Non-Hague	AIHW (see By_Country_Long)	
2000–01	75	963	Non-Hague	AIHW (see By_Country_Long)	
2001–02	93	1,056	Non-Hague	AIHW (see By_Country_Long)	
2002–03	101	1,157	Non-Hague	AIHW (see By_Country_Long)	
2003–04	98	1,255	Non-Hague	AIHW (see By_Country_Long)	
2004–05	96	1,351	Non-Hague	AIHW (see By_Country_Long)	
2005–06	103	1,454	Non-Hague	AIHW (see By_Country_Long)	
2006–07	80	1,534	Non-Hague	AIHW (see By_Country_Long)	
2007–08	47	1,581	Non-Hague	AIHW (see By_Country_Long)	
2008–09	45	1,626	Non-Hague	AIHW (see By_Country_Long)	
2009–10	30	1,656	Non-Hague	AIHW (see By_Country_Long)	
2010–11	19	1,675	Non-Hague	AIHW (see By_Country_Long)	
2011–12	26	1,701	Non-Hague	AIHW (see By_Country_Long)	
2012–13	14	1,715	Non-Hague	AIHW (see By_Country_Long)	
2013–14	13	1,728	Non-Hague	AIHW (see By_Country_Long)	
2014–15	4	1,732	Non-Hague	AIHW (see By_Country_Long)	
2015–16	14	1,746	Non-Hague	AIHW (see By_Country_Long)	
2016–17	14	1,760	Non-Hague	AIHW (see By_Country_Long)	
2017–18	19	1,779	Bilateral	AIHW (see By_Country_Long)	
2018–19	17	1,796	Bilateral	AIHW (see By_Country_Long)	
2019–20	8	1,804	Bilateral	AIHW (see By_Country_Long)	
2020–21	12	1,816	Bilateral	AIHW (see By_Country_Long)	
2021–22	7	1,823	Bilateral	AIHW (see By_Country_Long)	
2022–23	5	1,828	Bilateral	AIHW (see By_Country_Long)	
2023–24	5	1,833	Bilateral	AIHW (see By_Country_Long)	National count excludes Victoria.
2024–25	1	1,834	Bilateral	AIHW (see By_Country_Long)	National count excludes Victoria. Korea ratified the Hague Convention on 1 Oct 2025.
Total 1990–91 to 2024–25	1,834				

C. Combined totals

Measure	Number	Basis / source
1969–1975 (derived estimate)	9	Part A
1976–1989 (MOHW, calendar years)	1,944	Part A
1990–91 to 2024–25 (AIHW, financial years)	1,834	Part B
Reconstructed total, 1976 to 2024–25	3,778	MOHW + AIHW (see caveats)
Reconstructed total incl. 1969–1975 estimate	3,787	MOHW + AIHW + derived estimate
South Korea share of all AIHW ICA, 1990–91 to 2024–25	25.7%	AIHW
Published overall estimates, for comparison		
= Korean Australian adoptees (Heaser 2016, citing HübINETTE 2005 and	3,500	Heaser 2016, pp. 1, 11
= Korean children adopted to Australia as of 2023	3,600	Song & Gustafsson 2023
MOHW / National Center cumulative total to Australia, to end of 2015	3,458	Supplied by user from the MOHW/National Center receiving-country table (not independently verified here)
Korean adoptions to Australia, 1970 to 1 July 2008 (Rosenwald 2009, Ta	3,434	Rosenwald 2009 — see section G and the Rosenwald_1970-2008 sheet

D. Cross-check: MOHW cumulative total to 2015 vs this reconstruction

Measure	Number	Explanation
MOHW cumulative to end-2015	3,458	
less: 1969–1989 in Part A	-1,953	
Implied MOHW figure for 1990–2015 (calendar years)	1,505	Assumes the MOHW cumulative total includes the pre-1976 adoptions.
AIHW finalised adoptions, 1990–91 to 2014–15	1,732	
Difference (AIHW – implied MOHW)	227	

- The two series measure different things. MOHW counts children SENT from Korea in a calendar year; AIHW counts adoption orders FINALISED in Australia in a financial year, often a year or more after arrival.
- Jan–Jun 1990 falls between the two series (after MOHW 1989, before AIHW 1990–91). Children who arrived then would mostly be finalised in AIHW 1990–91 or later, so it is partly absorbed rather than lost.
- AIHW's pre-1998 'Korea' rows include North and South Korea. Before 2017–18, AIHW data may also include some known-child (relative) adoptions and state-arranged cases not recorded by MOHW as agency adoptions.
- A positive difference means AIHW records more Korean adoptions for 1990–2015 than the MOHW total implies. Treat the reconstructed total as a range: about 3,460 (MOHW basis) to 3,790 (MOHW to 1989 + AIHW from 1990–91).

E. Checks against figures published in the sources

Check	This sheet	Published	Difference (should be 0)	Source
E1. Korean adoptions to Australia, 1983–1989	1,689	1,689	—	Heaser 2016, p. 12
E2. Adoptions in 1977	26	26	—	Heaser 2016, fn 55
E3. Adoptions in 1978	60	60	—	Heaser 2016, fn 55
E4. Peak year value (1987)	306	306	—	Heaser 2016, p. 12
E5. Estimated adoptions 1969–1977	40	40	—	Heaser 2016, fn 38 ('an estimated 40')
E6. Cumulative reported adoptions by 1986 (benchmark used to derive	1,275	1,275	—	Song & Gustafsson 2023 (Australian census and adoptions data)

F. Context: Korean arrivals vs all Australian finalised ICA, 1979–1989 (not directly comparable)

Calendar year	South Korea (MOHW, sent in calendar year)	AIHW financial year starting that July	All-country ICA finalised (AIHW)	Note
1979	53	1979–80	66	
1980	19	1980–81	127	
1981	25	1981–82	162	
1982	67	1982–83	188	
1983	155	1983–84	197	
1984	275	1984–85	235	Korean arrivals exceed all finalised ICA in 1984–85: orders are finalised a year or more after arrival.
1985	278	1985–86	n.a.	No national AIHW data for 1985–86 or 1986–87.
1986	303	1986–87	n.a.	No national AIHW data for 1985–86 or 1986–87.
1987	306	1987–88	308	AIHW 1987–88 excludes Victoria.
1988	216	1988–89	394	
1989	156	1989–90	420	

G. Cross-check with Rosenwald (2009): Korea – Australia, 1970 to 1 July 2008

Measure	Number	Explanation
Rosenwald cumulative, 1970 to 1 July 2008	3,434	Rosenwald Table 2 (see Rosenwald_1970-2008 sheet)
This sheet: 1969–1989 (MOHW + derived) + AIHW 1990–91 to 2007–08	3,534	
Difference (Rosenwald – this sheet)	-100	
Rosenwald implied before 1990–91 (Rosenwald – AIHW 1990–91 to 200	1,853	
MOHW 1969–1989 (Part A)	1,953	

- Rosenwald's total is about 100 lower than MOHW-to-1989 plus AIHW from 1990–91. Joining the two series probably double-counts some children: those sent from Korea in 1988–89 whose adoptions were only finalised in Australia in 1990–91 or later. AIHW's early 'Korea' rows also include North Korea.
- Rosenwald's state split for Korea (NSW 1,300; VIC 480; QLD 328 (printed 338); WA 444; SA 506; TAS 151; ACT 163; NT 62) is the only published Korea-by-state breakdown for the early decades.

H. Cross-check with the Victorian review (1989): Korean children arriving on adoption visas and placed

Measure	Number	Explanation
Korean children arriving on adoption (1A3) visas, 1986–87	318	Victoria_Review_1989, section E (Table 2(b)).
MOHW departures, average of 1986 and 1987	305	Calendar-year stand-in for the financial year.
Korean children arriving on adoption (1A3) visas, 1987–88	313	
MOHW departures, average of 1987 and 1988	261	
Korean children placed, 1988–89	151	Victoria_Review_1989, section D (Table 3(b)); includes relatives.
MOHW departures, average of 1988 and 1989	186	
• 1986–87 agrees closely (318 visas vs about 305 MOHW departures). 1987–88 visas (313) are above the calendar average (261) because 1987 was the MOHW peak (306) and more of it probably fell in the first half of the financial year.		
• 1988–89 placements (151) are below the MOHW average (186). The review's 1988–89 placement total (296) is also below that year's visa count (349), so placements and visas were counted differently.		
• Visa counts for Korea in 1986–87 and 1987–88 (631 together) support the MOHW figures used in Part A for AIHW's uncollected years.		

Rosenwald (2009): intercountry adoptions to Australia, 1970 to 1 July 2008 (NOT AIHW)

Rosenwald, T. (2009) 'Ten thousand journeys: A brief demographic survey of intercountry adoption in Australia', in C. Spark & D. Cuthbert (eds), Other People's Children: Adoption in Australia, pp. 197–206. North Melbourne: Australian Scholarly Publishing.
Cumulative totals only (no annual split). Blue = as printed. Orange cells = corrected printing errors (hover for the reason; printed value shown alongside). All checks in yellow should be 0.

Table 1. ICAs to Australia by continent of origin, 1970 to 1 July 2008

Continent	Total (printed)	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Sum of states	Unknown state (total – states)	Notes
Asia	8,222	2,554	1,569	683	774	1,628	372	345	153	8,078	144	TAS: corrected from printed 327 to 372
America	763	560	114	27	7	14	4	19	9	754	9	
Africa	570	92	108	125	52	95	65	26	7	570	–	ACT: corrected from printed 27 to 26
Europe	197	54	77	9	18	14	1	14	2	189	8	
Oceania	157	22	62	22	4	16	21	6	4	157	–	
Unknown	312	33	35	43	–	138	43	4	10	306	6	
Total (printed)	10,221	3,315	1,965	909	855	1,905	506	414	185	10,054	167	Printed footnote: total includes 167 adoptions to unknown state/territory
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Check: unknown-state total – printed footnote												– Also equals printed total – printed state totals:

Table 2. Ten main sending countries, 1970 to 1 July 2008, by state and territory (rank order)

Country	Total (printed)	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Sum of states	Unknown state (total – states)	Notes
South Korea	3,434	1,300	480	328	444	506	151	163	62	3,434	–	Published as 'Korea'; QLD: corrected from printed 338 to 328
Sri Lanka	919	373	144	35	21	245	39	40	22	919	–	
India	832	207	277	49	75	125	39	31	29	832	–	
Philippines	669	159	167	89	41	134	35	34	10	669	–	
China	665	196	167	43	77	91	34	38	18	664	1	
Thailand	662	102	127	72	27	263	44	22	5	662	–	
Vietnam	540	111	126	7	15	138	13	3	1	414	126	126 with unknown state — most of the 134 in the footnote
Ethiopia	514	84	96	123	31	86	61	26	7	514	–	
Colombia	350	322	1	11	–	–	–	10	3	347	3	Published as 'Columbia'
Chile	182	134	22	6	2	9	1	4	–	178	4	
Total (printed)	8,767	2,988	1,607	763	733	1,597	417	371	157	8,633	134	Printed footnote: total includes 134 adoptions to unknown state/territory
Check: sum of rows – printed total												–
Check: unknown-state total – printed footnote												– Also equals printed total – printed state totals:
Ten countries as % of all ICA (Table 2 total ÷ Table 1 tc)												85.8%
All other countries (Table 1 total – Table 2 total)												1,454

Printed errors corrected on this sheet (all three independently confirmed by the printed row totals, column totals and footnotes):

- Table 1, Asia / TAS: printed 327 → 372.
- Table 1, Africa / ACT: printed 27 → 26.
- Table 2, Korea / QLD: printed 338 → 328.
- The row and column totals are as printed and were not changed. The printed Table 2 total and state cells for Vietnam leave 126 adoptions with no state; these are kept as 'unknown state', as the footnote implies.

C. Comparison with AIHW annual data — what Rosenwald adds for the years AIHW does not cover

'Implied earlier/uncovered' = Rosenwald cumulative – AIHW sum for the years AIHW does cover. Different collections and counting rules, so treat the result as indicative, not exact.

Measure	Rosenwald 1970 to 1 July 2008	AIHW sum (years shown)	Implied earlier / uncovered	AIHW years used	Comment
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All intercountry adoptions 10,221 7,596 2,625 1979–80 to 2007–08The implied figure covers 1970 to mid-1979, the uncollected years 1985–86 and 1986–87, and Victoria's overseas-born adoptions in 1987–88.

Continent (Rosenwald)	Rosenwald 1970 to 1 July 2008	AIHW region, 1990–91 to 2007–08	Implied before 1990–91	AIHW region matched	Comment
Asia	8,222	4,240	3,982	Asia	
America	763	470	293	South/Central Amer	AIHW puts North America in 'Other'; Rosenwald's 'America' may include it.
Africa	570	522	48	Africa	
Europe + Oceania	354	267	87	Other (Europe, Nort	AIHW 'Other' also includes North America.
Unknown continent	312	–	–	–	Rosenwald has 312 with unknown continent; AIHW has none after 1990–91.

State / territory	Rosenwald 1970 to 1 July 2008 (Table 1)	AIHW, 1987–88 to 2007–08	Implied before 1987–88	Comment
NSW	3,315	2,062	1,253	
VIC	1,965	1,367	598	AIHW has no Victorian figure for 1987–88, so Victoria's implied figure runs to mid-1988.
QLD	909	822	87	
WA	855	519	336	
SA	1,905	1,075	830	
TAS	506	354	152	
ACT	414	289	125	
NT	185	133	52	
Unknown state (Rosenwald)	167	–	167	AIHW has no 'unknown state' category.
Total	10,221	6,621	3,600	

Country (Rosenwald Table 2)	Rosenwald 1970 to 1 July 2008	AIHW, 1990–91 to 2007–08	Implied before 1990–91	Implied share of the country's total	Comment
South Korea	3,434	1,581	1,853	54.0%	MOHW (South_Korea sheet) records 1,953 for 1969–1989 — compare with the implied figure.
Sri Lanka	919	217	702	76.4%	Most Sri Lankan adoptions pre-date 1990–91.

India	832	562	270	32.5%
Philippines	669	484	185	27.7%
China	665	661	4	0.6% China's program began in the 1990s; a small implied or negative figure is expected.
Thailand	662	476	186	28.1%
Vietnam	540	–	540	100.0% DIMA: 537 adopted in 1972–75, including the 292 Babylift children (see Vietnam_1968-2008). AIHW names no Vietnamese adoptions from 1990–91 to 2007–08.
Ethiopia	514	507	7	1.4% Ethiopia's program began in the 1990s; a small implied or negative figure is expected.
Colombia	350	242	108	30.9%
Chile	182	44	138	75.8%
Ten countries	8,767	4,774	3,993	45.5%

- Why the comparison is only indicative: AIHW counts adoption orders finalised in each financial year. Rosenwald does not give her collection method in these tables, and her figures may count arrivals or placements rather than finalised orders.
- The period's start (1970) is not defined as calendar or financial year. It ends at 1 July 2008, which lines up with the end of AIHW 2007–08.
- AIHW's country detail before 1998 names only the main countries. Countries such as China and Ethiopia had small counts inside 'Other' in the early 1990s, so their AIHW figures here are slight undercounts.
- Negative implied values mean AIHW records more than Rosenwald for the overlapping years. That points to a coverage or definitional difference, not adoptions before 1990.

D. Partly identifying the 2,625 adoptions not in AIHW's annual series (indicative)

Component	Number	Period	Source
Adoptions implied outside AIHW coverage (from se	2,625	1970 to mid-1979; 1985–87; Vic 1987–88	
Vietnam (DIMA)	537	1972–1975	Wholly before 1979–80
South Korea (MOHW + derived pre-1976)	100	1969–1978 (calendr	Wholly before 1979–80. Excludes Jan–Jun 1979, which cannot be split from the 1979 total of 53.
All countries, AIHW's uncollected years (children arriv	755	1985–86 and 1986–Victorian review 1989, Table 1	(Commonwealth 1A3 visas: 180 + 575). Includes Korean children, so it replaces the earlier Korea-only stand-in. Arrivals, not orders.
Victoria, finalised adoptions	31	1987–88	Victorian review 1989, Table 6.
Identified so far	1,423		54.2%
Not yet attributed (mainly other countries before 1979–	1,202		

Treat this as an order-of-magnitude guide. The sources count differently (arrivals vs adoption orders; calendar vs financial years).

