Intercountry adoption

Exported from METEOR

(AIHW's Metadata Online Registry)

© Australian Institute of Health and Welfare 2024

This product, excluding the AIHW logo, Commonwealth Coat of Arms and any material owned by a third party or protected by a trademark, has been released under a Creative Commons BY 4.0 (CC BY 4.0) licence. Excluded material owned by third parties may include, for example, design and layout, images obtained under licence from third parties and signatures. We have made all reasonable efforts to identify and label material owned by third parties.

You may distribute, remix and build on this website’s material but must attribute the AIHW as the copyright holder, in line with our attribution policy. The full terms and conditions of this licence are available at https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/4.0/.

Enquiries relating to copyright should be addressed to info@aihw.gov.au.

Enquiries or comments on the METEOR metadata or download should be directed to the METEOR team at meteor@aihw.gov.au.

# Intercountry adoption

|  |
| --- |
| Identifying and definitional attributes |
| Metadata item type: | Glossary Item |
| Synonymous names: | Adoption from another country |
| METEOR identifier: | 749058 |
| Registration status: | [Children and Families](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/17), Standard 03/11/2021 |
| Definition: | Intercountry adoptions are [**adoptions**](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/327208) of children from countries other than Australia, who are legally able to be placed for adoption but who generally have had no previous contact with the adoptive parent(s). There are four categories of intercountry adoptions: [**Hague adoption**](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/749077), [**bilateral adoption**](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/749072), [**known child intercountry adoption**](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/749060) and [**ad-hoc adoption**](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/749048). These are classified as either 'program adoptions' (Hague or bilateral) or 'non-program adoptions' (known child or ad-hoc) according to whether the child's country of origin was a partner country. |

|  |
| --- |
| Collection and usage attributes |
| Guide for use: |   |
| Source and reference attributes |
| Submitting organisation: | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare |
| Relational attributes |
| Related metadata references: | Supersedes [Intercountry adoption](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/722868)       [Children and Families](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/17), Superseded 03/11/2021 |
| Metadata items which use this glossary item: | [Ad-hoc adoption](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/749048)       [Children and Families](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/17), Standard 03/11/2021[Adoption type code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/749255)       [Children and Families](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/17), Standard 03/11/2021[Adoption—adoption placement, total N[NN]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/749124)       [Children and Families](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/17), Standard 03/11/2021[Adoption—finalised adoption, total number N[NN]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/749186)       [Children and Families](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/17), Standard 03/11/2021[Adoption—Intercountry adoption placement type, code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/749189)       [Children and Families](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/17), Standard 03/11/2021[Adoptions DSS 2020-21](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/749045)       [Children and Families](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/17), Superseded 05/06/2023[Adoptions DSS 2021-22](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/766551)       [Children and Families](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/17), Standard 05/06/2023[Adoptions DSS 2022-23](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/784744)       [Children and Families](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/17), Qualified 22/11/2023[Bilateral adoption](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/749072)       [Children and Families](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/17), Standard 03/11/2021[Finalised adoption](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/749075)       [Children and Families](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/17), Standard 03/11/2021[Hague adoption](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/749077)       [Children and Families](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/17), Standard 03/11/2021[Hague Convention](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/749098)       [Children and Families](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/17), Standard 03/11/2021[Known child intercountry adoption](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/749060)       [Children and Families](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/17), Standard 03/11/2021[Non-Hague adoption](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/749064)       [Children and Families](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/17), Standard 03/11/2021[Person—adoption type, code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/749257)       [Children and Families](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/17), Standard 03/11/2021[Person—intercountry adoption living arrangement post arrival, code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/749260)       [Children and Families](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/17), Standard 03/11/2021[Person—intercountry adoption order type, code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/749267)       [Children and Families](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/17), Standard 03/11/2021[Placement (adoption)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/749066)       [Children and Families](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/17), Standard 03/11/2021[Service provider organisation—approved intercountry adoption client, total number N[NN]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/749282)       [Children and Families](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/17), Standard 03/11/2021[Service provider organisation—intercountry adoption client file sent overseas, total number N[NN]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/749287)       [Children and Families](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/17), Standard 03/11/2021[Service provider organisation—intercountry adoption client, total number N[NN]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/749290)       [Children and Families](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/17), Standard 03/11/2021 |