

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE

PROMISE DOE, JANE ROE,
KIMBERLY C. and RUSS C.,
and SMALL WORLD MINISTRIES,
INC.,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

DONALD SUNDQUIST, Governor
of the State of Tennessee,
in his Official Capacity,
CHARLES W. BURSON, Attorney
General of the State of
Tennessee, in his Official
Capacity and LINDA RUDOLPH,
in her Official Capacity as
the Commissioner of the
Department of Human Services
for the State of Tennessee,

Defendants.

Case No. 3-96-0599

JUDGE NIXON

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF NEW YORK)
 : ss.:
COUNTY OF NEW YORK)

FREDERICK F. GREENMAN, being duly sworn, states:

1. I am an attorney admitted to practice in the state of New York and various federal courts, including that for the Southern District of New York. I make this affidavit in support of the motion of various birth parents and adoptees to intervene, in opposition to plaintiffs' motion for a preliminary injunction, and in order to place before the Court statistical information from official and published sources concerning rates of adoption and abortion in New South Wales, Australia, and in England and Wales.

2. In paragraph 23 of the amended complaint, plaintiffs' counsel states that laws unsealing the records of birth parents have "resulted in a 51% decrease in adoptions in Australia in the last five years since similar legislation took effect. . . ." This statement is false.

3. Annexed as Exhibit 1 is a letter and declaration (28 U.S.C. § 1746) of Barbara Flett, Registrar of the New South Wales Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages, which shows the numbers of adoptions in New South Wales, by years, from 1970 through 1995. Adoptions in Australia, as in the U. S., are governed by state rather than federal legislation. New South Wales is the most populous state in Australia. Its Adoption Information Act 1990, which became fully effective on April 2, 1991, made original birth certificates accessible as of right to adoptees.

4. The data from the Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages set forth in Ms. Flett's letter show that adoptions peaked in 1972 and then began a decline which has continued steadily to the present day. Prior to the unsealing of adoption records in 1991, adoptions had declined from 4,564 in 1972 to 688 in 1990, a decline of 85 percent. The rate of decline after 1990 shows no significant change from the previous decline, and indicates that the opening of adoption records had no measurable effect on the numbers of adoptions.

5. Plaintiffs' counsel also states that laws unsealing the records of birth parents have resulted in "a 67%

decrease [in adoptions] in Great Britain over the last ten years" i.e., 1986-95 (Compt., ¶ 23). Original birth records were unsealed as of right for adult adoptees in Scotland in 1930 (Adoption of Children Act 1930, 20 and 21 Geo. 5, c.37, § 11) and in England and Wales in 1976 (Children's Act, 1975, c.72, § 26). Assuming plaintiffs' counsel mean to refer only to England and Wales, it is not clear how an alleged trend beginning in 1986 could be relevant to the legislative change that occurred in 1975-76. A comparison of numbers of adoptions in the years before and after 1976, however, shows that if the unsealing of birth records had any effect, it was to slow a decline in adoptions which had commenced almost a decade earlier.

6. Annexed as Exhibit 2 is a compilation of annual adoption figures for England and Wales for the years 1960 through 1984. The data are taken from official publications of the United Kingdom Registrar General and the United Kingdom Office of Population Censuses and Surveys. Copies of the relevant pages of the publications are annexed as Exhibit 3. The figures shown are for non-parental adoptions of illegitimate children. These are the only adoptions which could have been affected by the unsealing of adoption records.

7. Exhibit 2 shows that non-parent adoptions of illegitimate children by couples in England and Wales declined continuously from a peak of 14,641 in 1968 down to 1984, which appears to be the last year for which these data were published. From the start of the decline in 1968 until 1976,

when adoption records were unsealed, the relevant adoptions declined from 14,641 to 4,777, a decline of 67 percent in eight years. In the following eight years, after the records were unsealed, these adoptions declined to 2,910, a decline of only 39 percent.

8. If the unsealing of adoption records had any effect in England and Wales, therefore, it was to reduce the decline in adoptions, i.e. to increase adoptions over the numbers that otherwise would have obtained.

9. Parental adoptions (i.e. those in which one or both adoptive parents is also a biological parent) have been excluded from this compilation because the identity of the birth parents was never concealed from the adoptee and the unsealing of adoption records could have no effect on such adoptions. A chart published by the United Kingdom Office of Population Censuses and Surveys in 1979 is annexed as Exhibit 4. It shows that parental adoptions in England and Wales increased from 1968 to 1975, offsetting the decline in non-parental adoptions of illegitimate children. To use total adoption figures for England and Wales in this period would therefore give a misleading impression as to the effects of the opening of adoption records.

10. Annexed as Exhibit 5 are data compiled by the Alan Guttmacher Institute showing the number and rate of abortions in England and Wales by years for 1961 through 1987. These figures show a continuous increase in abortions

and abortion rates from 1961 through 1973. In 1974 through 1976, when the opening of adoption records was discussed in Parliament and put into effect, abortions and abortion rates actually decreased. Thereafter abortion rates fluctuated.

11. If the unsealing of adoption records in England and Wales had any impact on abortions, it apparently was to reduce the number of abortions.


FREDERICK F. GREENMAN

Sworn to before me this
17th day of July, 1996.



Notary Public

LOWELL D. KERN
NOTARY PUBLIC, State of New York
No. 4982729
Qualified in New York County
Commission Expires June 10, 1997

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Exhibit 1



Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages

Mr Frederick Greenman
 Attorney
 Deutsch Kiagsburn & Blasband
 800 Third Avenue
 New Ygrk NY 10022-7604

Address Correspondence to
 Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages
 Box 30 G.P.O., Sydney N.S.W. 2001

Our reference:

Your reference:

Telephone: (02)-213-8521
 Fax: (02)-213-8640

17 July, 1996

Dear Mr Greenman,

RE: ADOPTION⁶ FIGURES IN NEW SOUTH WALES, AUSTRALIA

Further to your request of 12th July 1996, I am enclosing details of the figures for adoptions processed by the Supreme Court of New South Wales and registered by the New South Wales Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages.

1. I am the Registrar of the New South Wales Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages. As such I am familiar with the operations and records of the Registry described in this letter.
2. The New South Wales Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages maintains and compiles records of births, deaths, marriages and adoptions in New South Wales. The Registry's records show the numbers of children as shown in Attachment 1 have been adopted in the calendar years between 1924 and 1995.
3. The Adoption Information Act 1990, which became fully effective on 2nd April 1991 granted to adoptees 18 years of age or older unqualified access to their original birth certificates and also implemented a contact veto register. Such birth certificates had previously been sealed since 1967.
4. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

Yours faithfully

Barbara Flett
 Registrar

GREENMAN/AJM

Attachment 1

| Year | Number | Progressive Total | Year | Number | Progressive Total |
|------|--------|-------------------|------|--------|-------------------|
| 1924 | 28 | 28 | 1960 | 1650 | 46,972 |
| 1925 | 282 | 310 | 1961 | 2217 | 49,189 |
| 1926 | 299 | 609 | 1962 | 2303 | 51,492 |
| 1927 | 502 | 1,111 | 1963 | 2175 | 53,667 |
| 1928 | 685 | 1,796 | 1964 | 2517 | 56,184 |
| 1929 | 837 | 2,633 | 1965 | 2294 | 58,478 |
| 1930 | 791 | 3,424 | 1966 | 2914 | 61,392 |
| 1931 | 672 | 4,096 | 1967 | 1940 | 63,332 |
| 1932 | 463 | 4,559 | 1968 | 1986 | 65,318 |
| 1933 | 877 | 5,436 | 1969 | 2074 | 67,392 |
| 1934 | 816 | 6,252 | 1970 | 3177 | 70,569 |
| 1935 | 889 | 7,141 | 1971 | 3630 | 74,199 |
| 1936 | 837 | 7,978 | 1972 | 4564 | 78,763 |
| 1937 | 968 | 8,946 | 1973 | 2685 | 81,448 |
| 1938 | 1107 | 10,053 | 1974 | 2058 | 83,506 |
| 1939 | 982 | 11,035 | 1975 | 1889 | 85,395 |
| 1940 | 1164 | 12,199 | 1976 | 1763 | 87,158 |
| 1941 | 1403 | 13,602 | 1977 | 1509 | 88,667 |
| 1942 | 1440 | 15,042 | 1978 | 1041 | 89,708 |
| 1943 | 1496 | 16,538 | 1979 | 1094 | 90,802 |
| 1944 | 1594 | 18,132 | 1980 | 856 | 91,658 |
| 1945 | 1324 | 19,456 | 1981 | 965 | 92,623 |
| 1946 | 2037 | 21,493 | 1982 | 1175 | 93,798 |
| 1947 | 1625 | 23,118 | 1983 | 904 | 94,702 |
| 1948 | 1666 | 24,784 | 1984 | 741 | 95,443 |
| 1949 | 2019 | 26,803 | 1985 | 936 | 96,379 |
| 1950 | 1533 | 28,336 | 1986 | 702 | 97,081 |
| 1951 | 1447 | 29,783 | 1987 | 690 | 97,771 |
| 1952 | 1672 | 31,455 | 1988 | 488 | 98,259 |
| 1953 | 1875 | 33,330 | 1989 | 840 | 99,099 |
| 1954 | 2090 | 35,420 | 1990 | 688 | 99,787 |
| 1955 | 1627 | 37,047 | 1991 | 522 | 100,309 |
| 1956 | 1651 | 38,698 | 1992 | 404 | 100,713 |
| 1957 | 2047 | 40,745 | 1993 | 356 | 101,069 |
| 1958 | 2322 | 43,067 | 1994 | 316 | 101,385 |
| 1959 | 2255 | 45,322 | 1995 | 308 | 101,693 |

Exhibit 2

Non-Parent Adoptions by Couples* of Illegitimate Children
in England and Wales

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Adoptions</u> |
|-------------|------------------|
| 1960 | 8,990 |
| 1961 | 9,980 |
| 1962 | 10,984 |
| 1963 | 11,569 |
| 1964 | 13,408 |
| 1965 | 13,537 |
| 1966 | 14,034 |
| 1967 | 14,144 |
| 1968 | 14,641 |
| 1969 | 13,047 |
| 1970 | 10,711 |
| 1971 | 9,573 |
| 1972 | 8,114 |
| 1973 | 7,341 |
| 1974 | 6,621 |
| 1975 | 5,774 |
| 1976 | 4,777 |
| 1977 | 4,026 |
| 1978 | 3,826 |
| 1979 | 3,539 |
| 1980 | 3,529 |
| 1981 | 3,270 |
| 1982 | 3,284 |
| 1983 | 3,008 |
| 1984 | 2,910 |

* There were also a small number (less than 125) of adoptions of "illegitimate children" by single individuals ("sole adoptions") in each year. These are not included in the table because after 1973 the source reports (Exh. 3) combine them with parent adoptions, and it is not possible to isolate the numbers of non-parent sole adopters.

Sources: 1960-1973: Her Majesty's Stationery Office, Registrar General's Statistical Review of England and Wales, Table T5.

1974-1984: Office of Population Censuses and Surveys, OPCS Monitor, Table 3.

Exhibit 3

TABLE T4. Registration of Adoption Orders, 1927-1960
See Adoption Act, 1958, section 20.

England and Wales

| Year | Number of adoption orders dealt with: | | | | | |
|---------|---------------------------------------|-------------|------------|--------------|----------------------|--|
| | Total | Provisional | High Court | County Court | Summery Jurisdiction | |
| 1927-30 | 14,026 | 403 | 276 | 1,432 | 12,662 | |
| 1931-35 | 22,708 | 276 | 249 | 1,432 | 21,000 | |
| 1936-40 | 31,521 | 349 | 251 | 2,511 | 28,661 | |
| 1941-45 | 58,732 | 266 | 7,916 | 7,916 | 50,550 | |
| 1946-50 | 88,123 | 870 | 19,225 | 19,225 | 68,028 | |
| 1951 | 13,850 | 114 | 3,757 | 3,757 | 9,979 | |
| 1952 | 13,894 | 74 | 4,280 | 4,280 | 9,540 | |
| 1953 | 12,993 | 75 | 4,297 | 4,297 | 8,623 | |
| 1954 | 13,003 | 56 | 4,529 | 4,529 | 8,418 | |
| 1955 | 13,001 | 73 | 4,791 | 4,791 | 8,137 | |
| 1956 | 13,198 | 44 | 5,118 | 5,118 | 8,036 | |
| 1957 | 13,401 | 44 | 5,533 | 5,533 | 7,804 | |
| 1958 | 13,303 | 53 | 5,899 | 5,899 | 7,351 | |
| 1959 | 14,105 | 46 | 6,529 | 6,529 | 7,530 | |
| 1960 | 15,099 | 207 | 42 | 7,602 | 7,455 | |

† Provisional Adoption Orders, which were introduced on 1st April 1959 (see Adoption Act, 1958, section 53) are included in the total. These Orders confer authority on a person not domiciled in Great Britain to take a child out of this country for adoption.

TABLE T5. Children adopted under Orders registered in 1960, by legitimacy, sex and age

| Age at adoption, and sex | All children | Total | Legitimate children | | Sole male adopter | | Sole female adopter | |
|--------------------------|--------------|-------|---------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------|---------------------|--------------|
| | | | Joint adopters (One or both a parent) | Neither a parent | Parent | Not a parent | Parent | Not a parent |
| All ages | 15,099 | 3,139 | 1,576 | 1,517 | 4 | 3 | 11 | 24 |
| Under 6 months | 7,779 | 1,543 | 809 | 787 | — | 2 | 5 | 13 |
| 6-8 | 7,320 | 1,577 | 707 | 64 | — | — | — | 1 |
| 9-11 | 1,427 | 41 | — | 60 | — | — | — | — |
| 12-17 | 1,347 | 41 | — | 60 | — | — | — | — |
| 18-23 | 1,745 | 88 | — | 88 | — | — | — | — |
| 2 years | 1,444 | 93 | — | 92 | — | — | — | — |
| 3-4 | 746 | 114 | 116 | 94 | — | — | — | — |
| 5-9 | 718 | 214 | 107 | 103 | — | — | — | — |
| 10-14 | 810 | 412 | 284 | 143 | — | — | — | — |
| 15-20 | 878 | 423 | 281 | 143 | — | — | — | — |
| | 650 | 304 | 231 | 87 | — | — | — | — |
| | 457 | 237 | 243 | 87 | — | — | — | — |
| | 444 | 192 | 101 | 33 | — | — | — | — |
| | 427 | 159 | 101 | 33 | — | — | — | — |

TABLE T4—continued

| Year | Corresponding number of children*, i.e. entries made in Adopted Children Register | | | | |
|---------|---|---------------|--------------|-------------------|------------------|
| | Total | March quarter | June quarter | September quarter | December quarter |
| 1927-30 | 14,094 | 2,986 | 3,817 | 3,319 | 3,972 |
| 1931-35 | 22,722 | 5,212 | 8,011 | 3,198 | 6,311 |
| 1936-40 | 31,544 | 7,113 | 8,404 | 7,937 | 8,090 |
| 1941-45 | 58,819 | 12,409 | 14,081 | 15,991 | 16,338 |
| 1946-50 | 88,178 | 20,532 | 22,124 | 22,028 | 23,494 |
| 1951 | 13,854 | 3,556 | 3,479 | 3,225 | 3,594 |
| 1952 | 13,900 | 3,830 | 2,930 | 3,370 | 3,770 |
| 1953 | 13,001 | 3,000 | 3,420 | 2,980 | 3,601 |
| 1954 | 13,005 | 3,249 | 3,457 | 3,457 | 3,786 |
| 1955 | 13,005 | 3,259 | 3,139 | 3,158 | 3,449 |
| 1956 | 13,201 | 3,451 | 3,000 | 2,997 | 3,753 |
| 1957 | 13,403 | 3,351 | 3,380 | 3,020 | 3,652 |
| 1958 | 13,304 | 3,249 | 3,210 | 3,094 | 3,751 |
| 1959 | 14,109 | 3,102 | 2,958 | 3,947 | 4,102 |
| 1960 | 15,099 | 3,899 | 3,600 | 3,399 | 4,201 |

* The number of adopted children usually exceeds the number of adoption orders because the High Court does not issue a separate order for each child where an adopter adopts more than one child at the same time.

TABLE T5—continued

| Age at adoption, and sex | Total | Joint adopters | | Illegitimate children | | Sole female adopter | | Age at adoption, and sex |
|--------------------------|--------|----------------------|------------------|-----------------------|--------------|---------------------|--------------|--------------------------|
| | | One or both a parent | Neither a parent | Parent | Not a parent | Parent | Not a parent | |
| All ages | 11,960 | 2,787 | 8,990 | 5 | 7 | 104 | 67 | All ages |
| Under 6 months | 4,917 | 1,337 | 4,497 | 2 | 3 | 46 | 27 | Under 6 months |
| 6-8 | 5,743 | 25 | 4,293 | — | 3 | 58 | 40 | 6-8 |
| 9-11 | 1,261 | 21 | 1,314 | — | 1 | 2 | 3 | 9-11 |
| 12-17 | 1,204 | 25 | 1,271 | — | 1 | 2 | 6 | 12-17 |
| 18-23 | 1,455 | 28 | 1,621 | — | — | 1 | 1 | 18-23 |
| 2 years | 1,351 | 23 | 1,523 | — | — | 1 | 1 | 2 years |
| 3-4 | 539 | 21 | 504 | — | — | 3 | 3 | 3-4 |
| 5-9 | 432 | 33 | 392 | — | — | 3 | 3 | 5-9 |
| 10-14 | 428 | 35 | 374 | — | — | 4 | 4 | 10-14 |
| 15-20 | 353 | 49 | 293 | — | — | 1 | 2 | 15-20 |
| | 332 | 33 | 299 | — | — | 2 | 2 | |
| | 302 | 118 | 192 | — | — | 4 | 4 | |
| | 554 | 313 | 226 | 2 | — | 9 | 4 | |
| | 505 | 286 | 202 | — | — | 12 | 4 | |
| | 487 | 296 | 176 | — | — | 8 | 6 | |
| | 449 | 311 | 145 | — | — | 7 | 6 | |
| | 346 | 248 | 60 | — | — | 12 | 5 | |
| | 320 | 244 | 63 | — | — | 7 | 6 | |
| | 301 | 244 | 60 | — | — | 7 | 4 | |
| | 248 | 191 | 60 | — | — | 2 | 9 | |

TABLE T4. Registration of Adoption Orders, 1927-1961
See Adoption Act, 1958, section 20.

| Year | Number of adoption orders dealt with: | | | | | Court of Summary Jurisdiction |
|---------|---------------------------------------|-------------|------------|--------------|-------------|-------------------------------|
| | Total | Provisional | High Court | County Court | Provisional | |
| 1927-30 | 14,026 | | 403 | 961 | | 12,662 |
| 1931-35 | 22,708 | | 276 | 1,432 | | 21,000 |
| 1936-40 | 31,521 | | 349 | 2,511 | | 28,661 |
| 1941-45 | 38,732 | | 266 | 7,916 | | 50,550 |
| 1946-50 | 88,123 | | 870 | 19,225 | | 68,028 |
| 1951-55 | 66,743 | | 392 | 21,654 | | 44,697 |
| 1956 | 13,198 | | 44 | 5,118 | | 8,036 |
| 1957 | 13,401 | | 44 | 5,553 | | 7,804 |
| 1958 | 13,303 | | 53 | 5,899 | | 7,351 |
| 1959 | 14,105 | 71 | 46 | 6,529 | 70 | 7,530 |
| 1960 | 15,099 | 207 | 42 | 7,602 | 205 | 7,455 |
| 1961 | 15,997 | 249 | 55 | 8,578 | 248 | 7,264 |

† Provisional Adoption Orders, which were introduced on 1st April 1959 (see Adoption Act, 1958, section 53) are included in the total. These Orders confer authority on a person not domiciled in Great Britain to take a child out of this country for adoption.

TABLE T5. Children adopted under Orders registered in 1961, by legitimacy, sex and age

| Age at adoption, and sex | All children | Legitimate children | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|--------------|---------------------|----------------|-------|-------------------|----|---------------------|----|
| | | Total | Joint adopters | | Sole male adopter | | Sole female adopter | |
| All ages | 14,000 | 3,919 | 1,545 | 1,420 | 3 | 15 | 4 | 20 |
| | 8,232 | 1,540 | 814 | 691 | — | 11 | 2 | 15 |
| | 7,778 | 1,419 | 729 | 729 | — | 4 | 2 | 15 |
| | 1,535 | 71 | 1 | 70 | — | — | — | — |
| Under 6 months | 1,535 | 71 | 1 | 70 | — | — | — | — |
| 6-8 | 7,041 | 36 | 1 | 34 | — | — | — | 1 |
| | 1,879 | 36 | 1 | 33 | — | — | — | 1 |
| | 5,162 | 35 | — | 35 | — | — | — | — |
| 9-11 | 437 | 44 | 3 | 41 | — | — | — | — |
| | 528 | 44 | — | 44 | — | — | — | — |
| | 484 | 41 | — | 41 | — | — | — | — |
| 12-17 | 428 | 47 | 4 | 43 | — | — | — | — |
| | 428 | 47 | — | 47 | — | — | — | — |
| 18-23 | 287 | 48 | 5 | 43 | — | — | — | — |
| | 287 | 48 | — | 48 | — | — | — | — |
| 2 years | 437 | 85 | 24 | 69 | — | — | — | — |
| | 437 | 107 | 28 | 79 | — | — | — | — |
| 3-4 | 804 | 216 | 121 | 94 | — | — | — | — |
| | 804 | 216 | 108 | 94 | — | — | — | — |
| 5-9 | 874 | 490 | 287 | 106 | 2 | — | — | — |
| | 874 | 491 | 274 | 122 | — | — | — | — |
| 10-14 | 433 | 319 | 241 | 64 | — | — | — | — |
| | 433 | 319 | 212 | 59 | — | — | — | — |
| 15-20 | 473 | 180 | 127 | 42 | — | — | — | — |
| | 473 | 180 | 96 | 42 | — | — | — | — |

England and Wales

| Year | Corresponding number of children*, i.e. entries made in Adopted Children Register | | | | | Total |
|---------|---|--------------|-------------------|------------------|--------|--------|
| | March quarter | June quarter | September quarter | December quarter | Year | |
| 1927-30 | 2,986 | 3,817 | 3,319 | 3,972 | 14,094 | 14,094 |
| 1931-35 | 5,212 | 6,011 | 5,198 | 6,311 | 22,732 | 22,732 |
| 1936-40 | 7,113 | 8,404 | 7,937 | 8,090 | 31,544 | 31,544 |
| 1941-45 | 12,409 | 14,081 | 15,991 | 16,338 | 58,819 | 58,819 |
| 1946-50 | 20,532 | 22,124 | 22,028 | 23,494 | 88,178 | 88,178 |
| 1951-55 | 16,692 | 16,425 | 15,848 | 17,800 | 66,765 | 66,765 |
| 1956 | 3,451 | 3,000 | 2,997 | 3,753 | 13,201 | 13,201 |
| 1957 | 3,351 | 3,380 | 3,020 | 3,632 | 13,403 | 13,403 |
| 1958 | 3,249 | 3,210 | 3,094 | 3,751 | 13,304 | 13,304 |
| 1959 | 3,102 | 2,958 | 3,947 | 4,102 | 14,109 | 14,109 |
| 1960 | 3,899 | 3,600 | 3,359 | 4,201 | 15,099 | 15,099 |
| 1961 | 3,702 | 3,801 | 3,901 | 4,596 | 16,000 | 16,000 |

* The number of adopted children usually exceeds the number of adoption orders because the High Court does not issue a separate order for each child where an adopter adopts more than one child at the same time.