Vietnam -- Australia: adoptions before AIHW country data (1968 to 2008)

Built from the user's 'Vietnam Adoption Evidence Register' (Dreyfus, Quarty & Cutburt 2015; Fronk 2012, 2009; Damousi 2002; Rosenwald 2000; Williams); NOT AIHW data. Blue = figures from sources; black = formulas.

A. Headline figures

Measure	Number	Period	Source	Confidence	How to use it
Vietnamese babies and children adopted by Australian families					
Operation Babyfift arrivals in Australia (two stages)	637	1972–1975 (cumulative)	DMA (2001), quoted by Rosenwald 2000, p. 200 [E021]	High	Headline figure for 1972–75. Already includes the Babyfift children.
Adopted before the April 1975 airlifts (minimum)	252	April 1975	Fronk 2012, p. 446; Harvey 1983 via Rosenwald [E018]	High	Part of the 537. Do not add to it.
Adopted before the April 1975 airlifts (minimum)	245	1972 to before Apr 1975	Derived (Rosenwald 2000, p. 200) [E022]	High	Subcomponent of the 537, covering several years; not a single year figure.
Babyfift: children on the last two flights, 17 April 1975	715	17 Apr 1975	Fronk 2012, p. 448 [E016]	High	Subcomponent of the 262.
Babyfift: implied children on the earlier stage (4 April)	217	4 Apr 1975	Derived: 262 – 75 (the 4 April flight was cancelled) [E013, E016]	Medium	Completers derivation: it is close to the 212 children sought for the 4 April flight [E016]. Needs confirming from the manifests.
Vietnamese children who entered Victoria, including the airlift	115	1974–1975 (cumulative)	Dreyfus et al. 2015, p. 344 [E012]	High	Victoria only; cannot be split between 1974 and 1975.
Most proxy adoption children who arrived at Mascot (4 families in Victoria)	5	May 1972	Dreyfus et al. 2015, pp. 340–341 [E003E004]	High	Earliest documented group arrival; inside the 537.
Rosenwald: Vietnamese intercountry adoptions, 1970 to 1 July 2008	540	1970 to 1 Jul 2008	Rosenwald 2000, Table 2 [E020]	High	Long-run reference total (see Rosenwald sheet).
AIHW: finalised Vietnamese adoptions, 1990–91 to 2007–08	—	1990–91 to 2007–08	AIHW (By_Country_Lang)	High	AIHW names non-Vietnamese adoptions until 2000–21 (1 child). Early 1990s 'Other' rows could hide a few.

B. Reconciliations and checks

Check	This sheet	Compare with	Difference	What it shows
B1. Pre-airlift minimum (537 – 252) vs register figure 245	245	245	—	Matches the register's derived minimum.
B2. Rosenwald 1970–2008 total vs DMA's 1972–75	540	537	3	Only 3 more than 1972–75. That leaves almost nothing for 1970–71 (at best 1 known: Barnard, 1971) or 1976–2008, which the AIHW showing no Vietnamese adoptions from 1990–91 to 2007–08. The two sources may define or cover the period differently.
B3. Rosenwald Vietnam – AIHW 1990–91 to 2007–08 = implied before 1990–	540	537	3	Nearly all Vietnamese adoptions to Australia happened before AIHW's country data began. Almost all fall in 1972–75.
B4. Rosenwald Victoria (1970–2008) vs Victoria 1974–75 (115)	126	115	11	At most 11 Vietnamese adoptions in Victoria outside 1974–75 (1972–73 and later), if both sources count the same way. The 4 Moir families (1972) fit inside this.
B5. Rosenwald Vietnam: named states + unknown state vs total	540	540	—	Check (5).
B6. Unknown-state rows in Rosenwald Table 2 vs footnote (134)	134	134	—	RESOURCES register gap 10: Vietnam 126 + Chile 4 + Colombia 3 + China 1 + 134, the printed footnote exactly. The 126 Vietnamese are Rosenwald's 'unknown state' adoptions. They are plausibly the immigration-recorded domicile adoptions that Rosenwald (p. 200) says were missing from state statistics, but that part is an inference.

C. Year by year — what is known (1968 to 2008)

Year / period	Minimum documented	Annual national total known?	What the sources establish	Mean gap / next source
1968	Not quantifiable	No	Vietnam adoptions are described as beginning from 1968, but 1968a domicile arrivals are acknowledged. State: No state court identified.	No annual national number in the updated sources. — Immigration/dependent child arrival records; Forkert Births, State files
1969	Not quantifiable	No	Flow had begun, but no annual Vietnamese total is given. State: No state court identified. Rosenwald's long-run table begins at 1970, but does not provide a Vietnam annual split. State: No Vietnam annual state court identified.	No annual national number: — Immigration records; State annual reports; NAA
1970	Not quantifiable	No	Fronk identifies Lance Barnard as adopting a Vietnamese child in 1971. State: State not stated in source passage.	No annual national number: — Rosenwald raw data; Immigration records
1971	≥1 named case	No	Fronk identifies Lance Barnard as adopting a Vietnamese child in 1971. State: State not stated in source passage.	Named case only, not a population count. — Barnard/immigration files; NAA
1972	≥5 specifically do No	No	Moir brought five children to Mascot in May 1972. 537 cumulative count begins in 1972. State: Four prospective families for the Moir group were in Victoria. Australian Adoptive Families Association was responsible for 'most' children adopted during 1973 and 1974. State: Association formed in South Australia; descriptions not enumerated.	Cannot determine how many of the 537 occurred in 1972. — NAA A446 1972-1964Z, A4531 206, DMA countrywide records
1973	Not quantifiable	No	Part of the 115 Vietnamese children who entered Victoria during 1974–75; AFAA active through and 1974. State: Victoria combined 1974–75 total = 115.	Cannot isolate non-Babyfift 1975 arrivals or state allocation of all 252. — AFAA/Census manifests; state allocation files; DMA/NAA
1974	Not quantifiable	info	292 children arrived through Operation Babyfift in April; additional pre-airlift 1975 domicile adoptions may be inside the 245 pre-airlift minimum. State: Victoria's 1974–75 combined total = 115. State split of 252 not established in updated sources.	Cannot isolate non-Babyfift 1975 arrivals or state allocation of all 252. — AFAA/Census manifests; state allocation files; DMA/NAA
1975	≥292 confirmed & No	No	DMA Historical figure quoted by Rosenwald: 537 Vietnamese babies and children adopted by Australian families. State: Not split nationally by state in this figure.	Cannot assign 537 to individual years from these sources. — Original DMA 2001 report and underlying immigration data
1972–1975	537 Cumulative only	No	Rosenwald's derived minimum before the airlifts: 537 total minus 252 Babyfift. State: Not split by state.	Cannot allocate the 245 by year or state. — Immigration records; AFAA, Victorian and NSW files
1972–pre-airlift Apr 1975	≥245 Cumulative subperiod	No	Rosenwald's reconstructed Vietnam total in Table 2. State: Named state entries total 64; childhood raw boxes a 126 difference.	Need raw dataset to explain state total gap and reconcile with 537. — Rosenwald source datasets; AIHW/state data; immigration records
1970–1 Jul 2008	540 Long-run reconstruction	No	implied maximum 3 (Rosenwald 540 – DMA 537 – AIHW 1990–2008), and this must also cover 1970–71, where at least 1 case is known. After 1975 Vietnamese adoption to Australia effectively stopped (Fronk 2009).	AIHW published no country detail before 1990–91; immigration records
1976–1989	3 No	No	— Yes (AIHW)	—
1990–91 to 2019–20	— Yes (AIHW)	No	— Yes (AIHW)	—
2020–21	1 Yes (AIHW)	No	One Hague adoption from Vietnam (AIHW 2020–21, Table 2.2).	—

D. Rosenwald (2009) state distribution of Vietnamese adoptees, 1970 to 1 July 2008

State / territory	Adoptees	Share of named states	Share of all 540
NSW	111	26.8%	20.6%
VIC	126	30.4%	23.3%
QLD	7	1.3%	1.3%
WA	15	3.6%	2.8%
SA	138	33.3%	25.6%
TAS	13	3.1%	2.4%
ACT	3	0.7%	0.6%
NT	1	0.2%	0.2%
Named-state subtotal	414		76.7%
Unknown state (see check B6)	126		23.3%
Total	540		

Note: South Australia (138) and Victoria (126) received the most. The Australian Adoptive Families Association, formed in South Australia in 1973, reportedly brought in most children adopted from 1973 to the end of 1974 [E008–E009].

E. Other figures — alternative counts, flight plans, demand and context (NOT arrival totals; do not add)

Figure	Number	Period	Source	Type	Caution
[E014] Dreyfus et al. describe some 202 babies and children evacuated to Australia in two airlifts.	—	280 Early April 1975	Kay Dreyfus, Marian Quarty, Denise Cutburt (2015), p. 342	Operation Babyfift arrivals	Rounded secondary figure; use 292 for the statistical master figure.
[E015] Williams states approximately 250 Vietnamese children were flown to Australia as part of Operation Babyfift.	—	250 1975	Indigo A. Williams (n.d.), p. 276	Operation Babyfift arrivals	Adoptee-authored approximate figure; use 292 for master statistics.
[E016] Fronk reports a schematic to find 212 children to fly to Australia on 4 April.	—	212 4 April 1975	Patricia Fronk (2012), p. 448	Planned flight capacity / target	This is a planned target, not a confirmed arrival count.
[E017] Fronk reports 200 children were sought for a second flight.	—	200 Second planned April 19	Patricia Fronk (2012), p. 448	Planned flight capacity / target	Planned, not actual.
[E018] The flight scheduled for 7 April was cancelled.	—	7 April 1975	Patricia Fronk (2012), p. 448	Cancelled flight	Zero reflects a cancelled flight, not a period total.
[E019] Fronk reports that Deputy Prime Minister Lance Barnard adopted a child from Vietnam in 1971.	—	1 1971	Patricia Fronk (2012), p. 447	Named adoption case	A named case is not a national annual count. Do not add to other totals unless identity/overlap is checked.
[E020] After the first child died, Fronk reports Barnard adopted another Vietnamese child in early 1972.	—	1 Early 1972	Patricia Fronk (2012), p. 447	Named adoption case	Potential overlap with other 1972 cases has not been checked.
[E021] Williams states that Western humanitarian workers estimated Australian families had adopted several hundred Vietnamese children prior to 1975.	—	Several hundred Before 1975	Indigo A. Williams (n.d.), p. 276	Estimate of pre-Babyfift adoptions	Consistent in scale with Rosenwald's later reconstruction but not a precise figure.
[E022] Harvey is reported as counting 4,000 telephone applications in NSW once the evacuation became known.	—	4,000 1975 (after evacuation)	Patricia Fronk (chapter in Other People's Children) (2009), p. 43	Prospective-parent demand	This is demand, not arrivals/adoptions.
[E023] in Victoria, ASAC volunteers dealt with 1,000 adoption enquiries in one week.	—	1,000 One week in 1975	Kay Dreyfus, Marian Quarty, Denise Cutburt (2015), p. 344	Prospective-parent demand	Demand, not arrivals.
[E024] Dreyfus et al. report ASAC had a membership of some 300 families by the last days of the Vietnam War.	—	300 By the last days of the V	Kay Dreyfus, Marian Quarty, Denise Cutburt (2015), p. 342	Parent-group membership	The article also describes a September 1975 formation of a breakaway group using the ASAC name, creating a chronology issue that should be checked in the original records.
[E025] Williams reports Ian Harvey's study of 100 Australian families with children adopted from Vietnam.	—	100 1980/1981 study	Indigo A. Williams (n.d.), p. 276	Post-adoption study sample	Study sample, not a total population count.
[E026] Damousi reports that Taylor arranged more than 1,132 adoptions across the world between 1968 and 1972.	—	>1,132 1968–1972	Joy Damousi (2002), p. 300	International adoption facilitation	This is a worldwide figure and must not be used as an Australian total.
[E027] Fronk reports interdepartmental correspondence cited by Edwards: of 19,000 children in orphanages, only 7,200 were reported available for adoption.	—	7,000 Early 1970s / source cited Patricia Fronk (2012), p. 447	Patricia Fronk (2012), p. 447	Vietnam orphanage context	Vietnam-wide context; does not establish Australian arrivals. 'Available' reflects the historical source's classification.
[E028] The same correspondence cited by Fronk referred to 19,000 children in orphanages.	—	19,000 Same source context	Patricia Fronk (2012), p. 447	Vietnam orphanage context	Not an Australian arrival figure.
[E029] Fronk notes that approximately 3,000 children are generally reported to have been evacuated from Saigon in April 1975.	—	3,000 April 1975	Patricia Fronk (2012), p. 449	Global Operation Babyfift evacuation estimate	Global figure; not Australian arrivals.
[E030] Fronk reports 228 children were on the crashed C-5 Galaxy flight 149 airlifted.	—	228 4 April 1975 C-5 Galaxy	Patricia Fronk (2012), p. 449	Global Babyfift flight context	Not an Australian arrival figure.
[E031] Of the 228 children on the C-5 Galaxy flight, Fronk reports 149 survived.	—	149 4 April 1975 C-5 Galaxy	Patricia Fronk (2012), p. 449	Global Babyfift flight context	Not an Australian arrival figure.

F. Research leads (from the register) — status as at this workbook

Priority	Question	Best target series	What we hope to find	Status
Disaggregate the 137 Vietnamese adoptions from 1972–1975 by year	Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs / National Archives of Australia: DMA 2001 report on twentieth-century immigration, underlying immigration records	Annual Vietnamese non-dependent-child/adoption-linked arrivals. Not yet checked	137 Vietnamese adoptions from 1972–1975 by year	Not yet checked

	Find the original source behind Rosemead's 537 figure	National Archives / Home Affairs / parliamentary library: Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs (2001), exact report title not identified in uploaded chapter	Original table, definitions and data coverage	Not yet checked
2	Disaggregate the 1245 pre-unit adoptions by year and state	Immigration records + state well/adoption Rec: 1968–April 1975 dependent child arrivals; foreign-born adoption verifications	Names, dates of entry, country of birth, state destination, adoption type	Not yet checked
3	Review Ian Harvey's original studies	Libraries / NSW Department records: Ian Harvey (1981) Australian Parents for Vietnamese Children: Harvey (1983) Adoption of Vietnamese Children: An Australian Study	Sample frame, arrival years, states, agencies, 290 source methodology	Not yet checked
4	Review Joshua Fokkens Jul 2012 thesis	University of Adelaide / Basic repository: Joshua Fokkens, Orphans of Vietnam: A history of Intercountry Adoption, Policy and Practice in Australia, 1958–1975	Year-by-year cases, named organizations, NAA file references	Not yet checked
5	Identify the source behind the Victorian figure of 210	Victorian archives / article by Orourke et al. 2015	Year, arrival date, child, originating institution, placement	Not yet checked
6	115 in 1974–75: quantify the Australian Adoptive Families Association's 1973–74 site	Source: 38 South Australian archives; NAA, organisation (private papers: Australian Adoptive Families Association records; Institute of Social Welfare (Adelaide) 1975 Statement on Vietnamese Adoption Issues, NAA Barcode 333662	Children facilitated, dates, origin institutions, destinations	Not yet checked
7	Reconstruct Operation Safehaven rights to Australia	RAAF archives; Qantas Immigration/DFAT: state welfare departments: 4 April and 17 April 1975 manifests; cancelled 7 April flight records	Passenger lists, escorts, aircraft, arrival airports, onward state allocations	Not yet checked
8	Identify the state allocation of the 210 Safehaven children	State welfare departments / Council of Social Welfare: Ministers records: Post-arrival allocation and distribution records	Numbers to NSW, VIC, SA, QLD, WA, TAS, ACT, NT	Not yet checked
9	Reconcile Rosemead Table 2's 540 total versus 414 named state entries	Rosemead source Rec / underlying state and national datasets; Rosemead's unknown state row in Table 2	Unknown-state coding, missing jurisdictions, corrections/rounding	Largely resolved: the unknown-state row in Table 2 sums to the printed footnote (134), so the 126 are Rosemead's unknown state (line 66). Why they have no state still needs her raw data.
10	Trace the five later NAA + Victorian records (18000)	NAA A4531, 6219 Part 2; NAA A456, 1977/1842; related Victorian adoption files	Names, origin descriptions, exit permits, flight, final states, adoption orders	Not yet checked
11	Map origin institutions and facilitators in Vietnam	NAA/NAA private papers; church and agency archives: Phu My Friends For All Children; Friends of Children of Vietnam; Terre des Hommes; Child Care Service/Graeme Gregory	Institution-by-institution child lists and Australian receiving links	Not yet checked
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Vietnam adoption evidence register (audit trail)

Copied from the user's Vietnam Adoption Evidence Register – Australia. One row per piece of evidence. Use in master total? shows how each figure may be used.

