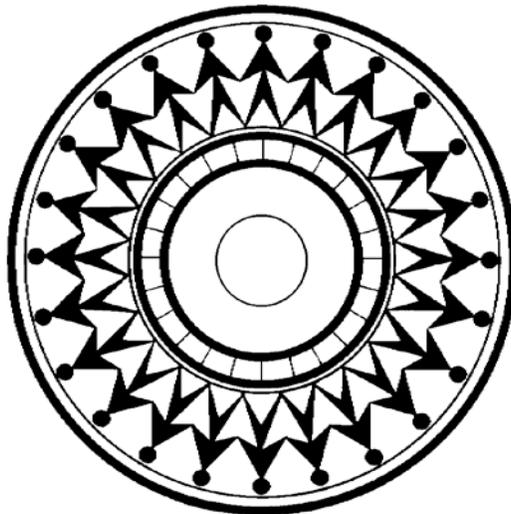


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PREFACE

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PUBLICATIONS SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

In accordance with the *Terms of Use Agreement* for these datasets, users of these data are required to deposit a copy of any published work or report based wholly or in part on these data with NDACAN. A copy of any completed manuscript, thesis abstract, or reprint should be sent to the National Data Archive on Child Abuse and Neglect, Cornell University, Family Life Development Center, Beebe Hall, Ithaca, New York 14853. Such copies will be used to provide funding agencies with essential information about the use of NDACAN resources and to facilitate the exchange of information about research activities among data users and contributors.

PURPOSE OF THE 2003 USER'S GUIDE SUPPLEMENT

The *AFCARS User's Guide Annual Supplement, 2003* is intended for use with the *Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) User's Guide and Codebook*. The *User's Guide* contains a general overview of the AFCARS project and detailed descriptions of the variables contained in the adoption and foster care files. This *Supplement* contains information specific to the 2003 AFCARS **Adoption** dataset, *Ad2003v7*. This document contains

- a table specifying which states submitted data in the years 1995 through 2003
- a count of the number of records submitted by each state for the 2003 files
- explanatory footnotes provided by the states

PART 2

AFCARS
ADOPTION DATABASE

HISTORY OF STATE ADOPTION SUBMISSIONS TO AFCARS

By AFCARS regulation, states were required to submit AFCARS data beginning in 1995; it was not until 1998, however, that penalties established by the same regulation became applicable. Data submitted prior to 1998 were often incomplete. The table below indicates the years in which individual states submitted adoption data. Please note that a black dot in a cell does not imply that a state's data file was complete; some state files contained very few records. The number of records in each state's files is contained in the *State Records Counts Table* for the year. 1999 was the first year that all states (including Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia) submitted data. Since then, all states have submitted data each year.

STATES THAT SUBMITTED ADOPTION DATA

STATE	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999+
Alabama				●	●
Alaska				●	●
Arizona	●	●	●		●
Arkansas	●	●	●	●	●
California	●	●	●	●	●
Colorado	●	●	●	●	●
Connecticut			●	●	●
Delaware	●	●	●	●	●
District of Columbia	●	●	●	●	●
Florida	●	●	●	●	●
Georgia	●	●	●	●	●
Hawaii		●	●	●	●
Idaho	●	●	●	●	●
Illinois	●	●	●	●	●
Indiana	●	●	●	●	●
Iowa	●	●	●	●	●
Kansas			●	●	●
Kentucky	●	●	●	●	●
Louisiana		●	●	●	●
Maine	●	●	●	●	●
Maryland	●	●	●	●	●
Massachusetts	●	●	●	●	●
Michigan				●	●
Minnesota	●	●	●	●	●
Mississippi	●	●	●	●	●
Missouri				●	●
Montana		●	●	●	●
Nebraska		●	●		●
Nevada			●		●
New Hampshire				●	●

STATE	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999+
New Jersey	●	●	●	●	●
New Mexico	●	●	●	●	●
New York			●	●	●
North Carolina	●	●	●	●	●
North Dakota			●	●	●
Ohio	●	●	●	●	●
Oklahoma	●	●	●	●	●
Oregon	●	●	●	●	●
Pennsylvania		●	●	●	●
Rhode Island	●	●	●	●	●
South Carolina				●	●
South Dakota	●	●	●	●	●
Tennessee	●	●	●	●	●
Texas	●	●	●	●	●
Utah	●	●	●	●	●
Vermont	●	●	●	●	●
Virginia				●	●
Washington		●	●	●	●
West Virginia				●	●
Wisconsin	●	●	●	●	●
Wyoming				●	●
Puerto Rico		●	●	●	●