England and Wales

| Age at adoption and sex | Total | Illegitimate children | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|--------|-----------------------|-------|-------------------|---|---------------------|-----|----|
| | | Joint adopters | | Sole male adopter | | Sole female adopter | | |
| All ages | 12,981 | 2,799 | 1,410 | 1,389 | 1 | 14 | 114 | 49 |
| | 6,482 | 1,444 | 1,444 | — | — | — | — | — |
| | 6,539 | 1,352 | 1,447 | — | — | — | — | — |
| Under 6 months | 1,352 | 13 | 1,447 | — | — | — | — | — |
| 6-8 | 1,945 | 26 | 1,909 | — | — | — | — | — |
| | 1,777 | 33 | 1,741 | — | — | — | — | — |
| | 582 | 78 | 509 | — | — | — | — | — |
| 9-11 | 402 | 70 | 432 | — | — | — | — | — |
| | 390 | 53 | 330 | — | — | — | — | — |
| | 385 | 43 | 303 | — | — | — | — | — |
| 12-17 | 339 | 68 | 319 | — | — | — | — | — |
| | 324 | 50 | 172 | — | — | — | — | — |
| 18-23 | 343 | 140 | 214 | — | — | — | — | — |
| 2 years | 320 | 139 | 192 | — | — | — | — | — |
| 3-4 | 590 | 355 | 219 | 1 | 1 | 11 | 10 | 3 |
| | 507 | 312 | 180 | — | — | — | — | — |
| 5-9 | 491 | 310 | 167 | — | — | — | — | — |
| | 473 | 329 | 129 | — | — | — | — | — |
| 10-14 | 314 | 230 | 64 | — | — | — | — | — |
| | 285 | 206 | 62 | — | — | — | — | — |
| 15-20 | 323 | 215 | 56 | — | — | — | — | — |
| | 314 | 233 | 63 | — | — | — | — | — |

TABLE 14. Registration of Adoption Orders, 1927-1962
See Adoption Act, 1958, section 20.

| Year | Number of adoption orders dealt with: | | | | Court of Summary Jurisdiction |
|---------|---------------------------------------|-------------|------------|--------------|-------------------------------|
| | Total | Provisional | High Court | County Court | |
| | | | Total | Provisional | |
| 1927-30 | 14,026 | | 403 | | 12,662 |
| 1931-35 | 22,708 | | 276 | | 21,000 |
| 1936-40 | 31,521 | | 349 | | 28,661 |
| 1941-45 | 58,732 | | 266 | | 50,550 |
| 1946-50 | 88,173 | | 870 | | 68,028 |
| 1951-55 | 66,743 | | 392 | | 44,697 |
| 1956 | 13,198 | | 44 | | 8,036 |
| 1957 | 13,401 | | 44 | | 7,804 |
| 1958 | 13,303 | | 53 | | 5,899 |
| 1959 | 14,105 | 71 | 46 | | 6,529 |
| 1960 | 15,099 | 207 | 42 | 2 | 7,602 |
| 1961 | 15,997 | 249 | 55 | 1 | 8,678 |
| 1962 | 16,894 | 280 | 53 | 4 | 9,572 |

† Provisional Adoption Orders, which were introduced on 1st April 1959 (see Adoption Act, 1958, section 53) are included in the total. These Orders confer authority on a person not domiciled in Great Britain to take a child out of this country for adoption.

TABLE 15. Children adopted under Orders registered in 1962, by legitimacy, sex and age

| Age at adoption, and sex | All children | Legitimate children | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------|---------------------|--------------|
| | | Total | Joint adopters | | Sole male adopter | | Sole female adopter | |
| | | | One or both a parent | Neither a parent | Parent | Not a parent | Parent | Not a parent |
| All ages | 16,894 {M 8,446 F 8,228} | 3,668 {M 1,546 F 1,585} | 1,447 {M 711 F 794} | 1 | 5 | 1 | 17 | |
| Under 6 months | 1,928 {M 977 F 951} | 2 | 64 | — | — | — | 1 | |
| 6-8 | 2,219 {M 1,172 F 1,047} | 2 | 95 | — | — | — | — | |
| 9-11 | 712 {M 381 F 331} | 1 | 80 | — | — | — | 1 | |
| 12-17 | 499 {M 252 F 247} | 4 | 52 | — | — | — | 2 | |
| 18-23 | 386 {M 204 F 182} | 3 | 44 | — | — | — | — | |
| 2 years | 448 {M 232 F 216} | 11 | 36 | — | — | — | — | |
| 3-4 | 752 {M 399 F 353} | 32 | 58 | — | — | — | 1 | |
| 5-9 | 923 {M 489 F 434} | 119 | 90 | — | — | — | 2 | |
| 10-14 | 539 {M 278 F 261} | 205 | 138 | — | — | — | 4 | |
| 15-20 | 430 {M 214 F 216} | 121 | 89 | — | — | — | 2 | |
| " | 427 {M 214 F 213} | 159 | 14 | — | — | — | 1 | |

Corresponding number of children*, i.e. entries made in Adopted Children Register

| Year | Total | March quarter | June quarter | September quarter | December quarter |
|---------|--------|---------------|--------------|-------------------|------------------|
| 1927-30 | 14,094 | 2,986 | 3,817 | 3,319 | 3,972 |
| 1931-35 | 22,732 | 5,212 | 6,011 | 5,198 | 6,311 |
| 1936-40 | 31,544 | 7,113 | 8,404 | 7,937 | 8,090 |
| 1941-45 | 58,819 | 12,409 | 14,081 | 15,991 | 16,338 |
| 1946-50 | 88,178 | 20,532 | 22,124 | 22,028 | 23,494 |
| 1951-55 | 66,765 | 16,692 | 16,425 | 15,848 | 17,800 |
| 1956 | 13,201 | 3,451 | 3,000 | 2,997 | 3,753 |
| 1957 | 13,403 | 3,351 | 3,380 | 3,020 | 3,652 |
| 1958 | 13,304 | 3,249 | 3,210 | 3,094 | 3,751 |
| 1959 | 14,109 | 3,102 | 2,958 | 3,947 | 4,102 |
| 1960 | 15,099 | 3,899 | 3,600 | 3,399 | 4,201 |
| 1961 | 16,000 | 3,702 | 3,801 | 3,901 | 4,586 |
| 1962 | 16,894 | 4,048 | 3,747 | 3,998 | 5,101 |

* The number of adopted children usually exceeds the number of adoption orders because the High Court does not issue a separate order for each child where an adopter adopts more than one child at the same time.

TABLE 15. Children adopted under Orders registered in 1962, by legitimacy, sex and age

| Age at adoption, and sex | Total | Illegitimate children | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------|---------------------|--------------|
| | | Total | Joint adopters | | Sole male adopter | | Sole female adopter | |
| | | | One or both a parent | Neither a parent | Parent | Not a parent | Parent | Not a parent |
| All ages | 13,324 {M 7,144 F 6,682} | 2,474 {M 1,354 F 1,320} | 10,844 {M 5,704 F 5,378} | 2 | 11 | 104 | 51 | |
| Under 6 months | 1,761 {M 831 F 930} | 20 {M 10 F 10} | 1,735 {M 899 F 1,684} | — | — | 4 | 2 | |
| 6-8 | 2,142 {M 1,094 F 1,048} | 22 {M 11 F 11} | 2,110 {M 1,097 F 1,013} | — | 1 | 6 | 6 | |
| 9-11 | 831 {M 441 F 390} | 22 {M 11 F 11} | 809 {M 430 F 379} | — | — | 2 | 2 | |
| 12-17 | 441 {M 234 F 207} | 50 {M 26 F 24} | 383 {M 203 F 180} | — | 1 | 3 | 1 | |
| 18-23 | 349 {M 194 F 155} | 62 {M 33 F 29} | 283 {M 158 F 125} | — | 2 | 2 | 2 | |
| 2 years | 324 {M 166 F 158} | 67 {M 34 F 33} | 253 {M 132 F 121} | — | 1 | 3 | 2 | |
| 3-4 | 541 {M 284 F 257} | 126 {M 63 F 63} | 415 {M 221 F 194} | — | — | 4 | 4 | |
| 5-9 | 500 {M 266 F 234} | 208 {M 108 F 100} | 292 {M 158 F 134} | — | — | 9 | 4 | |
| 10-14 | 483 {M 248 F 235} | 304 {M 159 F 145} | 176 {M 91 F 85} | — | 1 | 10 | 3 | |
| 15-20 | 241 {M 126 F 115} | 203 {M 103 F 100} | 68 {M 34 F 34} | — | 1 | 7 | 5 | |
| " | 237 {M 121 F 116} | 196 {M 100 F 96} | 47 {M 24 F 23} | — | 1 | 8 | 1 | |

TABLE 74. Registration of Adoption Orders, 1927-1993

See Adoption Act, 1968, section 30.

England and Wales

| Year | Number of adoption orders (valid until) | | | | Corresponding number of children, i.e. children made in adopted children register | | | | | | | | |
|---------|---|-------------|------------|--------------|---|-------------|--------------|-----------------------|--------|------------|-----------|----------------|---------------|
| | Total | Provisional | High Court | County Court | Total | Provisional | County Court | Court of Jurisdiction | Total | 31st March | 30th June | 30th September | 31st December |
| 1927-30 | 14,028 | 403 | 278 | 981 | 12,642 | 14,028 | 2,986 | 5,242 | 6,011 | 5,186 | 6,411 | 6,372 | 6,411 |
| 1931-35 | 22,708 | 349 | 2,611 | 2,611 | 21,000 | 21,544 | 7,113 | 9,408 | 7,937 | 8,090 | 8,090 | 8,090 | 8,090 |
| 1936-40 | 68,133 | 884 | 4,970 | 19,226 | 64,028 | 64,178 | 20,532 | 22,121 | 22,029 | 23,444 | 23,444 | 23,444 | 23,444 |
| 1941-45 | 68,133 | 884 | 4,970 | 19,226 | 64,028 | 64,178 | 20,532 | 22,121 | 22,029 | 23,444 | 23,444 | 23,444 | 23,444 |
| 1946-50 | 68,133 | 884 | 4,970 | 19,226 | 64,028 | 64,178 | 20,532 | 22,121 | 22,029 | 23,444 | 23,444 | 23,444 | 23,444 |
| 1951-55 | 68,133 | 884 | 4,970 | 19,226 | 64,028 | 64,178 | 20,532 | 22,121 | 22,029 | 23,444 | 23,444 | 23,444 | 23,444 |
| 1956-60 | 68,133 | 884 | 4,970 | 19,226 | 64,028 | 64,178 | 20,532 | 22,121 | 22,029 | 23,444 | 23,444 | 23,444 | 23,444 |
| 1961-65 | 68,133 | 884 | 4,970 | 19,226 | 64,028 | 64,178 | 20,532 | 22,121 | 22,029 | 23,444 | 23,444 | 23,444 | 23,444 |
| 1966-70 | 68,133 | 884 | 4,970 | 19,226 | 64,028 | 64,178 | 20,532 | 22,121 | 22,029 | 23,444 | 23,444 | 23,444 | 23,444 |
| 1971-75 | 68,133 | 884 | 4,970 | 19,226 | 64,028 | 64,178 | 20,532 | 22,121 | 22,029 | 23,444 | 23,444 | 23,444 | 23,444 |
| 1976-80 | 68,133 | 884 | 4,970 | 19,226 | 64,028 | 64,178 | 20,532 | 22,121 | 22,029 | 23,444 | 23,444 | 23,444 | 23,444 |
| 1981-85 | 68,133 | 884 | 4,970 | 19,226 | 64,028 | 64,178 | 20,532 | 22,121 | 22,029 | 23,444 | 23,444 | 23,444 | 23,444 |
| 1986-90 | 68,133 | 884 | 4,970 | 19,226 | 64,028 | 64,178 | 20,532 | 22,121 | 22,029 | 23,444 | 23,444 | 23,444 | 23,444 |
| 1991-93 | 68,133 | 884 | 4,970 | 19,226 | 64,028 | 64,178 | 20,532 | 22,121 | 22,029 | 23,444 | 23,444 | 23,444 | 23,444 |

Provisional adoption orders, which were introduced on 1st April 1985 (see Adoption Act, 1985, section 53) are included in the total. These orders have the effect of making the number of adoption orders recorded in the High Court does not issue a separate order for each child. The number of adopted children usually exceeds the number of adoption orders because the High Court does not issue a separate order for each child. Orders are adopted where more than one child is the same sex.

TABLE 75. Children adopted under Orders registered in 1993, by legitimacy, sex and age

| Age at adoption, sex | All children | Legitimate children | | | | | | Illegitimate children | | | | | |
|----------------------|--------------|---------------------|----------------|-------------------|--------------|---------------------|--------------|-----------------------|----------------|-------------------|--------------|---------------------|--------------|
| | | Total | Joint adopters | Sole male adopter | Not a parent | Sole female adopter | Not a parent | Total | Joint adopters | Sole male adopter | Not a parent | Sole female adopter | Not a parent |
| All ages | 17,783 | 1,889 | 1,438 | 3 | 13 | 4 | 15,296 | 3,429 | 11,246 | 12 | 4 | 103 | 70 |
| Under 6 months | 3,021 | 2 | 2 | - | - | 2 | 1,827 | 31 | 1,822 | 1 | - | 8 | 2 |
| 6-9 | 3,426 | 183 | 151 | - | - | 2,313 | 20 | 2,281 | - | - | 4 | 4 | |
| 10-14 | 881 | 51 | 49 | - | - | 840 | 21 | 811 | 2 | - | 2 | 1 | |
| 15-17 | 487 | 47 | 46 | - | - | 440 | 46 | 398 | 1 | - | 1 | 1 | |
| 18-21 | 317 | 44 | 44 | - | - | 267 | 49 | 174 | - | - | 1 | 1 | |
| 2 years | 448 | 88 | 88 | - | - | 351 | 157 | 203 | 1 | - | 3 | 2 | |
| 3-4 | 427 | 115 | 115 | - | - | 309 | 142 | 167 | 1 | - | 3 | 2 | |
| 5-9 | 673 | 202 | 202 | - | - | 448 | 229 | 142 | 1 | - | 10 | 7 | |
| 10-14 | 1,023 | 328 | 328 | - | - | 681 | 342 | 182 | 2 | - | 6 | 4 | |
| 15-20 | 352 | 103 | 103 | - | - | 249 | 124 | 63 | 1 | - | 5 | 4 | |

TABLE U. Parliamentary electors on the February 1993 Register, with numbers of votes cast at by-elections held thereon (shown in footnotes)

England and Wales, county and borough constituencies

| Constituency | Average (and standard error) | Electors at qualifying date | | | | | Persons returning full age after 10th October 1992 | | | | |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------|----------------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| | | Total | Ordinary franchise qualification | Service franchise qualification | Total | Ordinary franchise qualification | Service franchise qualification | | | | |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | | | | |
| Parliamentary constituency | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | | | | |
| 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | | | | |
| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | | | | |
| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | | | | |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | | | | |
| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | | | | |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | | | | |
| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | | | | |
| 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | | | | |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | | | | |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | | | | |
| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | | | | |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | | | | |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | | | | |
| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | | | | |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | | | | |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | | | | |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | | | | |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | | | | |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | | | | |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | | | | |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | | | | |
| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | | | | |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | | | |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 | | | | |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | | | | |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | | | | |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | | | | |
| 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | | | | |
| 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | | | | |
| 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | | | | |
| 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | | | | |
| 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 | | | | |
| 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 | 41 | | | | |
| 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 | 41 | 42 | | | | |
| 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 | 41 | 42 | 43 | | | | |
| 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 | 41 | 42 | 43 | 44 | | | | |
| 38 | 39 | 40 | 41 | 42 | 43 | 44 | 45 | | | | |
| 39 | 40 | 41 | 42 | 43 | 44 | 45 | 46 | | | | |
| 40 | 41 | 42 | 43 | 44 | 45 | 46 | 47 | | | | |
| 41 | 42 | 43 | 44 | 45 | 46 | 47 | 48 | | | | |
| 42 | 43 | 44 | 45 | 46 | 47 | 48 | 49 | | | | |
| 43 | 44 | 45 | 46 | 47 | 48 | 49 | 50 | | | | |
| 44 | 45 | 46 | 47 | 48 | 49 | 50 | 51 | | | | |
| 45 | 46 | 47 | 48 | 49 | 50 | 51 | 52 | | | | |
| 46 | 47 | 48 | 49 | 50 | 51 | 52 | 53 | | | | |
| 47 | 48 | 49 | 50 | 51 | 52 | 53 | 54 | | | | |
| 48 | 49 | 50 | 51 | 52 | 53 | 54 | 55 | | | | |
| 49 | 50 | 51 | 52 | 53 | 54 | 55 | 56 | | | | |
| 50 | 51 | 52 | 53 | 54 | 55 | 56 | 57 | | | | |
| 51 | 52 | 53 | 54 | 55 | 56 | 57 | 58 | | | | |
| 52 | 53 | 54 | 55 | 56 | 57 | 58 | 59 | | | | |
| 53 | 54 | 55 | 56 | 57 | 58 | 59 | 60 | | | | |
| 54 | 55 | 56 | 57 | 58 | 59 | 60 | 61 | | | | |
| 55 | 56 | 57 | 58 | 59 | 60 | 61 | 62 | | | | |
| 56 | 57 | 58 | 59 | 60 | 61 | 62 | 63 | | | | |
| 57 | 58 | 59 | 60 | 61 | 62 | 63 | 64 | | | | |
| 58 | 59 | 60 | 61 | 62 | 63 | 64 | 65 | | | | |
| 59 | 60 | 61 | 62 | 63 | 64 | 65 | 66 | | | | |
| 60 | 61 | 62 | 63 | 64 | 65 | 66 | 67 | | | | |
| 61 | 62 | 63 | 64 | 65 | 66 | 67 | 68 | | | | |
| 62 | 63 | 64 | 65 | 66 | 67 | 68 | 69 | | | | |
| 63 | 64 | 65 | 66 | 67 | 68 | 69 | 70 | | | | |
| 64 | 65 | 66 | 67 | 68 | 69 | 70 | 71 | | | | |
| 65 | 66 | 67 | 68 | 69 | 70 | 71 | 72 | | | | |
| 66 | 67 | 68 | 69 | 70 | 71 | 72 | 73 | | | | |
| 67 | 68 | 69 | 70 | 71 | 72 | 73 | 74 | | | | |
| 68 | 69 | 70 | 71 | 72 | 73 | 74 | 75 | | | | |
| 69 | 70 | 71 | 72 | 73 | 74 | 75 | 76 | | | | |
| 70 | 71 | 72 | 73 | 74 | 75 | 76 | 77 | | | | |
| 71 | 72 | 73 | 74 | 75 | 76 | 77 | 78 | | | | |
| 72 | 73 | 74 | 75 | 76 | 77 | 78 | 79 | | | | |
| 73 | 74 | 75 | 76 | 77 | 78 | 79 | 80 | | | | |
| 74 | 75 | 76 | 77 | 78 | 79 | 80 | 81 | | | | |
| 75 | 76 | 77 | 78 | 79 | 80 | 81 | 82 | | | | |
| 76 | 77 | 78 | 79 | 80 | 81 | 82 | 83 | | | | |
| 77 | 78 | 79 | 80 | 81 | 82 | 83 | 84 | | | | |
| 78 | 79 | 80 | 81 | 82 | 83 | 84 | 85 | | | | |
| 79 | 80 | 81 | 82 | 83 | 84 | 85 | 86 | | | | |
| 80 | 81 | 82 | 83 | 84 | 85 | 86 | 87 | | | | |
| 81 | 82 | 83 | 84 | 85 | 86 | 87 | 88 | | | | |
| 82 | 83 | 84 | 85 | 86 | 87 | 88 | 89 | | | | |
| 83 | 84 | 85 | 86 | 87 | 88 | 89 | 90 | | | | |
| 84 | 85 | 86 | 87 | 88 | 89 | 90 | 91 | | | | |
| 85 | 86 | 87 | 88 | 89 | 90 | 91 | 92 | | | | |
| 86 | 87 | 88 | 89 | 90 | 91 | 92 | 93 | | | | |
| 87 | 88 | 89 | 90 | 91 | 92 | 93 | 94 | | | | |
| 88 | 89 | 90 | 91 | 92 | 93 | 94 | 95 | | | | |
| 89 | 90 | 91 | 92 | 93 | 94 | 95 | 96 | | | | |
| 90 | 91 | 92 | 93 | 94 | 95 | 96 | 97 | | | | |
| 91 | 92 | 93 | 94 | 95 | 96 | 97 | 98 | | | | |
| 92 | 93 | 94 | 95 | 96 | 97 | 98 | 99 | | | | |
| 93 | 94 | 95 | 96 | 97 | 98 | 99 | 100 | | | | |

