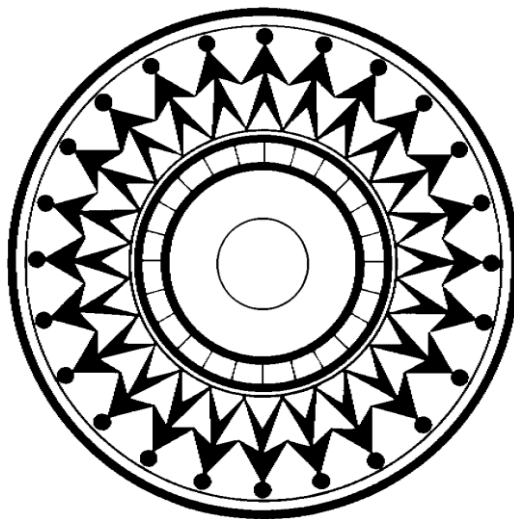


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PREFACE

The year 2011 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 2011, and should not be confused with the supplements detailing AFCARS data from earlier releases.

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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 2011 USER'S GUIDE SUPPLEMENT

The *AFCARS User's Guide Annual Supplement, 2011* 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 2011 AFCARS *Adoption* dataset, *Ad2011v1*. This document contains

- a table specifying which states submitted data in the years 1995 through 2011
- a count of the number of records submitted by each state for the 2011 files
- explanatory footnotes provided by the states

PART 2

AFCARS 2011v1 ADOPTION FILE

2011v1 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 2011 files by state.

<i>StFIPS</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Records</i>
01	Alabama	440
02	Alaska	294
04	Arizona	2,275
05	Arkansas	591
06	California	5,710
08	Colorado	934
09	Connecticut	611
10	Delaware	95
11	District of Columbia	106
12	Florida	2,945
13	Georgia	1,071
15	Hawaii	198
16	Idaho	259
17	Illinois	1,217
18	Indiana	1,556
19	Iowa	864
20	Kansas	781
21	Kentucky	824
22	Louisiana	641
23	Maine	296
24	Maryland	530
25	Massachusetts	724
26	Michigan	2,500
27	Minnesota	580
28	Mississippi	358
29	Missouri	1,199
30	Montana	238

<i>StFIPS</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Records</i>
31	Nebraska	413
32	Nevada	821
33	New Hampshire	144
34	New Jersey	1,089
35	New Mexico	351
36	New York	2,214
37	North Carolina	1,463
38	North Dakota	119
39	Ohio	1,420
40	Oklahoma	1,294
41	Oregon	657
42	Pennsylvania	2,013
44	Rhode Island	201
45	South Carolina	588
46	South Dakota	168
47	Tennessee	772
48	Texas	4,718
49	Utah	577
50	Vermont	134
51	Virginia	755
53	Washington	1,583
54	West Virginia	698
55	Wisconsin	717
56	Wyoming	73
72	Puerto Rico	56
Total Records		50,875

2011 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 2011 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 2011 footnotes that follow before attempting to analyze the AFCARS Adoption data.

FY2011 Adoption Footnotes

<i>Element</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Note</i>
A00	Utah	There are a total of 16 adoption maintenance cases that did not come from FC cases.
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
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

FY2011 Adoption Footnotes

<i>Element</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Note</i>
		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	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.
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A21	Hawaii	CHILD WAS ADOPTED TWICE DUE TO DEATH OF FIRST ADOPTIVE PARENT (CHILD'S GRANDMOTHER). CHILD SUBSEQUENTLY ADOPTED BY ANOTHER RELATIVE. First ADOPTION DATE 11/6/02. Second ADOPTION DATE 12/12/00
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	INCLUDES ONLY CHILDREN ENTERED IN THE INTEGRATED CHILD WELFARE SERVICES INFORMATION SYSTEM (ICWSIS) 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	Michigan	FIELD WILL DIFFER BETWEEN 2011A AND 2011B DUE TO A NEW PAYROLL SYSTEM.
A36	Florida	INCLUDES ONLY CHILDREN ENTERED IN THE INTEGRATED CHILD WELFARE SERVICES INFORMATION SYSTEM (ICWSIS) AND FLORIDA'S SACWIS WITH THE

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<i>Element</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Note</i>
		SAME CLIENT IDENTIFICATION NUMBER.
A36	Florida	MOST RECENT MONTHLY AMOUNT PAID FOR MAINTENANCE SUBSIDY ONLY.
A36	Michigan	FIELD WILL DIFFER BETWEEN 2011A AND 2011B DUE TO A NEW PAYROLL SYSTEM.
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.
A37	Michigan	FIELD WILL DIFFER BETWEEN 2011A AND 2011B DUE TO A NEW PAYROLL SYSTEM.