Adoption and Special Guardianship

How the Headline Measures are Calculated

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CHILD HEADLINE MEASURES

DEFINITIONS

Where we refer to a:
Reporting date: this will be the last day of the quarter for that we are reporting on
Reporting quarter: this will be the three months ending on the reporting date

- **Quarter 1**: 1 April to 30 June
- **Quarter 2:** 1 July to 30 September
- **Quarter 3:** 1 October to 31 December
- **Quarter 4:** 1 January to 31 March

Reporting period: this will be from 1 April to the reporting date, in the financial year that we are reporting on

The cohort of children included in the count for each Headline Measure can be identified on the "HData" tab of your Child-Level data return by following the filtering instructions given below each explanation of how the Headline Measure is calculated.

CHILDREN WAITING

Children waiting with a best interest decision but not yet placed

Total number of children who have, at the reporting date:

A 'Date of the ADM decision that the child should be placed for adoption' (B2b) which is before the reporting date – *i.e. the decision was made in time to be counted* **AND EITHER**

Nothing recorded for 'Date the child was placed for adoption with the (prospective) adopter(s)' (B5b) OR 'Date of AO' (B7) OR 'Date of the decision that the child should no longer be placed for adoption' (C1a) OR 'Reason why the child should no longer be placed for adoption' (C1b) – *i.e. the child has not been placed, adopted or had a change of plan*

OR (B5b) OR (C1a) is after the reporting date – *i.e. the child has been placed or the plan has been changed but these happened after the reporting date*

OR (B5b) is blank but (B7) has a date after the reporting date – *i.e. the child has been adopted without formally being placed for adoption and the AO was granted after the reporting date*

OR (B5b) and **'**Date of the disruption to the adoptive placement (prior to the AO)' (C2) are both before the reporting date **AND** (C2) is later than (B5b) **AND** (C1a) is either blank or has a date after the reporting date – *i.e. there was a placement but it disrupted before the reporting date and there hasn't been a change of plan (before the reporting date)*

Filter on column BU by "TRUE"

Children waiting with a placement order but not yet placed

Total number of children who have, at the reporting date:

A 'Date of PO or FO' (B3) before the reporting date - *i.e. the PO was granted in time to be counted* **AND EITHER**

Nothing recorded for 'Date the child was placed for adoption with the (prospective) adopter(s)' (B5b) OR 'Date of AO' (B7) OR 'Date of the decision that the child should no longer be placed for adoption' (C1a) OR 'Reason why the child should no longer be placed for adoption' (C1b) – *i.e. the child has not been placed, adopted or had a change of plan*

OR (B5b) OR (C1a) is after the reporting date – *i.e. the child has been placed or the plan has been changed but these happened after the reporting date*

OR (B5b) is blank but (B7) has a date after the reporting date – *i.e. the child has been adopted without formally being placed for adoption and the AO was granted after the reporting date*

OR (B5b) and **'**Date of the disruption to the adoptive placement (prior to the AO)' (C2) are both before the reporting date **AND** (C2) is later than (B5b) **AND** (C1a) is either blank or has a date after the reporting date – *i.e. there was a placement but it disrupted before the reporting date and there hasn't been a change of plan (before the reporting date)*

Filter on column BT by "TRUE"

Children waiting with a placement order but not yet placed who have been waiting to be placed for longer than 90 days since placement order

Total number of children who have, at the reporting date:

A 'Date of PO or FO' (B3) **90 days or more** before the reporting date - *i.e. the PO was granted in time to be counted* **AND EITHER**

Nothing recorded for 'Date the child was placed for adoption with the (prospective) adopter(s)' (B5b) OR 'Date of AO' (B7) **OR** 'Date of the decision that the child should no longer be placed for adoption' (C1a) **OR** 'Reason why the child should no longer be placed for adoption' (C1b) – *i.e. the child has not been placed, adopted or had a change of plan*

OR (B5b) OR (C1a) is after the reporting date – *i.e. the child has been placed or the plan has been changed but these happened after the reporting date*

OR (B5b) is blank but (B7) has a date after the reporting date – *i.e. the child has been adopted without formally being placed for adoption and the AO was granted after the reporting date*