TABLE 14. Registration of Adoption Orders, 1927-1964

England and Wales

| Year | Number of Adoption Orders made which are of the following kind: | | | | Total | Number of children registered: | | | |
|---------|---|--------------|-------------|---------|--------|--------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| | High Court | County Court | Provisional | Total | | Male | Female | Both | Female |
| 1927-30 | 14,092 | 403 | 964 | 15,459 | 14,024 | 2,796 | 2,127 | 5,013 | 5,772 |
| 1931-35 | 22,708 | 276 | 3,512 | 31,000 | 22,732 | 5,212 | 6,311 | 5,139 | 6,331 |
| 1936-40 | 51,521 | 349 | 2,511 | 54,381 | 7,113 | 4,424 | 7,327 | 8,292 | 6,321 |
| 1941-45 | 58,732 | 468 | 7,218 | 59,590 | 12,409 | 14,201 | 15,921 | 14,136 | 14,136 |
| 1946-50 | 98,113 | 970 | 12,235 | 111,318 | 40,232 | 22,154 | 22,078 | 23,494 | 23,494 |
| 1951-56 | 68,743 | 382 | 11,654 | 80,779 | 16,692 | 16,423 | 15,918 | 17,400 | 17,400 |
| 1957 | 13,184 | 44 | 5,118 | 18,346 | 1,421 | 1,000 | 2,027 | 2,027 | 2,027 |
| 1958 | 13,025 | 44 | 5,253 | 18,322 | 1,421 | 1,000 | 2,027 | 2,027 | 2,027 |
| 1959 | 14,125 | 11 | 5,859 | 20,005 | 1,421 | 1,000 | 2,027 | 2,027 | 2,027 |
| 1960 | 15,078 | 207 | 7,482 | 22,767 | 1,421 | 1,000 | 2,027 | 2,027 | 2,027 |
| 1961 | 15,987 | 249 | 8,472 | 24,708 | 1,421 | 1,000 | 2,027 | 2,027 | 2,027 |
| 1962 | 16,884 | 202 | 10,413 | 27,499 | 1,421 | 1,000 | 2,027 | 2,027 | 2,027 |
| 1963 | 17,442 | 222 | 12,188 | 29,852 | 1,421 | 1,000 | 2,027 | 2,027 | 2,027 |
| 1964 | 20,442 | 22 | 14,413 | 34,877 | 1,421 | 1,000 | 2,027 | 2,027 | 2,027 |

England and Wales, county and borough constituencies

TABLE 15. Children adopted under Orders registered in 1964, by legitimacy, sex and age

England and Wales

Provisional Adoption Orders, which were introduced on 1st April 1959 (see Adoption Act, 1958, section 31) are included in the total. These orders confer authority on a person not usually qualified in Great Britain to issue a valid order for the adoption of a child, where the child is under 18 years of age, and the order is made in a High Court or County Court.

| Age at adoption, and sex | All children | Legitimate children | | | | | | | | Illegitimate children | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|--------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------|--|--|
| | | Joint adoptive | | | | Sole male adopter | | | | Joint adoptive | | | | Sole female adopter | | | |
| | | Both or parent | Neither parent | Both or parent | Neither parent | Both or parent | Neither parent | Both or parent | Neither parent | Both or parent | Neither parent | Both or parent | Neither parent | Both or parent | Neither parent | | |
| All ages | 20,442 | 2,881 | 1,686 | 1 | 3 | 18,486 | 1,911 | 13,428 | 2 | 11 | 16,473 | 1,421 | 1,000 | 2,027 | | | |
| Under 5 months | 2,427 | 78 | 78 | 1 | 2,326 | 16 | 2,128 | 2 | 6 | 2,326 | 1,421 | 1,000 | 2,027 | | | | |
| 8-6 | 2,788 | 140 | 137 | 1 | 2,508 | 34 | 2,124 | 1 | 1 | 2,508 | 1,421 | 1,000 | 2,027 | | | | |
| 9-11 | 748 | 62 | 52 | 1 | 687 | 27 | 628 | 1 | 2 | 687 | 1,421 | 1,000 | 2,027 | | | | |
| 12-17 | 288 | 72 | 72 | 1 | 215 | 71 | 427 | 1 | 4 | 215 | 1,421 | 1,000 | 2,027 | | | | |
| 18-23 | 340 | 72 | 54 | 1 | 277 | 79 | 156 | 1 | 3 | 277 | 1,421 | 1,000 | 2,027 | | | | |
| 2 years | 632 | 48 | 42 | 1 | 583 | 135 | 214 | 1 | 1 | 583 | 1,421 | 1,000 | 2,027 | | | | |
| 3-4 | 889 | 106 | 82 | 1 | 782 | 188 | 212 | 1 | 4 | 782 | 1,421 | 1,000 | 2,027 | | | | |
| 5-8 | 1,182 | 126 | 94 | 1 | 1,055 | 215 | 215 | 1 | 4 | 1,055 | 1,421 | 1,000 | 2,027 | | | | |
| 9-11 | 1,182 | 102 | 101 | 1 | 1,079 | 378 | 142 | 1 | 4 | 1,079 | 1,421 | 1,000 | 2,027 | | | | |
| 12-14 | 448 | 489 | 136 | 1 | 312 | 346 | 142 | 1 | 3 | 312 | 1,421 | 1,000 | 2,027 | | | | |
| 15-20 | 287 | 282 | 48 | 2 | 239 | 181 | 40 | 1 | 2 | 239 | 1,421 | 1,000 | 2,027 | | | | |
| 21-25 | 287 | 159 | 51 | 1 | 137 | 157 | 48 | 1 | 3 | 137 | 1,421 | 1,000 | 2,027 | | | | |
| 26-30 | 287 | 159 | 44 | 1 | 137 | 157 | 48 | 1 | 3 | 137 | 1,421 | 1,000 | 2,027 | | | | |
| 31-35 | 287 | 159 | 44 | 1 | 137 | 157 | 48 | 1 | 3 | 137 | 1,421 | 1,000 | 2,027 | | | | |
| 36-40 | 287 | 159 | 44 | 1 | 137 | 157 | 48 | 1 | 3 | 137 | 1,421 | 1,000 | 2,027 | | | | |
| 41-45 | 287 | 159 | 44 | 1 | 137 | 157 | 48 | 1 | 3 | 137 | 1,421 | 1,000 | 2,027 | | | | |
| 46-50 | 287 | 159 | 44 | 1 | 137 | 157 | 48 | 1 | 3 | 137 | 1,421 | 1,000 | 2,027 | | | | |
| 51-55 | 287 | 159 | 44 | 1 | 137 | 157 | 48 | 1 | 3 | 137 | 1,421 | 1,000 | 2,027 | | | | |
| 56-60 | 287 | 159 | 44 | 1 | 137 | 157 | 48 | 1 | 3 | 137 | 1,421 | 1,000 | 2,027 | | | | |
| 61-65 | 287 | 159 | 44 | 1 | 137 | 157 | 48 | 1 | 3 | 137 | 1,421 | 1,000 | 2,027 | | | | |
| 66-70 | 287 | 159 | 44 | 1 | 137 | 157 | 48 | 1 | 3 | 137 | 1,421 | 1,000 | 2,027 | | | | |
| 71-75 | 287 | 159 | 44 | 1 | 137 | 157 | 48 | 1 | 3 | 137 | 1,421 | 1,000 | 2,027 | | | | |
| 76-80 | 287 | 159 | 44 | 1 | 137 | 157 | 48 | 1 | 3 | 137 | 1,421 | 1,000 | 2,027 | | | | |
| 81-85 | 287 | 159 | 44 | 1 | 137 | 157 | 48 | 1 | 3 | 137 | 1,421 | 1,000 | 2,027 | | | | |
| 86-90 | 287 | 159 | 44 | 1 | 137 | 157 | 48 | 1 | 3 | 137 | 1,421 | 1,000 | 2,027 | | | | |
| 91-95 | 287 | 159 | 44 | 1 | 137 | 157 | 48 | 1 | 3 | 137 | 1,421 | 1,000 | 2,027 | | | | |
| 96-100 | 287 | 159 | 44 | 1 | 137 | 157 | 48 | 1 | 3 | 137 | 1,421 | 1,000 | 2,027 | | | | |

TABLE 16. Parliamentary constituencies in the counties of England and Wales, 1964 Register, with numbers of votes cast at by-elections held thereon (shown in footnotes)

England and Wales, county and borough constituencies

| Constituency | Area (Land and water) | Electorate at qualifying date 10th October 1963 | | | | | Total | Ordinary residence qualification | Service voters qualification | Total | Ordinary residence qualification 1964 | Service voters qualification |
|-----------------|-----------------------|---|---------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | | | | | | |
| WINDSOR | 297,042 | 189,863 | 197,407 | 1,788,979 | 1,880,262 | 1,515,828 | 1,204 | 1,204 | 1,986 | 1,986 | 1,986 | |
| WINDSOR (cont.) | 72,413 | 58,294 | 67,763 | 677,440 | 677,440 | 677,440 | 677,440 | 677,440 | 677,440 | 677,440 | 677,440 | |
| WINDSOR (cont.) | 158,185 | 129,569 | 122,104 | 1,101,539 | 1,101,539 | 1,101,539 | 1,101,539 | 1,101,539 | 1,101,539 | 1,101,539 | 1,101,539 | |
| WINDSOR (cont.) | 55,446 | 42,960 | 40,655 | 375,861 | 375,861 | 375,861 | 375,861 | 375,861 | 375,861 | 375,861 | 375,861 | |
| WINDSOR (cont.) | 5,900 | 5,731 | 5,910 | 5,910 | 5,910 | 5,910 | 5,910 | 5,910 | 5,910 | 5,910 | 5,910 | |
| WINDSOR (cont.) | 437,010 | 384,066 | 384,066 | 3,840,660 | 3,840,660 | 3,840,660 | 3,840,660 | 3,840,660 | 3,840,660 | 3,840,660 | 3,840,660 | |
| WINDSOR (cont.) | 139,172 | 69,440 | 69,440 | 69,440 | 69,440 | 69,440 | 69,440 | 69,440 | 69,440 | 69,440 | 69,440 | |
| WINDSOR (cont.) | 144,087 | 69,440 | 69,440 | 69,440 | 69,440 | 69,440 | 69,440 | 69,440 | 69,440 | 69,440 | 69,440 | |
| WINDSOR (cont.) | 71,585 | 81,711 | 81,711 | 81,711 | 81,711 | 81,711 | 81,711 | 81,711 | 81,711 | 81,711 | 81,711 | |
| WINDSOR (cont.) | 5,800 | 58,733 | 58,733 | 58,733 | 58,733 | 58,733 | 58,733 | 58,733 | 58,733 | 58,733 | 58,733 | |
| WINDSOR (cont.) | 472,216 | 276,375 | 276,375 | 2,763,750 | 2,763,750 | 2,763,750 | 2,763,750 | 2,763,750 | 2,763,750 | 2,763,750 | 2,763,750 | |
| WINDSOR (cont.) | 119,213 | 52,679 | 52,679 | 52,679 | 52,679 | 52,679 | 52,679 | 52,679 | 52,679 | 52,679 | 52,679 | |
| WINDSOR (cont.) | 208,752 | 97,175 | 97,175 | 97,175 | 97,175 | 97,175 | 97,175 | 97,175 | 97,175 | 97,175 | 97,175 | |
| WINDSOR (cont.) | 94,287 | 79,190 | 79,190 | 79,190 | 79,190 | 79,190 | 79,190 | 79,190 | 79,190 | 79,190 | 79,190 | |
| WINDSOR (cont.) | 7,185 | 58,173 | 58,173 | 58,173 | 58,173 | 58,173 | 58,173 | 58,173 | 58,173 | 58,173 | 58,173 | |
| WINDSOR (cont.) | 309,108 | 84,314 | 84,314 | 84,314 | 84,314 | 84,314 | 84,314 | 84,314 | 84,314 | 84,314 | 84,314 | |
| WINDSOR (cont.) | 10,080 | 59,371 | 59,371 | 59,371 | 59,371 | 59,371 | 59,371 | 59,371 | 59,371 | 59,371 | 59,371 | |
| WINDSOR (cont.) | 607,214 | 393,072 | 393,072 | 3,930,720 | 3,930,720 | 3,930,720 | 3,930,720 | 3,930,720 | 3,930,720 | 3,930,720 | 3,930,720 | |
| WINDSOR (cont.) | 22,709 | 88,971 | 88,971 | 88,971 | 88,971 | 88,971 | 88,971 | 88,971 | 88,971 | 88,971 | 88,971 | |
| WINDSOR (cont.) | 48,489 | 59,046 | 59,046 | 59,046 | 59,046 | 59,046 | 59,046 | 59,046 | 59,046 | 59,046 | 59,046 | |
| WINDSOR (cont.) | 19,486 | 51,646 | 51,646 | 51,646 | 51,646 | 51,646 | 51,646 | 51,646 | 51,646 | 51,646 | 51,646 | |
| WINDSOR (cont.) | 98,429 | 88,429 | 88,429 | 88,429 | 88,429 | 88,429 | 88,429 | 88,429 | 88,429 | 88,429 | 88,429 | |
| WINDSOR (cont.) | 149,857 | 44,979 | 44,979 | 44,979 | 44,979 | 44,979 | 44,979 | 44,979 | 44,979 | 44,979 | 44,979 | |
| WINDSOR (cont.) | 74,589 | 43,466 | 43,466 | 43,466 | 43,466 | 43,466 | 43,466 | 43,466 | 43,466 | 43,466 | 43,466 | |
| WINDSOR (cont.) | 607,214 | 393,072 | 393,072 | 3,930,720 | 3,930,720 | 3,930,720 | 3,930,720 | 3,930,720 | 3,930,720 | 3,930,720 | 3,930,720 | |
| WINDSOR (cont.) | 22,709 | 88,971 | 88,971 | 88,971 | 88,971 | 88,971 | 88,971 | 88,971 | 88,971 | 88,971 | 88,971 | |
| WINDSOR (cont.) | 48,489 | 59,046 | 59,046 | 59,046 | 59,046 | 59,046 | 59,046 | 59,046 | 59,046 | 59,046 | 59,046 | |
| WINDSOR (cont.) | 19,486 | 51,646 | 51,646 | 51,646 | 51,646 | 51,646 | 51,646 | 51,646 | 51,646 | 51,646 | 51,646 | |
| WINDSOR (cont.) | 98,429 | 88,429 | 88,429 | 88,429 | 88,429 | 88,429 | 88,429 | 88,429 | 88,429 | 88,429 | 88,429 | |
| WINDSOR (cont.) | 149,857 | 44,979 | 44,979 | 44,979 | 44,979 | 44,979 | 44,979 | 44,979 | 44,979 | 44,979 | 44,979 | |
| WINDSOR (cont.) | 74,589 | 43,466 | 43,466 | 43,466 | 43,466 | 43,466 | 43,466 | 43,466 | 43,466 | 43,466 | 43,466 | |

TABLE 14. Registration of Adoption Orders, 1927 to 1966

The Adoption Act, 1950, Section 20.

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| Year | Number of Adoption Orders made within | | | | Corresponding number of children ¹ in care | | | |
|---------|---------------------------------------|-------------|---------------|------------------|---|--------|--------|------------|
| | Total | Provisional | County Courts | County of London | Total | Male | Female | Percentage |
| 1927-30 | 14,028 | 403 | 961 | 12,662 | 14,098 | 2,795 | 5,817 | 5,972 |
| 1931-35 | 22,708 | 278 | 1,432 | 21,000 | 22,732 | 5,212 | 6,011 | 6,311 |
| 1936-40 | 31,321 | 348 | 2,511 | 28,062 | 31,544 | 7,113 | 6,604 | 6,957 |
| 1941-45 | 38,132 | 288 | 7,918 | 50,550 | 58,519 | 12,408 | 14,281 | 15,291 |
| 1946-50 | 46,123 | 810 | 19,225 | 68,020 | 68,118 | 20,582 | 22,124 | 22,028 |
| 1951-55 | 66,743 | 132 | 21,654 | 44,897 | 66,785 | 16,424 | 15,048 | 17,800 |
| 1956 | 15,186 | 44 | 5,116 | 6,028 | 13,251 | 3,451 | 1,200 | 1,135 |
| 1957 | 13,401 | 44 | 5,683 | 7,664 | 11,405 | 3,351 | 1,280 | 1,482 |
| 1958 | 14,528 | 44 | 6,522 | 7,951 | 12,504 | 3,432 | 1,210 | 1,452 |
| 1959 | 14,528 | 44 | 6,522 | 7,951 | 12,504 | 3,432 | 1,210 | 1,452 |
| 1960 | 15,089 | 42 | 6,802 | 8,137 | 13,099 | 3,600 | 1,295 | 1,420 |
| 1961 | 15,997 | 55 | 7,019 | 8,224 | 14,000 | 3,702 | 1,301 | 1,501 |
| 1962 | 16,994 | 349 | 7,482 | 8,512 | 14,994 | 4,046 | 1,747 | 1,998 |
| 1963 | 17,994 | 280 | 7,948 | 8,912 | 15,994 | 4,342 | 1,998 | 2,344 |
| 1964 | 18,994 | 229 | 8,412 | 9,312 | 16,994 | 4,638 | 2,198 | 2,436 |
| 1965 | 20,432 | 229 | 9,012 | 9,712 | 17,994 | 4,934 | 2,398 | 2,680 |
| 1966 | 21,033 | 221 | 9,512 | 10,012 | 18,994 | 5,230 | 2,598 | 2,880 |
| 1967 | 22,732 | 127 | 10,012 | 10,512 | 19,994 | 5,526 | 2,798 | 3,080 |

¹ Provisional Adoption Orders, which were introduced on 1st April 1959, (see Adoption Act, 1959, section 33) are included in the total. These Orders confer authority on a person not domiciled in Great Britain to register an adoption order in the High Court. The number of children usually exceed the number of Adoption Orders because the High Court does not issue a separate order for each child where an adopter adopts more than one child at the same time.

TABLE 15. Children adopted under Orders registered in 1965, by legitimacy, sex and age

England and Wales

| Age at adoption and sex | All children | Legitimacy of children | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|--------------|------------------------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---|----|----|
| | | Total | Male | Female | Parent | Parent | Parent | Parent | Parent | Parent | Parent | | | |
| All ages | 22,708 | 4,812 | 3,087 | 1,725 | 5 | 4 | 22 | 30 | 11,880 | 2,678 | 14,012 | 3 | 11 | 99 |
| Under 5 months | 2,423 | 2,423 | 1,008 | 833 | 2 | 2 | 11 | 17 | 8,148 | 1,401 | 7,244 | 2 | 6 | 21 |
| 6-9 " | 2,403 | 98 | 2 | 98 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 8,174 | 1,678 | 6,750 | 2 | 6 | 11 |
| 10-14 " | 2,015 | 140 | 6 | 134 | 6 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 2,004 | 20 | 2,073 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| 15-17 " | 3,778 | 140 | 6 | 134 | 6 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 2,023 | 50 | 2,158 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| 18-21 " | 887 | 98 | 6 | 92 | 6 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 2,023 | 50 | 2,158 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| 2 years | 802 | 98 | 6 | 92 | 6 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 2,023 | 50 | 2,158 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| 3 years | 600 | 108 | 13 | 95 | 13 | 13 | 2 | 2 | 2,023 | 50 | 2,158 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| 4-6 " | 600 | 108 | 13 | 95 | 13 | 13 | 2 | 2 | 2,023 | 50 | 2,158 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| 7-9 " | 378 | 78 | 27 | 51 | 27 | 27 | 2 | 2 | 2,023 | 50 | 2,158 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| 10-14 " | 278 | 181 | 41 | 140 | 41 | 41 | 2 | 2 | 2,023 | 50 | 2,158 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| 15-17 " | 278 | 181 | 41 | 140 | 41 | 41 | 2 | 2 | 2,023 | 50 | 2,158 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| 18-20 " | 278 | 181 | 41 | 140 | 41 | 41 | 2 | 2 | 2,023 | 50 | 2,158 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| 21-24 " | 278 | 181 | 41 | 140 | 41 | 41 | 2 | 2 | 2,023 | 50 | 2,158 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| 25-29 " | 278 | 181 | 41 | 140 | 41 | 41 | 2 | 2 | 2,023 | 50 | 2,158 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| 30-34 " | 278 | 181 | 41 | 140 | 41 | 41 | 2 | 2 | 2,023 | 50 | 2,158 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| 35-39 " | 278 | 181 | 41 | 140 | 41 | 41 | 2 | 2 | 2,023 | 50 | 2,158 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| 40-44 " | 278 | 181 | 41 | 140 | 41 | 41 | 2 | 2 | 2,023 | 50 | 2,158 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| 45-49 " | 278 | 181 | 41 | 140 | 41 | 41 | 2 | 2 | 2,023 | 50 | 2,158 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| 50-54 " | 278 | 181 | 41 | 140 | 41 | 41 | 2 | 2 | 2,023 | 50 | 2,158 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| 55-59 " | 278 | 181 | 41 | 140 | 41 | 41 | 2 | 2 | 2,023 | 50 | 2,158 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| 60-64 " | 278 | 181 | 41 | 140 | 41 | 41 | 2 | 2 | 2,023 | 50 | 2,158 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| 65-69 " | 278 | 181 | 41 | 140 | 41 | 41 | 2 | 2 | 2,023 | 50 | 2,158 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| 70-74 " | 278 | 181 | 41 | 140 | 41 | 41 | 2 | 2 | 2,023 | 50 | 2,158 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| 75-79 " | 278 | 181 | 41 | 140 | 41 | 41 | 2 | 2 | 2,023 | 50 | 2,158 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| 80-84 " | 278 | 181 | 41 | 140 | 41 | 41 | 2 | 2 | 2,023 | 50 | 2,158 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| 85-89 " | 278 | 181 | 41 | 140 | 41 | 41 | 2 | 2 | 2,023 | 50 | 2,158 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| 90-94 " | 278 | 181 | 41 | 140 | 41 | 41 | 2 | 2 | 2,023 | 50 | 2,158 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| 95-99 " | 278 | 181 | 41 | 140 | 41 | 41 | 2 | 2 | 2,023 | 50 | 2,158 | 2 | 2 | 2 |

TABLE T4. Registration of Adoption Orders, 1927 to 1927 England and Wales

| Year | Totally Provisional | High Court | | County Court | | County of Distribution | Total | Corresponding number of children* in adopted children register | | | |
|---------|---------------------|------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|------------------------|--------|--|-----------|----------------|---------------|
| | | Total | Provisional | Total | Provisional | | | 1928 March | 1928 June | 1928 September | 1928 December |
| 1927-30 | 14,024 | 403 | 981 | 12,662 | 14,024 | 13,482 | 2,944 | 5,617 | 3,119 | 3,872 | 6,212 |
| 1931-33 | 27,704 | 376 | 1,432 | 21,000 | 27,704 | 24,681 | 7,133 | 6,404 | 7,937 | 8,090 | 16,318 |
| 1934-40 | 31,351 | 288 | 2,311 | 28,681 | 31,351 | 29,550 | 12,409 | 14,081 | 15,191 | 16,318 | 32,684 |
| 1941-43 | 39,723 | 870 | 7,318 | 59,550 | 68,178 | 69,028 | 20,312 | 22,124 | 22,028 | 23,684 | 47,800 |
| 1944-50 | 69,173 | 298 | 21,624 | 64,987 | 68,193 | 64,987 | 19,428 | 18,428 | 18,440 | 17,800 | 34,248 |
| 1951-53 | 94,743 | 44 | 5,118 | 8,014 | 13,201 | 13,201 | 3,451 | 3,000 | 2,997 | 3,125 | 6,225 |
| 1954-56 | 13,201 | 44 | 7,804 | 7,804 | 13,201 | 13,201 | 3,451 | 3,190 | 3,020 | 3,482 | 6,672 |
| 1957-59 | 14,105 | 44 | 8,429 | 8,429 | 14,105 | 14,105 | 3,451 | 3,190 | 3,020 | 3,482 | 6,672 |
| 1960-62 | 15,099 | 71 | 7,802 | 7,802 | 15,099 | 15,099 | 3,451 | 3,190 | 3,020 | 3,482 | 6,672 |
| 1963-65 | 15,287 | 249 | 8,678 | 8,678 | 15,287 | 15,287 | 3,451 | 3,190 | 3,020 | 3,482 | 6,672 |
| 1966-68 | 17,046 | 249 | 9,218 | 9,218 | 17,046 | 17,046 | 3,451 | 3,190 | 3,020 | 3,482 | 6,672 |
| 1969-71 | 20,412 | 232 | 10,128 | 10,128 | 20,412 | 20,412 | 3,451 | 3,190 | 3,020 | 3,482 | 6,672 |
| 1972-74 | 21,053 | 171 | 13,489 | 13,489 | 21,053 | 21,053 | 3,451 | 3,190 | 3,020 | 3,482 | 6,672 |
| 1975-77 | 22,728 | 127 | 14,650 | 14,650 | 22,728 | 22,728 | 3,451 | 3,190 | 3,020 | 3,482 | 6,672 |
| 1978 | 22,902 | 115 | 14,811 | 14,811 | 22,902 | 22,902 | 3,451 | 3,190 | 3,020 | 3,482 | 6,672 |

* Provisional Adoption Orders, which were introduced in April 1928 (see Adoption Act, 1928, section 21) are included in the total. These Orders confer authority on a person not admitted to direct practice to issue a final order. The number of adopted children usually exceeds the number of Adoption Orders because the High Court does not issue a separate Order for each child every as another adopts some that was still at the same time.