2003 ADOPTION UNDUPLICATED RECORD COUNTS

States submit data to AFCARS twice a year; the first reporting period ends April 30 and the second September 30. Prior to each annual release, the Children's Bureau combines submissions for the two reporting periods and removes duplicate records. The table that follows lists the number of records contained in the unduplicated annual 2003 files by state. Counts that vary from the previous year are highlighted.

FIPS	State	Records						
		v1	v2	v3	v4	v5	v6a	v7
1	Alabama	329	329	329	329	329	329	329
2	Alaska	208	208	208	208	204	204	204
4	Arizona	839	839	839	839	839	839	839
5	Arkansas	385	385	385	385	385	385	385
6	California	7,433	7,468	7,468	7,406	7,406	7,406	7,406
8	Colorado	1,024	1,033	1,033	1,040	953	953	953
9	Connecticut	342	342	342	342	354	0	387
10	Delaware	101	101	101	101	101	101	101
11	District of Columbia	240	241	241	242	239	239	239
12	Florida	2,786	2,786	2,786	2,786	2,775	2,775	2,775
13	Georgia	1,091	1,092	1,092	1,109	1,057	1,057	1,057
15	Hawaii	318	318	318	318	316	316	316
16	Idaho	138	138	138	138	138	138	138
17	Illinois	2,701	2,701	2,701	2,707	2,684	2,684	2,684
18	Indiana	761	777	777	771	724	724	724
19	Iowa	1,130	1,130	1,130	1,130	1,102	1,102	1,102
20	Kansas	546	546	546	546	542	542	542
21	Kentucky	612	612	612	612	594	594	594
22	Louisiana	497	497	497	497	497	497	497
23	Maine	404	287	287	287	287	287	287
24	Maryland	734	742	742	742	718	718	718
25	Massachusetts	733	733	733	733	733	733	733
26	Michigan	2,622	2,622	2,622	2,622	2,610	2,610	2,610
27	Minnesota	644	644	644	644	636	636	636
28	Mississippi	182	183	183	183	124	124	124
29	Missouri	1,403	1,405	1,405	1,405	1,379	1,379	1,379
30	Montana	224	224	224	224	223	223	223
31	Nebraska	274	281	281	286	278	278	278
32	Nevada	296	287	287	300	298	298	298
33	New Hampshire	131	131	131	131	130	130	130
34	New Jersey	935	953	953	973	936	936	936
35	New Mexico	220	220	220	220	220	220	220
36	New York	3,862	3,870	3,870	3,874	3,858	3,858	3,858
37	North Carolina	1,296	1,296	1,296	1,296	1,296	1,296	1,296
38	North Dakota	120	120	120	120	120	120	120
39	Ohio	2,420	2,420	2,420	2,420	2,420	2,420	2,420
40	Oklahoma	1,152	1,152	1,152	1,153	1,157	1,157	1,157

FIPS	State	Records						
		v1	v2	v3	v4	v5	v6a	v7
41	Oregon	849	849	849	849	849	849	849
42	Pennsylvania	1,946	1,946	1,946	1,946	1,946	1,946	1,946
44	Rhode Island	264	264	264	264	262	262	262
45	South Carolina	280	280	280	281	278	278	278
46	South Dakota	144	144	144	144	144	144	144
47	Tennessee	954	954	954	954	954	954	954
48	Texas	2,504	2,504	2,504	2,504	2,479	2,479	2,479
49	Utah	311	311	311	311	311	311	311
50	Vermont	167	167	167	167	167	167	167
51	Virginia	487	487	487	487	487	487	487
53	Washington	1,315	1,315	1,315	1,317	1,320	1,320	1,320
54	West Virginia	322	322	322	322	322	322	322
55	Wisconsin	1,187	1,187	1,187	1,187	1,168	1,168	1,168
56	Wyoming	56	56	56	58	58	58	58
72	Puerto Rico	443	443	443	674	222	222	222
Total Records		50,362	50,342	50,342	50,584	49,629	49,275	49,662

2003 ADOPTION STATE FOOTNOTES

States are encouraged, but not required, to provide explanatory footnotes along with their data submissions. The footnotes allow states to provide additional information they consider necessary for proper interpretation of their data. The footnotes may include such information as:

- general characteristics of the state's Adoption system
- characteristics of the population, including whether certain types of placements are included
- state definitions that differ from federal AFCARS definitions.