OR (B5b) and **'**Date of the disruption to the adoptive placement (prior to the AO)' (C2) are both before the reporting date AND C2 is later than (B5b) AND (C1a) is either blank or has a date after the reporting date – *i.e. there was a placement but it disrupted before the reporting date and there hasn't been a change of plan (before the reporting date)*

Filter on column BT by "TRUE", then filter on column AZ for numbers greater than or equal to 90

Children waiting with a placement order but not yet placed who have been waiting to be placed for longer than 12 months since placement order

Total number of children who have, at the reporting date:

A 'Date of PO or FO' (B3) **12 months or more** before the reporting date - *i.e. the PO was granted in time to be counted* **AND EITHER**

Nothing recorded for 'Date the child was placed for adoption with the (prospective) adopter(s)' (B5b) OR 'Date of AO' (B7) **OR** 'Date of the decision that the child should no longer be placed for adoption' (C1a) **OR** 'Reason why the child should no longer be placed for adoption' (C1b) – *i.e. the child has not been placed, adopted or had a change of plan*

OR (B5b) OR (C1a) is after the reporting date – *i.e. the child has been placed or the plan has been changed but these happened after the reporting date*

OR (B5b) is blank but (B7) has a date after the reporting date – *i.e. the child has been adopted without formally being placed for adoption and the AO was granted after the reporting date*

OR (B5b) and **'**Date of the disruption to the adoptive placement (prior to the AO)' (C2) are both before the reporting date AND C2 is later than (B5b) AND (C1a) is either blank or has a date after the reporting date – *i.e. there was a placement but it disrupted before the reporting date and there hasn't been a change of plan (before the reporting date)*

Filter on column BT by "TRUE", then filter on column AX for numbers greater than or equal to 12

Children waiting with a placement order but not yet placed who have been waiting to be placed for longer than 18 months since placement order

Total number of children who have, at the reporting date:

A 'Date of PO or FO' (B3) **18 months or more** before the reporting date - *i.e. the PO was granted in time to be counted* **AND EITHER**

Nothing recorded for 'Date the child was placed for adoption with the (prospective) adopter(s)' (B5b) OR 'Date of AO' (B7) **OR** 'Date of the decision that the child should no longer be placed for adoption' (C1a) **OR** 'Reason why the child should no longer be placed for adoption' (C1b) – *i.e. the child has not been placed, adopted or had a change of plan*

OR (B5b) OR (C1a) is after the reporting date – *i.e. the child has been placed or the plan has been changed but these happened after the reporting date*

OR (B5b) is blank but (B7) has a date after the reporting date – *i.e. the child has been adopted without formally being placed for adoption and the AO was granted after the reporting date*

OR (B5b) and **'**Date of the disruption to the adoptive placement (prior to the AO)' (C2) are both before the reporting date AND C2 is later than (B5b) AND (C1a) is either blank or has a date after the reporting date – *i.e. there was a placement but it disrupted before the reporting date and there hasn't been a change of plan (before the reporting date)*

Filter on column BT by "TRUE", then filter on column AX for numbers greater than or equal to 18

Children waiting with a placement order but not yet placed who have been waiting to be placed with a placement order for 18 months or more since entering care

Total number of children who have, at the reporting date:

A ‘Date of PO or FO' (B3) before the reporting date - *i.e. the PO was granted in time to be counted* **AND** a ‘Date the child enters care’ (B1) **18 months or more** before the reporting date - *i.e. the child entered care in time to be counted* **AND EITHER**

> Nothing recorded for ‘Date the child was placed for adoption with the (prospective) adopter(s)' (B5b) **OR** ‘Date of AO’ (B7) **OR** ‘Date of the decision that the child should no longer be placed for adoption' (C1a) **OR** ‘Reason why the child should no longer be placed for adoption' (C1b) – *i.e. the child has not been placed, adopted or had a change of plan*
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> **OR** (B5b) OR (C1a) is after the reporting date – *i.e. the child has been placed or the plan has been changed but these happened after the reporting date*
>
> **OR** (B5b) is blank but B7 has a date after the reporting date – *i.e. the child has been adopted without formally being placed for adoption and the AO was granted after the reporting date*
>
> **OR** (B5b) and **‘**Date of the disruption to the adoptive placement (prior to the AO)' (C2) are both before the reporting date AND (C2) is later than (B5b) AND (C1a) is either blank or has a date after the reporting date – *i.e. there was a placement but it disrupted before the reporting date and there hasn’t been a change of plan (before the reporting date)*