ID	Date / period	Start	End	Figure	Unit	Category	Australian geography	Vietnam location / institution	Facilitator / person	Organisation(s)	Evidence statement	Author(s)	Title	Year	Pages	Original source cited	URL / DOI	Confidence	Use in master total?	Overlap / double-counting note
E001	From 1968	1968				Historical starting point	Australia	Vietnam (not specified)			Modern Australian intercountry adoption is commonly narrated as beginning with adoptions from Vietnam from 1968.		'Why can't I have my baby tomorrow?' A Legislative Periodisation of Intercountry Adoption in Vietnam and Australia from the Early 1970s to the Present			Article footnote 19 (not identified in extracted text)		High	No	No count is given; use only to date the beginning of the flow.
E002	Late 1960s–early 1970	1968	1972	Unquantified		Domestic/foreign adoption arriv	Australia	Vietnam and Cambodia (notAdoptive parents			Vietnamese and Cambodian children adopted overseas were brought into Australia by their adoptive parents. Rosemawd notes these were often domestic adoptions and commonly absent from state adoption statistics.	Kay Dreyfus; Marian Quarry; C	Ten thousand journeys: A brief demographic survey of intercountry adoption in Australia	2015p. 340		Joint Committee on Intercountry Adoption (JCIA)		High	No	Vietnam and Cambodia are grouped in this narrative statement; no annual number.
E003	Nov 1971–Mar 1972	1971	1972	5 children		Penny adoptions	Australia; 4 prospective fam/Vietnam	(not specified)	Elaine Mori		Not completed proxy adoptions for five children as Vietnamese on behalf of Australian prospective families; four prospective families were in Vietnam.	Trudy Rosemawd	'Why can't I have my baby tomorrow?'	2009p. 200		Child archival/government records in article footnotes		High	Reference only	These five later arrived together in May 1972; do not count both E003 and E004 as separate children. Same children as E003. Count only once.
E004	May 1972	1972	1972	5 children		Physical arrival	Mascot Airport, Sydney, Aus/Vietnam	(not specified)	Elaine Mori		Mori arrived at Mascot with the five children after entry had been resisted; the Commonwealth allowed the children to remain while legal requirements were addressed.	Kay Dreyfus; Marian Quarry; C	'Why can't I have my baby tomorrow?'	2015p. 341		Article cited contemporaneous records; Damousi also cites NAA A633, 626 Part 2 and A446, 1972/7642		High	Yes – minimum document	
E005	1971	1971	1971	1 child		Named adoption case	Australia	Vietnam (not specified)	Lance Barnard		Frank reports that Deputy Prime Minister Lance Barnard adopted a child from Vietnam in 1971.	Kay Dreyfus; Marian Quarry; C	Operation Babyfift: advancing intercountry adoption into Australia	2012p. 447		Peter Edwards, A Nation at War	https://doi.org/10.1080/14443058.2012.70642	Medium	No	A named case is not a national annual count. Do not add to other totals unless identity/overlap is checked.
E006	Early 1972	1972	1972	1 child		Named adoption case	Australia	Vietnam (not specified)	Lance Barnard		After the first child died, Frank reports Barnard adopted another Vietnamese child in early 1972.	Patricia Fronk	Operation Babyfift: advancing intercountry adoption into Australia	2012p. 447		Peter Edwards, A Nation at War	https://doi.org/10.1080/14443058.2012.70642	High	No	Potential overlap with other 1972 cases has not been checked.
E007	1968–1972	1968	1972	>1,132		adoptions worldwide	International adoption facilitat	Worldwide — not Australia-Phi My / Saigon and other	Rosemary Taylor		Damousi reports that Taylor arranged more than 1,132 adoptions across the world between 1968 and 1972.	Kay Dreyfus; Marian Quarry; C	Operation Babyfift: advancing intercountry adoption into Australia	2012p. 300		Rosemary Taylor, Orphans of War, p. 71	https://doi.org/10.1017/9781108911089	High	No	
E008	1973	1973	1973			Organisation formed	South Australia				The Australian Adoptive Families Association formed in South Australia in 1973.	Joy Damousi	'Why can't I have my baby tomorrow?'	2015p. 342		Article footnote 26		High	No	Important for identifying the channel through which 1973–74 adoptions were arranged.
E009	1973–end 1974	1973	1974	Most		children adopted in pe	Private/residential adoptions	Australia; association base/Vietnam	(not specified)		The association was reported as responsible for bringing in most children adopted between 1973 and the end of 1974. These were private or 'residential' adoptions without agency involvement or approval.	Kay Dreyfus; Marian Quarry; C	'Why can't I have my baby tomorrow?'	2015p. 342		Article footnote 25		Medium	No	No number is supplied, so this cannot establish annual totals.
E010	November 1973	1973	1973			Administrative milestone	Victoria				Victorian adoption agencies established an intercountry adoption sub-committee after being confronted with children arriving for Victorian families.	Kay Dreyfus; Marian Quarry; C	'Why can't I have my baby tomorrow?'	2015pp. 341–342		Article footnote 25		High	No	May point to surviving administrative files containing case courts.
E011	1974 and 1975	1974	1975			Institutional contact / guardia	Victoria .. Vietnam	Vietnam	(institutions not spec)	Gregory	The Child Care Service was appointed an interim guardianship role; its director Child Care Service of the Melbourne Gregory visited Vietnam in 1974 and 1975.	Kay Dreyfus; Marian Quarry; C	'Why can't I have my baby tomorrow?'	2015p. 342		Article footnote 33		High	No	Potential source of case files and institution-by-institution links.
E012	1974–1975	1974	1975	115 children		Arrivals to one state	Victoria	Vietnam			Including the arrival, 115 children entered Victoria from Vietnam in the period 1974 to 1975.	Kay Dreyfus; Marian Quarry; C	'Why can't I have my baby tomorrow?'	2015p. 344		Article footnote 33		High	No	This is a combined two-year state figure and includes Babyfift arrivals; cannot be split by year from this.
E013	April 1975	1975	1975	292 children		Operation Babyfift arrivals	Australia	Saigon			ASAC / Victorian authorities	Patricia Fronk	Operation Babyfift: advancing intercountry adoption into Australia	2012p. 446		Article footnote 29	https://doi.org/10.1080/14443058.2012.70642	High	Yes – headline Babyfift	Part of the 537 total for 1972–1975; do not add 292 to master statistics.
E014	Early April 1975	1975	1975	280 babies and children		Operation Babyfift arrivals	Australia	Saigon			Commonwealth + state authorities	Patricia Fronk	'Why can't I have my baby tomorrow?'	2012p. 447		Article footnote 29		Medium	No	Adoptee-authored approximate figure; use 292 for the statistical master statistics.
E015	1975	1975	1975	250 children		Operation Babyfift arrivals	Australia	Vietnam			Williams states approximately 250 Vietnamese children were flown to Australia as part of Operation Babyfift.	Indigo A. Williams	Beyond the Vietnam War Adoptions: Representing Our Transnational Lives	p. 276		Western humanitarian worker estimates / chapter narrative		Medium	No	This is a planned target, not a confirmed arrival count.
E016	4 April 1975	1975	1975	212 children		Planned flight capacity / target	Australia	Saigon			Frank reports a screenshot to find 212 children to fly to Australia on 4 April.	Patricia Fronk	Operation Babyfift: advancing intercountry adoption into Australia	2012p. 448		Peter Edwards, A Nation at War	https://doi.org/10.1080/14443058.2012.70642	High	No	Planned, not actual.
E017	Second planned April	1975	1975	200 children		Planned flight capacity / target	Australia	Saigon			Frank reports 200 children were sought for a second flight.	Patricia Fronk	Operation Babyfift: advancing intercountry adoption into Australia	2012p. 448		Peter Edwards, A Nation at War	https://doi.org/10.1080/14443058.2012.70642	High	No	Zero reflects a cancelled flight, not a period total.
E018	7 April 1975	1975	1975	0 children		Cancelled flight	Australia	Saigon			The flight scheduled for 7 April was cancelled.	Patricia Fronk	Operation Babyfift: advancing intercountry adoption into Australia	2012p. 448		Peter Edwards, A Nation at War	https://doi.org/10.1080/14443058.2012.70642	High	No	
E019	17 April 1975	1975	1975	75 children		Confirmed flight arrivals	Australia	Saigon			The last two flights left on 17 April and brought 75 Vietnamese children to Australia.	Patricia Fronk	Operation Babyfift: advancing intercountry adoption into Australia	2012p. 448		Peter Edwards, A Nation at War	https://doi.org/10.1080/14443058.2012.70642	High	Reference only	This is a component of the 262 Babyfift total.
E020	4 April 1975	1975	1975			Flight chronology	Australia / United States	Saigon			Frank states that the first US and Australian flights left on 4 April 1975.	Patricia Fronk	Operation Babyfift: advancing intercountry adoption into Australia	2012p. 449		Multiple sources cited by Frank	https://doi.org/10.1080/14443058.2012.70642	High	No	No Australian passenger count is given for this first departure in the extracted passage.
E021	1972–1975	1972	1975	537 Vietnamese babies and adoptions by Australian families		Adoptions by Australian families	Australia	Vietnam			Rosemawd reports that a 2001 Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs report stated Australian families adopted 537 Vietnamese babies and orphans between 1972 and 1975.	Trudy Rosemawd	Ten thousand journeys: A brief demographic survey of intercountry adoption in Australia	2009p. 200		Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs (2001), report on immigration during the twentieth century		High	Yes – headline cumulative	245 is a minimum pre-adult component of the 537, not an additional total, 8 years 1972 to before the April 1975 arrivals.
E022	1972–before April 197	1972	1975	245 minimum children		Derived pre-adult adoptions	Australia	Vietnam			Rosemawd explicitly infers that at least 245 Vietnamese children were adopted before the 1975 arrivals, based on 537 minus 292.	Trudy Rosemawd	Ten thousand journeys: A brief demographic survey of intercountry adoption in Australia	2009p. 200		Derived from DIMA (2001) 537 and Harvey (1983) 292		High	Yes – as subcomponent 1975 arrivals	Consistent in scale with Rosemawd's later reconstruction but not a precise figure.
E023	Before 1975	1974	Several hundred children			Estimate of pre-Babyfift adopti	Australia	Vietnam			Williams states that Western humanitarian workers estimated Australian families had adopted several hundred Vietnamese children prior to 1975.	Indigo A. Williams	Beyond the Vietnam War Adoptions: Representing Our Transnational Lives	p. 276		Rosemawd demographic reconstruction from multiple statistical adoptions in Australia.		Medium	No	This is not an annual total and overlaps almost entirely with the 537 figure for 1972–75.
E024	1970–1 July 2008	1970	2008	540 Vietnamese adoptions		Reconstructed total by country	Australia	Vietnam			Rosemawd Table 2 records 126 Vietnamese adoptions for NSW.	Trudy Rosemawd	Ten thousand journeys	2009p. 204, Table		Rosemawd reconstruction		High	Yes – long-run reference	Includes later/earlier records and is not directly comparable to the 115 figure for 1974–75 without 540 checking definitions.
E025	1970–1 July 2008	1970	2008	111 adoptions		State placement count	New South Wales	Vietnam			Rosemawd Table 2 records 126 Vietnamese adoptions for Victoria.	Trudy Rosemawd	Ten thousand journeys	2009p. 204, Table		Rosemawd reconstruction		High	No – component of 540	State table component.
E026	1970–1 July 2008	1970	2008	126 adoptions		State placement count	Victoria	Vietnam			Rosemawd Table 2 records 126 Vietnamese adoptions for Queensland.	Trudy Rosemawd	Ten thousand journeys	2009p. 204, Table		Rosemawd reconstruction		High	No – component of 540	State table component.
E027	1970–1 July 2008	1970	2008	7 adoptions		State placement count	Queensland	Vietnam			Rosemawd Table 2 records 15 Vietnamese adoptions for Western Australia.	Trudy Rosemawd	Ten thousand journeys	2009p. 204, Table		Rosemawd reconstruction		High	No – component of 540	State table component.
E028	1970–1 July 2008	1970	2008	15 adoptions		State placement count	Western Australia	Vietnam			Rosemawd Table 2 records 138 Vietnamese adoptions for South Australia.	Trudy Rosemawd	Ten thousand journeys	2009p. 204, Table		Rosemawd reconstruction		High	No – component of 540	Largest named state total in the table.
E029	1970–1 July 2008	1970	2008	138 adoptions		State placement count	South Australia	Vietnam			Rosemawd Table 2 records 13 Vietnamese adoptions for Tasmania.	Trudy Rosemawd	Ten thousand journeys	2009p. 204, Table		Rosemawd reconstruction		High	No – component of 540	State table component.
E030	1970–1 July 2008	1970	2008	3 adoptions		State placement count	Tasmania	Vietnam			Rosemawd Table 2 records 3 Vietnamese adoptions for the ACT.	Trudy Rosemawd	Ten thousand journeys	2009p. 204, Table		Rosemawd reconstruction		High	No – component of 540	State table component.
E031	1970–1 July 2008	1970	2008	1 adoptions		State placement count	Australian Capital Territory	Vietnam			Rosemawd Table 2 records 1 Vietnamese adoption for the Northern Territory.	Trudy Rosemawd	Ten thousand journeys	2009p. 204, Table		Rosemawd reconstruction		High	No – component of 540	State table component.
E032	1970–1 July 2008	1970	2008	414 adoptions		Derived known-state subtotal	Known states/territories	Vietnam			The eight state/territory entries in Rosemawd's Vietnam row sum to 414.	Workbook derivation	Derived from Rosemawd Table 2	2026Calculated		111+126+7+15+138+13+3+1		High	No	Derived subtotal, not printed as a separate Vietnam subtotal in the source.
E034	1970–1 July 2008	1970	2008	126 adoptions		Derived unallocated difference	State not identified in Table	Vietnam			540 total minus 244 named state/territory entries leaves 126 not allocated by state in the displayed Vietnam row.	Workbook derivation	Derived from Rosemawd Table 2	2026Calculated		540-414		Medium	No	The table does not explicitly label these 126 as 'unknown state'; do not assign them geographically without the underlying data.
E035	1975 (after evaluation)	1975	1975	4000 telephone applications		Prospective-parent demand	New South Wales				Harvey is reported as counting 4,000 telephone applications in NSW once the evacuation became known.	Patricia Fronk (chapter in On	Intercountry adoption in Australia: A natural evolution or purposeful actions	2009p. 43		Ian Harvey (1983), Adoption of Vietnamese Children: An Australian Study		Medium	No	This is demand, not arrivals.
E036	One week in 1975	1975	1975	1000 enquiries		Prospective-parent demand	Victoria			ASAC	In Victoria, ASAC volunteers dealt with 1,000 adoption enquiries in one week.	Kay Dreyfus; Marian Quarry; C	'Why can't I have my baby tomorrow?'	2015p. 344		Article footnote 32		High	No	Demand, not arrivals.
E037	By the last days of th	1975	1975	300 families		Parent-group membership	Victoria			ASAC	Dreyfus et al. report ASAC had a membership of some 300 families by the last days of the Vietnam War.	Kay Dreyfus; Marian Quarry; C	'Why can't I have my baby tomorrow?'	2015p. 342		Article footnote 27		Medium	No	The article also describes a September 1975 formation of a breakdown group using the ASAC name, creating a chronology issue that should be checked in the original records.
E038	1980/1981 study	1980	1981	109 Australian families		Post-adoption study sample	Australia	Vietnam			Williams reports Ian Harvey's study of 109 Australian families with children adopted from Vietnam.	Indigo A. Williams	Beyond the Vietnam War Adoptions: Representing Our Transnational Lives	p. 276		Ian Harvey, Australian Parents for Vietnamese Children (NSW Department of Youth & Community Services, 1981)		High	No	Study sample, not a total population count.
E039	Early 1970s / source cited in 2012			7000 children reported avail		Vietnam orphanage context	Vietnam	Vietnamese orphanages			Frank reports interdepartmental correspondence cited by Edwards: of 19,000 children in orphanages, only 7,000 were reported available for adoption.	Patricia Fronk	Operation Babyfift: advancing intercountry adoption into Australia	2012p. 447		Peter Edwards, A Nation at War	https://doi.org/10.1080/14443058.2012.70642	Medium	No	Vietnam-wide context; does not establish Australian arrivals. Available reflects the historical source's classification.
E040	Same source content			19000 children in orphanage/Vietnam		Vietnam orphanage context	Vietnam	Vietnamese orphanages			The same correspondence cited by Frank referred to 19,000 children in orphanages.	Patricia Fronk	Operation Babyfift: advancing intercountry adoption into Australia	2012p. 447		Peter Edwards, A Nation at War	https://doi.org/10.1080/14443058.2012.70642	Medium	No	Not an Australian arrival figure.
E041	April 1975	1975	1975	3,000 children		Global Operation Babyfift evac	Global	Saigon		Multiple agencies	Frank notes that approximately 3,000 children are generally reported to have been evacuated from Saigon in April 1975.	Patricia Fronk	Operation Babyfift: advancing intercountry adoption into Australia	2012p. 449		Multiple sources cited by Frank	https://doi.org/10.1080/14443058.2012.70642	Medium	No	Global figure; not Australian arrivals.
E042	4 April 1975 C-5 Galaxy	1975	1975	228 children on aircraft		Global Babyfift flight context	United States-bound flight	Saigon			Frank reports 228 children were on the crashed C-5 Galaxy flight; 149 survived.	Patricia Fronk	Operation Babyfift: advancing intercountry adoption into Australia	2012p. 449		Cohen et al. (1994) and other sources cited by Frank	https://doi.org/10.1080/14443058.2012.70642	High	No	Not an Australian arrival figure.
E043	4 April 1975 C-5 Galaxy	1975	1975	149 children survived		Global Babyfift flight context	United States-bound flight	Saigon			Of the 228 children on the C-5 Galaxy flight, Frank reports 149 survived.	Patricia Fronk	Operation Babyfift: advancing intercountry adoption into Australia	2012p. 449		Cohen et al. (1994) and other sources cited by Frank	https://doi.org/10.1080/14443058.2012.70642	High	No	Not an Australian arrival figure.