TABLE T5. Children adopted under various regulations in 1927, by legitimacy, sex and age

| Age at date of adoption and sex | All children | Legitimate children | | | | | Illegitimate children | | | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| | | Total | One or both parents | Multiple parents | Sole male adopter | Sole female adopter | Total | One or both parents | Multiple parents | Sole male adopter | Sole female adopter |
| All ages | 21,402 | 4,488 | 3,090 | 1,328 | 2 | 5 | 18,712 | 2,488 | 14,184 | 12 | 14 |
| Under 8 months | 2,024 | 2,442 | 1,938 | 508 | 2 | 3 | 2,972 | 2,009 | 4,212 | 1 | 1 |
| 9-9 " | 3,488 | 68 | 2 | 84 | 1 | 1 | 3,788 | 59 | 3,437 | 1 | 1 |
| 9-11 " | 621 | 44 | 2 | 66 | 1 | 1 | 748 | 54 | 712 | 2 | 2 |
| 12-17 " | 602 | 74 | 10 | 63 | 1 | 1 | 528 | 112 | 426 | 1 | 1 |
| 18-20 " | 44 | 12 | 1 | 11 | 1 | 1 | 382 | 131 | 253 | 1 | 1 |
| 2 years | 658 | 108 | 48 | 59 | 2 | 2 | 548 | 270 | 278 | 1 | 1 |
| 3-4 " | 1,172 | 80 | 282 | 85 | 1 | 1 | 890 | 587 | 302 | 1 | 1 |
| 5-9 " | 1,087 | 348 | 284 | 97 | 1 | 1 | 838 | 587 | 252 | 1 | 1 |
| 10-14 " | 411 | 80 | 78 | 118 | 1 | 1 | 323 | 467 | 144 | 2 | 2 |
| 15-20 " | 218 | 130 | 89 | 42 | 1 | 1 | 200 | 179 | 43 | 1 | 1 |
| | 208 | 124 | 91 | 28 | 1 | 1 | 198 | 158 | 40 | 1 | 1 |

TABLE 12. Types of certificate issued at the General Register Office, 1947 to 1968

| Year | Birth | | Adoption | | Mortgage and miscellaneous | Death |
|------|---------|--------------------|----------|--------------------|----------------------------|--------|
| | Total | Short certificates | Total | Short certificates | | |
| 1947 | 212,080 | 1,080* | 19,750 | 1,150* | 47,384 | 24,506 |
| 1948 | 229,295 | 62,682 | 45,443 | 32,231 | 37,510 | 21,202 |
| 1949 | 258,187 | 58,187 | 35,054 | 20,270 | 37,922 | 24,127 |
| 1950 | 186,842 | 35,207 | 23,958 | 18,824 | 37,942 | 24,127 |
| 1951 | 221,432 | 67,497 | 35,769 | 15,669 | 40,397 | 24,799 |
| 1952 | 205,936 | 73,505 | 24,606 | 14,068 | 38,670 | 23,972 |
| 1953 | 203,530 | 64,005 | 23,485 | 14,048 | 36,980 | 23,424 |
| 1954 | 201,950 | 59,462 | 22,469 | 15,458 | 37,034 | 22,478 |
| 1955 | 201,950 | 59,462 | 22,469 | 15,458 | 37,034 | 22,478 |
| 1956 | 204,522 | 59,097 | 27,489 | 17,244 | 39,689 | 23,940 |
| 1957 | 221,046 | 60,745 | 30,288 | 18,151 | 42,904 | 23,285 |
| 1958 | 224,259 | 62,459 | 32,148 | 17,847 | 43,977 | 24,161 |
| 1959 | 204,185 | 59,201 | 28,515 | 16,552 | 42,151 | 22,552 |
| 1960 | 202,515 | 58,292 | 27,771 | 15,771 | 41,151 | 22,579 |
| 1961 | 207,628 | 58,729 | 27,556 | 15,556 | 40,075 | 22,546 |
| 1962 | 187,554 | 57,821 | 25,782 | 14,521 | 38,250 | 22,050 |
| 1963 | 185,851 | 57,021 | 25,021 | 14,021 | 37,421 | 21,521 |
| 1964 | 198,870 | 57,134 | 26,509 | 14,459 | 38,134 | 22,029 |
| 1965 | 210,857 | 57,954 | 27,354 | 14,854 | 39,155 | 22,524 |
| 1966 | 220,720 | 57,982 | 28,922 | 15,222 | 40,155 | 23,022 |
| 1967 | 213,577 | 57,982 | 29,504 | 15,504 | 40,155 | 23,022 |
| 1968 | 213,543 | 57,982 | 29,504 | 15,504 | 40,155 | 23,022 |

* Short certificates were first issued on 1st December 1947.
* Separate figures not available.

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TABLE 13. Re-registration of births of legitimated persons, 1927 to 1968

| Year | Quarter ending | | | | Total | Quarter ending | | | |
|------|----------------|-----------|----------------|---------------|-------|----------------|-----------|----------------|---------------|
| | 31st March | 30th June | 30th September | 31st December | | 31st March | 30th June | 30th September | 31st December |
| 1927 | 5,485 | 1,265 | 1,381 | 1,593 | 2,586 | 578 | 714 | 645 | 831 |
| 1928 | 4,683 | 1,401 | 1,170 | 1,070 | 2,586 | 625 | 750 | 625 | 825 |
| 1929 | 4,085 | 1,075 | 1,001 | 853 | 2,389 | 577 | 607 | 585 | 602 |
| 1930 | 3,988 | 958 | 1,008 | 968 | 2,358 | 619 | 689 | 632 | 658 |
| 1931 | 3,511 | 881 | 909 | 797 | 2,185 | 703 | 703 | 719 | 563 |
| 1932 | 3,144 | 854 | 762 | 702 | 1,956 | 630 | 733 | 617 | 581 |
| 1933 | 2,702 | 722 | 718 | 718 | 1,857 | 642 | 638 | 641 | 590 |
| 1934 | 2,502 | 722 | 724 | 718 | 1,858 | 642 | 638 | 641 | 542 |
| 1935 | 2,588 | 774 | 700 | 701 | 1,860 | 642 | 638 | 641 | 542 |
| 1936 | 2,998 | 742 | 643 | 643 | 1,860 | 642 | 638 | 641 | 542 |
| 1937 | 2,640 | 678 | 678 | 678 | 1,860 | 642 | 638 | 641 | 542 |
| 1938 | 2,549 | 683 | 683 | 683 | 1,860 | 642 | 638 | 641 | 542 |
| 1939 | 2,529 | 683 | 683 | 683 | 1,860 | 642 | 638 | 641 | 542 |
| 1940 | 2,454 | 1,184 | 1,302 | 1,146 | 2,586 | 719 | 719 | 719 | 719 |
| 1941 | 2,888 | 659 | 715 | 742 | 2,586 | 617 | 617 | 617 | 617 |
| 1942 | 2,886 | 715 | 650 | 742 | 2,586 | 617 | 617 | 617 | 617 |
| 1943 | 2,811 | 710 | 749 | 739 | 2,586 | 617 | 617 | 617 | 617 |
| 1944 | 2,970 | 698 | 790 | 711 | 2,586 | 617 | 617 | 617 | 617 |
| 1945 | 2,741 | 741 | 808 | 931 | 2,586 | 617 | 617 | 617 | 617 |
| 1946 | 2,682 | 941 | 1,053 | 859 | 2,586 | 617 | 617 | 617 | 617 |
| 1947 | 2,506 | 868 | 971 | 887 | 2,586 | 617 | 617 | 617 | 617 |
| 1948 | 2,506 | 868 | 971 | 887 | 2,586 | 617 | 617 | 617 | 617 |
| 1949 | 2,506 | 868 | 971 | 887 | 2,586 | 617 | 617 | 617 | 617 |
| 1950 | 2,506 | 868 | 971 | 887 | 2,586 | 617 | 617 | 617 | 617 |

The Legitimacy Act, 1955, which extended the provisions for legitimation, came into operation on the 29th October 1955.

TABLE 14. Registration of Adoption Orders, 1927 to 1968

| Year | Total | Number of Adoption Orders dealt with | | | | Total | Corresponding number of children, 1927-1968 | | | |
|---------|--------|--------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | | Provisional | Final court | County court | Provisional | | Total | 1927-1968 | 1927-1968 | 1927-1968 |
| 1927-30 | 15,094 | 405 | 216 | 381 | 12,062 | 14,074 | 2,006 | 1,617 | 3,110 | 3,110 |
| 1931-35 | 29,726 | 216 | 1,432 | 21,002 | 22,732 | 29,726 | 8,212 | 6,011 | 5,129 | 5,129 |
| 1936-40 | 51,971 | 343 | 7,511 | 23,661 | 31,516 | 51,971 | 11,313 | 9,404 | 1,257 | 1,257 |
| 1941-45 | 59,432 | 266 | 1,016 | 50,350 | 52,632 | 59,432 | 12,409 | 12,081 | 1,591 | 1,591 |
| 1946-50 | 98,133 | 630 | 10,205 | 88,228 | 99,170 | 98,133 | 22,324 | 22,028 | 1,591 | 1,591 |
| 1951-55 | 49,145 | 327 | 21,464 | 44,097 | 66,165 | 49,145 | 16,632 | 16,423 | 1,591 | 1,591 |
| 1956 | 15,126 | 44 | 5,115 | 9,232 | 13,501 | 15,126 | 4,621 | 3,000 | 2,597 | 2,597 |
| 1957 | 13,421 | 44 | 5,089 | 7,848 | 13,421 | 13,421 | 3,249 | 2,270 | 1,979 | 1,979 |
| 1958 | 13,505 | 44 | 5,089 | 7,848 | 13,505 | 13,505 | 3,249 | 2,270 | 1,979 | 1,979 |
| 1959 | 15,098 | 207 | 42 | 12,802 | 15,098 | 15,098 | 3,589 | 2,597 | 1,847 | 1,847 |
| 1960 | 15,098 | 207 | 42 | 12,802 | 15,098 | 15,098 | 3,589 | 2,597 | 1,847 | 1,847 |
| 1961 | 15,098 | 207 | 42 | 12,802 | 15,098 | 15,098 | 3,589 | 2,597 | 1,847 | 1,847 |
| 1962 | 15,098 | 207 | 42 | 12,802 | 15,098 | 15,098 | 3,589 | 2,597 | 1,847 | 1,847 |
| 1963 | 15,098 | 207 | 42 | 12,802 | 15,098 | 15,098 | 3,589 | 2,597 | 1,847 | 1,847 |
| 1964 | 15,098 | 207 | 42 | 12,802 | 15,098 | 15,098 | 3,589 | 2,597 | 1,847 | 1,847 |
| 1965 | 15,098 | 207 | 42 | 12,802 | 15,098 | 15,098 | 3,589 | 2,597 | 1,847 | 1,847 |
| 1966 | 15,098 | 207 | 42 | 12,802 | 15,098 | 15,098 | 3,589 | 2,597 | 1,847 | 1,847 |
| 1967 | 15,098 | 207 | 42 | 12,802 | 15,098 | 15,098 | 3,589 | 2,597 | 1,847 | 1,847 |
| 1968 | 15,098 | 207 | 42 | 12,802 | 15,098 | 15,098 | 3,589 | 2,597 | 1,847 | 1,847 |

* Provisional Adoption Orders, which were introduced on 1st April 1959 (see Adoption Act, 1958, section 23) are included in the total. These orders do not count as final court orders. The number of adopted children validly adopted exceeds the number of Adoption Orders because the High Court does not issue a separate Order for each child where an adoption order more than one child at the same time.

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TABLE 15. Children adopted under Orders registered in 1968, by legitimacy, sex and age

| Age at adoption and sex | All children | Legitimate children | | | | Illegitimate children | | | |
|-------------------------|--------------|---------------------|----------------|-------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|----------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| | | Total | Joint adopters | Sole male adopter | Sole female adopter | Total | Joint adopters | Sole male adopter | Sole female adopter |
| All ages | 54,611 | 2,781 | 4,024 | 1,190 | 2 | 12 | 10 | 21 | |
| Under 6 months | 13,424 | 12,175 | 2,710 | 2,004 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 18 | |
| 6-8 " | 1,732 | 41 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| 9-11 " | 3,775 | 779 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| 12-17 " | 580 | 54 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| 18-23 " | 418 | 48 | 18 | 49 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| 24 years and over | 753 | 128 | 53 | 70 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | |
| Total | 54,611 | 2,781 | 4,024 | 1,190 | 2 | 12 | 10 | 21 | |
| Male | 27,816 | 1,391 | 2,012 | 648 | 1 | 6 | 5 | 11 | |
| Female | 26,805 | 1,390 | 2,012 | 542 | 1 | 6 | 5 | 10 | |

Joint adopters include cases where both parents are registered as adopters. Sole male and sole female adopters include cases where only one parent is registered as adopter. The number of children adopted under Orders registered in 1968 does not include a separate Order for each child where an adoption order more than one child at the same time.

The Adoption Act, 1929, Section 20.

| Year | Number of Adoption Orders (all valid) | | | | Continuing number of children in care | | | | |
|---------|---------------------------------------|-------------|------------|--------------|---------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| | Total | Provisional | High Court | County Court | Total | Male | Female | Age | |
| 1927-30 | 14,026 | 403 | 981 | 12,642 | 14,934 | 2,298 | 3,617 | 1,319 | 3,979 |
| 1931-35 | 22,708 | 276 | 1,432 | 21,000 | 22,732 | 5,212 | 6,011 | 5,199 | 6,211 |
| 1936-40 | 51,521 | 549 | 2,511 | 48,461 | 49,404 | 7,113 | 7,937 | 6,202 | 6,202 |
| 1941-45 | 59,732 | 746 | 1,916 | 57,070 | 58,918 | 10,518 | 11,091 | 10,991 | 10,328 |
| 1946-50 | 69,233 | 970 | 18,252 | 50,011 | 68,179 | 10,532 | 10,124 | 12,020 | 13,484 |
| 1951-55 | 48,743 | 352 | 21,054 | 27,337 | 44,587 | 10,492 | 10,428 | 13,848 | 17,000 |
| 1956 | 15,166 | 144 | 3,110 | 11,912 | 12,481 | 2,481 | 3,005 | 2,495 | 3,212 |
| 1957 | 16,945 | 141 | 3,851 | 12,953 | 13,423 | 2,944 | 3,200 | 2,950 | 3,212 |
| 1958 | 13,505 | 53 | 3,859 | 9,593 | 10,024 | 2,210 | 2,524 | 2,054 | 2,211 |
| 1959 | 13,202 | 55 | 3,859 | 9,288 | 9,782 | 2,182 | 2,400 | 1,988 | 2,182 |
| 1960 | 15,299 | 71 | 3,859 | 11,369 | 11,858 | 2,600 | 3,059 | 2,459 | 2,600 |
| 1961 | 15,997 | 249 | 3,859 | 11,889 | 12,378 | 2,748 | 3,291 | 2,748 | 3,291 |
| 1962 | 17,785 | 280 | 3,859 | 13,646 | 14,135 | 3,147 | 3,690 | 3,147 | 3,690 |
| 1963 | 17,242 | 198 | 3,859 | 13,185 | 13,674 | 3,147 | 3,690 | 3,147 | 3,690 |
| 1964 | 21,212 | 171 | 3,859 | 17,182 | 17,671 | 3,685 | 4,128 | 3,685 | 4,128 |
| 1965 | 23,402 | 157 | 3,859 | 20,386 | 20,875 | 4,128 | 4,571 | 4,128 | 4,571 |
| 1966 | 24,912 | 132 | 3,859 | 20,921 | 21,410 | 4,571 | 5,014 | 4,571 | 5,014 |
| 1967 | 24,912 | 132 | 3,859 | 20,921 | 21,410 | 4,571 | 5,014 | 4,571 | 5,014 |
| 1968 | 24,912 | 132 | 3,859 | 20,921 | 21,410 | 4,571 | 5,014 | 4,571 | 5,014 |
| 1969 | 23,708 | 173 | 3,859 | 20,676 | 21,165 | 4,571 | 5,014 | 4,571 | 5,014 |

* Provisional Adoption Orders, which were introduced on 1st April 1959 (see Adoption Act, 1958, Section 51) are included in the total. These are included in the number of children in care. The number of children in care is the number of children in care at the end of the year. The number of children in care is the number of children in care at the end of the year. The number of children in care is the number of children in care at the end of the year.

TABLE 15. Children adopted under Orders registered in 1969, by legitimacy, sex and age

| Age at adoption, and sex | All children | Legitimate children | | | | Illegitimate children | | | |
|--------------------------|--------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------|--------------|-----------------------|---------------------|--------|--------------|
| | | Total | One or both parents | Parent | Not a parent | Total | One or both parents | Parent | Not a parent |
| All ages | 23,708 | 8,213 | 4,336 | 1,207 | 2,870 | 17,495 | 13,177 | 1,297 | 103 |
| Under 6 months | 12,102 | 3,904 | 2,394 | 594 | 1,218 | 10,884 | 9,859 | 1,025 | 74 |
| 6-8 " | 2,870 | 32 | 2 | 30 | 12 | 2,858 | 2,746 | 112 | 2 |
| 8-11 " | 3,243 | 96 | 6 | 90 | 18 | 3,147 | 2,961 | 186 | 6 |
| 11-15 " | 2,120 | 79 | 7 | 72 | 34 | 2,086 | 1,952 | 134 | 6 |
| 15-17 " | 718 | 28 | 4 | 24 | 45 | 673 | 640 | 33 | 3 |
| 17-21 " | 878 | 41 | 8 | 33 | 118 | 760 | 732 | 28 | 3 |
| 21 years | 428 | 40 | 8 | 32 | 417 | 417 | 372 | 45 | 2 |
| 2 years | 308 | 48 | 17 | 31 | 188 | 200 | 188 | 12 | 3 |
| 3-4 " | 750 | 123 | 48 | 75 | 348 | 384 | 348 | 36 | 3 |
| 4-5 " | 1,028 | 138 | 68 | 70 | 348 | 384 | 348 | 36 | 3 |
| 5-8 " | 1,423 | 148 | 75 | 73 | 418 | 426 | 372 | 54 | 3 |
| 9-11 " | 2,008 | 182 | 88 | 94 | 518 | 518 | 472 | 46 | 3 |
| 10-14 " | 774 | 82 | 41 | 41 | 242 | 242 | 214 | 28 | 2 |
| 15-20 " | 300 | 146 | 129 | 17 | 151 | 151 | 139 | 12 | 2 |

TABLE 11. Parliamentary elections on the February 1969 Register, with number of votes cast at by-elections held thereon