Filter on column BT by “TRUE”, then filter on column AL for numbers greater than or equal to 18

Average number of days spent waiting to be placed with placement order since entering care

Total of the number of days between ‘Date of PO or FO' (B3) date and the reporting date for children counted under Measure 2, divided by the figure for Measure 2

Filter on column BT by “TRUE”, then AutoSum values under column AK. If this value is zero, there will be a “.”. If this value is greater than zero, then divide by the total number of cells under filtered column BT

Percentage of children waiting to be placed with a placement order at reporting date per children looked after as at 31 March 2021

Divide the figure for Measure 2 by the number of children looked after as at 31 March 2021, for the most recent year that data is available *(source: DfE, Children Looked After in England including Adoption)*

Filter on column BT by “TRUE”, then times the number of filled cells by (100 divided by the number of looked after children as at 31 March 2021 (see below))

Number of children looked after as at 31 March 2021

Most recent published figure for Children looked after as at 31 March 2021 *(source: DfE, Children Looked After in England including Adoption)*

PROGRESS THROUGH THE ADOPTION PROCESS

Number of ADM decisions

Total number of children who have a ‘Date of the ADM decision that the child should be placed for adoption' (B2b) date that is on or between the first and last day of the reporting quarter

Filter column AB by "TRUE", then filter on column N by date between the respective reporting quarter start and end date

Number of placement orders granted

Total number of children who have a 'Date of PO or FO' (B3) date that is on or between the first and last day of the reporting quarter

Filter column AB by "TRUE", then filter on column O by date between the respective reporting quarter start and end date

Number of children matched with adoptive families

Total number of children who have a 'Date the ADM approves an adoptive match for the child with the (prospective) adopter(s)' (B4) date that is on or between the first and last day of the reporting quarter

Filter on column P by date between the respective reporting quarter start and end date.

Number of children placed in a fostering to adopt or concurrent placement

Total number of children who have a 'Date the child was placed in a FFA or CP placement' (B5a) date that is on or between the first and last day of the reporting quarter

Filter on column Q by date between the reporting period start and end date

Number of children placed with adoptive families

Total number of children who have a 'Date the child was placed for adoption with the (prospective) adopter(s)' (B5b) date that is on or between the first and last day of the reporting quarter

Filter on column R by date between the reporting quarter start and end date

Number of children adopted

Total number of children who have a 'Date of AO' (B7) date that is on or between the first and last day of the reporting quarter

Filter on column T by date between the reporting quarter start and end date

Number of decisions that a child should no longer be placed for adoption

Total number of children who have a 'Date of the decision that the child should no longer be placed for adoption' (C1a) date that is on or between the first and last day of the reporting quarter

Filter on column W by date between the reporting quarter start and end date

PLACEMENT PROVIDERS

Number of children placed under their own provision (i.e. by the local authority)

Total number of children who have a 'Date the child was placed for adoption with the (prospective) adopter(s)' (B5b) date that is on or between the first and last day of the reporting quarter AND who have a 'Placement provider code' (A8a) equal to PR1

Filter on column R by date between the reporting quarter start and end date, then filter on column AA by "PR1"

Number of children placed by another local authority provision (includes regional adoption agencies)

Total number of children who have a 'Date the child was placed for adoption with the (prospective) adopter(s)' (B5b) date that is on or between the first and last day of the reporting quarter AND who have a 'Placement provider code' (A8a) equal to PR2

Filter on column R by date between the reporting quarter start and end date, then filter on column AA by "PR2"

Number of children placed by voluntary adoption agencies

Total number of children who have a 'Date the child was placed for adoption with the (prospective) adopter(s)' (B5b) date that is on or between the first and last day of the reporting quarter AND who have a 'Placement provider code' (A8a) equal to PR5

Filter on column R by date between the reporting quarter start and end date, then filter on column AA by "PR5"

CHARACTERISTICS OF CHILDREN WAITING

Number of children waiting to be placed with a placement order who are:

Aged under 5 years old

Children counted by Measure 2 **AND** who have not reached their 5th birthday by the reporting date

Filter on column BT with "TRUE", then filter on column BO with number less than or equal to 4