Footnotes for the 2003 versions of the Adoption data follow, sorted by element number and state. General state footnotes that are not specific to an element or period are given an element number of 00.

NDACAN strongly recommends that users review the 2003 footnotes that follow before attempting to analyze the AFCARS Adoption data.

Adoption Footnotes -- 2003		
<i>Element</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Note</i>
A00	Florida	RECORDS ARE SELECTED BASED ON DISCHARGE TRANSACTION DATE DURING THE PERIOD.
A00	Florida	FLORIDA'S SACWIS REQUIRES DISCHARGE DATE BE REMOVED IN ORDER TO CORRECT REMOVAL HOME CAREGIVER DATA RELATED TO AN EPISODE.
A00	Florida	WHEN DISCHARGE DATE IS REPLACED, DISCHARGE TRANSACTION DATE IS REGENERATED WHICH MAY RESULT IN SUBSEQUENT REPORTING OF A DISCHARGE ALREADY REPORTED AND/OR AN ERROR FOR TIMELINESS.
A00	Indiana	Difference of 11 cases in subject records are due to lack of data entry - no placement information was entered.
A03	Florida	SYSTEM GENERATED PERSON ID NUMBER IS ENCRYPTED.
A03	Florida	THERE IS A RECOGNIZED ISSUE WITH DUPLICATE PERSON RECORDS IN FLORIDA'S SACWIS. EFFORTS TO RESOLVE THIS ISSUE ARE UNDERWAY. THIS WILL AFFECT THE ABILITY TO USE THIS ELEMENT TO MATCH TO DATA FOR FUTURE REPORT PERIODS.
A03	Iowa	Record numbers are encrypted in data submission.
A03	Nebraska	THE ADOPTION RECORD NUMBER IS A UNIQUE NUMBER FOR CHILD WHICH HAS BEEN ENCRYPTED.
A04	Iowa	The extract does not reflect private adoptions.
A05	Iowa	A date of birth is required. We do not estimate date of birth
A05	Michigan	ALL CHILDREN IDENTIFIED AS 18 YEARS OR OLDER ARE STILL WARDS OF THESTATE AND ARE CONSIDERED DEPENDENT CHILDREN
A06	Nebraska	CHILD WITH UNKNOWN SEX IS INCLUDED IN THE MALE CATEGORY.
A07	California	'USED UNABLE TO DETERMINE' FOR RACE OF HISPANIC OR MEXICAN OR CENTRAL AMERICAN OR SOUTH AMERICAN AND 'YES' FOR HISPANIC ORIGIN CODE