Taiwan → Australia: the 1980–82 'Julie Chu' cohort and the full Taiwan series

Part A is from a Families SA internal memorandum (31 May 2012) released to the compiler under FOI; it is NOT AIHW data. Parts B–C join it to AIHW and Rosenwald. Blue = figures from sources; black = formulas.

A. What the FOI document establishes (Families SA memo to the Executive Director, 31 May 2012, and attached draft Ministerial letter)

Measure	Number	Period	Source (FOI document)	Status	Note
Taiwanese children adopted by Australian families (Julie Chu cohort)	24	1980–1982	Memo p. 1; draft letter p. 5	Stated by SA Government	Acknowledged by the SA Central Authority as affected by the Julie Chu trafficking case (the 24 children she trafficked).
...of which adopted by South Australian families	15	1980–1982	Memo p. 1; letter p. 5	Stated	In 1982–83 the SA Government acted at Ministerial level to protect these adoptions.
...of which adopted in other states	9	1980–1982	Derived (24 – 15)	Derived	The letter says 'most of the others were adopted by Victorian families'. The memo names SA and Victoria as where 'the bulk' lived.
...of which Victoria (minimum implied by 'most of the others')	5	1980–1982	Derived from letter p. 5	Derived minimum	'Most' of 9 is at least 5. That leaves at most 4 in the other states and territories combined.
Adoptions declared legal by the Taiwanese (and Australian) governments	23	1983	Memo p. 1; letter p. 5	Stated	Declared legal after the scandal became public.
Adoptions NOT recorded as declared legal	1	1983	Derived (24 – 23)	Derived	The documents do not say what happened to this adoption.
Children Julie Chu admitted trafficking to various countries (minimum)	60	to 1982–83	Memo p. 1; letter p. 5	Stated ('at least 60')	Worldwide figure. Australia's 24 are among them.
Australian share of Chu's admitted minimum	40.0%		Derived	Derived maximum share	At most 40%, since 60 is a minimum.
Share of her adoptions Chu admitted were corrupt 'in some way'	90%		Memo p. 3	Stated ('about 90%')	Applies to all adoptions she arranged, not only Australian ones.
Women on a Taiwanese media DNA database who believed they might be a birth	30	1998	Memo p. 2	Stated	Came forward after 1998 Australian 60 Minutes and Taiwanese media coverage of one NSW adoptee's search. Context, not an adoption count.

* Timeline in the documents: children adopted 1980–82 → scandal revealed in Australian media 1982–83, with the traffickers (led by lawyer Julie Chu) convicted and imprisoned → SA and Victoria act at Ministerial level; in 1983, 23 adoptions declared legal → 1998 media coverage → 2011–12 SA Intercountry Services handles a post-adoption case (an adoptee "kely trafficked in 1980") under the national Protocol for Responding to Allegations of Child Trafficking in Intercountry Adoption.

* 2012 recommendation: that SA's Minister ask the Commonwealth Attorney-General (letter to Nicola Roxon, signed by Minister Grace Portolesi) to develop a case approach for all Australian Taiwanese adoptees of this era, and list the matter for the November 2012 meeting of Australian Central Authorities.

* The memo notes that departmental files from 1982–83 hold little case-management detail and no record of the SA families being contacted for support.

B. Taiwan → Australia, all known years

Year / period	Adoptions	Basis	Source	Visas: state-arranged	Visas: expatriate
1980–1982	24	FOI (SA Government), calendar year	Julie Chu cohort. AIHW published no country breakdown for these years; its national totals (1980–81: 127, 1981–82: 162, 1982–83: 188 overseas-born) probably include them.		
1983 to 1987–88	n.a.	Not known	AIHW had no country detail before 1990–91 (and no national data at all for 1985–86 and 1986–87).		
1988–89	1	Placement (Victorian review 1989)	One Taiwanese child placed in the ACT (1989 Victorian review, Table 3(b); see Victoria_Review_1989). A placement, not a finalised order; may be a relative adoption.		
1989–90 to 1992–93	n.a.	Not known	AIHW's 1990–91 to 1992–93 editions name no Taiwanese adoptions (any would be inside 'Other'). The 1988–89 child may have been finalised in one of these years.		
1993–94	6	AIHW (later edition)	AIHW 2005–06 ed., Table A5, inside 'Other' in the 1993–94 edition, so NOT in By_Country_Matrix.		
1994–95	3	AIHW (later edition)	AIHW 2005–06 ed., Table A5. The 1994–95 edition lists Taiwan inside 'Other', so NOT in By_Country_Matrix.		
1995–96	10	AIHW			
1996–97	4	AIHW			
1997–98	8	AIHW			
1998–99	6	AIHW			
1999–00	2	AIHW			
2000–01	6	AIHW		5	1
2001–02	6	AIHW		2	–
2002–03	3	AIHW		7	–
2003–04	3	AIHW		11	–
2004–05	10	AIHW		12	1
2005–06	10	AIHW		25	2
2006–07	26	AIHW		28	–
2007–08	22	AIHW		26	–
2008–09	32	AIHW		27	–
2009–10	26	AIHW		33	1
2010–11	27	AIHW (incl. 2014 revision)		24	–
2011–12	29	AIHW (incl. 2014 revision)		34	1
2012–13	46	AIHW (incl. 2014 revision)		18	1
2013–14	41	AIHW		28	1
2014–15	30	AIHW		30	–
2015–16	16	AIHW		16	–
2016–17	24	AIHW			
2017–18	21	AIHW			
2018–19	15	AIHW			
2019–20	16	AIHW			
2020–21	15	AIHW			
2021–22	2	AIHW			
2022–23	4	AIHW			
2023–24	9	AIHW			
2024–25	4	AIHW			
Total known Taiwanese adoptions	507		Minimum: excludes the unknown years 1983 to 1992–93 (other than the 1988–89 placement) and any expatriate adoptions.		
of which AIHW 1995–96 to 2024–25 (matches By_Country_Matrix)	473		– – check (0)		
Julie Chu cohort as % of all known Taiwanese adoptions	4.7%				

C. Cross-checks

Check	Number	What it shows
Rosenwald Table 2, tenth-ranked country (Chile), 1970 to 1 July 2008	182	Taiwan is not in Rosenwald's ten main countries, so its 1970–2008 total cannot exceed this.
Known Taiwanese adoptions, 1980 to 2007–08 (FOI + AIHW)	150	24 (FOI) + 1 (1988–89, Victorian review) + 9 (1993–95) + AIHW 1995–96 to 2007–08.
Room left for Taiwanese adoptions in 1970–79 and 1983–1992 (maximum)	32	Consistent: the FOI cohort fits under Rosenwald's ceiling. At most this many more Taiwanese adoptions could have occurred in the undocumented years.
FOI cohort as % of AIHW overseas-born adoptions, 1980–81 to 1982–83 (indicativ	5.0%	About 1 in 20 intercountry adoptions finalised in those years, if the FOI cohort is included in AIHW's totals (calendar vs financial year).

D. Research leads suggested by the FOI document

- SA and Victorian Ministerial and departmental files, 1982–83 (declarations of legality; any family contact).
- Taiwanese Government 1983 decision declaring 23 adoptions legal, and the court records of the Julie Chu prosecution. Why was the 24th not declared legal?
- Attorney-General's Department and Australian Central Authorities: minutes of the November 2012 meeting and any case approach developed for Taiwanese adoptees of this era.
- Australian press coverage, 1982–83, and the 1998 60 Minutes story (including the Taiwanese media DNA database of 30 women).
- Victorian records to confirm how many of the other 9 were Victorian, and where the rest went.
- ACT records for the Taiwanese child placed in 1988–89 (1989 Victorian review): whether a relative adoption, and when it was finalised.

Victorian review (1989): intercountry adoption statistics for Australia and Victoria, 1982–83 to 1988–89 (NOT AIHW)

Source: Family and Children's Services Council, Victoria (1989), A Review of the Intercountry Adoption Service in Victoria (Fogarty, Sanders & Webster), Chapter 4 'Statistics', Tables 1–12, pp. 25–37 (ICAV S01). National figures are Commonwealth adoption-visa (1A3) counts; Victorian figures are from the Victorian department. Blue = as printed. Black = formulas. Orange = a figure that disagrees with another table in the review (hover for detail). Yellow checks should be 0. Section A answers: what does this change?

A. What these figures change in the national statistics

Gap in AIHW's series	AIHW	This review	Added as gap fill	Basis and caveat
1985–86, national (AIHW collected no data)	n.a.	180	180	Children arriving on adoption (1A3) visas, not adoption orders. The printed figure looks too low (section B).
1986–87, national (AIHW collected no data)	n.a.	575	575	Children arriving on adoption (1A3) visas, not adoption orders.
1987–88, Victoria (AIHW has no Victorian figure)	n.a.	31	31	Victorian finalised adoptions. May include some relative adoptions. See the 1988–89 flag in section F.
Gap fill			786	Used on All_ICA_Totals and in section D of Rosenwald_1970-2008.

Effect on the totals	AIHW only	With gap fill	Change	Comment
State-arranged ICA, 1979–80 to 2024–25	9,246	10,032	786	Adding expatriate adoptions (from 1996–97) gives the all-ICA totals on All_ICA_Totals.
State-arranged ICA, 1982–83 to 1988–89	1,322	2,108	786	The seven years this review covers. With the gaps filled, 1986–87 (575 arrivals) is the highest single year on record, above AIHW's peak of 434 finalised adoptions in 2004–05.
Children arriving on adoption visas, 1982–83 to 1988–89		2,936		For comparison. Arrivals ran well ahead of finalised orders, because orders took 2–3½ years and arrivals include relatives.
Long-run estimate, 1970 to 2024–25 (All_ICA_Totals)				Unchanged: Rosenwald's 2,625 adoptions missing from AIHW already covered these gaps. The review identifies where 786 of them sit.

What else the review adds

- Year-by-year arrivals for 1982–83 to 1988–89 (2,936 children): the only national count found for 1985–86 and 1986–87, AIHW's two uncollected years.
- Korea: 318 and 313 Korean children arrived on adoption visas in 1986–87 and 1987–88 (55% and 61% of arrivals), consistent with Korean MOHW departures (South_Korea_1969-2025, section H).
- Taiwan: 1 Taiwanese child was placed in the ACT in 1988–89. This is the only Taiwanese placement found between the Julie Chu cohort (1980–82) and 1993–94, and has been added to Taiwan_1980-2025.
- The earliest country-by-state breakdown for any single year (1988–89: 296 placements from 23 countries), plus sex (65% girls) and age (60% under 12 months).
- Victoria: finalised adoptions 36, 31 and 51 (1986–87 to 1988–89); placement-to-order time rose from 23 to 42 months; 479 files in the system in September 1989; 1 in 4 children entering Victoria in 1988–89 was a relative adoption.
- Caveats: (1) arrivals are not adoption orders. In a steady flow the two roughly balance over time, but year by year they differ. (2) Arrivals include relative adoptions, while AIHW's ICA counts to 1997–98 are non-relative only, so the gap fill may be somewhat high. (3) If 1985–86 was really about 575, like the years either side, the gap fill would be about 400 higher. (4) AIHW's Victorian 1988–89 figure matches the review's 1987–88 count; if AIHW's figure is a year out, the Victorian 31 is already counted.

B. Children arriving in Australia for adoption (visa category 1A3, Table 1), compared with AIHW finalised adoptions

Year	Children arriving for adoption (1A3 visas)	AIHW finalised ICA	Arrivals – finalised	Finalised as % of arrivals	Cumulative arrivals from 1982–83	Notes
1982–83	325	188	137	57.8%	325	Table 1's title says '1982/83 to 1987/88', but the table also prints 1988/89.
1983–84	417	197	220	47.2%	742	
1984–85	574	235	339	40.9%	1,316	Children were arriving at more than twice the rate adoption orders were being finalised.
1985–86	180	n.a.			1,496	AIHW collected no national data. The printed 180 looks too low: it is a third of the years either side (574 and 575) and below Korean departures alone (MOHW: 278 in 1985, 303 in 1986). Possibly a misprint or a part-year count. Used as printed.
1986–87	575	n.a.			2,071	AIHW collected no national data. This is the only national count found for the year.
1987–88	516	308	208	59.7%	2,587	AIHW's count (308) excludes Victoria. Victoria's own count was 31 finalised (section F).
1988–89	349	394	-45	112.9%	2,936	Finalised orders (394) exceeded arrivals (349) as children who arrived in 1986–88 had their adoptions finalised.
Total 1982–83 to 1988–89	2,936	1,322				The AIHW sum covers only five of the seven years, and 1987–88 excludes Victoria.
Years with both figures (1982–83 to 1984–85, 1987–88, 1988–89)	2,181	1,322	859	60.6%		Like-for-like years: AIHW finalised about 61% as many adoptions as there were arrivals. Arrivals include relative adoptions; before 1988–89 AIHW counted non-relative adoptions only, and Victorian orders took about 2 to 3½ years after placement (section F).