Aged 5 years old and over

Children counted by Measure 2 **AND** who have reached their 5th birthday by the reporting date

Filter on column BT with "TRUE", then filter on column BO with number greater than 4

Female

Children counted by Measure 2 **AND** have 'Gender (1=Male, 2=Female)' (A3) equal to '2'

Filter on column BT with "TRUE", then filter on column C with "2"

Male

Children counted by Measure 2 **AND** have 'Gender (1=Male, 2=Female)' (A3) equal to '1'

Filter on column BT with "TRUE", then filter on column C with "1"

Ethnic Minorities (excluding White minorities):

Children counted by Measure 2 **AND** have 'Ethnic origin' (A5) equal to either: ABAN, AIND, AOTH, APKN, BAFR, BCRB, BOTH, CHNE, MOTH, MWAS, MWBA, MWBC, OOTH

Filter on column BT with "TRUE", then filter on column BP with "BME" ("Ethnic Minorities" from Q4)

Disabled

Children counted by Measure 2 AND have 'Disability (0=No, 1=Yes)?' (A6) equal to '1'

Filter on column BT with "TRUE", then filter on column F with "1"

Part of sibling group

Children counted by Measure 2 **AND** have 'Sibling group (0=No, 1=Yes)?' (A7a) equal to '1' **AND** 'Number of children placed, or planned to be placed, together as sibling group including this child' (A7b) is equal to 2 or more

Filter on column BT with "TRUE", then filter on column BR with number greater than 1

Harder to place

Children counted by Measure 2 **AND also meet any of the following**

Have reached their 5th birthday by the reporting date

Have 'Ethnic origin' (A5) equal to either: ABAN, AIND, AOTH, APKN, BAFR, BCRB, BOTH, CHNE, MOTH, MWAS, MWBA, MWBC, OOTH

Have 'Disability (0=No, 1=Yes)?' (A6) equal to '1'

Have 'Sibling group (0=No, 1=Yes)?' (A7a) equal to '1' **AND** 'Number of children placed, or planned to be placed, together as sibling group including this child' (A7b) is equal to 2 or more

Filter on column BT with "TRUE", then filter on column BQ with "TRUE"

Number of children waiting to be placed with a placement order for 18 months or more since entering care who are:

Aged under 5 years old

Children counted by Measure 4 **AND** who have not reached their 5th birthday by the reporting date

Filter on column BT by "TRUE", then filter on column AL for numbers greater than or equal to 18, then filter on column BO with number less than or equal to 4

Aged 5 years old and over

Children counted by Measure 4 **AND** who have reached their 5th birthday by the reporting date

Filter on column BT by "TRUE", then filter on column AL for numbers greater than or equal to 18, then filter on column BO with number greater than 4

Female

Children counted by Measure 4 **AND** have 'Gender (1=Male, 2=Female)' (A3) equal to '2'

Filter on column BT by "TRUE", then filter on column AL for numbers greater than or equal to 18, then filter on column C with "2"

Male
Children counted by Measure 4 **AND** have 'Gender (1=Male, 2=Female)' (A3) equal to '1'

Filter on column BT by "TRUE", then filter on column AL for numbers greater than or equal to 18, then filter on column C with "1"

Ethnic Minorities (excluding White minorities):
Children counted by Measure 4 **AND** have 'Ethnic origin' (A5) equal to either: ABAN, AIND, AOTH, APKN, BAFR, BCRB, BOTH, CHNE, MOTH, MWAS, MWBA, MWBC, OOTH

Filter on column BT by "TRUE", then filter on column AL for numbers greater than or equal to 18, then filter on column BP with "BME" ("Ethnic Minorities" from Q4)

Disabled
Children counted by Measure 4 **AND** have 'Disability (0=No, 1=Yes)?' (A6) equal to '1'

Filter on column BT by "TRUE", then filter on column AL for numbers greater than or equal to 18, then filter on column F with "1"

Part of sibling group
Children counted by Measure 4 **AND** have 'Sibling group (0=No, 1=Yes)?' (A7a) equal to '1' **AND** 'Number of children placed, or planned to be placed, together as sibling group including this child' (A7b) is equal to 2 or more

Filter on column BT by "TRUE", then filter on column AL for numbers greater than or equal to 18, then filter on column BR with number greater than 1

