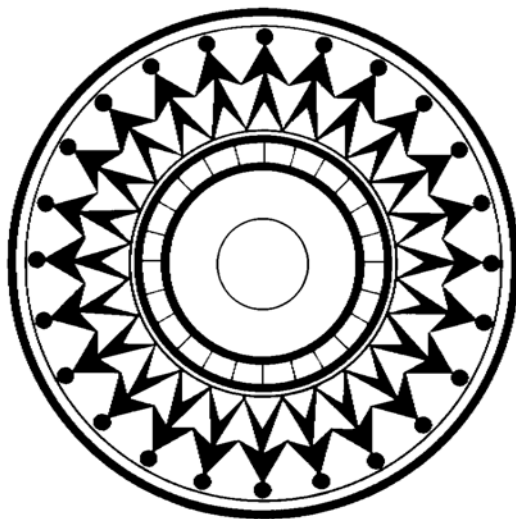


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PREFACE

The year 2010 data for the *Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS)* have been given to the National Data Archive on Child Abuse and Neglect for public distribution by the Children's Bureau. Funding for the project was provided by the Children's Bureau, Administration on Children, Youth and Families, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. This user's guide supplement orients the user to the AFCARS Adoption data for the year 2010, and should not be confused with the supplements detailing AFCARS data from earlier releases.

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PURPOSE OF THE 2010 USER'S GUIDE SUPPLEMENT

The *AFCARS User's Guide Annual Supplement, 2010* 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 2010 AFCARS *Adoption* dataset, *Ad2010v1*. This document contains

- a table specifying which states submitted data in the years 1995 through 2010
- a count of the number of records submitted by each state for the 2010 files
- counts of the number of non-missing values for each variable in the 2010 files
- explanatory footnotes provided by the states

PART 2

AFCARS 2010v1 ADOPTION FILE

2010v1 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 2010 files by state.

<i>StFIPS</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Records</i>
01	Alabama	606
02	Alaska	338
04	Arizona	2,045
05	Arkansas	595
06	California	6,044
08	Colorado	983
09	Connecticut	665
10	Delaware	67
11	District of Columbia	129
12	Florida	3,385
13	Georgia	1,196
15	Hawaii	216
16	Idaho	313
17	Illinois	1,214
18	Indiana	1,458
19	Iowa	801
20	Kansas	694
21	Kentucky	754
22	Louisiana	641
23	Maine	276
24	Maryland	644
25	Massachusetts	726
26	Michigan	2,597
27	Minnesota	627
28	Mississippi	355
29	Missouri	1,236
30	Montana	191

<i>StFIPS</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Records</i>
31	Nebraska	437
32	Nevada	644
33	New Hampshire	173
34	New Jersey	1,289
35	New Mexico	420
36	New York	2,205
37	North Carolina	1,615
38	North Dakota	145
39	Ohio	1,359
40	Oklahoma	1,628
41	Oregon	780
42	Pennsylvania	2,365
44	Rhode Island	184
45	South Carolina	529
46	South Dakota	133
47	Tennessee	857
48	Texas	4,709
49	Utah	574
50	Vermont	161
51	Virginia	653
53	Washington	1,633
54	West Virginia	662
55	Wisconsin	755
56	Wyoming	69
72	Puerto Rico	116
Total Records		52,891

2010 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 2010 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 2010 footnotes that follow before attempting to analyze the AFCARS Adoption data.

FY2010 Adoption Footnotes

<i>Element</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Note</i>
A00	Georgia	Poor quality on various elements in the adoptions AFCARS file were discussed in the NRC Technical Assistance in February 2010. We are awaiting a final report from the ACF as guidance on how to proceed.
A00	Indiana	After reviewing data from NRC for Child Welfare Data and Tech, Indiana identified data entry errors resulting in lower than expected adoption numbers. These errors were corrected in this submission.
A00	Maryland	State transitioned to full SACWIS system data extraction for 10A submission period, therefore, there may be inconsistencies in the foster care population between 09B and 10A.
A00	Maryland	State will be resubmitting the 10B file with improved data compliance for Adoption Element 22 in early 2011.
A00	Tennessee	All adoptions are not reported as a result of critical eligibility determination data not being entered in TFACTS. The file will be resubmitted before 5/15/2011 to update the adoption count.
A00	Utah	There are a total of 26 adoption maintenance cases that did not come from FC cases.
A01	Utah	On rec# 000038196795 de20 is blank because the previous custody was a single female adoption
A03	Florida	SYSTEM GENERATED AFCARS ID NUMBER IS ENCRYPTED.
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