England and Wales, county and borough constituencies

| Constituency | Parliamentary constituency | Registered electors on 15th February 1969 | Registered electors on 15th October 1968 | Registered electors on 15th October 1968 (land and water) | Total | Service voters | | Total | Percentage of total registered electors on 15th February 1969 |
|--------------|----------------------------|---|--|---|-------|--------------------|----------------|-------|---|
| | | | | | | Ordinary residence | Service voters | | |
| Northampton | Northampton | 297,042 | 292,215 | 221,090 | 1,208 | 2,609 | 2,589 | 0.87 | 43 |
| Northampton | Northampton | 371,414 | 367,414 | 281,414 | 1,208 | 2,609 | 2,589 | 0.87 | 43 |
| Northampton | Northampton | 189,172 | 187,079 | 141,079 | 1,208 | 2,609 | 2,589 | 0.87 | 43 |
| Northampton | Northampton | 144,102 | 141,079 | 107,079 | 1,208 | 2,609 | 2,589 | 0.87 | 43 |
| Northampton | Northampton | 71,583 | 70,512 | 53,512 | 1,208 | 2,609 | 2,589 | 0.87 | 43 |
| Northampton | Northampton | 5,900 | 5,912 | 5,912 | 221 | 733 | 720 | 98.2 | 13 |
| Northampton | Northampton | 437,030 | 432,024 | 322,024 | 2,501 | 3,721 | 3,690 | 99.2 | 51 |
| Northampton | Northampton | 199,172 | 197,155 | 147,155 | 1,208 | 2,609 | 2,589 | 0.87 | 43 |
| Northampton | Northampton | 144,102 | 141,079 | 107,079 | 1,208 | 2,609 | 2,589 | 0.87 | 43 |
| Northampton | Northampton | 71,583 | 70,512 | 53,512 | 1,208 | 2,609 | 2,589 | 0.87 | 43 |
| Northampton | Northampton | 5,900 | 5,912 | 5,912 | 221 | 733 | 720 | 98.2 | 13 |
| Northampton | Northampton | 472,218 | 467,177 | 352,177 | 2,708 | 3,438 | 3,413 | 99.3 | 45 |
| Northampton | Northampton | 119,215 | 117,215 | 88,215 | 1,208 | 2,609 | 2,589 | 0.87 | 43 |
| Northampton | Northampton | 89,215 | 87,215 | 65,215 | 1,208 | 2,609 | 2,589 | 0.87 | 43 |
| Northampton | Northampton | 79,986 | 77,986 | 58,986 | 1,208 | 2,609 | 2,589 | 0.87 | 43 |
| Northampton | Northampton | 7,185 | 7,185 | 5,185 | 269 | 704 | 696 | 98.9 | 4 |
| Northampton | Northampton | 445,058 | 440,356 | 325,356 | 2,932 | 3,488 | 3,459 | 99.2 | 40 |
| Northampton | Northampton | 305,106 | 302,443 | 222,443 | 1,208 | 2,609 | 2,589 | 0.87 | 43 |
| Northampton | Northampton | 259,950 | 257,313 | 192,313 | 1,208 | 2,609 | 2,589 | 0.87 | 43 |
| Northampton | Northampton | 10,080 | 10,080 | 8,080 | 327 | 744 | 739 | 99.2 | 5 |
| Northampton | Northampton | 607,214 | 602,743 | 452,743 | 2,501 | 3,721 | 3,690 | 99.2 | 51 |
| Northampton | Northampton | 423,709 | 419,288 | 314,288 | 1,208 | 2,609 | 2,589 | 0.87 | 43 |
| Northampton | Northampton | 19,468 | 19,468 | 15,468 | 1,208 | 2,609 | 2,589 | 0.87 | 43 |
| Northampton | Northampton | 99,039 | 97,039 | 74,039 | 1,208 | 2,609 | 2,589 | 0.87 | 43 |
| Northampton | Northampton | 86,937 | 84,937 | 64,937 | 1,208 | 2,609 | 2,589 | 0.87 | 43 |

TABLE T2. Types of certificates issued at the General Register Office, 1947 to 1970

| Year | Birth | | Adoption | | Marriage and Miscellaneous | Death |
|------|---------|--------------------|----------|--------------------|----------------------------|--------|
| | Total | Short certificates | Total | Short certificates | | |
| 1947 | 212,080 | 1,665* | 19,739 | 1,150* | 47,715† | 24,506 |
| 1948 | 219,293 | 62,662* | 20,021 | 2,021* | 47,715† | 21,902 |
| 1949 | 217,677 | 59,167* | 23,634 | 2,723* | 47,715† | 21,177 |
| 1950 | 186,442 | 59,307* | 28,926 | 16,824 | 47,715† | 21,177 |
| 1951 | 221,832 | 67,497* | 32,768 | 15,668 | 47,715† | 24,779 |
| 1952 | 209,938 | 73,465* | 40,297 | 14,926 | 47,715† | 24,779 |
| 1953 | 195,389 | 84,093* | 23,455 | 11,466 | 47,715† | 22,072 |
| 1954 | 203,514 | 92,407* | 25,458 | 11,466 | 47,715† | 22,072 |
| 1955 | 201,680 | 95,562* | 24,787 | 15,088 | 47,715† | 22,072 |
| 1956 | 204,282 | 98,007* | 27,489 | 17,024 | 47,715† | 22,072 |
| 1957 | 221,049 | 102,545* | 30,288 | 18,144 | 47,715† | 22,072 |
| 1958 | 204,006 | 79,661* | 28,348 | 17,847 | 47,715† | 22,072 |
| 1959 | 202,425 | 80,101* | 30,447 | 19,932 | 47,715† | 22,072 |
| 1960 | 202,425 | 81,250* | 30,447 | 19,932 | 47,715† | 22,072 |
| 1961 | 207,605 | 81,729* | 31,556 | 20,797 | 47,715† | 22,072 |
| 1962 | 187,654 | 74,091* | 25,782 | 15,782 | 47,715† | 22,072 |
| 1963 | 189,670 | 77,422* | 28,497 | 18,233 | 47,715† | 22,072 |
| 1964 | 210,657 | 81,250* | 47,459 | 23,233 | 47,715† | 22,072 |
| 1965 | 207,605 | 77,954* | 47,258 | 25,911 | 47,715† | 22,072 |
| 1966 | 220,720 | 81,992* | 48,975 | 26,810 | 47,715† | 22,072 |
| 1967 | 213,343 | 74,491* | 50,394 | 29,203 | 47,715† | 22,072 |
| 1968 | 187,007 | 70,202* | 53,181 | 29,203 | 47,715† | 22,072 |
| 1969 | 189,458 | 89,449* | 50,394 | 29,203 | 47,715† | 22,072 |
| 1970 | 189,458 | 89,449* | 48,911 | 27,455 | 47,715† | 22,072 |

* Short certificates were first issued on 31 December 1947.
† Separate figures not available.

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TABLE T3. Re-registration of births of legitimated persons, 1927 to 1970

| Year | Total | Quarter ending | | | | Year | Total | Quarter ending | | | |
|------|-------|----------------|---------|--------------|-------------|------|--------|----------------|---------|--------------|-------------|
| | | 31 March | 30 June | 30 September | 31 December | | | 31 March | 30 June | 30 September | 31 December |
| 1927 | 5,495 | 1,245 | 1,256 | 1,261 | 1,293 | 1951 | 2,586 | 576 | 744 | 646 | 631 |
| 1928 | 4,602 | 1,407 | 1,470 | 1,242 | 1,292 | 1952 | 2,286 | 670 | 606 | 606 | 606 |
| 1929 | 4,004 | 1,058 | 1,170 | 1,015 | 1,015 | 1953 | 2,286 | 577 | 630 | 606 | 606 |
| 1930 | 3,989 | 958 | 1,021 | 1,008 | 988 | 1954 | 2,558 | 619 | 689 | 652 | 606 |
| 1931 | 3,511 | 891 | 909 | 797 | 825 | 1955 | 2,685 | 630 | 703 | 719 | 683 |
| 1932 | 3,486 | 854 | 827 | 709 | 819 | 1956 | 2,581 | 630 | 733 | 617 | 681 |
| 1933 | 2,746 | 724 | 724 | 718 | 774 | 1957 | 2,611 | 642 | 632 | 617 | 681 |
| 1934 | 2,856 | 722 | 722 | 701 | 780 | 1958 | 2,616 | 668 | 723 | 705 | 642 |
| 1935 | 2,856 | 774 | 774 | 751 | 821 | 1959 | 2,805 | 688 | 789 | 687 | 687 |
| 1936 | 2,846 | 742 | 845 | 665 | 716 | 1960 | 3,056 | 1,065 | 1,251 | 1,077 | 1,077 |
| 1937 | 2,776 | 726 | 779 | 658 | 756 | 1961 | 2,598 | 2,181 | 2,006 | 1,750 | 1,750 |
| 1938 | 2,464 | 654 | 719 | 628 | 746 | 1962 | 2,460 | 2,241 | 2,176 | 2,176 | 2,176 |
| 1939 | 2,529 | 683 | 683 | 731 | 731 | 1963 | 2,587 | 2,587 | 2,615 | 2,615 | 2,615 |
| 1940 | 4,534 | 1,184 | 1,302 | 1,146 | 1,122 | 1964 | 2,158 | 2,158 | 2,714 | 2,714 | 2,714 |
| 1941 | 2,899 | 658 | 716 | 742 | 792 | 1965 | 2,905 | 2,879 | 2,761 | 2,761 | 2,761 |
| 1942 | 2,896 | 715 | 620 | 742 | 792 | 1966 | 19,108 | 2,905 | 3,214 | 3,025 | 3,025 |
| 1943 | 2,613 | 710 | 749 | 739 | 822 | 1967 | 13,043 | 2,629 | 3,715 | 3,526 | 3,526 |
| 1944 | 2,470 | 698 | 790 | 711 | 671 | 1968 | 11,956 | 2,592 | 3,289 | 3,064 | 3,064 |
| 1945 | 3,741 | 743 | 908 | 931 | 1,161 | 1969 | 13,128 | 3,397 | 3,448 | 3,274 | 3,274 |
| 1946 | 3,683 | 941 | 1,053 | 859 | 812 | 1970 | 13,128 | 3,448 | 3,448 | 3,013 | 3,013 |
| 1947 | 3,683 | 868 | 812 | 871 | 812 | | | | | | |
| 1948 | 3,509 | 868 | 812 | 871 | 812 | | | | | | |
| 1949 | 3,509 | 868 | 812 | 871 | 812 | | | | | | |
| 1950 | 2,764 | 647 | 611 | 693 | 611 | | | | | | |

† The Legitimacy Act, 1959, which amended the provision for legitimation, came into operation on the 29 October 1959.

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TABLE T4. Registration of Adoption Orders, 1927 to 1970

| Year | Total | Number of children adopted | | | | Number of adoptions | | | | Number of adoptions by sex | | | |
|------|-------|----------------------------|--------|-------|------------|---------------------|--------|-------|------------|----------------------------|--------|-------|------------|
| | | Male | Female | Total | Percentage | Male | Female | Total | Percentage | Male | Female | Total | Percentage |
| 1927 | 401 | 201 | 200 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| 1928 | 401 | 201 | 200 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| 1929 | 401 | 201 | 200 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| 1930 | 401 | 201 | 200 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| 1931 | 401 | 201 | 200 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| 1932 | 401 | 201 | 200 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| 1933 | 401 | 201 | 200 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| 1934 | 401 | 201 | 200 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| 1935 | 401 | 201 | 200 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| 1936 | 401 | 201 | 200 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| 1937 | 401 | 201 | 200 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| 1938 | 401 | 201 | 200 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| 1939 | 401 | 201 | 200 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| 1940 | 401 | 201 | 200 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| 1941 | 401 | 201 | 200 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| 1942 | 401 | 201 | 200 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| 1943 | 401 | 201 | 200 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| 1944 | 401 | 201 | 200 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| 1945 | 401 | 201 | 200 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| 1946 | 401 | 201 | 200 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| 1947 | 401 | 201 | 200 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| 1948 | 401 | 201 | 200 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| 1949 | 401 | 201 | 200 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| 1950 | 401 | 201 | 200 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| 1951 | 401 | 201 | 200 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| 1952 | 401 | 201 | 200 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| 1953 | 401 | 201 | 200 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| 1954 | 401 | 201 | 200 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| 1955 | 401 | 201 | 200 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| 1956 | 401 | 201 | 200 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| 1957 | 401 | 201 | 200 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| 1958 | 401 | 201 | 200 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| 1959 | 401 | 201 | 200 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| 1960 | 401 | 201 | 200 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| 1961 | 401 | 201 | 200 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| 1962 | 401 | 201 | 200 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| 1963 | 401 | 201 | 200 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| 1964 | 401 | 201 | 200 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| 1965 | 401 | 201 | 200 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| 1966 | 401 | 201 | 200 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| 1967 | 401 | 201 | 200 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| 1968 | 401 | 201 | 200 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| 1969 | 401 | 201 | 200 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| 1970 | 401 | 201 | 200 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 401 | 100 | 100 | 100 |

† Provisional Adoption Orders which were introduced by the Adoption Act, 1959, section 2(3) are included in the total. These Orders confer the status of adopted children usually granted by a court order because the number of Provisional Orders given for the year is small.

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TABLE T5. Children adopted under orders registered in 1970, by legitimacy, sex and age

| Age at adoption and sex | All children | Legitimate children | | | | Illegitimate children | | | | | |
|-------------------------|--------------|---------------------|-------|--------|------------|-----------------------|--------|--------|------------|----|----|
| | | Total | Male | Female | Percentage | Total | Male | Female | Percentage | | |
| All ages | 31,373 | 6,427 | 2,827 | 3,600 | 13,946 | 5,024 | 10,922 | 11 | 7 | 86 | 17 |
| Under 6 months | 10,860 | 3,230 | 1,504 | 1,726 | 2,456 | 812 | 1,644 | 2 | 2 | 36 | 42 |
| 6-8 | 2,006 | 66 | 34 | 32 | 1,940 | 26 | 1,914 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 9-11 | 1,786 | 46 | 24 | 22 | 1,740 | 22 | 1,718 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 12-17 | 486 | 18 | 10 | 8 | 468 | 16 | 452 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 18-23 | 491 | 21 | 12 | 9 | 470 | 14 | 456 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 24-29 | 301 | 14 | 8 | 6 | 287 | 6 | 281 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 30-34 | 416 | 18 | 10 | 8 | 398 | 12 | 386 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 35-39 | 390 | 18 | 10 | 8 | 372 | 12 | 360 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 40-44 | 280 | 18 | 10 | 8 | 262 | 12 | 250 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 45-49 | 188 | 18 | 10 | 8 | 170 | 12 | 158 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 50-54 | 117 | 18 | 10 | 8 | 99 | 12 | 87 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 55-59 | 74 | 18 | 10 | 8 | 56 | 12 | 44 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 60-64 | 46 | 18 | 10 | 8 | 28 | 12 | 16 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 65-69 | 30 | 1 | | | | | | | | | |

TABLE 12. Types of certificates issued at the General Register Office, 1947 to 1971

| Year | Birth | | Adoption | | Marriage and Miscellaneous | | Death |
|------|---------|--------------------|----------|--------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|--------|
| | Total | Short certificates | Total | Short certificates | Total | Short certificates | |
| 1947 | 212,080 | 1,080* | 13,750 | 1,150* | 41,304 | 07,715* | 24,508 |
| 1948 | 239,233 | 82,682 | 45,445 | 32,331 | 37,310 | 21,002 | 21,002 |
| 1949 | 217,671 | 59,487 | 32,614 | 20,370 | 37,942 | 21,577 | 21,577 |
| 1950 | 180,484 | 20,307 | 20,728 | 15,024 | 37,942 | 21,577 | 21,577 |
| 1951 | 221,632 | 57,697 | 23,768 | 15,688 | 40,377 | 24,798 | 24,798 |
| 1952 | 205,958 | 73,505 | 24,606 | 16,666 | 38,870 | 23,972 | 23,972 |
| 1953 | 195,985 | 84,083 | 25,485 | 14,048 | 36,690 | 22,624 | 22,624 |
| 1954 | 203,514 | 92,207 | 25,468 | 15,464 | 37,004 | 22,878 | 22,878 |
| 1955 | 207,950 | 95,384 | 24,787 | 15,588 | 37,818 | 22,850 | 22,850 |
| 1956 | 204,282 | 97,097 | 27,499 | 17,244 | 39,690 | 23,840 | 23,840 |
| 1957 | 221,049 | 102,545 | 30,388 | 18,151 | 42,304 | 23,299 | 23,299 |
| 1958 | 204,084 | 98,601 | 28,146 | 17,847 | 42,181 | 23,451 | 23,451 |
| 1959 | 204,489 | 97,422 | 28,146 | 17,847 | 42,181 | 23,451 | 23,451 |
| 1960 | 204,489 | 97,422 | 28,146 | 17,847 | 42,181 | 23,451 | 23,451 |
| 1961 | 207,605 | 91,729 | 35,558 | 20,227 | 44,015 | 28,446 | 28,446 |
| 1962 | 187,854 | 88,782 | 35,782 | 20,532 | 46,372 | 29,030 | 29,030 |
| 1963 | 155,851 | 78,429 | 39,687 | 22,235 | 49,816 | 29,451 | 29,451 |
| 1964 | 135,851 | 68,729 | 39,687 | 22,235 | 49,816 | 29,451 | 29,451 |
| 1965 | 210,827 | 77,954 | 47,358 | 25,911 | 50,355 | 30,791 | 30,791 |
| 1966 | 220,780 | 81,982 | 49,978 | 26,923 | 51,789 | 32,944 | 32,944 |
| 1967 | 213,377 | 84,491 | 50,594 | 27,100 | 51,800 | 34,915 | 34,915 |
| 1968 | 187,007 | 70,252 | 49,789 | 26,100 | 50,222 | 33,525 | 33,525 |
| 1969 | 189,889 | 69,449 | 46,417 | 25,258 | 64,776 | 30,656 | 30,656 |
| 1970 | 181,504 | 58,655 | 42,040 | 27,065 | 79,258 | 33,583 | 33,583 |
| 1971 | | | | | | | |

* Short certificates were first issued on 15 December 1947.
† Separate figures not available.

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TABLE 13. Re-registrations of births of legitimated persons, 1927 to 1971

| Year | Total | Quarter ending | | | | Year | Total | Quarter ending | | | |
|------|-------|----------------|---------|--------------|-------------|------|-------|----------------|---------|--------------|-------------|
| | | 31 March | 30 June | 30 September | 31 December | | | 31 March | 30 June | 30 September | 31 December |
| 1927 | 5,485 | 1,285 | 1,286 | 1,381 | 1,581 | 1951 | 2,556 | 575 | 744 | 648 | 631 |
| 1928 | 4,865 | 1,401 | 1,170 | 1,242 | 1,070 | 1952 | 2,588 | 635 | 606 | 597 | 587 |
| 1929 | 4,046 | 1,075 | 1,105 | 935 | 935 | 1953 | 2,589 | 577 | 607 | 593 | 602 |
| 1930 | 5,989 | 1,006 | 1,001 | 896 | 896 | 1954 | 2,550 | 619 | 609 | 592 | 618 |
| 1931 | 3,144 | 861 | 806 | 797 | 825 | 1955 | 2,635 | 630 | 719 | 583 | 583 |
| 1932 | 3,144 | 854 | 782 | 709 | 819 | 1956 | 2,561 | 755 | 817 | 641 | 641 |
| 1933 | 2,866 | 752 | 724 | 718 | 774 | 1957 | 2,511 | 638 | 641 | 590 | 542 |
| 1934 | 2,085 | 722 | 777 | 788 | 788 | 1958 | 2,436 | 668 | 723 | 642 | 642 |
| 1935 | 2,026 | 770 | 790 | 701 | 681 | 1959 | 2,508 | 689 | 689 | 579 | 579 |
| 1936 | 2,866 | 742 | 845 | 685 | 718 | 1960 | 2,508 | 1,282 | 1,082 | 2,107 | 2,107 |
| 1937 | 2,778 | 685 | 699 | 628 | 648 | 1961 | 2,966 | 2,181 | 2,006 | 1,730 | 1,730 |
| 1938 | 2,844 | 634 | 715 | 748 | 748 | 1962 | 2,811 | 2,280 | 2,116 | 2,116 | 2,116 |
| 1939 | 3,329 | 717 | 803 | 781 | 1,138 | 1963 | 2,996 | 2,429 | 2,272 | 2,116 | 2,116 |
| 1940 | 4,354 | 1,124 | 1,302 | 1,490 | 1,722 | 1964 | 3,044 | 2,590 | 2,429 | 2,272 | 2,272 |
| 1941 | 2,898 | 659 | 715 | 742 | 785 | 1965 | 2,905 | 3,214 | 2,873 | 3,016 | 3,016 |
| 1942 | 2,998 | 713 | 820 | 740 | 785 | 1966 | 2,829 | 3,175 | 3,373 | 3,528 | 3,528 |
| 1943 | 2,813 | 610 | 749 | 738 | 815 | 1967 | 2,829 | 3,175 | 3,373 | 3,528 | 3,528 |
| 1944 | 2,813 | 610 | 749 | 738 | 815 | 1968 | 2,829 | 3,175 | 3,373 | 3,528 | 3,528 |
| 1945 | 3,743 | 741 | 808 | 811 | 1,181 | 1969 | 3,397 | 3,489 | 3,248 | 3,015 | 3,015 |
| 1946 | 2,663 | 941 | 1,055 | 858 | 811 | 1970 | 2,121 | 3,376 | 3,324 | 3,064 | 3,064 |
| 1947 | 2,630 | 858 | 832 | 971 | 839 | 1971 | | | | | |
| 1948 | 2,098 | 820 | 812 | 832 | 887 | | | | | | |
| 1949 | 2,098 | 820 | 812 | 832 | 887 | | | | | | |
| 1950 | 2,788 | 647 | 811 | 713 | 811 | | | | | | |

* The Legitimacy Act, 1959, which extended the provisions for legitimation, came into operation on the 20 October 1959.

TABLE 14. Registrar of Adoptions (England and Wales), 1947 to 1971

| Year | Total Provisional | High Court | | County Court | | Registrar of Adoptions | | Total | Quarter ending | | | |
|---------|-------------------|------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|------------------------|-------------|--------|----------------|-----------|----------------|---------------|
| | | Total | Provisional | Total | Provisional | Total | Provisional | | 31st March | 30th June | 30th September | 31st December |
| 1947-50 | 14,328 | 603 | 1,621 | 12,482 | 21,482 | 14,024 | 2,398 | 1,617 | 3,150 | 3,150 | 3,150 | 3,150 |
| 1951-52 | 20,798 | 296 | 1,412 | 19,841 | 21,001 | 20,150 | 7,413 | 9,011 | 9,108 | 9,108 | 9,108 | 9,108 |
| 1953-54 | 58,132 | 288 | 1,918 | 56,250 | 58,812 | 12,409 | 14,081 | 14,081 | 14,081 | 14,081 | 14,081 | 14,081 |
| 1955-56 | 89,125 | 870 | 19,225 | 88,020 | 90,178 | 20,324 | 22,314 | 22,314 | 22,314 | 22,314 | 22,314 | 22,314 |
| 1957-58 | 68,743 | 392 | 17,685 | 68,020 | 68,765 | 18,692 | 19,425 | 19,425 | 19,425 | 19,425 | 19,425 | 19,425 |
| 1959 | 13,188 | 44 | 5,134 | 13,100 | 13,201 | 3,441 | 1,605 | 2,091 | 2,091 | 2,091 | 2,091 | 2,091 |
| 1960 | 13,401 | 44 | 5,134 | 13,300 | 13,401 | 3,441 | 1,605 | 2,091 | 2,091 | 2,091 | 2,091 | 2,091 |
| 1961 | 14,012 | 44 | 5,134 | 13,900 | 14,012 | 3,441 | 1,605 | 2,091 | 2,091 | 2,091 | 2,091 | 2,091 |
| 1962 | 14,012 | 44 | 5,134 | 13,900 | 14,012 | 3,441 | 1,605 | 2,091 | 2,091 | 2,091 | 2,091 | 2,091 |
| 1963 | 15,099 | 207 | 7,802 | 14,297 | 15,099 | 3,099 | 1,800 | 3,099 | 3,099 | 3,099 | 3,099 | 3,099 |
| 1964 | 15,397 | 280 | 8,512 | 14,617 | 15,397 | 3,102 | 1,800 | 3,102 | 3,102 | 3,102 | 3,102 | 3,102 |
| 1965 | 16,944 | 280 | 9,512 | 16,012 | 16,944 | 3,102 | 1,800 | 3,102 | 3,102 | 3,102 | 3,102 | 3,102 |
| 1966 | 20,412 | 282 | 10,440 | 19,740 | 20,412 | 3,102 | 1,800 | 3,102 | 3,102 | 3,102 | 3,102 | 3,102 |
| 1967 | 21,013 | 171 | 11,489 | 20,013 | 21,013 | 3,102 | 1,800 | 3,102 | 3,102 | 3,102 | 3,102 | 3,102 |
| 1968 | 22,798 | 137 | 12,480 | 22,013 | 22,798 | 3,102 | 1,800 | 3,102 | 3,102 | 3,102 | 3,102 | 3,102 |
| 1969 | 24,602 | 139 | 13,480 | 24,013 | 24,602 | 3,102 | 1,800 | 3,102 | 3,102 | 3,102 | 3,102 | 3,102 |
| 1970 | 26,412 | 135 | 14,502 | 25,812 | 26,412 | 3,102 | 1,800 | 3,102 | 3,102 | 3,102 | 3,102 | 3,102 |
| 1971 | 21,438 | 123 | 13,438 | 21,438 | 21,438 | 4,701 | 5,237 | 5,237 | 5,237 | 5,237 | 5,237 | 5,237 |

* Provisional Adoptions (England and Wales) were introduced on 1st April 1959 (see Adoption Act, 1958, section 23) and included in the total. These are the number of adoptions which were made in England and Wales. The number of adoptions made in Scotland and Northern Ireland are not included in this table. † Child where an adopter adopted more than one child at the same time.