Harder to place
Children counted by Measure 4 **AND also meet any of the following**

Have reached their 5th birthday by the reporting date

Have 'Ethnic origin' (A5) equal to either: ABAN, AIND, AOTH, APKN, BAFR, BCRB, BOTH, CHNE, MOTH, MWAS, MWBA, MWBC, OOTH

Have 'Disability (0=No, 1=Yes)?' (A6) equal to '1'

Have 'Sibling group (0=No, 1=Yes)?' (A7a) equal to '1' **AND** 'Number of children placed, or planned to be placed, together as sibling group including this child' (A7b) is equal to 2 or more

Filter on column BT by "TRUE", then filter on column AL for numbers greater than or equal to 18, then filter on column BQ with "TRUE"

Number of children waiting to be placed with a placement order for 12 months or more since placement order who are:

Aged under 5 years old
Children counted by Measure 4 **AND** who have not reached their 5th birthday by the reporting date

Filter on column BT by "TRUE", then filter on column AX for numbers greater than or equal to 12, then filter on column BO with number less than or equal to 4

Aged 5 years old and over

Children counted by Measure 4 **AND** who have reached their 5th birthday by the reporting date

Filter on column BT by "TRUE", then filter on column AX for numbers greater than or equal to 12, then filter on column BO with number greater than 4

Female

Children counted by Measure 4 **AND** have 'Gender (1=Male, 2=Female)' (A3) equal to '2'

Filter on column BT by "TRUE", then filter on column AX for numbers greater than or equal to 12, then filter on column C with "2"

Male

Children counted by Measure 4 **AND** have 'Gender (1=Male, 2=Female)' (A3) equal to '1'

Filter on column BT by "TRUE", then filter on column AX for numbers greater than or equal to 12, then filter on column C with "1"

Ethnic Minorities (excluding White minorities):

Children counted by Measure 4 **AND** have 'Ethnic origin' (A5) equal to either: ABAN, AIND, AOTH, APKN, BAFR, BCRB, BOTH, CHNE, MOTH, MWAS, MWBA, MWBC, OOTH

Filter on column BT by "TRUE", then filter on column AX for numbers greater than or equal to 12, then filter on column BP with "BME" ("Ethnic Minorities" from Q4)

Disabled

Children counted by Measure 4 **AND** have 'Disability (0=No, 1=Yes)?' (A6) equal to '1'

Filter on column BT by "TRUE", then filter on column AX for numbers greater than or equal to 12, then filter on column F with "1"

Part of sibling group

Children counted by Measure 4 **AND** have 'Sibling group (0=No, 1=Yes)?' (A7a) equal to '1' **AND** 'Number of children placed, or planned to be placed, together as sibling group including this child' (A7b) is equal to 2 or more

Filter on column BT by "TRUE", then filter on column AX for numbers greater than or equal to 12, then filter on column BR with number greater than 1

Harder to place

Children counted by Measure 4 **AND also meet any of the following**

Have reached their 5th birthday by the reporting date

Have 'Ethnic origin' (A5) equal to either: ABAN, AIND, AOTH, APKN, BAFR, BCRB, BOTH, CHNE, MOTH, MWAS, MWBA, MWBC, OOTH

Have ‘Disability (0=No, 1=Yes)?' (A6) equal to ‘1’

Have ‘Sibling group (0=No, 1=Yes)?' (A7a) equal to ‘1’ **AND** ‘Number of children placed, or planned to be placed, together as sibling group including this child' (A7b) is equal to 2 or more

Filter on column BT by “TRUE”, then filter on column AX for numbers greater than or equal to 12, then filter on column BQ with “TRUE”

Number of children waiting to be placed with a placement order for 18 months or more since placement order who are:

Aged under 5 years old
Children counted by Measure 4 **AND** who have not reached their 5th birthday by the reporting date

Filter on column BT by “TRUE”, then filter on column AX for numbers greater than or equal to 18, then filter on column BO with number less than or equal to 4

Aged 5 years old and over
Children counted by Measure 4 **AND** who have reached their 5th birthday by the reporting date

Filter on column BT by “TRUE”, then filter on column AX for numbers greater than or equal to 18, then filter on column BO with number greater than 4

Female
Children counted by Measure 4 **AND** have ‘Gender (1=Male, 2=Female)' (A3) equal to ‘2’