C. By state or territory: arrivals (Table 2(a)), 1988–89 placements (Table 3(a)) and AIHW finalised adoptions

State / territory	1A3 visas 1986–87	Share	1A3 visas 1987–88	Share	AIHW finalised 1987–88	Placements 1988–89 (Table 3)	AIHW finalised 1988–89	AIHW 1988–89 – placements	Notes
NSW	275	47.8%	222	43.0%	105	113	148	35	Almost half of all arrivals in 1986–87.
VIC	96	16.7%	86	16.7% n.a.		41	31	-10	AIHW has no Victorian figure for 1987–88; Victoria's own count was 31 finalised. For 1988–89 Victoria reported 51 finalised, but AIHW shows 31 (see section F).
QLD	17	3.0%	45	8.7%	22	29	48	19	
WA	24	4.2%	43	8.3%	37	20	36	16	
SA	91	15.8%	62	12.0%	83	54	64	10	
TAS	44	7.7%	28	5.4%	34	17	41	24	Tasmania received 8% of arrivals in 1986–87, far above its population share.
ACT	15	2.6%	19	3.7%	15	17	17	–	
NT	13	2.3%	11	2.1%	12	5	9	4	
Total (printed)	575	100.0%	516	100.0%	308	296	394	98	AIHW 1987–88 total excludes Victoria.
Check: sum of states – printed total	–		–			–			
Check: national 1A3 totals – section B	–		–						

D. Children placed from overseas in 1988–89, by country of origin and state (Table 3(b); includes relative placements)

Country (standardised)	Total (printed)	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Sum of states	Check (total – sum)	Notes
Bangladesh	1	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	– Victoria: a relative placement (Table 7).
Bolivia	4	4	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	4	–
Brazil	4	3	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	4	–
Chile	6	–	3	2	–	–	1	–	–	–	6	–
Colombia	9	8	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	9	– Printed 'Columbia'.
Ethiopia	2	–	–	–	–	–	2	–	–	–	2	– Both in SA, AIHW's country tables begin only in 1990–91.
Fiji	9	1	1	1	–	–	2	4	–	–	9	–

Guatemala	1	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–
Hong Kong	6	1	2	1	1	–	–	–	1	6	–
India	31	8	11	4	5	1	1	1	–	31	– Second-largest source country in 1988–89.
Japan	1	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	1	– Printed 'Korea'. Half of all placements. Victoria: Table 7 gives 8, not 7.
South Korea	151	70	7	14	13	21	11	12	3	151	–
Malaysia	1	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	– Victoria: a relative placement (Table 7).
Mauritius	1	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	– Victoria's Mauritius program closed in 1988.
Nepal	1	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	1	–
New Zealand	3	2	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	3	– Probably relative adoptions.
Peru	3	1	–	–	–	–	–	2	–	3	– The 2 ACT children are twins.
Philippines	25	6	8	4	–	6	–	–	1	25	– Victoria: 3 non-relative and 5 relative (Table 7).
Sri Lanka	15	5	–	–	–	8	1	1	–	15	–
Taiwan	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	1	– Placed in the ACT. The only Taiwanese placement found between the 1980–82 Julie Chu cohort and 1993–94 (added to Taiwan_1980-2025).
Thailand	15	2	2	3	–	8	–	–	–	15	– Victoria: Table 7 gives 1, not 2.
United Kingdom	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	– Printed 'U.Kingdom'. Probably a relative adoption.
Yugoslavia	5	1	3	–	–	1	–	–	–	5	– Victoria: 3 relative placements (Table 7).
Total (printed)	296	113	41	29	20	54	17	17	5	296	–
Check: sum of countries – printed total	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Check: state totals – section C	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Countries with placements	23										

E. Main source countries (Table 2(b)), and sex and age of children placed in 1988–89 (Tables 3(a) and 3(c))

Country	1A3 visas 1986–87	Share	1A3 visas 1987–88	Share	Placements 1988–89	Share						Notes
South Korea	318	55.3%	313	60.7%	151	51.0%	Printed 'Republic of Korea'. See the cross-check on South_Korea_1969-2025 (section H).					
Sri Lanka	93	16.2%	41	7.9%	15	5.1%	Sri Lanka was the second-largest source in 1986–87; arrivals more than halved the next year.					
Philippines	44	7.7%	33	6.4%	25	8.4%						
India	27	4.7%	31	6.0%	31	10.5%						
All other countries (derived)	93	16.2%	98	19.0%	74	25.0%	Table 2(b) names only the four main countries for 1986–87 and 1987–88.					
All countries	575	100.0%	516	100.0%	296	100.0%						
Asia: the four countries plus other Asian placements (1988–89)					248	83.8%	Asia's share of 1988–89 placements (the four main countries plus Bangladesh, Hong Kong, Japan, Malaysia, Nepal, Taiwan and Thailand).					

Sex (1988–89 placements)	Total (printed)	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Sum of states	Check (total – sum)	Notes
Male	103	42	14	7	10	20	1	7	2	103	–	
Female	193	71	27	22	10	34	16	10	3	193	–	
Female share	65%	63%	66%	76%	50%	63%	94%	59%	60%		–	Nearly two in three children placed were girls.
Check: male + female – country table	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	

Age at placement (1988–89)	Total (sum)	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Printed total	Check (sum – printed)	Notes
Under 12 months	177	81	14	17	8	27	10	17	3	177	–	Printed: under 6 months 114 and 6–12 months 53 (excluding Tasmania, whose 10 are not split); NSW and ACT counts include twins.
13–23 months	29	10	6	4	–	9	–	–	–	29	–	Printed: 13–18 months 16; 19–23 months 13.
2–4 years	35	12	4	5	6	5	2	–	1	35	–	Printed single years: 2 years 12; 3 years 14; 4 years 9.
5–9 years	36	8	11	3	3	10	1	–	–	36	–	Printed single years: 12, 10, 5, 7, 2. NSW 5- and 6-year-olds include twins.
10–17 years	19	2	6	–	3	3	4	–	1	19	–	Printed single years: 10 years 3; 11 years 6; 12 years 3; 13 years 3; 14 years 2; 15 years 0; 16 years 1; 17 years 1.
Total	296	113	41	29	20	54	17	17	5	296	–	
Share under 12 months	60%	72%	34%	59%	40%	50%	59%	100%	60%		–	
Check: age total – country table	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	
Age groups are summed from the printed single-year table (Table 3(c)); each group total matches the printed column. 60% of children placed were babies under 12 months; about 1 in 16 was aged 10 or over.												

F. Victoria: applications, placements, finalisations and processing times (Tables 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12)

Measure	1986–87	1987–88	1988–89	Notes
Applications received — non-relative (Table 5)	n.a.	163	113	1986–87 not known.
Applications received — relative (Table 5)	n.a.	37	21	
Placements made (Table 6)	85	74	41	Children placed with Victorian families during the year.
Placements awaiting finalisation at 30 June (Table 6)	50	68	82	The backlog grew each year.
Placements finalised — adoption orders (Table 6)	36	31	51	The review's count of finalised Victorian intercountry adoptions.
AIHW: Victorian finalised ICA (By_State)	n.a.	n.a.	31	AIHW has no national data for 1986–87 and no Victorian figure for 1987–88.
Review – AIHW			20	Flag: AIHW's 1988–89 Victorian figure (31) equals the review's 1987–88 count, not its 1988–89 count (51). Either the two collections counted differently or AIHW's figure is a year out. If it is a year out, adding 31 for Victoria 1987–88 double-counts (see section A).
1A3 visas, Victoria as intended residence (Table 2(a))	96	86	n.a.	Arrivals are higher than Victoria's placements made (96 vs 85; 86 vs 74). Visas count children arriving, including relatives.
Children entering Victoria (Tables 3 and 7)	n.a.	n.a.	41	
Average months from placement to finalisation (Table 9)	22.8	40.2	42.4	Finalisation took almost twice as long by 1988–89 as in 1986–87 — one reason AIHW's finalised counts lag arrivals.
Stock-flow test: awaiting at start + made – finalised (compare v		93	58	Does not reconcile with the printed backlog (93 vs 68; 58 vs 82), so the review's counts are not a simple stock-flow. Shown for transparency.

Children entering Victoria, 1988–89 (Table 7)	Non-relative	Relative	Total	Table 3(b) Victoria	Difference	Notes
Bangladesh	–	1	1	1	–	– Victoria had no working arrangement with this country; relative placements handled case by case.
Chile	3	–	3	3	–	
Fiji	1	–	1	1	–	
Guatemala	1	–	1	1	–	
Hong Kong	2	–	2	2	–	
India	11	–	11	11	–	
South Korea	8	–	8	7	1	1 Internal inconsistency in the review: the totals agree (41), but Table 3(b) and Table 7 split Korea and Thailand differently.
Malaysia	–	1	1	1	–	– Victoria had no working arrangement with this country; relative placements handled case by case.
Mauritius	1	–	1	1	–	
Philippines	3	5	8	8	–	
Thailand	1	–	1	2	–1	–1 Internal inconsistency in the review: the totals agree (41), but Table 3(b) and Table 7 split Korea and Thailand differently.
Yugoslavia	–	3	3	3	–	– Victoria had no working arrangement with this country; relative placements handled case by case.
Total (printed: 31 non-relative, 10 relative)	31	10	41	41	–	
Check: totals – printed	–	–	–			
Relative placements as share of children entering Victoria	24.4%					About 1 in 4. National visa and placement counts include relatives too; AIHW's pre-1998 ICA counts are for non-relative adoptions.

Victoria 1988–89, age at arrival	Table 8	Table 3(c) Victoria	Difference	Notes
Under 12 months	15	14	1	Table 8: under 6 months 13, 6–12 months 2. Table 3(c): 12 and 2.
13–23 months	6	6	–	
2–4 years	3	4	–1	Table 8: 2 years 2, 3 years 1. Table 3(c): 3 and 1.
5–9 years	11	11	–	Table 8 has no 9- or 10-year column.
10 years and over	6	6	–	Table 8 prints '11 yrs or over'.
Total	41	41	–	– Both tables total 41; the two small differences cancel out. Recorded as printed.

Average times, 1988–89 (Table 9)	Months	Notes
Application to AARC decision — non-relative, first applications	15.3	Earlier years not known.
Application to AARC decision — non-relative, second applications	10.71	
Application to AARC decision — relative	9.15	
File sent overseas to placement — non-relative	9.11	
File sent overseas to placement — relative	7.07	No allocation step for relative placements.
Allocation to placement — non-relative	4.0	Range 1 to 9 months.

Victorian applicants by stage, 27 September 1989 (Table 10)	Files	Notes
Awaiting intake meeting	–	Printed 'Nil'.
Completed intake meeting, eligible for education seminar	23	
Awaiting education seminar	16	
Attended education seminar, awaiting groups	86	
In assessment phase	33	
Scheduled into AARC for approval — first and second applicant	12	
Scheduled into AARC for approval — relative	2	
Approved by AARC, file not yet sent overseas	43	
File sent overseas, awaiting allocation	59	
Child allocated, awaiting placement	16	
Placements being supervised	80	
Files awaiting finalisation	109	Detail below (Table 11).
Total files in the system	479	
Check: total – printed (479)	–	
Files awaiting finalisation: awaiting documentation, typing or photocopying	100	Since 1 July 1989: 18 guardian reports and 24 applicant affidavits typed.
Files awaiting finalisation: awaiting stamp duty or notary signature	5	
Files awaiting finalisation: lodged at court (derived)	4	Left blank in the printed table; 109 – 100 – 5.

Context: Victorian adoption orders (Table 12)	1986–87	1987–88	1988–89	Notes
Local non-relative — healthy babies (Table 12(a))	122	77	71	Down from 1,818 in 1968–69.
Local non-relative — special needs (Table 12(a))	44	63	83	Separate figures from 1984–85 only.
Local relative / step-parent adoptions (Table 12(b))	291	179	64	
Intercountry — finalised (Table 6, above)	36	31	51	
Intercountry as % of non-relative adoption orders	17.8%	18.1%	24.9%	Intercountry adoptions made up about a fifth to a quarter of Victoria's non-relative adoption orders.

Not transcribed: Table 4 (fees by state, 1989: NSW \$2,000; Vic \$1,272; SA \$1,200; WA \$850; Qld \$650; Tas \$100; ACT and NT no fees) and Table 12(a) years before 1986–87.

Finalised intercountry adoptions by country of origin — one row per year / country / program

Each year taken from that year's own AIHW edition. Retrospective revision* rows are AIHW's 2014 additions to earlier years.

Year	Country of origin	Program type	Number	Source (AIHW edition / table)	Notes
1990–91	Brazil	Not classified (pre-Hague reporting)	10	1990–91 ed., Table 7 (country of birth by state and sex)	
1990–91	Cambodia	Not classified (pre-Hague reporting)	10	1990–91 ed., Table 7 (country of birth by state and sex)	
1990–91	Fiji	Not classified (pre-Hague reporting)	11	1990–91 ed., Table 7 (country of birth by state and sex)	
1990–91	Hong Kong	Not classified (pre-Hague reporting)	11	1990–91 ed., Table 7 (country of birth by state and sex)	
1990–91	India	Not classified (pre-Hague reporting)	41	1990–91 ed., Table 7 (country of birth by state and sex)	
1990–91	South Korea	Not classified (pre-Hague reporting)	203	1990–91 ed., Table 7 (country of birth by state and sex)	Published as 'Korea'
1990–91	Philippines	Not classified (pre-Hague reporting)	30	1990–91 ed., Table 7 (country of birth by state and sex)	
1990–91	Sri Lanka	Not classified (pre-Hague reporting)	24	1990–91 ed., Table 7 (country of birth by state and sex)	
1990–91	Thailand	Not classified (pre-Hague reporting)	15	1990–91 ed., Table 7 (country of birth by state and sex)	
1990–91	Other (not separately identified)	Not classified (pre-Hague reporting)	38	1990–91 ed., Table 7 (country of birth by state and sex)	'Other overseas'; later editions show 1 from Ethiopia in this year
1991–92	Brazil	Not classified (pre-Hague reporting)	10	1991–92 ed., Tables 7 & 8	
1991–92	Chile	Not classified (pre-Hague reporting)	9	1991–92 ed., Tables 7 & 8	
1991–92	Colombia	Not classified (pre-Hague reporting)	15	1991–92 ed., Tables 7 & 8	Later editions (1997–98, 1998–99) show 14
1991–92	Fiji	Not classified (pre-Hague reporting)	14	1991–92 ed., Tables 7 & 8	Later editions show Fiji as — (moved to Other)
1991–92	India	Not classified (pre-Hague reporting)	41	1991–92 ed., Tables 7 & 8	
1991–92	South Korea	Not classified (pre-Hague reporting)	106	1991–92 ed., Tables 7 & 8	Published as 'Korea'
1991–92	Philippines	Not classified (pre-Hague reporting)	37	1991–92 ed., Tables 7 & 8	
1991–92	Sri Lanka	Not classified (pre-Hague reporting)	43	1991–92 ed., Tables 7 & 8	
1991–92	Thailand	Not classified (pre-Hague reporting)	34	1991–92 ed., Tables 7 & 8	
1991–92	Other (not separately identified)	Not classified (pre-Hague reporting)	29	1991–92 ed., Tables 7 & 8	'Other overseas'
1992–93	Brazil	Not classified (pre-Hague reporting)	7	1992–93 ed., Tables 7 & 8 (checked against page image)	
1992–93	Chile	Not classified (pre-Hague reporting)	15	1992–93 ed., Tables 7 & 8 (checked against page image)	
1992–93	Colombia	Not classified (pre-Hague reporting)	26	1992–93 ed., Tables 7 & 8 (checked against page image)	
1992–93	Fiji	Not classified (pre-Hague reporting)	6	1992–93 ed., Tables 7 & 8 (checked against page image)	
1992–93	India	Not classified (pre-Hague reporting)	20	1992–93 ed., Tables 7 & 8 (checked against page image)	
1992–93	Philippines	Not classified (pre-Hague reporting)	17	1992–93 ed., Tables 7 & 8 (checked against page image)	
1992–93	Sri Lanka	Not classified (pre-Hague reporting)	38	1992–93 ed., Tables 7 & 8 (checked against page image)	
1992–93	South Korea	Not classified (pre-Hague reporting)	50	1992–93 ed., Tables 7 & 8 (checked against page image)	
1992–93	Thailand	Not classified (pre-Hague reporting)	22	1992–93 ed., Tables 7 & 8 (checked against page image)	Later editions (1997–98, 1998–99) show 26
1992–93	Other (not separately identified)	Not classified (pre-Hague reporting)	26	1992–93 ed., Tables 7 & 8 (checked against page image)	'Other overseas'
1993–94	Brazil	Not classified (pre-Hague reporting)	7	1993–94 ed., Tables 8 & 9	
1993–94	Chile	Not classified (pre-Hague reporting)	6	1993–94 ed., Tables 8 & 9	
1993–94	Colombia	Not classified (pre-Hague reporting)	22	1993–94 ed., Tables 8 & 9	
1993–94	Fiji	Not classified (pre-Hague reporting)	7	1993–94 ed., Tables 8 & 9	Later editions show Fiji as — for this year
1993–94	India	Not classified (pre-Hague reporting)	22	1993–94 ed., Tables 8 & 9	
1993–94	South Korea	Not classified (pre-Hague reporting)	64	1993–94 ed., Tables 8 & 9	
1993–94	Philippines	Not classified (pre-Hague reporting)	14	1993–94 ed., Tables 8 & 9	
1993–94	Sri Lanka	Not classified (pre-Hague reporting)	33	1993–94 ed., Tables 8 & 9	
1993–94	Thailand	Not classified (pre-Hague reporting)	20	1993–94 ed., Tables 8 & 9	
1993–94	Other (not separately identified)	Not classified (pre-Hague reporting)	27	1993–94 ed., Tables 8 & 9	Scan partly illegible; 20 confirmed by row/column totals and later editions
1994–95	Colombia	Not classified (pre-Hague reporting)	16	1994–95 ed., Table 10 and text	'Other overseas'; 2005–06 ed. Table A5 identifies Ethiopia 3, Hong Kong 8, Taiwan 6 in this year
1994–95	Fiji	Not classified (pre-Hague reporting)	6	1994–95 ed., Table 10 and text	
1994–95	Guatemala	Not classified (pre-Hague reporting)	11	1994–95 ed., Table 10 and text	
1994–95	India	Not classified (pre-Hague reporting)	29	1994–95 ed., Table 10 and text	
1994–95	Philippines	Not classified (pre-Hague reporting)	22	1994–95 ed., Table 10 and text	
1994–95	Sri Lanka	Not classified (pre-Hague reporting)	18	1994–95 ed., Table 10 and text	
1994–95	South Korea	Not classified (pre-Hague reporting)	71	1994–95 ed., Table 10 and text	
1994–95	Thailand	Not classified (pre-Hague reporting)	25	1994–95 ed., Table 10 and text	
1994–95	Other (not separately identified)	Not classified (pre-Hague reporting)	26	1994–95 ed., Table 10 and text	Includes Brazil, Chile, Poland, Taiwan, Romania, USA (2005–06 ed. A5: Romania 3, Taiwan 3)
1995–96	Colombia	Not classified (pre-Hague reporting)	40	1995–96 ed., Table A12 and footnote	
1995–96	Fiji	Not classified (pre-Hague reporting)	13	1995–96 ed., Table A12 and footnote	
1995–96	India	Not classified (pre-Hague reporting)	20	1995–96 ed., Table A12 and footnote	
1995–96	South Korea	Not classified (pre-Hague reporting)	94	1995–96 ed., Table A12 and footnote	