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TABLE 15. Children adopted under orders registered in 1971, by legitimacy, sex and age

| Age at adoption, and sex | All children | Legitimate children | | | | Illegitimate children | | | | |
|--------------------------|--------------|---------------------|----------------|-------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|----------------|-------------------|---------------------|----|
| | | Total | Joint adopters | Sole male adopter | Sole female adopter | Total | Joint adopters | Sole male adopter | Sole female adopter | |
| All ages | 21,438 | 5,848 | 5,481 | 1,074 | 14,967 | 3,204 | 3,573 | 8 | 5 | 37 |
| Under 6 months | 10,482 | 3,888 | 3,748 | 131 | 7,184 | 3,392 | 4,307 | 1 | 1 | 20 |
| 6-8 " | 1,815 | 1,815 | 1 | 1 | 1,497 | 1 | 1,496 | | | |
| 9-11 " | 1,815 | 1,815 | 3 | 3 | 1,496 | 37 | 1,459 | | | |
| 12-15 " | 448 | 448 | 1 | 1 | 447 | 30 | 417 | | | |
| 16-21 " | 448 | 448 | 3 | 3 | 445 | 30 | 415 | | | |
| 22-25 " | 448 | 448 | 4 | 4 | 444 | 31 | 413 | | | |
| 26-30 " | 448 | 448 | 5 | 5 | 443 | 32 | 411 | | | |
| 31-40 " | 448 | 448 | 6 | 6 | 442 | 33 | 409 | | | |
| 41-50 " | 448 | 448 | 7 | 7 | 441 | 34 | 407 | | | |
| 51-60 " | 448 | 448 | 8 | 8 | 440 | 35 | 405 | | | |
| 61-70 " | 448 | 448 | 9 | 9 | 439 | 36 | 403 | | | |
| 71-80 " | 448 | 448 | 10 | 10 | 438 | 37 | 401 | | | |
| 81-90 " | 448 | 448 | 11 | 11 | 437 | 38 | 399 | | | |
| 91-100 " | 448 | 448 | 12 | 12 | 436 | 39 | 397 | | | |
| 10-14 " | 812 | 812 | 1,439 | 1,223 | 811 | 738 | 154 | 58 | 58 | 2 |
| 15-20 " | 812 | 812 | 1,439 | 1,223 | 811 | 738 | 154 | 58 | 58 | 2 |

Number of Adoptive Orders made in 1927

| Year | Total | High Courts | | County Courts | | Court of Jurisdiction | Total | Males | | Females | |
|---------|--------|-------------|--------|---------------|--------|-----------------------|--------|--------|--------|---------|--------|
| | | Provisional | Total | Provisional | Total | | | Male | Female | Male | Female |
| 1927-19 | 14,920 | 403 | 791 | 15,092 | 14,094 | 2,004 | 3,037 | 4,310 | 4,773 | 1,727 | 3,050 |
| 1928-29 | 22,726 | 276 | 1,442 | 21,590 | 22,726 | 5,212 | 6,011 | 5,190 | 6,211 | 1,021 | 5,190 |
| 1929-30 | 31,521 | 349 | 1,514 | 29,461 | 31,521 | 6,464 | 7,527 | 7,027 | 8,026 | 1,000 | 7,026 |
| 1931-36 | 59,752 | 284 | 1,316 | 59,550 | 59,819 | 12,409 | 14,091 | 15,992 | 16,336 | 1,345 | 15,000 |
| 1936-40 | 86,133 | 819 | 19,225 | 89,028 | 88,178 | 20,522 | 22,124 | 22,029 | 22,494 | 4,465 | 18,030 |
| 1931-36 | 68,743 | 292 | 21,454 | 44,097 | 68,725 | 16,492 | 16,425 | 15,048 | 17,000 | 1,572 | 15,428 |
| 1936-40 | 11,986 | 44 | 5,118 | 6,036 | 11,902 | 3,451 | 3,200 | 2,987 | 3,452 | 364 | 2,987 |
| 1941-45 | 13,421 | 44 | 5,285 | 7,064 | 13,405 | 3,581 | 3,480 | 3,020 | 3,452 | 428 | 3,020 |
| 1946-50 | 11,105 | 40 | 5,992 | 6,036 | 11,065 | 3,210 | 3,084 | 2,814 | 3,084 | 270 | 2,814 |
| 1951-55 | 15,079 | 71 | 6,999 | 7,355 | 15,008 | 3,792 | 3,600 | 3,259 | 3,792 | 433 | 3,259 |
| 1956-60 | 18,987 | 207 | 42 | 18,823 | 18,915 | 4,403 | 4,249 | 4,002 | 4,403 | 401 | 4,002 |
| 1961-65 | 22,171 | 111 | 58 | 21,959 | 22,033 | 5,089 | 4,815 | 4,501 | 5,089 | 514 | 4,501 |
| 1966-70 | 27,792 | 127 | 50 | 27,665 | 27,742 | 5,742 | 5,388 | 5,121 | 5,742 | 646 | 5,121 |
| 1971-75 | 32,602 | 127 | 50 | 32,475 | 32,552 | 6,202 | 5,848 | 5,616 | 6,202 | 582 | 5,616 |
| 1976-80 | 34,621 | 188 | 39 | 34,433 | 34,522 | 6,231 | 5,792 | 5,489 | 6,231 | 502 | 5,489 |
| 1981-85 | 22,171 | 128 | 19 | 21,933 | 22,011 | 4,403 | 4,249 | 4,002 | 4,403 | 401 | 4,002 |
| 1986-90 | 21,485 | 123 | 31 | 21,362 | 21,445 | 4,701 | 4,549 | 4,202 | 4,701 | 548 | 4,202 |
| 1991-95 | 21,693 | 123 | 31 | 21,570 | 21,653 | 4,701 | 4,549 | 4,202 | 4,701 | 548 | 4,202 |

Provisional Adoption Orders, which were introduced on 1st April 1929 (see Adoption Act, 1926, section 23) are included in the total. These orders comprise a small number of cases where the child was not of this country for adoption. The number of adopted children usually exceeds the number of adoption orders because the High Courts deal with a separate Order for each child where an adopter adopts more than one child at the same time.

TABLE 18. Children adopted under orders registered in 1972.

| Age at adoption, and sex | All children | Legitimate children | | | | Illegitimate children | | | |
|--------------------------|--------------|---------------------|--------------------|----------------------|--------|-----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|--------|
| | | Joint adopters | Sole male adopters | Sole female adopters | Total | Joint adopters | Sole male adopters | Sole female adopters | Total |
| All ages | 21,592 | 6,720 | 1,097 | 10 | 13,667 | 2,441 | 8,114 | 8 | 10,563 |
| Under 5 months | 10,885 | 3,743 | 200 | 2 | 6,941 | 1,177 | 3,760 | 1 | 5,018 |
| 5-9 | 1,435 | 2 | 30 | - | 1,261 | 17 | 1,434 | - | 1,451 |
| 10-14 | 1,435 | 66 | 69 | - | 1,300 | 19 | 1,347 | - | 1,366 |
| 15-19 | 1,435 | 83 | 81 | - | 1,247 | 13 | 1,247 | - | 1,260 |
| 20-24 | 1,435 | 30 | 28 | - | 1,377 | 21 | 1,356 | - | 1,378 |
| 25-29 | 1,435 | 6 | 30 | - | 1,399 | 107 | 1,290 | - | 1,407 |
| 30-34 | 1,435 | 42 | 30 | - | 1,363 | 104 | 1,259 | - | 1,363 |
| 35-39 | 1,435 | 15 | 24 | - | 1,396 | 144 | 1,252 | - | 1,396 |
| 40-44 | 1,435 | 42 | 24 | - | 1,369 | 112 | 1,257 | - | 1,369 |
| 45-49 | 1,435 | 123 | 19 | - | 1,293 | 390 | 1,103 | - | 1,293 |
| 50-54 | 1,435 | 109 | 16 | - | 1,210 | 389 | 1,19 | - | 1,210 |
| 55-59 | 1,435 | 623 | 72 | - | 655 | 979 | 204 | - | 655 |
| 60-64 | 1,435 | 623 | 68 | - | 615 | 919 | 204 | - | 615 |
| 65-69 | 1,435 | 1,400 | 1,782 | - | 1,014 | 789 | 209 | - | 1,014 |
| 70-74 | 1,435 | 1,400 | 1,400 | - | 1,014 | 789 | 209 | - | 1,014 |
| 75-79 | 1,435 | 828 | 769 | - | 628 | 794 | 179 | - | 628 |
| 80-84 | 1,435 | 828 | 769 | - | 628 | 794 | 179 | - | 628 |
| 85-89 | 1,435 | 828 | 769 | - | 628 | 794 | 179 | - | 628 |
| 90-94 | 1,435 | 828 | 769 | - | 628 | 794 | 179 | - | 628 |
| 95-99 | 1,435 | 828 | 769 | - | 628 | 794 | 179 | - | 628 |
| 100-104 | 1,435 | 828 | 769 | - | 628 | 794 | 179 | - | 628 |
| 105-109 | 1,435 | 828 | 769 | - | 628 | 794 | 179 | - | 628 |
| 110-114 | 1,435 | 828 | 769 | - | 628 | 794 | 179 | - | 628 |
| 115-119 | 1,435 | 828 | 769 | - | 628 | 794 | 179 | - | 628 |
| 120-124 | 1,435 | 828 | 769 | - | 628 | 794 | 179 | - | 628 |
| 125-129 | 1,435 | 828 | 769 | - | 628 | 794 | 179 | - | 628 |
| 130-134 | 1,435 | 828 | 769 | - | 628 | 794 | 179 | - | 628 |
| 135-139 | 1,435 | 828 | 769 | - | 628 | 794 | 179 | - | 628 |
| 140-144 | 1,435 | 828 | 769 | - | 628 | 794 | 179 | - | 628 |
| 145-149 | 1,435 | 828 | 769 | - | 628 | 794 | 179 | - | 628 |
| 150-154 | 1,435 | 828 | 769 | - | 628 | 794 | 179 | - | 628 |
| 155-159 | 1,435 | 828 | 769 | - | 628 | 794 | 179 | - | 628 |
| 160-164 | 1,435 | 828 | 769 | - | 628 | 794 | 179 | - | 628 |
| 165-169 | 1,435 | 828 | 769 | - | 628 | 794 | 179 | - | 628 |
| 170-174 | 1,435 | 828 | 769 | - | 628 | 794 | 179 | - | 628 |
| 175-179 | 1,435 | 828 | 769 | - | 628 | 794 | 179 | - | 628 |
| 180-184 | 1,435 | 828 | 769 | - | 628 | 794 | 179 | - | 628 |
| 185-189 | 1,435 | 828 | 769 | - | 628 | 794 | 179 | - | 628 |
| 190-194 | 1,435 | 828 | 769 | - | 628 | 794 | 179 | - | 628 |
| 195-199 | 1,435 | 828 | 769 | - | 628 | 794 | 179 | - | 628 |
| 200-204 | 1,435 | 828 | 769 | - | 628 | 794 | 179 | - | 628 |
| 205-209 | 1,435 | 828 | 769 | - | 628 | 794 | 179 | - | 628 |
| 210-214 | 1,435 | 828 | 769 | - | 628 | 794 | 179 | - | 628 |
| 215-219 | 1,435 | 828 | 769 | - | 628 | 794 | 179 | - | 628 |
| 220-224 | 1,435 | 828 | 769 | - | 628 | 794 | 179 | - | 628 |
| 225-229 | 1,435 | 828 | 769 | - | 628 | 794 | 179 | - | 628 |
| 230-234 | 1,435 | 828 | 769 | - | 628 | 794 | 179 | - | 628 |
| 235-239 | 1,435 | 828 | 769 | - | 628 | 794 | 179 | - | 628 |
| 240-244 | 1,435 | 828 | 769 | - | 628 | 794 | 179 | - | 628 |
| 245-249 | 1,435 | 828 | 769 | - | 628 | 794 | 179 | - | 628 |
| 250-254 | 1,435 | 828 | 769 | - | 628 | 794 | 179 | - | 628 |
| 255-259 | 1,435 | 828 | 769 | - | 628 | 794 | 179 | - | 628 |
| 260-264 | 1,435 | 828 | 769 | - | 628 | 794 | 179 | - | 628 |
| 265-269 | 1,435 | 828 | 769 | - | 628 | 794 | 179 | - | 628 |
| 270-274 | 1,435 | 828 | 769 | - | 628 | 794 | 179 | - | 628 |
| 275-279 | 1,435 | 828 | 769 | - | 628 | 794 | 179 | - | 628 |
| 280-284 | 1,435 | 828 | 769 | - | 628 | 794 | 179 | - | 628 |
| 285-289 | 1,435 | 828 | 769 | - | 628 | 794 | 179 | - | 628 |
| 290-294 | 1,435 | 828 | 769 | - | 628 | 794 | 179 | - | 628 |
| 295-299 | 1,435 | 828 | 769 | - | 628 | 794 | 179 | - | 628 |
| 300-304 | 1,435 | 828 | 769 | - | 628 | 794 | 179 | - | 628 |
| 305-309 | 1,435 | 828 | 769 | - | 628 | 794 | 179 | - | 628 |
| 310-314 | 1,435 | 828 | 769 | - | 628 | 794 | 179 | - | 628 |
| 315-319 | 1,435 | 828 | 769 | - | 628 | 794 | 179 | - | 628 |
| 320-324 | 1,435 | 828 | 769 | - | 628 | 794 | 179 | - | 628 |
| 325-329 | 1,435 | 828 | 769 | - | 628 | 794 | 179 | - | 628 |
| 330-334 | 1,435 | 828 | 769 | - | 628 | 794 | 179 | - | 628 |
| 335-339 | 1,435 | 828 | 769 | - | 628 | 794 | 179 | - | 628 |
| 340-344 | 1,435 | 828 | 769 | - | 628 | 794 | 179 | - | 628 |
| 345-349 | 1,435 | 828 | 769 | - | 628 | 794 | 179 | - | 628 |
| 350-354 | 1,435 | 828 | 769 | - | 628 | 794 | 179 | - | 628 |
| 355-359 | 1,435 | 828 | 769 | - | 628 | 794 | 179 | - | 628 |
| 360-364 | 1,435 | 828 | 769 | - | 628 | 794 | 179 | - | 628 |
| 365-369 | 1,435 | 828 | 769 | - | 628 | 794 | 179 | - | 628 |
| 370-374 | 1,435 | 828 | 769 | - | 628 | 794 | 179 | - | 628 |
| 375-379 | 1,435 | 828 | 769 | - | 628 | 794 | 179 | - | 628 |
| 380-384 | 1,435 | 828 | 769 | - | 628 | 794 | 179 | - | 628 |
| 385-389 | 1,435 | 828 | 769 | - | 628 | 794 | 179 | - | 628 |
| 390-394 | 1,435 | 828 | 769 | - | 628 | 794 | 179 | - | 628 |
| 395-399 | 1,435 | 828 | 769 | - | 628 | 794 | 179 | - | 628 |
| 400-404 | 1,435 | 828 | 769 | - | 628 | 794 | 179 | - | 628 |
| 405-409 | 1,435 | 828 | 769 | - | 628 | 794 | 179 | - | 628 |
| 410-414 | 1,435 | 828 | 769 | - | 628 | 794 | 179 | - | 628 |
| 415-419 | 1,435 | 828 | 769 | - | 628 | 794 | 179 | - | 628 |
| 420-424 | 1,435 | 828 | 769 | - | 628 | 794 | 179 | - | 628 |
| 425-429 | 1,435 | 828 | 769 | - | 628 | 794 | 179 | - | 628 |
| 430-434 | 1,435 | 828 | 769 | - | 628 | 794 | 179 | - | 628 |
| 435-439 | 1,435 | 828 | 769 | - | 628 | 794 | 179 | - | 628 |
| 440-444 | 1,435 | 828 | 769 | - | 628 | 794 | 179 | - | 628 |
| 445-449 | 1,435 | 828 | 769 | - | 628 | 794 | 179 | - | 628 |
| 450-454 | 1,435 | 828 | 769 | - | 628 | 794 | 179 | - | 628 |
| 455-459 | 1,435 | 828 | 769 | - | 628 | 794 | 179 | - | 628 |
| 460-464 | 1,435 | 828 | 769 | - | 628 | 794 | 179 | - | 628 |
| | | | | | | | | | |

Children adopted under Orders registered in 1974:
legitimacy, age and sex

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| Age at adoption | | All children | Legitimate children | | | | Illegitimate children | | | |
|-----------------|---|--------------|---------------------|----------------------|------------------|--------------|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------|--------------|
| | | | Joint adopters | | | Sole adopter | Joint adopters | | | Sole adopter |
| | | | Total | One or both a parent | Neither a parent | | Total | One or both a parent | Neither a parent | |
| All ages | P | 22,502 | 10,065 | 9,144 | 887 | 34 | 12,437 | 5,691 | 6,821 | 125 |
| | M | 11,503 | 4,981 | 4,500 | 459 | 22 | 6,522 | 2,893 | 3,563 | 66 |
| | F | 10,999 | 5,084 | 4,644 | 428 | 12 | 5,915 | 2,798 | 3,058 | 59 |
| Under 6 months | M | 772 | 30 | 1 | 29 | - | 742 | 7 | 734 | 1 |
| | F | 724 | 29 | 4 | 25 | - | 695 | 10 | 682 | 3 |
| 6-8 months | M | 1,536 | 74 | 8 | 66 | - | 1,462 | 29 | 1,431 | 2 |
| | F | 1,355 | 73 | 11 | 62 | - | 1,282 | 30 | 1,249 | 3 |
| 9-11 months | M | 440 | 34 | 4 | 30 | - | 406 | 21 | 384 | 1 |
| | F | 345 | 26 | 4 | 22 | - | 319 | 16 | 302 | 1 |
| 1 year | M | 655 | 81 | 31 | 50 | - | 574 | 189 | 377 | 8 |
| | F | 592 | 102 | 40 | 62 | - | 490 | 184 | 300 | 6 |
| 2 years | M | 592 | 146 | 103 | 43 | - | 446 | 322 | 119 | 5 |
| | F | 630 | 160 | 116 | 42 | 2 | 470 | 335 | 128 | 7 |
| 3-4 years | M | 1,899 | 756 | 673 | 80 | 3 | 1,143 | 935 | 194 | 14 |
| | F | 1,780 | 713 | 657 | 54 | 2 | 1,067 | 893 | 166 | 8 |
| 5-9 years | M | 3,761 | 2,437 | 2,320 | 106 | 11 | 1,324 | 1,066 | 237 | 21 |
| | F | 3,701 | 2,521 | 2,421 | 95 | 5 | 1,180 | 1,010 | 156 | 14 |
| 10-14 years | M | 1,556 | 1,218 | 1,173 | 39 | 6 | 338 | 262 | 65 | 11 |
| | F | 1,576 | 1,248 | 1,198 | 38 | 2 | 328 | 256 | 60 | 12 |
| 15-17 years | M | 292 | 205 | 187 | 16 | 2 | 87 | 62 | 22 | 3 |
| | F | 296 | 212 | 193 | 18 | 1 | 84 | 64 | 15 | 5 |

Table 2 Registration of Adoption Orders England and Wales

| | 1974 | 1975 |
|--------------------------------------|--------|--------|
| Number of Adoption Orders dealt with | | |
| Total | 22,502 | 21,299 |
| of which Provisional Orders* | 137 | 93 |
| High Court - total | 43 | 31 |
| Provisional Orders* | - | - |
| County Court - total | 13,927 | 13,391 |
| Provisional Orders* | 137 | 93 |
| Magistrates' Court | 8,532 | 7,877 |
| Number of Orders by quarter | | |
| Total | 22,502 | 21,299 |
| Jan-March | 5,900 | 5,301 |
| Apr-June | 5,501 | 5,499 |
| July-September | 5,100 | 4,800 |
| Oct-December | 6,001 | 5,699 |