Filter on column BT by “TRUE”, then filter on column AX for numbers greater than or equal to 18, then filter on column C with “2”

Male
Children counted by Measure 4 **AND** have ‘Gender (1=Male, 2=Female)' (A3) equal to ‘1’

Filter on column BT by “TRUE”, then filter on column AX for numbers greater than or equal to 18, then filter on column C with “1”

Ethnic Minorities (excluding White minorities):
Children counted by Measure 4 **AND** have ‘Ethnic origin' (A5) equal to either: ABAN, AIND, AOTH, APKN, BAFR, BCRB, BOTH, CHNE, MOTH, MWAS, MWBA, MWBC, OOTH

Filter on column BT by “TRUE”, then filter on column AX for numbers greater than or equal to 18, then filter on column BP with “BME” (“Ethnic Minorities” from Q4)

Disabled
Children counted by Measure 4 **AND** have ‘Disability (0=No, 1=Yes)?' (A6) equal to ‘1’

Filter on column BT by “TRUE”, then filter on column AX for numbers greater than or equal to 18, then filter on column F with “1”

Part of sibling group

Children counted by Measure 4 **AND** have 'Sibling group (0=No, 1=Yes)?' (A7a) equal to '1' **AND** 'Number of children placed, or planned to be placed, together as sibling group including this child' (A7b) is equal to 2 or more

Filter on column BT by "TRUE", then filter on column AX for numbers greater than or equal to 18, then filter on column BR with number greater than 1

Harder to place

Children counted by Measure 4 **AND also meet any of the following**

Have reached their 5th birthday by the reporting date

Have 'Ethnic origin' (A5) equal to either: ABAN, AIND, AOTH, APKN, BAFR, BCRB, BOTH, CHNE, MOTH, MWAS, MWBA, MWBC, OOTH

Have 'Disability (0=No, 1=Yes)?' (A6) equal to '1'

Have 'Sibling group (0=No, 1=Yes)?' (A7a) equal to '1' **AND** 'Number of children placed, or planned to be placed, together as sibling group including this child' (A7b) is equal to 2 or more

Filter on column BT by "TRUE", then filter on column AX for numbers greater than or equal to 18, then filter on column BQ with "TRUE"

Number of children waiting to be placed with a placement order by family finding status

Currently family finding for this child

Children counted by measure 2 who have 'Family-finding?' (C3) equal to '1'

Filter on column BT by "TRUE", then filter on column Z for "1"

Not family-finding - placement order currently being appealed / revoked

Children counted by measure 2 who have 'Family-finding?' (C3) equal to '2'

Filter on column BT by "TRUE", then filter on column Z for "2"

Not family-finding - family found but not yet formally matched at panel

Children counted by measure 2 who have 'Family-finding?' (C3) equal to '3'

Filter on column BT by "TRUE", then filter on column Z for "3"

Not family-finding - other reason

Children counted by measure 2 who have 'Family-finding?' (C3) equal to 4'

Filter on column BT by "TRUE", then filter on column Z for "4"

No family-finding code provided

Children counted by measure 2 who have 'Family-finding?' (C3) is blank

Filter on column BT by "TRUE", then filter on column Z for "Blanks"

CHARACTERISTICS OF ADOPTED CHILDREN

Number of children who have a 'Date of AO' (B7) date that is on or between the first and last day of the reporting period who are:

Filter on column T by date between the reporting period start and end date, then:

Aged under 5 years old
Who had not reached their 5th birthday before the Date of AO

Filter on column BM with number less than or equal to 4

Aged 5 years old and over
Who had reached their 5th birthday by the Date of AO

Filter on column BM with number greater than 4

Female
Who have 'Gender (1=Male, 2=Female)' (A3) equal to '2'

Filter on column C with "2"

Male
Who have 'Gender (1=Male, 2=Female)' (A3) equal to '1'

Filter on column C with "1"

Ethnic Minorities (excluding White minorities)
Who have 'Ethnic origin' (A5) equal to either: ABAN, AIND, AOTH, APKN, BAFR, BCRB, BOTH, CHNE, MOTH, MWAS, MWBA, MWBC, OOTH

Filter on column BP with "BME" ("Ethnic Minorities" from Q4)

Disabled
Who have 'Disability (0=No, 1=Yes)?' (A6) equal to '1'