1995–96	Philippines	Not classified (pre-Hague reporting)	22 1995–96 ed., Table A12 and footnote	
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2013–14	India	Hague	7 2013–14 ed., Table 3.2	
2013–14	Philippines	Hague	18 2013–14 ed., Table 3.2	
2013–14	Thailand	Hague	11 2013–14 ed., Table 3.2	
2013–14	Other (not separately identified)	Hague	10 2013–14 ed., Table 3.2	Chile, Colombia, Hong Kong and Lithuania
2013–14	Ethiopia	Non-Hague	3 2013–14 ed., Table 3.2	
2013–14	South Korea	Non-Hague	13 2013–14 ed., Table 3.2	
2013–14	Taiwan	Non-Hague	41 2013–14 ed., Table 3.2	
2014–15	China	Hague	4 2014–15 ed., Table 3.2	
2014–15	India	Hague	2 2014–15 ed., Table 3.2	
2014–15	Philippines	Hague	22 2014–15 ed., Table 3.2	
2014–15	Thailand	Hague	13 2014–15 ed., Table 3.2	
2014–15	Other (not separately identified)	Hague	8 2014–15 ed., Table 3.2	Chile, Colombia, Hong Kong and Sri Lanka
2014–15	South Korea	Non-Hague	4 2014–15 ed., Table 3.2	
2014–15	Taiwan	Non-Hague	30 2014–15 ed., Table 3.2	
2015–16	Chile	Hague	3 2015–16 ed., Table 3.2	
2015–16	China	Hague	3 2015–16 ed., Table 3.2	
2015–16	Colombia	Hague	4 2015–16 ed., Table 3.2	
2015–16	Philippines	Hague	20 2015–16 ed., Table 3.2	
2015–16	Sri Lanka	Hague	2 2015–16 ed., Table 3.2	
2015–16	Thailand	Hague	18 2015–16 ed., Table 3.2	
2015–16	Hong Kong	Hague	1 2015–16 ed., Table 3.2	Inferred: 'Other' = 2 across Hong Kong and South Africa
2015–16	South Africa	Hague	1 2015–16 ed., Table 3.2	Inferred (see Hong Kong)
2015–16	South Korea	Non-Hague	14 2015–16 ed., Table 3.2	
2015–16	Taiwan	Non-Hague	16 2015–16 ed., Table 3.2	
2016–17	China	Hague	1 2016–17 ed., Table 3.2	
2016–17	Philippines	Hague	18 2016–17 ed., Table 3.2	
2016–17	Hong Kong	Hague	2 2016–17 ed., Table 3.2	
2016–17	Thailand	Hague	10 2016–17 ed., Table 3.2	
2016–17	South Korea	Non-Hague	14 2016–17 ed., Table 3.2	
2016–17	Taiwan	Non-Hague	24 2016–17 ed., Table 3.2	
2017–18	India	Hague	2 2017–18 ed., Table 3.2 (known-child ICA now excluded)	
2017–18	Philippines	Hague	9 2017–18 ed., Table 3.2 (known-child ICA now excluded)	
2017–18	Hong Kong	Hague	3 2017–18 ed., Table 3.2 (known-child ICA now excluded)	
2017–18	Thailand	Hague	9 2017–18 ed., Table 3.2 (known-child ICA now excluded)	
2017–18	Chile	Hague	2 2017–18 ed., Table 3.2 (known-child ICA now excluded)	
2017–18	South Korea	Bilateral	19 2017–18 ed., Table 3.2 (known-child ICA now excluded)	
2017–18	Taiwan	Bilateral	21 2017–18 ed., Table 3.2 (known-child ICA now excluded)	
2018–19	Colombia	Hague	2 2018–19 ed., Table 3.2	
2018–19	Hong Kong	Hague	2 2018–19 ed., Table 3.2	
2018–19	Philippines	Hague	15 2018–19 ed., Table 3.2	
2018–19	Thailand	Hague	6 2018–19 ed., Table 3.2	
2018–19	South Korea	Bilateral	17 2018–19 ed., Table 3.2	
2018–19	Taiwan	Bilateral	15 2018–19 ed., Table 3.2	
2019–20	Colombia	Hague	1 2019–20 ed., Table 3.2	
2019–20	Hong Kong	Hague	2 2019–20 ed., Table 3.2	
2019–20	Philippines	Hague	4 2019–20 ed., Table 3.2	
2019–20	Thailand	Hague	6 2019–20 ed., Table 3.2	
2019–20	South Korea	Bilateral	8 2019–20 ed., Table 3.2	
2019–20	Taiwan	Bilateral	16 2019–20 ed., Table 3.2	
2020–21	Colombia	Hague	4 2020–21 ed., Table 2.2	
2020–21	Hong Kong	Hague	1 2020–21 ed., Table 2.2	
2020–21	India	Hague	1 2020–21 ed., Table 2.2	
2020–21	Philippines	Hague	2 2020–21 ed., Table 2.2	

2020–21	Thailand	Hague	6 2020–21 ed., Table 2.2	
2020–21	Vietnam	Hague	1 2020–21 ed., Table 2.2	
2020–21	South Korea	Bilateral	12 2020–21 ed., Table 2.2	
2020–21	Taiwan	Bilateral	15 2020–21 ed., Table 2.2	
2021–22	Philippines	Hague	1 2021–22 data tables, Table S22	
2021–22	Thailand	Hague	6 2021–22 data tables, Table S22	
2021–22	South Korea	Bilateral	7 2021–22 data tables, Table S22	
2021–22	Taiwan	Bilateral	2 2021–22 data tables, Table S22	
2022–23	Philippines	Hague	4 2022–23 data tables, Table S12	
2022–23	Thailand	Hague	9 2022–23 data tables, Table S12	
2022–23	India	Hague	2 2022–23 data tables, Table S12	
2022–23	Other (not separately identified)	Hague	4 2022–23 data tables, Table S12	Chile, Colombia and Hong Kong
2022–23	South Korea	Bilateral	5 2022–23 data tables, Table S12	
2022–23	Taiwan	Bilateral	4 2022–23 data tables, Table S12	
2023–24	Colombia	Hague	1 2023–24 data tables, Table S12 (excl. Victoria)	
2023–24	Thailand	Hague	19 2023–24 data tables, Table S12 (excl. Victoria)	
2023–24	South Korea	Bilateral	5 2023–24 data tables, Table S12 (excl. Victoria)	
2023–24	Taiwan	Bilateral	9 2023–24 data tables, Table S12 (excl. Victoria)	
2024–25	Colombia	Hague	1 2024–25 data tables, Table S12 (excl. Victoria)	
2024–25	Hong Kong	Hague	1 2024–25 data tables, Table S12 (excl. Victoria)	
2024–25	India	Hague	3 2024–25 data tables, Table S12 (excl. Victoria)	
2024–25	Thailand	Hague	9 2024–25 data tables, Table S12 (excl. Victoria)	
2024–25	South Korea	Bilateral	1 2024–25 data tables, Table S12 (excl. Victoria)	South Korea ratified Hague Convention 1 Oct 2025; bilateral for this period
2024–25	Taiwan	Bilateral	4 2024–25 data tables, Table S12 (excl. Victoria)	

Intercountry adoptions by program type, 1990–91 to 2024–25

Formulas over By_Country_Long. Hague Convention entered into force for Australia on 1 December 1998. 'Non-Hague' was renamed 'Bilateral' from 2017–18.

Year	Not classified (pre-1998–99)	Hague	Non-Hague / Bilateral	2014 retrospective revisions (bilateral)	Total	Hague share (excl. revisions)
1990–91	393	–	–	–	393	
1991–92	338	–	–	–	338	
1992–93	227	–	–	–	227	
1993–94	222	–	–	–	222	
1994–95	224	–	–	–	224	
1995–96	274	–	–	–	274	
1996–97	269	–	–	–	269	
1997–98	245	–	–	–	245	
1998–99	–	18	226	–	244	7.4%
1999–00	–	66	235	–	301	21.9%
2000–01	–	51	238	–	289	17.6%
2001–02	–	25	269	–	294	8.5%
2002–03	–	29	249	–	278	10.4%
2003–04	–	48	322	–	370	13.0%
2004–05	–	58	376	–	434	13.4%
2005–06	–	70	351	–	421	16.6%
2006–07	–	95	310	1	406	23.5%
2007–08	–	99	171	–	270	36.7%
2008–09	–	138	131	–	269	51.3%
2009–10	–	125	97	1	223	56.3%
2010–11	–	128	87	2	217	59.5%
2011–12	–	82	67	8	157	55.0%
2012–13	–	61	68	9	138	47.3%
2013–14	–	57	57	–	114	50.0%
2014–15	–	49	34	–	83	59.0%
2015–16	–	52	30	–	82	63.4%
2016–17	–	31	38	–	69	44.9%
2017–18	–	25	40	–	65	38.5%
2018–19	–	25	32	–	57	43.9%
2019–20	–	13	24	–	37	35.1%
2020–21	–	15	27	–	42	35.7%
2021–22	–	7	9	–	16	43.8%
2022–23	–	19	9	–	28	67.9%
2023–24	–	20	14	–	34	58.8%
2024–25	–	14	5	–	19	73.7%

1998–99: Hague counts cover only adoptions after 1 December 1998. Some adoptions from Hague countries were counted as non-Hague where the process began before the Convention entered into force for that country.

Intercountry adoptions by child's region of origin, 1990–91 to 2024–25

Sources: 2006–07 ed. Table A8 (1990–91 to 1999–00); 2024–25 data tables S17 (2000–01 on, revised). 'Other' = Europe, North America and Oceania.

Year	Asia	South/ Central America	Africa	Other	Total	Asia %	S/C America %	Africa %	Other %	Check vs Summary_Totals
1990–91	344	32	2	15	393	87.5%	8.1%	0.5%	3.8%	—
1991–92	269	41	3	25	338	79.6%	12.1%	0.9%	7.4%	—
1992–93	158	58	1	10	227	69.6%	25.6%	0.4%	4.4%	—
1993–94	171	38	3	10	222	77.0%	17.1%	1.4%	4.5%	—
1994–95	171	35	2	16	224	76.3%	15.6%	0.9%	7.1%	—
1995–96	191	62	6	15	274	69.7%	22.6%	2.2%	5.5%	—
1996–97	197	38	16	18	269	73.2%	14.1%	5.9%	6.7%	—
1997–98	154	29	37	25	245	62.9%	11.8%	15.1%	10.2%	—
1998–99	157	20	34	33	244	64.3%	8.2%	13.9%	13.5%	—
1999–00	186	24	46	45	301	61.8%	8.0%	15.3%	15.0%	—
2000–01	197	27	37	28	289	68.2%	9.3%	12.8%	9.7%	—
2001–02	231	18	37	8	294	78.6%	6.1%	12.6%	2.7%	—
2002–03	224	12	40	2	278	80.6%	4.3%	14.4%	0.7%	—
2003–04	316	7	45	2	370	85.4%	1.9%	12.2%	0.5%	—
2004–05	363	5	59	7	434	83.6%	1.2%	13.6%	1.6%	—
2005–06	339	11	70	1	421	80.5%	2.6%	16.6%	0.2%	—
2006–07	343	8	48	7	406	84.5%	2.0%	11.8%	1.7%	—
2007–08	229	5	36	—	270	84.8%	1.9%	13.3%	—	—
2008–09	219	9	38	3	269	81.4%	3.3%	14.1%	1.1%	—
2009–10	181	5	34	3	223	81.2%	2.2%	15.2%	1.3%	—
2010–11	172	1	41	3	217	79.3%	0.5%	18.9%	1.4%	—
2011–12	135	3	19	—	157	86.0%	1.9%	12.1%	—	—
2012–13	117	4	17	—	138	84.8%	2.9%	12.3%	—	—
2013–14	102	6	3	3	114	89.5%	5.3%	2.6%	2.6%	—
2014–15	78	5	—	—	83	94.0%	6.0%	—	—	—

2015–16	74	7	1	—	82	90.2%	8.5%	1.2%	—	—
2016–17	69	—	—	—	69	100.0%	—	—	—	—
2017–18	63	2	—	—	65	96.9%	3.1%	—	—	—
2018–19	55	2	—	—	57	96.5%	3.5%	—	—	—
2019–20	36	1	—	—	37	97.3%	2.7%	—	—	—
2020–21	38	4	—	—	42	90.5%	9.5%	—	—	—
2021–22	16	—	—	—	16	100.0%	—	—	—	—
2022–23	25	3	—	—	28	89.3%	10.7%	—	—	—
2023–24	33	1	—	—	34	97.1%	2.9%	—	—	—
2024–25	18	1	—	—	19	94.7%	5.3%	—	—	—

Total	5,671	524	675	279	7,149	79.3%	7.3%	9.4%	3.9%
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Before 2017–18 'Other' may include some known-child intercountry adoptions. 2006–07 is the revised figure (406).

Intercountry adoptions by age group at placement (and sex), 1998–99 to 2024–25

Age at date of placement with adoptive parents. Sources listed per row. Totals 2006–07 onward are revised figures.