*Adoptions by people domiciled outside Great Britain

Table 3 Children adopted under Orders registered in 1975: England and Wales
legitimacy, age and sex

| Age at adoption | All children | Legitimate children | | | | Illegitimate children | | | |
|-----------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|------------------|--------------|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------|--------------|
| | | Joint adopters | | | Sole adopter | Joint adopters | | | Sole adopter |
| | | Total | One or both a parent | Neither a parent | | Total | One or both a parent | Neither a parent | |
| All ages | P 21,299 M 10,786 F 10,513 | 10,120 | 9,262 | 806 | 52 | 11,179 | 5,305 | 5,774 | 100 |
| | | 5,042 | 4,592 | 423 | 27 | 5,744 | 2,624 | 3,069 | 52 |
| | | 5,078 | 4,670 | 383 | 25 | 5,435 | 2,681 | 2,706 | 48 |
| Under 6 months | M 649 F 612 | 19 | 3 | 16 | - | 630 | 5 | 625 | - |
| | | 22 | 4 | 18 | - | 590 | 9 | 581 | - |
| 6-8 months | M 1,367 F 1,223 | 65 | 10 | 55 | - | 1,302 | 28 | 1,274 | - |
| | | 64 | 10 | 54 | - | 1,159 | 16 | 1,142 | 1 |
| 9-11 months | M 370 F 327 | 30 | 6 | 23 | 1 | 340 | 13 | 325 | 2 |
| | | 27 | 4 | 22 | 1 | 300 | 19 | 279 | 2 |
| 1 year | M 567 F 468 | 82 | 30 | 52 | - | 485 | 170 | 305 | 10 |
| | | 74 | 27 | 47 | - | 394 | 162 | 222 | 10 |
| 2 years | M 582 F 492 | 169 | 105 | 62 | 2 | 413 | 289 | 119 | 5 |
| | | 126 | 91 | 35 | - | 366 | 267 | 94 | 5 |
| 3-4 years | M 1,674 F 1,740 | 724 | 654 | 67 | 3 | 950 | 796 | 147 | 7 |
| | | 771 | 706 | 61 | 2 | 969 | 822 | 140 | 7 |
| 5-9 years | M 3,641 F 3,637 | 2,461 | 2,360 | 91 | 10 | 1,180 | 977 | 188 | 15 |
| | | 2,452 | 2,352 | 89 | 11 | 1,185 | 1,026 | 147 | 12 |
| 10-14 years | M 1,625 F 1,691 | 1,262 | 1,216 | 38 | 6 | 363 | 285 | 69 | 10 |
| | | 1,304 | 1,259 | 38 | 7 | 387 | 303 | 77 | 7 |
| 15-17 years | M 311 F 323 | 230 | 206 | 19 | 5 | 91 | 71 | 17 | 3 |
| | | 233 | 215 | 19 | 4 | 85 | 57 | 24 | 4 |

Table 3 Children adopted under Orders registered in the quarter ended 31st December 1976 and full year 1976: legitimacy, age and sex

England and Wales

| Age at adoption | | All children | Legitimate children | | | Illegitimate children | | | | |
|-----------------------|---|--------------|---------------------|----------------------|------------------|-----------------------|-------|----------------------|------------------|-----|
| | | | Total | Joint adopters | | Sole adopter | Total | Joint adopters | | |
| | | | | One or both a parent | Neither a parent | | | One or both a parent | Neither a parent | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| December quarter 1976 | | | | | | | | | | |
| All ages | P | 4,431 | 2,166 | 1,932 | 225 | 9 | 2,265 | 1,013 | 1,233 | 19 |
| | M | 2,267 | 1,118 | 993 | 120 | 5 | 1,149 | 473 | 671 | 5 |
| | F | 2,164 | 1,048 | 939 | 105 | 4 | 1,116 | 540 | 562 | 14 |
| Under 6 months | M | 194 | 7 | - | 7 | - | 187 | - | 187 | - |
| | F | 167 | 5 | - | 5 | - | 162 | 1 | 161 | - |
| 6-8 months | M | 255 | 10 | - | 10 | - | 245 | 3 | 242 | - |
| | F | 211 | 15 | - | 15 | - | 196 | 2 | 193 | 1 |
| 9-11 months | M | 63 | 11 | 1 | 10 | - | 52 | 3 | 49 | - |
| | F | 51 | 7 | 1 | 6 | - | 44 | 1 | 43 | - |
| 1 year | M | 97 | 22 | 10 | 12 | - | 75 | 20 | 55 | - |
| | F | 67 | 9 | 4 | 5 | - | 58 | 18 | 38 | 2 |
| 2 years | M | 109 | 23 | 15 | 8 | - | 86 | 49 | 36 | 1 |
| | F | 111 | 30 | 21 | 9 | - | 81 | 54 | 26 | 1 |
| 3-4 years | M | 345 | 146 | 133 | 13 | - | 199 | 166 | 33 | - |
| | F | 306 | 116 | 101 | 15 | - | 190 | 160 | 28 | 2 |
| 5-9 years | M | 740 | 504 | 474 | 26 | 4 | 236 | 189 | 46 | 1 |
| | F | 782 | 511 | 479 | 30 | 2 | 271 | 224 | 44 | 3 |
| 10-14 years | M | 403 | 345 | 320 | 24 | 1 | 58 | 37 | 19 | 2 |
| | F | 403 | 312 | 296 | 15 | 1 | 91 | 66 | 22 | 3 |
| 15-17 years | M | 61 | 50 | 40 | 10 | - | 11 | 6 | 4 | 1 |
| | F | 66 | 43 | 37 | 5 | 1 | 23 | 14 | 7 | 2 |
| 1976 | | | | | | | | | | |
| All ages | P | 17,621 | 8,753 | 7,838 | 884 | 31 | 8,868 | 3,989 | 4,777 | 102 |
| | M | 8,939 | 4,387 | 3,910 | 458 | 19 | 4,552 | 1,943 | 2,561 | 48 |
| | F | 8,682 | 4,366 | 3,928 | 426 | 12 | 4,316 | 2,046 | 2,216 | 54 |
| Under 6 months | M | 813 | 30 | - | 30 | - | 783 | 4 | 779 | - |
| | F | 709 | 22 | - | 22 | - | 687 | 7 | 680 | - |
| 6-8 months | M | 835 | 33 | - | 33 | - | 802 | 8 | 793 | 1 |
| | F | 769 | 43 | - | 43 | - | 726 | 5 | 720 | 1 |
| 9-11 months | M | 258 | 23 | 1 | 22 | - | 235 | 12 | 223 | - |
| | F | 224 | 28 | 4 | 24 | - | 196 | 9 | 187 | - |
| 1 year | M | 422 | 72 | 23 | 48 | 1 | 350 | 110 | 237 | 3 |
| | F | 352 | 55 | 14 | 41 | - | 297 | 93 | 200 | 4 |
| 2 years | M | 440 | 115 | 68 | 46 | 1 | 325 | 197 | 123 | 5 |
| | F | 428 | 121 | 84 | 36 | 1 | 307 | 208 | 95 | 4 |
| 3-4 years | M | 1,303 | 613 | 544 | 67 | 2 | 690 | 567 | 119 | 4 |
| | F | 1,271 | 576 | 502 | 74 | - | 695 | 583 | 103 | 9 |
| 5-9 years | M | 3,082 | 2,103 | 1,968 | 119 | 13 | 982 | 764 | 196 | 20 |
| | F | 3,079 | 2,112 | 1,992 | 113 | 7 | 967 | 799 | 150 | 18 |
| 10-14 years | M | 1,529 | 1,205 | 1,135 | 68 | 2 | 324 | 238 | 74 | 12 |
| | F | 1,596 | 1,224 | 1,168 | 53 | 3 | 372 | 297 | 62 | 13 |
| 15-17 years | M | 257 | 196 | 171 | 25 | - | 61 | 43 | 15 | 3 |
| | F | 254 | 185 | 164 | 20 | 1 | 69 | 45 | 19 | 5 |

Table 3 Children adopted under Ordinance registered in the quarter ended 31st December 1977 and the full year 1977: Legitimacy, age and sex

England and Wales

| Age at adoption | All children | Legitimate children | | | | Illegitimate children | | | | |
|-----------------------|--------------|---------------------|----------------------|------------------|--------------|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------|--------------|----|
| | | Total | Joint Adopters | | Sole Adopter | Total | Joint Adopters | | Sole Adopter | |
| | | | One or both a parent | Neither a parent | | | One or both a parent | Neither a parent | | |
| December quarter 1977 | | | | | | | | | | |
| All ages | P | 3,096 | 1,277 | 1,076 | 191 | 10 | 1,819 | 799 | 1,000 | 20 |
| | M | 1,620 | 655 | 547 | 101 | 7 | 965 | 394 | 557 | 14 |
| | F | 1,476 | 622 | 529 | 90 | 3 | 854 | 405 | 443 | 6 |
| Under 6 months | M | 162 | 7 | 1 | 6 | - | 155 | - | 155 | - |
| | F | 125 | 8 | - | 8 | - | 117 | 1 | 116 | - |
| 6-8 months | M | 206 | 6 | - | 6 | - | 200 | 1 | 199 | - |
| | F | 163 | 7 | - | 7 | - | 156 | 1 | 155 | - |
| 9-11 months | M | 48 | 3 | - | 3 | - | 45 | 1 | 44 | - |
| | F | 50 | 5 | - | 5 | - | 45 | 2 | 43 | - |
| 1 year | M | 67 | 14 | 1 | 13 | - | 53 | 8 | 44 | 1 |
| | F | 63 | 4 | 2 | 2 | - | 59 | 17 | 42 | - |
| 2 years | M | 74 | 19 | 10 | 9 | - | 55 | 36 | 18 | 1 |
| | F | 57 | 11 | 4 | 7 | - | 46 | 31 | 15 | - |
| 3-4 years | M | 227 | 94 | 76 | 18 | - | 133 | 103 | 29 | 1 |
| | F | 198 | 66 | 57 | 9 | - | 132 | 110 | 20 | 2 |
| 5-9 years | M | 518 | 276 | 251 | 23 | 2 | 242 | 190 | 44 | 8 |
| | F | 524 | 307 | 275 | 30 | 2 | 217 | 182 | 31 | 4 |
| 10-14 years | M | 271 | 202 | 182 | 16 | 4 | 69 | 46 | 19 | 2 |
| | F | 252 | 182 | 164 | 17 | 1 | 70 | 53 | 17 | - |
| 15-17 years | M | 47 | 34 | 26 | 7 | 1 | 13 | 7 | 5 | 1 |
| | F | 44 | 32 | 27 | 5 | - | 12 | 8 | 4 | - |
| 1977 | | | | | | | | | | |
| All ages | P | 12,748 | 5,419 | 4,545 | 841 | 33 | 7,329 | 3,238 | 4,026 | 65 |
| | M | 6,548 | 2,697 | 2,253 | 427 | 17 | 3,851 | 1,627 | 2,184 | 40 |
| | F | 6,200 | 2,722 | 2,292 | 414 | 16 | 3,478 | 1,611 | 1,842 | 25 |
| Under 6 months | M | 623 | 18 | 1 | 17 | - | 605 | 2 | 603 | - |
| | F | 534 | 20 | - | 20 | - | 514 | 6 | 508 | - |
| 6-8 months | M | 776 | 37 | 1 | 36 | - | 739 | 3 | 735 | 1 |
| | F | 639 | 29 | - | 29 | - | 610 | 2 | 608 | - |
| 9-11 months | M | 207 | 21 | 1 | 20 | - | 186 | 1 | 184 | 1 |
| | F | 166 | 17 | - | 17 | - | 149 | 3 | 146 | - |
| 1 year | M | 310 | 60 | 4 | 56 | - | 250 | 51 | 196 | 3 |
| | F | 285 | 63 | 18 | 44 | 1 | 222 | 53 | 168 | 1 |
| 2 years | M | 319 | 80 | 41 | 39 | - | 239 | 151 | 86 | 2 |
| | F | 272 | 75 | 35 | 40 | - | 197 | 121 | 76 | - |
| 3-4 years | M | 911 | 360 | 283 | 77 | - | 551 | 443 | 105 | 3 |
| | F | 955 | 344 | 281 | 62 | 1 | 561 | 463 | 95 | 3 |
| 5-9 years | M | 2,116 | 1,246 | 1,129 | 113 | 4 | 870 | 683 | 170 | 17 |
| | F | 2,069 | 1,247 | 1,140 | 102 | 5 | 822 | 677 | 132 | 13 |
| 10-14 years | M | 1,970 | 737 | 677 | 49 | 11 | 333 | 243 | 81 | 9 |
| | F | 1,122 | 731 | 711 | 63 | 7 | 341 | 245 | 90 | 6 |
| 15-17 years | M | 216 | 138 | 116 | 20 | 2 | 78 | 50 | 24 | 4 |
| | F | 228 | 146 | 107 | 37 | 2 | 62 | 41 | 21 | 2 |

Table 4 Revised figures of the age of children at adoption 1978

England and Wales

| Age of children at adoption † | Sex | All children | Legitimate children | | | Illegitimate children | | | | |
|-------------------------------|-----|--------------|---------------------|----------------------|------------------|-----------------------|-------|----------------------|------------------|--------------|
| | | | Total | Joint adopters | | Sole adopter | Total | Joint adopters | | Sole adopter |
| | | | | One or both a parent | Neither a parent | | | One or both a parent | Neither a parent | |
| Total | P | 12,121 | 5,121 | 4,324 | 764 | 33 | 7,000 | 3,120 | 3,826 | 54 |
| | M | 6,259 | 2,632 | 2,214 | 403 | 15 | 3,627 | 1,570 | 2,033 | 24 |
| | F | 5,862 | 2,489 | 2,110 | 361 | 18 | 3,373 | 1,550 | 1,793 | 30 |
| Under 6 months | M | 583 | 23 | - | 23 | - | 560 | 5 | 555 | - |
| | F | 509 | 11 | - | 11 | - | 498 | - | 498 | - |
| 6-8 months | M | 672 | 30 | - | 30 | - | 642 | 6 | 636 | - |
| | F | 674 | 31 | - | 31 | - | 643 | 4 | 639 | - |
| 9-11 months | M | 203 | 19 | - | 19 | - | 184 | 5 | 179 | - |
| | F | 165 | 15 | - | 15 | - | 150 | - | 150 | - |
| 1 year | M | 234 | 52 | 18 | 34 | - | 182 | 28 | 154 | - |
| | F | 211 | 32 | 2 | 30 | - | 179 | 40 | 138 | 1 |
| 2 years | M | 237 | 52 | 23 | 29 | - | 185 | 109 | 76 | - |
| | F | 211 | 57 | 32 | 24 | 1 | 154 | 95 | 59 | - |
| 3-4 years | M | 857 | 284 | 207 | 76 | 1 | 573 | 424 | 146 | 3 |
| | F | 788 | 266 | 195 | 71 | - | 522 | 426 | 93 | 3 |
| 5-9 years | M | 2,069 | 1,196 | 1,084 | 106 | 6 | 873 | 701 | 163 | 9 |
| | F | 1,995 | 1,152 | 1,055 | 95 | 2 | 843 | 708 | 118 | 17 |
| 10-14 years | M | 1,173 | 834 | 770 | 59 | 5 | 339 | 252 | 83 | 4 |
| | F | 1,037 | 741 | 658 | 71 | 12 | 296 | 230 | 59 | 7 |
| 15-17 years | M | 231 | 142 | 112 | 27 | 3 | 89 | 40 | 41 | 8 |
| | F | 272 | 184 | 168 | 13 | 3 | 88 | 47 | 39 | 2 |

† The age distribution is estimated (see text) M - males; F - females; P - persons

Table 2 Registration of Adoption Orders 1978, 1979

| <i>England and Wales</i> | | |
|------------------------------|--------|--------|
| Number of Adoption Orders | 1978 | 1979 |
| Total | 12,121 | 10,870 |
| of which Provisional Orders* | 26 | 22 |
| High Court - total | 39 | 52 |
| Provisional Orders* | - | - |
| County Court - total | 9,783 | 9,095 |
| Provisional Orders* | 26 | 22 |
| Magistrates Courts | 2,299 | 1,723 |
| Number of orders by quarter | | |
| Total | 12,121 | 10,870 |
| January-March | 3,317 | 2,878 |
| April-June | 3,103 | 2,571 |
| July-September | 2,686 | 2,665 |
| October-December | 3,015 | 2,756 |

*Adoptions by people domiciled outside Great Britain

Table 3 Number of adoptions, 1979

| <i>England and Wales</i> | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|-----|--------------|---------------------|----------------------|------------------|--------------|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------|--------------|
| Age of children at adoption † | Sex | All children | Legitimate children | | | | Illegitimate children | | | |
| | | | Total | Joint adopters | | Sole adopter | Total | Joint adopters | | Sole adopter |
| | | | | One or both a parent | Neither a parent | | | One or both a parent | Neither a parent | |
| Total | P | 10,870 | 4,551 | 3,800 | 715 | 39 | 6,319 | 2,734 | 3,539 | 46 |
| | M | 5,593 | 2,339 | 1,943 | 373 | 23 | 3,254 | 1,355 | 1,875 | 24 |
| | F | 5,277 | 2,212 | 1,857 | 342 | 13 | 3,065 | 1,379 | 1,664 | 22 |
| Under 6 months | M | 524 | 23 | - | 23 | - | 501 | 1 | 500 | - |
| | F | 476 | 9 | - | 9 | - | 467 | - | 467 | - |
| 6-8 months | M | 655 | 32 | - | 32 | - | 623 | 3 | 620 | - |
| | F | 613 | 30 | - | 30 | - | 583 | 3 | 580 | - |
| 9-11 months | M | 230 | 20 | - | 20 | - | 210 | 15 | 195 | - |
| | F | 151 | 18 | - | 18 | - | 133 | - | 133 | - |
| 1 year | M | 177 | 48 | 14 | 34 | - | 129 | 21 | 108 | - |
| | F | 188 | 21 | 2 | 19 | - | 167 | 37 | 130 | - |
| 2 years | M | 175 | 44 | 20 | 24 | - | 131 | 68 | 63 | - |
| | F | 182 | 42 | 23 | 19 | - | 140 | 81 | 59 | - |
| 3-4 years | M | 757 | 249 | 184 | 65 | - | 508 | 362 | 143 | 3 |
| | F | 704 | 240 | 174 | 66 | - | 464 | 372 | 91 | 1 |
| 5-9 years | M | 1,796 | 1,051 | 953 | 92 | 6 | 745 | 595 | 143 | 7 |
| | F | 1,776 | 1,003 | 901 | 101 | 1 | 773 | 647 | 115 | 11 |
| 10-14 years | M | 1,072 | 734 | 672 | 54 | 8 | 338 | 246 | 80 | 12 |
| | F | 941 | 690 | 612 | 70 | 8 | 251 | 195 | 49 | 7 |
| 15-17 years | M | 207 | 138 | 100 | 29 | 9 | 69 | 44 | 23 | 2 |
| | F | 246 | 159 | 145 | 10 | 4 | 87 | 44 | 40 | 2 |

† The age distribution is estimated (see text) M - males; F - females; P - persons

Table 3 Number of adoptions, 1980

England and Wales

| Age of children at adoption | Sex | All children | Legitimate children | | | Illegitimate children | | | | |
|-----------------------------|-----|--------------|---------------------|--|------------------|-----------------------|-------|--|------------------|--------------|
| | | | Total | Joint adopters One or both a parent | Neither a parent | Sole adopter | Total | Joint adopters One or both a parent | Neither a parent | Sole adopter |
| Total | P | 10,609 | 4,535 | 3,668 | 835 | 32 | 6,074 | 2,482 | 3,529 | 63 |
| | M | 5,428 | 2,283 | 1,839 | 428 | 16 | 3,145 | 1,244 | 1,876 | 25 |
| | F | 5,181 | 2,252 | 1,829 | 407 | 16 | 2,929 | 1,238 | 1,653 | 38 |
| Under 6 months | M | 514 | 17 | - | 17 | - | 497 | 7 | 490 | - |
| | F | 480 | 11 | 2 | 9 | - | 469 | 5 | 463 | 1 |
| 6-8 months | M | 715 | 34 | - | 34 | - | 681 | 6 | 675 | - |
| | F | 603 | 34 | - | 34 | - | 569 | 8 | 561 | - |
| 9-11 months | M | 154 | 19 | 2 | 17 | - | 135 | 6 | 127 | 2 |
| | F | 133 | 11 | - | 11 | - | 122 | 6 | 115 | 1 |
| 1 year | M | 205 | 33 | 8 | 23 | 2 | 172 | 26 | 146 | - |
| | F | 212 | 39 | 4 | 35 | - | 173 | 27 | 146 | - |
| 2 years | M | 199 | 57 | 27 | 30 | - | 142 | 75 | 67 | - |
| | F | 180 | 63 | 22 | 40 | 1 | 117 | 57 | 58 | 2 |
| 3-4 years | M | 666 | 248 | 182 | 65 | 1 | 418 | 305 | 110 | 3 |
| | F | 628 | 234 | 176 | 57 | 1 | 394 | 291 | 95 | 8 |
| 5-9 years | M | 1,723 | 1,042 | 876 | 163 | 3 | 681 | 521 | 153 | 7 |
| | F | 1,691 | 978 | 836 | 137 | 5 | 713 | 566 | 130 | 17 |
| 10-14 years | M | 1,016 | 697 | 627 | 64 | 6 | 319 | 242 | 69 | 8 |
| | F | 1,025 | 722 | 650 | 66 | 6 | 303 | 234 | 62 | 7 |
| 15-17 years | M | 236 | 136 | 117 | 15 | 4 | 100 | 56 | 39 | 5 |
| | F | 229 | 160 | 139 | 18 | 3 | 69 | 44 | 23 | 2 |

Table 3 Number of adoptions, 1981

England and Wales

| Age of children at adoption | All children | | Legitimate children | | | | Illegitimate children | | | |
|-----------------------------|--------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|--------------|-------|------------------------------|------------------|--------------|----|
| | Total | Joint adopters both a parent | Joint adopters both a parent | Neither a parent | Sole adopter | Total | Joint adopters both a parent | Neither a parent | Sole adopter | |
| All ages | P | 9,284 | 3,912 | 3,012 | 883 | 17 | 5,372 | 2,045 | 3,270 | 57 |
| | M | 4,799 | 2,023 | 1,551 | 463 | 9 | 2,776 | 1,043 | 1,704 | 29 |
| | F | 4,485 | 1,889 | 1,461 | 420 | 8 | 2,596 | 1,002 | 1,566 | 28 |
| Under 6 months | M | 494 | 12 | 1 | 11 | - | 482 | 4 | 478 | - |
| | F | 468 | 20 | 1 | 19 | - | 448 | 4 | 444 | - |
| 6-8 months | M | 583 | 46 | 1 | 45 | - | 537 | 5 | 531 | 1 |
| | F | 545 | 25 | - | 25 | - | 520 | 4 | 516 | - |
| 9-11 months | M | 136 | 13 | - | 13 | - | 123 | 1 | 121 | 1 |
| | F | 139 | 14 | 1 | 13 | - | 125 | 4 | 121 | - |
| 1 year | M | 234 | 46 | 4 | 42 | - | 188 | 34 | 152 | 2 |
| | F | 206 | 53 | 6 | 46 | 1 | 153 | 24 | 124 | 5 |
| 2 years | M | 222 | 53 | 18 | 33 | 2 | 169 | 83 | 84 | 2 |
| | F | 169 | 45 | 21 | 24 | - | 124 | 56 | 66 | 2 |
| 3-4 years | M | 554 | 208 | 135 | 73 | - | 346 | 249 | 94 | 3 |
| | F | 525 | 199 | 139 | 59 | 1 | 326 | 222 | 100 | 4 |
| 5-9 years | M | 1,420 | 835 | 682 | 151 | 2 | 585 | 408 | 171 | 6 |
| | F | 1,364 | 806 | 658 | 147 | 1 | 558 | 432 | 118 | 8 |
| 10-14 years | M | 939 | 658 | 585 | 71 | 2 | 281 | 216 | 57 | 8 |
| | F | 884 | 602 | 528 | 70 | 4 | 282 | 217 | 60 | 5 |
| 15-17 years | M | 217 | 152 | 125 | 24 | 3 | 65 | 43 | 16 | 6 |
| | F | 185 | 125 | 107 | 17 | 1 | 60 | 39 | 17 | 4 |