Filter on column F with "1"

Part of sibling group
Who have 'Sibling group (0=No, 1=Yes)?' (A7a) equal to '1' **AND** 'Number of children placed, or planned to be placed, together as sibling group including this child' (A7b) is equal to 2 or more

Filter on column BR with number greater than 1

Harder to place
Who meet any of the following:

Have reached their 5th birthday by the reporting date
Have 'Ethnic origin' (A5) equal to either: ABAN, AIND, AOTH, APKN, BAFR, BCRB, BOTH, CHNE, MOTH, MWAS, MWBA, MWBC, OOTH

Have 'Disability (0=No, 1=Yes)?' (A6) equal to '1'

Have 'Sibling group (0=No, 1=Yes)?' (A7a) equal to '1' AND 'Number of children placed, or planned to be placed, together as sibling group including this child' (A7b) is equal to 2 or more

Filter on column BQ with "TRUE"

CHILD TIMELINESS FOR CHILDREN WHO HAVE BEEN ADOPTED

A10. Average time (in days) between a child entering care and moving in with its adoptive family, adjusted for foster carer adoptions, for children who have been adopted

Total of the number of days between 'Date the child entered care' (B1) date **AND** 'Date the child was originally placed with their foster carer(s) (only if the child was adopted by their foster carer(s)' (B6) **OR** if (B6) is empty, 'Date the child was placed in a FFA or CP placement' (B5a) **OR** if (B5a) and (B6) are empty, 'Date the child was placed for adoption with the (prospective) adopter(s)' (B5b) *– i.e. use (B6) if it has a date, otherwise use (B5a) if it has a date, otherwise use (B5b)*
FOR ALL children who have a 'Date of AO' (B7) date that is on or between the first and last day of the reporting period **AND** no 'Date of the disruption to the adoptive placement (prior to the AO)' (C2) date **AND** dates recorded for (B1) AND (B5a) or (B5b) or (B6) – *i.e. don't count instances where the placement has disrupted or there are no dates for (B5a), (B5b) and (B6)*
DIVIDED BY the total number of children included in this sum

Filter on T by date between the reporting period start and end date, then AutoSum values under column AG. If this value is zero, there will be a ".". If this value is greater than zero, then divide by total number of cells containing data under column AG

A2: Average time between an LA receiving court authority to place a child and the LA deciding on a match to an adoptive family

Total of the number of days between 'Date of PO or FO' (B3) date **AND** 'Date the ADM approves an adoptive match for the child with the (prospective) adopter(s)' (B4) **FOR ALL** children who have a **'**Date of AO' (B7) date that is on or between the first and last day of the reporting period **AND** dates recorded for (B3), (B4) and (B5b) **DIVIDED BY** the total number of children included in this sum

Filter on T by date between the reporting period start and end date, and filter column R by unchecking "Blanks". Then AutoSum values under column AT. If this value is zero, there will be a ".". If this value is greater than zero, then divide by total number of cells containing data under column AT

A20: Average time between a child entering care and an LA receiving court authority to place a child

Total of the number of days between 'Date the child entered care' (B1) date **AND** 'Date of PO or FO' (B3) date **FOR ALL** children who have a **'**Date of AO' (B7) date that is on or between the first and last day of the reporting period **AND** dates recorded for (B1), (B3) and (B5b) **DIVIDED BY** the total number of children included in this sum

Filter on T by date between the reporting period start and end date, and filter column R by unchecking "Blanks". Then AutoSum values under column AE. If this value is zero, there will be a ".". If this value is greater than zero, then divide by total number of cells containing data under column AE

SPECIAL GUARDIANSHIP ORDERS

DEFINITIONS

Where we refer to a:
Reporting quarter: this will be the three months ending on the reporting date

CHILDREN WHO LEFT CARE WITH A SPECIAL GUARDIANSHIP ORDER

Total number of children
Total number of children who have been granted an SGO by the court on a date that is on or between the first and last day of the reporting quarter

Status of special guardian
Total number of children who have had children placed with an SGO by the status of special guardian (G*randparent, Other family relative, Friend or other existing relationship, Former foster carer or Other carer*) on a date that is on or between the first and last day of the reporting quarter