Adoption Footnotes -- 2003		
<i>Element</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Note</i>
A07	Nebraska	UNABLE TO DETERMINE INCLUDES PERSONS WITH RACE INDICATED AS OTHER.
A07	Washington	'Not reported' and 'does not apply' are both coded as 'Not reported'. This cannot be corrected in the current technical environment, but will be corrected in Washington's new SACWIS system.
A09	Iowa	Special needs includes: retardation; blind; deaf; physical; medical, emotional, or learning disability; substance abuse; racial background; age; sibling group; and delinquency.
A09	Nebraska	DETERMINATION OF SPECIAL NEEDS IS BASED ON WHETHER THE CHILD MEETS THE CRITERIA FOR SUBSIDY AS DEFINED BY THE STATE.
A09	Washington	Current information system does not include this question. This cannot be corrected in the current technical environment, but will be corrected in Washington's new SACWIS system.
A10	Idaho	Resubmitting Adoption records for March 2003 as previous
A10	Idaho	submission exceeded standard.
A10	Iowa	Special needs includes: retardation; blind; deaf; physical; medical, emotional, or learning disability; substance abuse; racial background; age; sibling group; and delinquency.
A10	Nebraska	STATE POLICY STATES THAT SPECIAL NEEDS ARE AGE, GENERALLY AGE 8 AND OLDER, SIBLING GROUPS OF 3 OR MORE TO BE PLACED TOGETHER, BEHAVIORAL, EMOTIONAL, PHYSICAL, OR MENTAL DISABILITY, AND RACE, BUT RACE INSUFFICIENT BY ITSELF.
A10	Washington	Current information system does not include this question. This cannot be corrected in the current technical environment, but will be corrected in Washington's new SACWIS system.
A11	Washington	Disabilities are reported only for children with an identified disability. Children with no disability and those not reported are both mapped as 'not reported'. This will be corrected in Washington's new SACWIS system.
A12	Washington	Disabilities are reported only for children with an identified disability. Children with no disability and those not reported are both mapped as 'not reported'. This will be corrected in Washington's new SACWIS system.
A13	Washington	Disabilities are reported only for children with an identified disability. Children with no disability and those not reported are both mapped as 'not reported'. This will be corrected in Washington's new SACWIS system.
A14	Washington	Disabilities are reported only for children with an identified disability. Children with no disability and those not reported are both mapped as 'not reported'. This will be corrected in Washington's new SACWIS system.
A15	Iowa	Other conditions include a medical learning disability, medical condition, medical alcohol abuse and drug abuse.
A15	Nebraska	INCLUDES CHILDREN WITH ATTENTION DEFICIT DISORDER AND/OR INFECTIOUS DISEASES.
A15	Washington	Disabilities are reported only for children with an identified disability. Children with no disability and those not reported are both mapped as 'not reported'. This will be corrected in Washington's new SACWIS system.

Adoption Footnotes -- 2003		
<i>Element</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Note</i>
A16	Washington	Data for this element cannot be accurately obtained from the current information system's technical environment. This will be corrected in Washington's new SACWIS system.
A17	Hawaii	THIS DATA IS NOT ALWAYS AVAILABLE WHEN THE CHILD IS ADOPTED AS IT IS NOT ON THE BIRTH CERTIFICATE, FATHER IS UNKNOWN OR HAS MOVED AWAY AND CANNOT BE LOCATED.
A17	Michigan	AGENCY REPORTED BIRTH YEAR OF BIRTH FATHER AS UNKNOWN. IN SOME CASES WHEN THE EXACT YEAR OF BIRTH WAS UNKNOWN, AN ESTIMATED YEAR WAS ENTERED.
A17	Washington	Data for this element cannot be accurately obtained from the current information system's technical environment. This will be corrected in Washington's new SACWIS system.
A21	Hawaii	CHILD WAS ADOPTED TWICE DUE TO DEATH OF FIRST ADOPTIVE PARENT (CHILD'S GRANDMOTHER). CHILD SUBSEQUENTLY ADOPTED BY ANOTRELATIVE. CLIENT #18662. CASE 48655 ADOPTION DATE 11/6/02. CASE 59464 ADOPTION DATE 12/12/00
A21	Hawaii	CHILDREN WERE ADOPTED TWICE DUE TO DEATH OF ADOPTIVE PARENT (CHILDREN'S GRANDMOTHER). CLIENT #'S134322,134323,169933. CASE # 59090. ADOPTION DATE 11/21/00. CASE # 54780. ADOPTION DATE 8/9/99.
A22	Florida	IN CASES THAT ARE CODED AS UNMARRIED COUPLE, FLORIDA LAW PERMITS LEGAL ADOPTION BY ONLY ONE OF THE TWO INDIVIDUALS.
A22	Washington	Data for this element cannot be accurately obtained from the current information system's technical environment. This will be corrected in Washington's new SACWIS system.
A23	Washington	Data for this element cannot be accurately obtained from the current information system's technical environment. This will be corrected in Washington's new SACWIS system.
A24	Washington	Data for this element cannot be accurately obtained from the current information system's technical environment. This will be corrected in Washington's new SACWIS system.
A25	California	'USED UNABLE TO DETERMINE' FOR RACE OF HISPANIC OR MEXICAN OR CENTRAL AMERICAN OR SOUTH AMERICAN AND 'YES' FOR HISPANIC ORGIN CODE
A25	Washington	'Not reported' and 'does not apply' are both coded as 'Not reported'. This cannot be corrected in the current technical environment, but will be corrected in Washington's new SACWIS system.
A26	Washington	'Not reported' and 'does not apply' are both coded as 'Not reported'. This cannot be corrected in the current technical environment, but will be corrected in Washington's new SACWIS system.
A27	California	'USED UNABLE TO DETERMINE' FOR RACE OF HISPANIC OR MEXICAN OR CENTRAL AMERICAN OR SOUTH AMERICAN AND 'YES' FOR HISPANIC ORGIN CODE
A27	Washington	'Not reported' and 'does not apply' are both coded as 'Not reported'. This cannot be corrected in the current technical environment, but will be corrected in Washington's new SACWIS system.