Year	Under 1	1–4	5–9	10 and over	Unknown age	Total	Under 1 %	1–4 %	5–9 %	10+ %	Sibling groups (n)	Children in sibling groups	Source
1998–99	52	142	39	10	–	243	21.4%	58.4%	16.0%	4.1%			2012–13 ed. Table A11 (sum of M+F)
1999–00	111	125	58	7	–	301	36.9%	41.5%	19.3%	2.3%			2012–13 ed. Table A11 (sum of M+F)
2000–01	82	157	44	6	–	289	28.4%	54.3%	15.2%	2.1%			2014–15 ed. Table A8
2001–02	89	150	46	9	–	294	30.3%	51.0%	15.6%	3.1%			2014–15 ed. Table A8
2002–03	77	163	29	9	–	278	27.7%	58.6%	10.4%	3.2%			2014–15 ed. Table A8
2003–04	152	194	24	–	–	370	41.1%	52.4%	6.5%	–			2014–15 ed. Table A8
2004–05	159	236	38	1	–	434	36.6%	54.4%	8.8%	0.2%			2014–15 ed. Table A8
2005–06	199	178	40	4	–	421	47.3%	42.3%	9.5%	1.0%			2014–15 ed. Table A8
2006–07	168	204	31	3	–	406	41.4%	50.2%	7.6%	0.7%			2020–21 data tables S9
2007–08	113	135	19	3	–	270	41.9%	50.0%	7.0%	1.1%			2020–21 data tables S9
2008–09	100	137	29	3	–	269	37.2%	50.9%	10.8%	1.1%			2020–21 data tables S9
2009–10	70	122	30	1	–	223	31.4%	54.7%	13.5%	0.4%			2020–21 data tables S9
2010–11	63	125	25	4	–	217	29.0%	57.6%	11.5%	1.8%	15	35	2024–25 data tables S18
2011–12	34	91	25	7	–	157	21.7%	58.0%	15.9%	4.5%	8	18	2024–25 data tables S18
2012–13	27	82	26	3	–	138	19.6%	59.4%	18.8%	2.2%	9	19	2024–25 data tables S18
2013–14	16	66	31	1	–	114	14.0%	57.9%	27.2%	0.9%	9	18	2024–25 data tables S18
2014–15	8	48	27	–	–	83	9.6%	57.8%	32.5%	–	11	23	2024–25 data tables S18
2015–16	7	51	19	5	–	82	8.5%	62.2%	23.2%	6.1%	4	10	2024–25 data tables S18
2016–17	6	45	14	4	–	69	8.7%	65.2%	20.3%	5.8%	6	13	2024–25 data tables S18
2017–18	4	38	21	2	–	65	6.2%	58.5%	32.3%	3.1%	8	16	2024–25 data tables S18
2018–19	3	34	13	7	–	57	5.3%	59.6%	22.8%	12.3%	5	12	2024–25 data tables S18
2019–20	–	24	12	–	1	37	–	66.7%	33.3%	–	2	4	2024–25 data tables S18 (total includes 1 child of unknown age)
2020–21	2	28	10	2	–	42	4.8%	66.7%	23.8%	4.8%	3	6	2024–25 data tables S18
2021–22	–	9	5	2	–	16	–	56.3%	31.3%	12.5%	2	4	2024–25 data tables S18
2022–23	–	14	14	–	–	28	–	50.0%	50.0%	–	2	4	2024–25 data tables S18
2023–24	2	15	16	1	–	34	5.9%	44.1%	47.1%	2.9%	2	5	2024–25 data tables S18
2024–25	–	11	8	–	–	19	–	57.9%	42.1%	–	3	7	2024–25 data tables S18

Age group by sex, as published in 2012–13 edition (Table A11) — totals for 2006–07 and 2009–10 to 2012–13 are before the 2014 revision

Year	<1 M	<1 F	1–4 M	1–4 F	5–9 M	5–9 F	10–14 M	10–14 F	15+ M	15+ F	Males	Females	Persons	Female %
1998–99	28	24	71	71	16	23	7	3	–	–	122	121	243	49.8%
1999–00	60	51	65	60	24	34	2	3	1	1	152	149	301	49.5%
2000–01	48	34	80	77	18	26	3	2	–	1	149	140	289	48.4%
2001–02	46	43	74	76	21	25	5	3	–	1	146	148	294	50.3%
2002–03	34	43	71	92	13	16	–	9	–	–	118	160	278	57.6%
2003–04	85	67	56	138	10	14	–	–	–	–	151	219	370	59.2%
2004–05	85	74	78	158	15	23	1	–	–	–	179	255	434	58.8%
2005–06	106	93	62	116	14	26	–	4	–	–	182	239	421	56.8%
2006–07	81	87	68	136	10	20	2	1	–	–	161	244	405	60.2%
2007–08	52	61	59	76	6	13	1	2	–	–	118	152	270	56.3%
2008–09	48	52	66	71	12	17	–	1	2	–	128	141	269	52.4%
2009–10	42	28	66	55	16	14	1	–	–	–	125	97	222	43.7%
2010–11	34	29	61	63	10	14	1	3	–	–	106	109	215	50.7%
2011–12	17	17	46	38	13	11	1	5	–	1	77	72	149	48.3%
2012–13	10	14	49	28	18	7	1	–	–	2	78	51	129	39.5%
2024–25											6	13	19	68.4% 2024–25 data tables S1 (sex only)

Adoption visas (subclass 102) issued, 1996–97 to 2024–25

Department of Immigration / Home Affairs data published by AIHW. Visas are counted when issued; they do not match finalised adoptions in the same year.

Year	Arranged by Australian state/territory authority	Expatriate (arranged by overseas agency/authority)	Type not recorded	Total (sum)	Total visas (published)	Expatriate share	Source	Notes
1996–97	n.a.	153	n.a.		297	1996–97 ed. text; 1997–98 ed. text		297 visas granted for adoption; 153 were expatriate adoptions
1997–98	n.a.	124	n.a.		n.a.	1997–98 ed. text		124 expatriate adoptions (DIMA)
1998–99	180	113	–	293	293	38.6% 1998–99 ed. Table A4.4		State-arranged = 161 bilateral + 19 Hague; table is by visa post, not country
1999–00	n.a.	75	n.a.		n.a.	1999–00 ed. text		Exact number not available; 'at least 75' expatriate adoptions
2000–01	270	42	–	312	312	13.5% 2000–01 ed. Table A4.3		State-arranged = 227 bilateral + 43 Hague
2001–02	309	15	–	324	324	4.6% 2001–02 ed. Table A4.4		State-arranged = 268 bilateral + 41 Hague
2002–03	349	32	–	381	381	8.4% 2002–03 ed. Table A4.5		Published state-arranged total reads 303, but rows sum to 349 and 349 + 32 = published total 381
2003–04	437	34	–	471	471	7.2% 2003–04 ed. Table A4.7		
2004–05	377	35	–	412	412	8.5% 2004–05 ed. Table A4.7		
2005–06	377	99	–	476	476	20.8% 2005–06 ed. Table A12		
2006–07	332	111	–	443	443	25.1% 2006–07 ed. Table A15		
2007–08	297	100	–	397	397	25.2% 2007–08 ed. Table A15		
2008–09	263	112	–	375	375	29.9% 2008–09 ed. Table A15		
2009–10	206	122	–	328	328	37.2% 2009–10 ed. Table A15		
2010–11	169	119	–	288	288	41.3% 2010–11 ed. Table A16		
2011–12	119	135	–	254	254	53.1% 2011–12 ed. Table A16		
2012–13	72	93	–	165	165	56.4% 2012–13 ed. Table A16		
2013–14	90	112	–	202	202	55.4% 2013–14 ed. Table A16		Some visas relate to known-child intercountry adoptions
2014–15	93	97	–	190	190	51.1% 2014–15 ed. Table A5		Country detail partly suppressed (<10)
2015–16	45	129	–	174	174	74.1% 2015–16 ed. Table A5		
2016–17	29	93	–	122	122	76.2% 2016–17 data tables S5 (code 155 / 156)		
2017–18	30	92	–	122	122	75.4% 2017–18 data tables S6		
2018–19	16	99	–	115	115	86.1% 2018–19 data tables S6		
2019–20	9	72	–	81	81	88.9% 2019–20 data tables S6		
2020–21	3	27	16	46	46	58.7% 2020–21 data tables S6		Recording problem from April 2020: split unreliable; 16 of unknown type
2021–22	–	14	76	90	90	15.6% 2021–22 data tables S18		Recording problem: 76 of unknown type
2022–23	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.		62	2022–23 data tables S15		Split by adoption type no longer available
2023–24	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.		80	2023–24 data tables S15		Split by adoption type no longer available
2024–25	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.		61	2024–25 data tables S15		Split by adoption type no longer available

Expatriate visas, 2000–01 to 2021–221,784

Visas by program status of the child's country of citizenship

Year	Basis	Open program	On hold / inactive	Closed program	No previous program	Stateless / unknown	Total	Source
2016–17	Expatriate (code 156)	24	–	11	58	–	93	93 2016–17 ed. Table 3.6
2019–20	Expatriate (code 156)	23 <5	<5	–	46	–	72	72 2019–20 ed. Table 3.6
2022–23	All subclass 102 visas	33	5	–	24	–	62	62 2022–23 data tables S15
2023–24	All subclass 102 visas	22	8	–	50	–	80	80 2023–24 data tables S15
2024–25	All subclass 102 visas	21	6 n.p.	–	32 n.p.	–	61	61 2024–25 data tables S15

From April 2020 a Home Affairs recording problem means visas are no longer reliably split between expatriate and state-arranged adoptions; totals remain correct.

Adoption visas (subclass 102) by child's country of birth, 1998–99 to 2015–16

State-arranged = Australian state/territory adoption programs (bilateral and Hague). Expatriate = Australians living overseas 12+ months adopting through an overseas authority.

Year	Country of birth (1998–99: visa post)	State-arranged: bilateral / non- Hague	State- arranged: Hague	State-arranged: total	Expatriate	Total visas	Source
1998–99	Post: Auckland (New Zealand)	15	–	15	9	24	1998–99 ed. Table A4.4 — by VISA POST (country where post is located), not country of birth
1998–99	Post: Bangkok (Thailand)	6	–	6	18	24	1998–99 ed. Table A4.4 — by VISA POST (country where post is located), not country of birth
1998–99	Post: Beijing (China)	1	–	1	–	1	1998–99 ed. Table A4.4 — by VISA POST (country where post is located), not country of birth
1998–99	Post: Beirut (Lebanon)	–	–	–	1	1	1998–99 ed. Table A4.4 — by VISA POST (country where post is located), not country of birth
1998–99	Post: Belgrade (Serbia) — incl. Romania	3	12	15	8	23	1998–99 ed. Table A4.4 — by VISA POST (country where post is located), not country of birth
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2009–10	Bolivia	2	2	4 2009–10 ed. Table A15
2009–10	Botswana	–	1	1 2009–10 ed. Table A15
2009–10	Brazil	–	2	2 2009–10 ed. Table A15
2009–10	Bulgaria	1	–	1 2009–10 ed. Table A15
2009–10	Cambodia	4	12	16 2009–10 ed. Table A15
2009–10	Canada	–	5	5 2009–10 ed. Table A15
2009–10	China	38	4	42 2009–10 ed. Table A15

2009–10	Colombia	5	–	5 2009–10 ed. Table A15
2009–10	Ethiopia	26	11	37 2009–10 ed. Table A15
2009–10	Fiji	–	11	11 2009–10 ed. Table A15
2009–10	Ghana	1	–	1 2009–10 ed. Table A15
2009–10	Haiti	–	2	2 2009–10 ed. Table A15
2009–10	Hong Kong	3	9	12 2009–10 ed. Table A15
2009–10	Hungary	–	1	1 2009–10 ed. Table A15
2009–10	India	18	2	20 2009–10 ed. Table A15
2009–10	Indonesia	–	4	4 2009–10 ed. Table A15
2009–10	Ireland	–	1	1 2009–10 ed. Table A15
2009–10	Israel	–	1	1 2009–10 ed. Table A15
2009–10	Kazakhstan	–	1	1 2009–10 ed. Table A15
2009–10	Kenya	–	1	1 2009–10 ed. Table A15
2009–10	Lesotho	–	2	2 2009–10 ed. Table A15
2009–10	Malawi	–	2	2 2009–10 ed. Table A15
2009–10	Malaysia	–	2	2 2009–10 ed. Table A15
2009–10	Pakistan	–	1	1 2009–10 ed. Table A15
2009–10	Papua New Guinea	–	3	3 2009–10 ed. Table A15
2009–10	Philippines	32	5	37 2009–10 ed. Table A15
2009–10	Samoa	–	3	3 2009–10 ed. Table A15
2009–10	Singapore	–	2	2 2009–10 ed. Table A15
2009–10	South Africa	1	2	3 2009–10 ed. Table A15
2009–10	South Korea	27	1	28 2009–10 ed. Table A15
2009–10	Sri Lanka	4	–	4 2009–10 ed. Table A15
2009–10	Taiwan	33	1	34 2009–10 ed. Table A15
2009–10	Thailand	11	3	14 2009–10 ed. Table A15
2009–10	Timor-Leste	–	1	1 2009–10 ed. Table A15
2009–10	United Kingdom	–	9	9 2009–10 ed. Table A15
2009–10	United States	–	8	8 2009–10 ed. Table A15
2009–10	Vanuatu	–	2	2 2009–10 ed. Table A15
2009–10	Vietnam	–	2	2 2009–10 ed. Table A15
2010–11	China	50	13	63 2010–11 ed. Table A16
2010–11	Philippines	27	4	31 2010–11 ed. Table A16
2010–11	South Korea	27	2	29 2010–11 ed. Table A16
2010–11	Taiwan	24	–	24 2010–11 ed. Table A16
2010–11	Thailand	19	2	21 2010–11 ed. Table A16
2010–11	Ethiopia	7	8	15 2010–11 ed. Table A16
2010–11	Hong Kong	5	7	12 2010–11 ed. Table A16
2010–11	Cambodia	–	10	10 2010–11 ed. Table A16
2010–11	India	6	3	9 2010–11 ed. Table A16
2010–11	Papua New Guinea	–	7	7 2010–11 ed. Table A16
2010–11	United Kingdom	–	7	7 2010–11 ed. Table A16
2010–11	Vanuatu	–	7	7 2010–11 ed. Table A16
2010–11	Indonesia	–	5	5 2010–11 ed. Table A16
2010–11	Singapore	–	5	5 2010–11 ed. Table A16
2010–11	South Africa	–	4	4 2010–11 ed. Table A16
2010–11	United States	–	4	4 2010–11 ed. Table A16