FY2010 Adoption Footnotes

<i>Element</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Note</i>
A05	Michigan	ALL CHILDREN IDENTIFIED AS 18 YEARS OR OLDER ARE STILL WARDS OF THE STATE AND ARE CONSIDERED DEPENDENT CHILDREN
A06	Nebraska	CHILD WITH UNKNOWN SEX IS INCLUDED IN THE MALE CATEGORY.
A07	Nebraska	UNABLE TO DETERMINE INCLUDES PERSONS WITH RACE INDICATED AS OTHER.
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.
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.
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.
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.
A19	Florida	IMPLEMENTATION OF SACWSIS IMPACTED TIMELY ENTRY OF THIS DATA. BIWEEKLY EXCEPTION REPORTS ARE PROVIDED TO FELD STAFF TO IMPROVE QUALITY OF DATA.
A19	Montana	Customary adoptions through tribal courts require a tribal court to have legal authority over the child and modify the custodial and legal relationship of the birth parents with the child but do not terminate the birth parent's rights.
A20	Florida	IMPLEMENTATION OF SACWSIS IMPACTED TIMELY ENTRY OF THIS DATA. BIWEEKLY EXCEPTION REPORTS ARE PROVIDED TO FELD STAFF TO IMPROVE QUALITY OF DATA.
A20	Maryland	Policy directives and procedures are being implemented to ensure that the missing data for this element is entered into the SACWIS system to reduce the high percentage of missing data for this element.
A21	Hawaii	CHILD WAS ADOPTED TWICE DUE TO DEATH OF FIRST ADOPTIVE PARENT (CHILD'S GRANDMOTHER). CHILD SUBSEQUENTLY ADOPTED BY A NONRELATIVE. CLIENT #18662. CASE 48655 ADOPTION DATE 11/6/02. CASE 59464 ADOPTION DATE 12/12/00

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<i>Element</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Note</i>
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	Maryland	Until changes can be made in the State's SACWIS system to force data entry for Father's TPR date, policy directives and training will be implemented to reduce the high percentage of missing data for this element.
A29	Iowa	Iowa does not track non-welfare stepparent adoptions.
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.
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	CODED YES IF PAYMENT WAS MADE FOR MAINTENANCE SUBSIDY, WHETHER OR NOT TITLE IV-E.
A35	Florida	INCLUDES ONLY CHILDREN ENTERED IN THE INTEGRATED CHILD WELFARE SERVICES INFORMATION SYSTEM (ICWSIS) AND FLORIDA'S SACWIS WITH THE SAME CLIENT IDENTIFICATION NUMBER.
A36	Florida	INCLUDES ONLY CHILDREN ENTERED IN THE INTEGRATED CHILD WELFARE SERVICES INFORMATION SYSTEM (ICWSIS) AND FLORIDA'S SACWIS WITH THE SAME CLIENT IDENTIFICATION NUMBER.
A36	Florida	MOST RECENT MONTHLY AMOUNT PAID FOR MAINTENANCE SUBSIDY ONLY.
A37	Florida	CODED YES IF PAYMENT WAS MADE FOR MAINTENANCE SUBSIDY, TITLE IV-E.
A37	Florida	INCLUDES ONLY CHILDREN ENTERED IN THE INTEGRATED CHILD WELFARE SERVICES INFORMATION SYSTEM (ICWSIS) AND FLORIDA'S SACWIS WITH THE SAME CLIENT IDENTIFICATION NUMBER.
A37	Florida	CODED YES IF PAYMENT WAS MADE FOR MAINTENANCE SUBSIDY, TITLE IV-E.