Adoption Footnotes -- 2003		
<i>Element</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Note</i>
A28	Washington	'Not reported' and 'does not apply' are both coded as 'Not reported'. This cannot be corrected in the current technical environment, but will be corrected in Washington's new SACWIS system.
A29	Iowa	Iowa does not track non-welfare stepparent adoptions.
A29	Washington	Washington as a rule does not do Stepparent adoptions. This should default to 'does not apply' rather than 'not reported', if stepparent is not selected. This will be corrected in Washington's new SACWIS system.
A30	Iowa	Iowa law defines relative as the fourth degree of consanguinity.
A30	Nebraska	INCLUDES GREAT AUNT/UNCLE, GRT GRANDPARENT, GRT GRT GRT GRANDPARENT, GRT GRT AUNT/UNCLE, GRT GRT GRT GRANDPARENT, GRT GRT GRT AUNT/UNCLE, ADOPTIVE SIBLING, BIOLOGICAL SIBLING, FIRST & SECOND COUSINS, GRANDPARENT, PARENT-IN-LAW, AUNT/UNCLE.
A30	Nebraska	FICTIVE KIN (IE. GODPARENTS) ARE NOT INCLUDED.
A30	Washington	'Not reported' and 'does not apply' are both coded as 'Not reported'. This cannot be corrected in the current technical environment, but will be corrected in Washington's new SACWIS system.
A31	Washington	'Not reported' and 'does not apply' are both coded as 'Not reported'. This cannot be corrected in the current technical environment, but will be corrected in Washington's new SACWIS system.
A32	Washington	'Not reported' and 'does not apply' are both coded as 'Not reported'. This cannot be corrected in the current technical environment, but will be corrected in Washington's new SACWIS system.
A33	Iowa	Due to Iowa law, we do not perform adoptions that would be considered as 'another country' -- AFCARS value 3.
A34	Iowa	The extract does not reflect private, independent, tribal adoptions, birth parent adoptions.
A35	Florida	INCLUDES ONLY CHILDREN ENTERED IN THE CHILD WELFARE VOUCHERING SYSTEM (CWVS) AND FLORIDA'S SACWIS WITH THE SAME CLIENT IDENTIFICATION NUMBER.
A35	Florida	CODED YES IF PAYMENT WAS MADE FOR MAINTENANCE SUBSIDY, WHETHER OR NOT TITLE IV-E.
A35	Washington	Inconsistencies between the total children receiving/not receiving subsidy in AD35 and dollars/count in AD36-37 cannot be corrected in the current technical environment. This will be corrected in Washington's new SACWIS system.
A36	Florida	INCLUDES ONLY CHILDREN ENTERED IN THE CHILD WELFARE VOUCHERING SYSTEM (CWVS) AND FLORIDA'S SACWIS WITH THE SAME CLIENT IDENTIFICATION NUMBER.
A36	Florida	MOST RECENT MONTHLY AMOUNT PAID FOR MAINTENANCE SUBSIDY ONLY.
A36	Washington	Inconsistencies between the total children receiving/not receiving subsidy in AD35 and dollars/count in AD36-37 cannot be corrected in the current technical environment. This will be corrected in Washington's new SACWIS system.
A37	Florida	INCLUDES ONLY CHILDREN ENTERED IN THE CHILD WELFARE VOUCHERING SYSTEM (CWVS) AND FLORIDA'S SACWIS WITH THE SAME CLIENT IDENTIFICATION NUMBER.

Adoption Footnotes -- 2003		
<i>Element</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Note</i>
A37	Florida	CODED YES IF PAYMENT WAS MADE FOR MAINTENANCE SUBSIDY, TITLE IV-E.
A37	Washington	Inconsistencies between the total children receiving/not receiving subsidy in AD35 and dollars/count in AD36-37 cannot be corrected in the current technical environment. This will be corrected in Washington's new SACWIS system.