2010–11	Pakistan	–	3	3 2010–11 ed. Table A16
2010–11	Russian Federation	–	3	3 2010–11 ed. Table A16
2010–11	Chile	2	–	2 2010–11 ed. Table A16
2010–11	Timor-Leste	–	2	2 2010–11 ed. Table A16
2010–11	Fiji	–	2	2 2010–11 ed. Table A16
2010–11	Ghana	–	2	2 2010–11 ed. Table A16
2010–11	Malaysia	–	2	2 2010–11 ed. Table A16
2010–11	Vietnam	–	2	2 2010–11 ed. Table A16
2010–11	Armenia	–	1	1 2010–11 ed. Table A16
2010–11	Myanmar	–	1	1 2010–11 ed. Table A16
2010–11	Canada	–	1	1 2010–11 ed. Table A16
2010–11	Colombia	1	–	1 2010–11 ed. Table A16
2010–11	Congo	–	1	1 2010–11 ed. Table A16
2010–11	Eritrea	–	1	1 2010–11 ed. Table A16
2010–11	France	–	1	1 2010–11 ed. Table A16
2010–11	Japan	–	1	1 2010–11 ed. Table A16
2010–11	Kenya	–	1	1 2010–11 ed. Table A16
2010–11	Laos	–	1	1 2010–11 ed. Table A16
2010–11	Lithuania	–	1	1 2010–11 ed. Table A16
2010–11	Mexico	–	1	1 2010–11 ed. Table A16
2010–11	Peru	–	1	1 2010–11 ed. Table A16
2010–11	Rwanda	–	1	1 2010–11 ed. Table A16
2010–11	Sri Lanka	1	–	1 2010–11 ed. Table A16
2010–11	Sweden	–	1	1 2010–11 ed. Table A16
2010–11	Zambia	–	1	1 2010–11 ed. Table A16
2011–12	Taiwan	34	1	35 2011–12 ed. Table A16
2011–12	China	25	2	27 2011–12 ed. Table A16
2011–12	Ethiopia	15	11	26 2011–12 ed. Table A16
2011–12	Philippines	21	1	22 2011–12 ed. Table A16
2011–12	Thailand	15	3	18 2011–12 ed. Table A16
2011–12	Hong Kong	1	13	14 2011–12 ed. Table A16
2011–12	United Kingdom	–	14	14 2011–12 ed. Table A16
2011–12	Singapore	–	13	13 2011–12 ed. Table A16
2011–12	Cambodia	–	9	9 2011–12 ed. Table A16
2011–12	India	3	6	9 2011–12 ed. Table A16
2011–12	United States	–	9	9 2011–12 ed. Table A16
2011–12	Papua New Guinea	–	6	6 2011–12 ed. Table A16
2011–12	Indonesia	–	4	4 2011–12 ed. Table A16
2011–12	Vanuatu	–	4	4 2011–12 ed. Table A16
2011–12	Israel	–	3	3 2011–12 ed. Table A16
2011–12	Nauru	–	3	3 2011–12 ed. Table A16
2011–12	South Korea	–	3	3 2011–12 ed. Table A16
2011–12	Colombia	2	–	2 2011–12 ed. Table A16
2011–12	Kenya	–	2	2 2011–12 ed. Table A16
2011–12	Nigeria	–	2	2 2011–12 ed. Table A16
2011–12	Samoa	–	2	2 2011–12 ed. Table A16
2011–12	Stateless	2	–	2 2011–12 ed. Table A16

2011–12	Tonga	–	2	2 2011–12 ed. Table A16
2011–12	Turkey	–	2	2 2011–12 ed. Table A16
2011–12	Uganda	–	2	2 2011–12 ed. Table A16
2011–12	Zambia	–	2	2 2011–12 ed. Table A16
2011–12	Zimbabwe	–	2	2 2011–12 ed. Table A16
2011–12	Armenia	–	1	1 2011–12 ed. Table A16
2011–12	Bolivia	1	–	1 2011–12 ed. Table A16
2011–12	Brazil	–	1	1 2011–12 ed. Table A16
2011–12	Congo	–	1	1 2011–12 ed. Table A16
2011–12	El Salvador	–	1	1 2011–12 ed. Table A16
2011–12	France	–	1	1 2011–12 ed. Table A16
2011–12	Ghana	–	1	1 2011–12 ed. Table A16
2011–12	Laos	–	1	1 2011–12 ed. Table A16
2011–12	Malaysia	–	1	1 2011–12 ed. Table A16
2011–12	Mauritius	–	1	1 2011–12 ed. Table A16
2011–12	Mexico	–	1	1 2011–12 ed. Table A16
2011–12	South Africa	–	1	1 2011–12 ed. Table A16
2011–12	Timor-Leste	–	1	1 2011–12 ed. Table A16
2011–12	Ukraine	–	1	1 2011–12 ed. Table A16
2011–12	United Arab Emirates	–	1	1 2011–12 ed. Table A16
2012–13	China	16	7	23 2012–13 ed. Table A16
2012–13	Philippines	18	2	20 2012–13 ed. Table A16
2012–13	Taiwan	18	1	19 2012–13 ed. Table A16
2012–13	Thailand	8	3	11 2012–13 ed. Table A16
2012–13	Ethiopia	–	10	10 2012–13 ed. Table A16
2012–13	Hong Kong	3	6	9 2012–13 ed. Table A16
2012–13	Vanuatu	–	9	9 2012–13 ed. Table A16
2012–13	Indonesia	–	7	7 2012–13 ed. Table A16
2012–13	United Kingdom	–	7	7 2012–13 ed. Table A16
2012–13	United States	–	7	7 2012–13 ed. Table A16
2012–13	Fiji	–	5	5 2012–13 ed. Table A16
2012–13	India	1	3	4 2012–13 ed. Table A16
2012–13	Malaysia	–	4	4 2012–13 ed. Table A16
2012–13	Colombia	3	–	3 2012–13 ed. Table A16
2012–13	South Korea	3	–	3 2012–13 ed. Table A16
2012–13	Singapore	–	3	3 2012–13 ed. Table A16
2012–13	Germany	–	2	2 2012–13 ed. Table A16
2012–13	Unknown	1	1	2 2012–13 ed. Table A16
2012–13	Bolivia	1	–	1 2012–13 ed. Table A16
2012–13	Canada	–	1	1 2012–13 ed. Table A16
2012–13	Timor-Leste	–	1	1 2012–13 ed. Table A16
2012–13	Ghana	–	1	1 2012–13 ed. Table A16
2012–13	Israel	–	1	1 2012–13 ed. Table A16
2012–13	Jordan	–	1	1 2012–13 ed. Table A16
2012–13	Mexico	–	1	1 2012–13 ed. Table A16
2012–13	Papua New Guinea	–	1	1 2012–13 ed. Table A16
2012–13	Samoa	–	1	1 2012–13 ed. Table A16

2012–13	Solomon Islands	–	1	1 2012–13 ed. Table A16
2012–13	Sweden	–	1	1 2012–13 ed. Table A16
2012–13	Tonga	–	1	1 2012–13 ed. Table A16
2012–13	Turkey	–	1	1 2012–13 ed. Table A16
2012–13	Uganda	–	1	1 2012–13 ed. Table A16
2012–13	Vietnam	–	1	1 2012–13 ed. Table A16
2012–13	Zambia	–	1	1 2012–13 ed. Table A16
2012–13	Zimbabwe	–	1	1 2012–13 ed. Table A16
2013–14	Taiwan	28	1	29 2013–14 ed. Table A16
2013–14	Philippines	22	6	28 2013–14 ed. Table A16
2013–14	Ethiopia	–	20	20 2013–14 ed. Table A16
2013–14	China	8	7	15 2013–14 ed. Table A16
2013–14	Thailand	12	–	12 2013–14 ed. Table A16
2013–14	Hong Kong	1	7	8 2013–14 ed. Table A16
2013–14	United States	–	8	8 2013–14 ed. Table A16
2013–14	Malaysia	–	6	6 2013–14 ed. Table A16
2013–14	Indonesia	–	5	5 2013–14 ed. Table A16
2013–14	Singapore	–	5	5 2013–14 ed. Table A16
2013–14	South Africa	4	1	5 2013–14 ed. Table A16
2013–14	South Korea	4	1	5 2013–14 ed. Table A16
2013–14	United Kingdom	–	5	5 2013–14 ed. Table A16
2013–14	Haiti	–	4	4 2013–14 ed. Table A16
2013–14	Brazil	–	3	3 2013–14 ed. Table A16
2013–14	Fiji	2	1	3 2013–14 ed. Table A16
2013–14	India	–	3	3 2013–14 ed. Table A16
2013–14	Kenya	–	3	3 2013–14 ed. Table A16
2013–14	Papua New Guinea	2	1	3 2013–14 ed. Table A16
2013–14	Tanzania	1	2	3 2013–14 ed. Table A16
2013–14	Timor-Leste	–	3	3 2013–14 ed. Table A16
2013–14	Bulgaria	–	2	2 2013–14 ed. Table A16
2013–14	Greece	–	2	2 2013–14 ed. Table A16
2013–14	Kyrgyzstan	–	2	2 2013–14 ed. Table A16
2013–14	Uganda	–	2	2 2013–14 ed. Table A16
2013–14	Zambia	1	1	2 2013–14 ed. Table A16
2013–14	Colombia	1	–	1 2013–14 ed. Table A16
2013–14	Iran	–	1	1 2013–14 ed. Table A16
2013–14	Japan	–	1	1 2013–14 ed. Table A16
2013–14	Jordan	–	1	1 2013–14 ed. Table A16
2013–14	Lebanon	–	1	1 2013–14 ed. Table A16
2013–14	Myanmar	–	1	1 2013–14 ed. Table A16
2013–14	Namibia	1	–	1 2013–14 ed. Table A16
2013–14	Nigeria	–	1	1 2013–14 ed. Table A16
2013–14	Samoa	1	–	1 2013–14 ed. Table A16
2013–14	Solomon Islands	–	1	1 2013–14 ed. Table A16
2013–14	Sri Lanka	1	–	1 2013–14 ed. Table A16
2013–14	Tonga	–	1	1 2013–14 ed. Table A16
2013–14	Vanuatu	–	1	1 2013–14 ed. Table A16

2013–14	Vietnam	–	1	1 2013–14 ed. Table A16
2013–14	Unknown	1	1	2 2013–14 ed. Table A16
2014–15	Taiwan	30	<10	n.p. 2014–15 ed. Table A5 (small cells suppressed: '<10' / 'n.p.')
2014–15	Philippines	27	<10	n.p. 2014–15 ed. Table A5 (small cells suppressed: '<10' / 'n.p.')
2014–15	Ethiopia	n.p.	17	n.p. 2014–15 ed. Table A5 (small cells suppressed: '<10' / 'n.p.')
2014–15	Thailand	15	<10	n.p. 2014–15 ed. Table A5 (small cells suppressed: '<10' / 'n.p.')
2014–15	United Kingdom	–	<10	n.p. 2014–15 ed. Table A5 (small cells suppressed: '<10' / 'n.p.')
2014–15	Other (31 countries incl. Ethiopia state-arranged)	21	63	84 2014–15 ed. Table A5 (small cells suppressed: '<10' / 'n.p.')
2015–16	Ethiopia	–	21	21 2015–16 ed. Table A5
2015–16	Malaysia	–	11	11 2015–16 ed. Table A5
2015–16	Singapore	–	10	10 2015–16 ed. Table A5
2015–16	Taiwan	16	–	16 2015–16 ed. Table A5
2015–16	United Kingdom	–	12	12 2015–16 ed. Table A5
2015–16	Other (29 countries)	29	75	104 2015–16 ed. Table A5

Reconciliation to published totals

Year	State-arranged (sum of rows)	Expatriate (sum of rows)	Published state-arranged	Published expatriate	Check (should be 0)
1998–99	180	113	180	113	–
2000–01	270	42	270	42	–
2001–02	309	15	309	15	–
2002–03	349	32	349	32	–
2003–04	437	34	437	34	–
2004–05	377	35	377	35	–
2005–06	377	99	377	99	–
2006–07	332	111	332	111	–
2007–08	297	100	297	100	–
2008–09	263	112	263	112	–
2009–10	206	122	206	122	–
2010–11	169	119	169	119	–
2011–12	119	135	119	135	–
2012–13	72	93	72	93	–
2013–14	90	112	90	112	–
2015–16	45	129	45	129	–

2014–15 country rows are partly suppressed ('<10', 'n.p.'), so no reconciliation is shown for that year. 2002–03: published state-arranged total reads 303, but the rows sum to 349 (consistent with the published grand total of 381).

Intercountry adoption activity, processing times and children's assessed needs

Activity counts are applicants in each stage during the year (not the same people across columns). Processing times are medians in months for children placed in the year.

Year	Applicants who became official clients	Applicants approved as eligible and suitable	Files sent overseas	Source
2012–13	156	87	54	2021–22 data tables S17
2013–14	146	62	68	2021–22 data tables S17
2014–15	153	80	77	2021–22 data tables S17
2015–16	145	70	67	2024–25 data tables S20
2016–17	216	64	53	2024–25 data tables S20
2017–18	173	79	59	2024–25 data tables S20
2018–19	154	72	57	2024–25 data tables S20
2019–20	136	45	41	2024–25 data tables S20
2020–21	136	53	38	2024–25 data tables S20
2021–22	113	29	24	2024–25 data tables S20 (2021–22 edition reported 30 approved, 25 files)
2022–23	157	31	15	2024–25 data tables S20
2023–24	86	15	16	2024–25 data tables S20 (excl. Vic)
2024–25	73	23	17	2024–25 data tables S20 (excl. Vic)

Median processing time (months), by stage — 2024–25 data tables S19

Year	Official client approval →	Approval → file sent	File sent → matched	Matched → placed	Total process (median)
2011–12	8.0	4.0	30.0	5.0	56.0
2012–13	9.0	3.0	37.0	5.0	61.0
2013–14	9.0	6.0	27.0	6.0	60.0
2014–15	12.0	5.0	20.0	6.0	64.0
2015–16	10.0	5.0	12.0	7.0	41.0
2016–17	8.0	2.0	9.0	7.0	33.0
2017–18	9.0	2.0	9.0	8.0	35.0
2018–19	9.0	1.0	2.0	10.0	25.0
2019–20	10.0	1.0	7.0	9.0	33.0
2020–21	10.0	2.0	14.0	9.0	40.0
2021–22	9.0	1.0	22.0	7.0	48.0
2022–23	12.0	3.0	13.0	7.0	38.0
2023–24	11.0	1.0	20.0	12.0	44.0
2024–25	21.0	3.0	15.0	4.0	49.0

The total is a median of the whole process and need not equal the sum of stage medians. 2022–23 to 2024–25 exclude a few placements (see AIHW notes).

Assessed level of need — children who entered Australia in the previous year (2024–25 data tables S21)

Measure	2019–20	2020–21	2021–22	2022–23	2023–24	2024–25
At match: no additional care needs	7	13	20	19	7	11
At match: minor additional care needs	11	16	19	7	10	9
At match: moderate to substantial needs	14	–	5	1	4	1
At match: total (excl. unknown)	32	29	44	27	21	21
12 months after placement: no additional care needs	10	13	29	17	17	14
12 months after placement: minor additional care needs	15	15	12	10	5	5
12 months after placement: moderate to substantial needs	7	1	3	2	2	2
12 months after placement: total	32	29	44	29	24	21

Year shown is the reporting year; children counted entered Australia in the year before. WA could not report level of need before 2022–23.

Estimated current age (at 30 June 2025) of intercountry adoptees, by year adoption was finalised

Source: AIHW Adoptions Australia 2024-25, Table S22. Crude estimate (AIHW assumes a 1 July birth date). Excludes deaths/emigration; 1979-80 to 1981-82 are not included by AIHW.

Estimated age (years)	1982-83	1983-84	1984-85	1985-86	1986-87	1987-88	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	Total		
1 to 4	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	6	8	12	11	39		
5 to 9	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	185	
10 to 14	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	528	
15 to 19	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1,476	
20 to 24	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1,621	
25 to 29	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1,267	
30 to 34	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	221	205	154	152	182	140	93	68	62	58	22	25	13	–	1	4	1	2	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1,404
35 to 39	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	225	331	359	125	94	51	36	35	36	33	20	10	5	4	3	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1,368
40 to 44	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	68	56	28	32	31	20	30	7	11	4	5	1	2	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	297
45 to 49	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	11	6	19	11	2	2	4	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	56
50 to 54	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	3	1	4	2	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	10
Adult (age unknown)	188	197	235	n.a.	n.a.	1	–	10	2	6	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	2	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	642
All adoptees (published)	188	197	235	n.a.	n.a.	308	394	420	393	338	227	222	224	274	269	245	244	301	289	294	278	370	434	421	406	270	269	223	217	157	138	114	83	82	69	65	57	37	42	16	28	34	19	8,891		
Sum of age rows	188	197	235	–	–	308	394	420	393	338	227	222	224	274	269	245	244	301	289	294	278	370	434	421	406	270	269	223	217	157	138	114	83	82	69	65	57	36	42	16	28	34	19	8,890		
Under 18 at 30 June 2025 (AIHW published)																																												1,480		
18 and over at 30 June 2025 (AIHW published)																																													7,410	
Check: under 18 + 18+ + 1 unknown-age (2019–20) = all (should be 0)																																													–	

2019–20: the published total (37) includes one adoptee of unknown age, so the age rows sum to 36. AIHW published totals: under 18 = 1,480; 18 and over = 7,410; all = 8,891.

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