Table 3 Number of adoptions 1982

England and Wales

| Age of children at adoption | All children | | | | Legitimate children | | | | Illegitimate children | | | |
|-----------------------------|--------------|------------------------------|------------------|--------------|---------------------|------------------------------|------------------|--------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|------------------|--------------|
| | Total | Joint adopters both a parent | Neither a parent | Sole adopter | Total | Joint adopters both a parent | Neither a parent | Sole adopter | Total | Joint adopters both a parent | Neither a parent | Sole adopter |
| All ages | P | 10,240 | 4,655 | 3,560 | 1,059 | 36 | 5,585 | 2,247 | 3,284 | 54 | | |
| | M | 5,305 | 2,412 | 1,840 | 550 | 22 | 2,893 | 1,125 | 1,739 | 29 | | |
| | F | 4,935 | 2,243 | 1,720 | 509 | 14 | 2,692 | 1,122 | 1,545 | 25 | | |
| Under 6 months | M | 460 | 18 | 1 | 17 | - | 442 | 10 | 432 | - | | |
| | F | 453 | 22 | - | 22 | - | 431 | 2 | 429 | - | | |
| 6-8 months | M | 539 | 22 | 1 | 21 | - | 517 | 11 | 506 | - | | |
| | F | 477 | 28 | 1 | 27 | - | 449 | 5 | 441 | 3 | | |
| 9-11 months | M | 135 | 23 | 1 | 22 | - | 112 | 1 | 111 | - | | |
| | F | 113 | 12 | 1 | 11 | - | 101 | 1 | 99 | 1 | | |
| 1 year | M | 233 | 54 | 8 | 46 | - | 179 | 29 | 147 | 3 | | |
| | F | 201 | 34 | - | 34 | - | 167 | 22 | 142 | 3 | | |
| 2 years | M | 253 | 70 | 23 | 47 | - | 183 | 77 | 104 | 2 | | |
| | F | 209 | 61 | 18 | 42 | 1 | 148 | 75 | 72 | 1 | | |
| 3-4 years | M | 653 | 247 | 154 | 93 | - | 406 | 240 | 162 | 4 | | |
| | F | 613 | 226 | 143 | 80 | 3 | 387 | 264 | 122 | 1 | | |
| 5-9 years | M | 1,648 | 992 | 782 | 202 | 8 | 656 | 470 | 180 | 6 | | |
| | F | 1,549 | 935 | 747 | 185 | 3 | 614 | 439 | 169 | 6 | | |
| 10-14 years | M | 1,107 | 804 | 728 | 70 | 6 | 303 | 221 | 75 | 7 | | |
| | F | 1,044 | 732 | 650 | 78 | 4 | 312 | 261 | 46 | 5 | | |
| 15-17 years | M | 277 | 182 | 142 | 32 | 8 | 95 | 66 | 22 | 7 | | |
| | F | 276 | 193 | 160 | 30 | 3 | 83 | 53 | 25 | 5 | | |

Table 3 Number of adoptions, 1983

England and Wales

| Age of children at adoption | All children | Legitimate children | | | | | Illegitimate children | | | | |
|-----------------------------|--------------|---------------------|----------------------|------------------|--------------|-------|-----------------------|------------------|--------------|----|--|
| | | Total | Joint adopters | | Sole adopter | Total | Joint adopters | | Sole adopter | | |
| | | | One or both a parent | Neither a parent | | | One or both a parent | Neither a parent | | | |
| All ages | P | 9,029 | 3,909 | 2,872 | 1,000 | 37 | 5,120 | 2,067 | 3,008 | 45 | |
| | M | 4,640 | 1,980 | 1,420 | 542 | 18 | 2,660 | 1,039 | 1,599 | 22 | |
| | F | 4,389 | 1,929 | 1,452 | 458 | 19 | 2,460 | 1,028 | 1,409 | 23 | |
| Under 6 months | M | 379 | 17 | 1 | 16 | - | 362 | 11 | 351 | - | |
| | F | 359 | 11 | 1 | 10 | - | 348 | 9 | 339 | - | |
| 6-8 months | M | 550 | 25 | 1 | 24 | - | 525 | 17 | 508 | - | |
| | F | 439 | 23 | 1 | 22 | - | 416 | 6 | 410 | - | |
| 9-11 months | M | 138 | 15 | 1 | 14 | - | 123 | 3 | 120 | - | |
| | F | 97 | 17 | 1 | 16 | - | 80 | 1 | 77 | 2 | |
| 1 year | M | 227 | 57 | 4 | 53 | - | 170 | 27 | 142 | 1 | |
| | F | 212 | 43 | 4 | 39 | - | 169 | 30 | 135 | 4 | |
| 2 years | M | 223 | 59 | 16 | 43 | - | 164 | 59 | 105 | - | |
| | F | 211 | 55 | 16 | 37 | 2 | 156 | 73 | 81 | 2 | |
| 3-4 years | M | 622 | 220 | 131 | 87 | 2 | 402 | 267 | 133 | 2 | |
| | F | 599 | 202 | 133 | 66 | 3 | 397 | 260 | 137 | - | |
| 5-9 years | M | 1,292 | 731 | 553 | 173 | 5 | 561 | 384 | 170 | 7 | |
| | F | 1,359 | 792 | 617 | 169 | 6 | 567 | 398 | 162 | 7 | |
| 10-14 years | M | 940 | 683 | 573 | 102 | 8 | 257 | 203 | 51 | 3 | |
| | F | 892 | 638 | 557 | 77 | 4 | 254 | 204 | 48 | 2 | |
| 15-17 years | M | 269 | 173 | 140 | 30 | 3 | 96 | 68 | 19 | 9 | |
| | F | 221 | 148 | 122 | 22 | 4 | 73 | 47 | 20 | 6 | |

Table 4 Number of adoptions, 1934

Boys and Girls

| Age of children at adoption | All children | | Legitimate children | | | | | | Illegitimate children | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|--------------|--------|---------------------|----------------|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------|-----------------------|-------|----------------|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------|--------------|
| | Male | Female | Total | Joint adopters | One or both as parent | Stepfather as parent | Stepmother as parent | Stable adopter | Inst. placed | Total | Joint adopters | One or both as parent | Stepfather as parent | Stepmother as parent | Stable adopter | Inst. placed |
| All ages | 8,648 | 4,437 | 3,865 | 2,650 | 1,177 | 288 | 100 | 4,783 | 1,809 | 2,910 | 53 | 211 | | | | |
| | 4,437 | 4,211 | 1,946 | 1,305 | 623 | 116 | 2 | 2,491 | 889 | 1,559 | 25 | 8 | | | | |
| | | | 1,919 | 1,345 | 554 | 112 | 8 | 2,292 | 910 | 1,361 | 28 | 3 | | | | |
| Under 6 months | 389 | 325 | 10 | 1 | 9 | - | - | 379 | 5 | 373 | 1 | - | | | | |
| | | | 11 | - | 11 | - | - | 304 | 6 | 308 | - | - | | | | |
| 6-8 months | 466 | 441 | 27 | 2 | 24 | - | 1 | 439 | 4 | 430 | 1 | 4 | | | | |
| | | | 33 | - | 33 | - | - | 408 | 2 | 404 | 1 | 1 | | | | |
| 9-11 months | 124 | 98 | 12 | - | 12 | - | - | 112 | 4 | 107 | - | 1 | | | | |
| | | | 22 | 1 | 21 | - | - | 76 | 2 | 73 | 1 | - | | | | |
| 1 year | 187 | 184 | 45 | 3 | 41 | 1 | - | 142 | 14 | 127 | - | 1 | | | | |
| | | | 44 | 2 | 41 | 1 | - | 140 | 19 | 116 | 5 | - | | | | |
| 2 years | 216 | 220 | 67 | 21 | 45 | 1 | - | 169 | 60 | 108 | 1 | 1 | | | | |
| | | | 53 | 15 | 37 | 1 | - | 167 | 65 | 100 | 1 | 1 | | | | |
| 3-4 years | 569 | 539 | 211 | 122 | 88 | 1 | - | 358 | 207 | 142 | 8 | 1 | | | | |
| | | | 215 | 127 | 85 | - | 3 | 324 | 201 | 119 | 3 | 1 | | | | |
| 5-9 years | 1,331 | 1,282 | 809 | 547 | 258 | 4 | 5 | 522 | 341 | 177 | 3 | 1 | | | | |
| | | | 761 | 561 | 193 | 2 | - | 521 | 355 | 160 | 6 | - | | | | |
| 10-14 years | 877 | 853 | 603 | 477 | 120 | 5 | 1 | 274 | 208 | 63 | 3 | - | | | | |
| | | | 606 | 501 | 103 | 2 | - | 247 | 195 | 47 | 5 | - | | | | |
| 15-17 years | 253 | 269 | 162 | 132 | 26 | 4 | - | 96 | 56 | 32 | 8 | - | | | | |
| | | | 174 | 138 | 30 | 6 | - | 95 | 65 | 24 | 6 | - | | | | |

Exhibit 4

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Adoptions 1978

Table 1 shows the number of Adoption Orders received each month up to the end of December 1978 for England and Wales. Comparable figures for 1977 and for Wales separately are included.

Table 2 shows details of registration of Adoption Orders granted by various courts in 1977 and 1978.

Table 3 gives details of adoptions registered in the September and December quarters 1978 and the full year of 1978 by legitimacy, age and sex of the adopted children.

There were 12,121 orders registered in 1978, which is the lowest annual number in the post war period. Of the total number of children adopted in 1978, there were 45 per cent aged under five, 33 per cent aged five to nine and 22 per cent aged 10 or more.

The decrease of 627 (5 per cent) from the 1977 figure of 12,748 moderates the general downward trend in the annual total number of adoptions registered over the last 10 years and which is illustrated in Figure 1. A detailed account of changes in adoption patterns since 1951 was published in *Population Trends 14* (HMSO 1978).

Figure 1 Annual number of Adoption Orders registered 1968-1978
 England and Wales

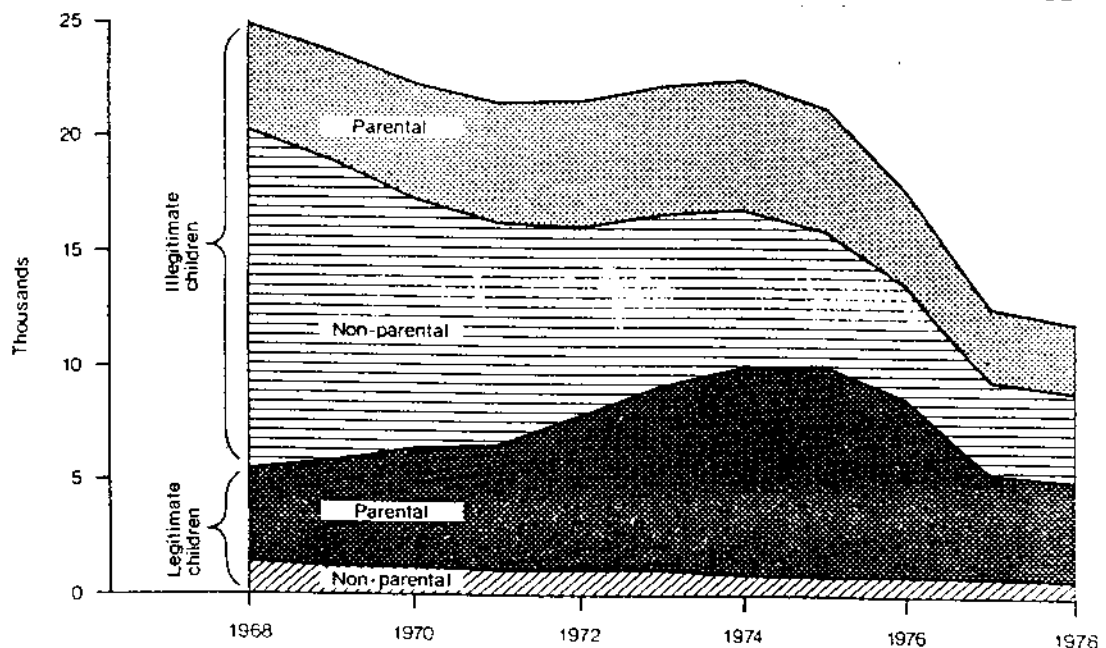


Exhibit 5

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Table 2. (Continued)

| Area, year and characteristic | Number of abortions ¹ | Abortion rate per 1,000 | | Abortion ratio per 100 | |
|--|----------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| | | Total population | Women 15-44 | Live births ² | Known pregnancies ³ |
| <u>England and Wales</u> ¹¹ (continued) | | | | | |
| 1974 | 109,400 | 2.2 | 11.6 | 17.5 | 14.9 |
| 1975 | 106,200 | 2.2 | 11.2 | 17.9 | 15.2 |
| 1976 | 101,900 | 2.1 | 10.6 | 18.0 | 15.2 |
| 1977 | 102,700 | 2.1 | 10.6 | 17.8 | 15.1 |
| 1978 | 111,900 | 2.3 | 11.4 | 17.9 | 15.2 |
| 1979 | 120,600 | 2.5 | 12.1 | 18.6 | 15.7 |
| 1980 | 128,900 | 2.6 | 12.8 | 20.1 | 16.7 |
| 1981 | 128,600 | 2.6 | 12.4 | 20.5 | 17.0 |
| 1982 | 128,600 | 2.6 | 12.2 | 20.4 | 17.0 |
| 1983 | 127,400 | 2.6 | 12.1 | 20.3 | 16.9 |
| 1984 | 136,400 | 2.7 | 12.8 | 20.9 | 17.3 |
| 1985 | 141,100 | 2.8 | 13.1 | 21.4 | 17.6 |
| 1986 | 147,600 | 2.9 | 13.5 | 22.0 | 18.1 |
| 1987 | 156,200 | 3.1 | 14.2 | 22.5 | 18.4 |
| Nonresidents | | | | | |
| 1968 ¹² | 1,300 | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| 1969 | 5,000 | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| 1970 | 10,600 | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| 1971 | 32,200 | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| 1972 | 51,300 | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| 1973 | 56,600 | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| 1974 | 53,500 | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| 1975 | 33,500 | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| 1976 | 27,800 | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| 1977 | 30,300 | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| 1978 | 29,700 | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| 1979 | 29,100 | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| 1980 | 32,000 | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| 1981 | 33,900 | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| 1982 | 34,500 | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| 1983 | 34,800 | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| 1984 | 33,600 | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| 1985 | 30,800 | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| 1986 | 24,700 | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| 1987 | 18,100 | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| <u>Finland</u> | | | | | |
| 1951-55 ¹⁰ | 3,500 | 0.8 | 3.7 | 3.8 | 3.7 |
| 1956-60 | 5,200 | 1.2 | 5.7 | 6.7 | 6.3 |
| 1961-65 | 5,400 | 1.2 | 5.6 | 7.1 | 6.7 |
| 1966 | 5,200 | 1.1 | 5.1 | 6.8 | 6.4 |
| 1967 | 5,600 | 1.2 | 5.4 | 7.3 | 6.8 |
| 1968 | 6,300 | 1.3 | 6.0 | 9.0 | 8.2 |

Table 2. (Continued)

| Area, year and characteristic | Number of abortions ¹ | Abortion rate per 1,000 | | Abortion ratio per 100 | |
|--|----------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| | | Total population | Women 15-44 | Live births ² | Known pregnancies ³ |
| <u>Denmark</u> ¹⁰ | | | | | |
| 1940-44 | 800 | 0.2 | 0.9 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| 1945-49 | 2,300 | 0.6 | 2.5 | 2.7 | 2.6 |
| 1950-54 | 4,700 | 1.1 | 5.1 | 6.1 | 5.8 |
| 1955-59 | 4,300 | 1.0 | 4.6 | 5.7 | 5.4 |
| 1960-64 | 4,100 | 0.9 | 4.3 | 5.1 | 4.9 |
| 1965-69 | 6,100 | 1.3 | 6.2 | 7.9 | 7.3 |
| 1970 | 9,400 | 1.9 | 9.4 | 12.9 | 11.4 |
| 1971 | 11,200 | 2.2 | 11.1 | 14.8 | 12.9 |
| 1972 | 13,000 | 2.6 | 12.9 | 17.6 | 15.0 |
| 1973 | 16,500 | 3.3 | 16.2 | 23.3 | 18.9 |
| 1974 | 24,900 | 4.9 | 24.2 | 34.5 | 25.6 |
| 1975 | 27,900 | 5.5 | 27.0 | 40.2 | 28.7 |
| 1976 | 26,800 | 5.3 | 25.8 | 42.7 | 30.0 |
| 1977 | 25,700 | 5.0 | 24.4 | 41.3 | 29.2 |
| 1978 | 23,700 | 4.7 | 22.3 | 38.9 | 28.0 |
| 1979 | 23,200 | 4.5 | 21.6 | 39.8 | 28.5 |
| 1980 | 23,300 | 4.6 | 21.4 | 42.9 | 30.0 |
| 1981 | 22,800 | 4.5 | 20.7 | 42.8 | 30.0 |
| 1982 | 21,500 | 4.2 | 19.3 | 42.0 | 29.6 |
| 1983 | 20,800 | 4.1 | 18.6 | 40.5 | 28.8 |
| 1984 | 20,700 | 4.1 | 18.5 | 39.5 | 28.3 |
| 1985 | 19,900 | 3.9 | 17.6 | 36.6 | 26.8 |
| 1986 | 20,100 | 3.9 | 17.7 | 35.8 | 26.4 |
| 1987 | 20,800 | 4.1 | 18.3 | 36.4 | 26.7 |
| 1988 | 21,200 | -- | -- | (36.4) | (26.7) |
| <u>England and Wales</u> ¹¹ | | | | | |
| 1961 | 14,300 | 0.3 | 1.6 | 1.7 | 1.7 |
| 1962 | 16,800 | 0.4 | 1.8 | 2.0 | 1.9 |
| 1963 | 16,600 | 0.4 | 1.8 | 1.9 | 1.9 |
| 1964 | 18,300 | 0.4 | 1.9 | 2.1 | 2.1 |
| 1965 | 19,500 | 0.4 | 2.1 | 2.3 | 2.2 |
| 1966 | 21,400 | 0.4 | 2.3 | 2.5 | 2.4 |
| 1967 | 27,200 | 0.6 | 2.9 | 3.3 | 3.2 |
| Under the 1967 Abortion Act | | | | | |
| Residents | | | | | |
| 1968 ¹² | 22,300 | 0.7 | 3.5 | 4.0 | 3.9 |
| 1969 | 49,800 | 1.0 | 5.3 | 6.4 | 6.0 |
| 1970 | 76,000 | 1.6 | 8.1 | 9.6 | 8.7 |
| 1971 | 94,600 | 1.9 | 10.1 | 12.6 | 11.2 |
| 1972 | 108,600 | 2.2 | 11.5 | 15.8 | 13.6 |
| 1973 | 110,600 | 2.2 | 11.7 | 17.0 | 14.5 |

Table 2. (Continued)

| Area, year and characteristic | Number of abortions ¹ | Abortion rate per 1,000 | | Abortion ratio per 100 | |
|---|----------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| | | Total population | Women 15-44 | Live births ² | Known pregnancies ³ |
| <u>Yugoslavia</u> | | | | | |
| 1966 ⁴⁰ | 219,700 | 11.2 | 47.7 | 55.7 | 35.8 |
| 1967 | 242,100 | 12.2 | 52.1 | 62.7 | 38.5 |
| 1968 | 245,800 | 12.3 | 52.5 | 69.7 | 41.1 |
| 1969 | 253,500 | 12.6 | 53.6 | 68.0 | 40.5 |
| 1970 | 254,400 | 12.5 | 53.4 | 68.9 | 40.8 |
| 1971 | 261,000 | 12.7 | 54.4 | 69.0 | 40.8 |
| 1972 | 267,700 | 12.9 | 55.4 | 70.5 | 41.3 |
| 1975 | 293,200 | 13.7 | 59.5 | 75.4 | 43.0 |
| 1978 | 325,200 | 15.3 | 67.3 | 88.3 | 46.9 |
| 1980 | 356,400 | 16.0 | 71.4 | 94.0 | 48.4 |
| 1983 | 371,700 | 16.3 | 73.5 | 98.4 | 49.6 |
| 1984 | 384,800 | 16.8 | 75.7 | (102.2) | (50.5) |
| Excluding spontaneous and illegal abortions | | | | | |
| 1984 | 358,300 | 15.6 | 70.5 | (95.2) | (48.8) |

Notes: Dash (-)=not applicable; na=data not available. A slash (/) between years indicates that the period covered is from some point in the first year to the same point in the second year; a dash (-) between years indicates that the period covered is in full calendar years.

1. All numbers are rounded. Because of rounding, components may not add to totals. Data for most recent periods may be subject to revision.
2. Six months later. Ratios in parentheses are computed per 100 unlagged births.
3. Known pregnancies are defined as legal abortions plus live births six months later.
4. Menstrual regulations reported in government clinics: reporting year ends June 30.
5. "Reporting incomplete" means that there is evidence that less than 80 percent of all abortions (including illegal abortions) are included in the abortion figures.
6. Illegal abortions in clinics, hospitals and physicians' offices.
7. Includes abortions on request and for medical reasons.
8. Numbers of abortions differ from those shown in the UN Demographic Yearbook, which include "other abortions" (women admitted to hospitals for treatment of complications of spontaneous or illegally induced abortions).
9. Residents only.
10. Annual averages.
11. For 1961-67, the figures for the private sector and, therefore, the totals as well, are estimates.
12. Annualized rate and ratio computed from data for April 27-December 31, 1968.
13. Provisional.