Age of special guardian
Total number of special guardians who have had children placed with an SGO by age range as at the date the SGO was granted (*18 to 19, 20 to 29, 30 to 39, 40 to 49, 50 to 59, 60 and over or Unknown*) on a date that is on or between the first and last day of the reporting quarter

Age of child
Total number of children who have been granted an SGO by age range as at the date their SGO was granted (U*nder 1, 1 to 4, 5 to 9, 10 to 15 or 16 and over*) on a date that is on or between the first and last day of the reporting quarter

Gender
Total number of children who have been granted an SGO by gender (*Not known, Male, Female, Neither*) that is on a date that is on or between the first and last day of the reporting quarter

Disability
Total number of children who have been granted an SGO recorded by disability (*No or Yes*) on a date that is on or between the first and last day of the reporting quarter

Ethnicity
Total number of children who have been granted an SGO by ethnicity (*White, Asian or Asian British, Black or Black British, Mixed, Other ethnic group, Not obtained or Refused*) on a date that is on or between the first and last day of the reporting quarter

Sibling group
Total number of children who have been granted an SGO by size of sibling group (*No siblings, Sibling group of 2, Sibling group of 3, Sibling group of 4, Sibling group of 5 or more*) on a date that is on or between the first and last day of the reporting quarter

Status
Total number of children who have been granted an SGO by status (*Child previously had an ADM adoption decision, SGO granted with supervision order*) on a date that is on or between the first and last day of the reporting quarter

ADOPTER HEADLINE MEASURES

DEFINITIONS

Where we refer to a:
Reporting date: this will be the last day of the quarter for that we are reporting on
Reporting quarter: this will be the three months ending on the reporting date

- **Quarter 1**: 1 April to 30 June
- **Quarter 2:** 1 July to 30 September
- **Quarter 3:** 1 October to 31 December
- **Quarter 4:** 1 January to 31 March

Reporting period: this will be from 1 April to the reporting date, in the financial year that we are reporting on

The cohort of adopters included in the count for each Headline Measure can be identified on the "Data" tab of your Adopter-Level data return by following the filtering instructions given below each explanation of how the Headline Measure is calculated.

PROGRESS THROUGH THE ADOPTION PROCESS

Number of registrations

Total number of families (count based on unique (A3) 'Application Identifier') who have a 'Date Stage 1 started' (B2) date that is on or between the first and last day of the reporting quarter **OR** where cases are fast-tracked and there is no (B2) date, a 'Date Stage 2 started' (B4) date that is on or between the first and last day of the reporting quarter

Filter column AE by "TRUE", then filter column DW by date between the reporting quarter start and end date

Number of approvals

Total number of families (count based on unique (A3) 'Application Identifier') who have a 'Date Stage 2 ended' (B5) date that is on or between the first and last day of the reporting quarter

Filter column AE by "TRUE", then filter column Q by date between reporting quarter start date and end date

Number of adoptive families matched to children

Total number of families (count based on unique (A3) 'Application Identifier') who have a 'Date the (prospective) adopter(s) is matched with the child(ren)' (B8) date that is on or between the first and last day of the reporting quarter

Filter column AE by "TRUE", then filter column R by date between the reporting quarter start and end date

Number of adoptive families with children placed with them

Total number of families (count based on unique (A3) 'Application Identifier') who have a 'Date the child(ren) is placed with the (prospective) adopter(s)' (B9) date that is on or between the first and last day of the reporting quarter

Filter column AE by "TRUE", then filter column S by date between the reporting quarter start and end date

Number of adoption orders granted

Total number of families (count based on unique (A3) 'Application Identifier') who have a 'Date of AO' (B11) date that is on or between the first and last day of the reporting quarter

Filter column AE by "TRUE", then filter column U by date between the reporting quarter start and end date

Number of adoptive families who left the process after being approved

Total number of families (count based on unique (A3) 'Application Identifier') who have a 'Date Stage 2 ended' (B5) date, AND a 'Date of leaving the adoption process' (C2a) date that is on or between the first and last day of the reporting quarter AND a 'Reason for leaving the adoption process' (C2b) which is either 1 (Adopter withdrew from process) or 3 (Application refused)

Filter column AE by "TRUE", then filter column Q by unchecking "Blanks", filter column W by date between the reporting quarter start and end date, and filter on column X by "1" and/or "3"

PROSPECTIVE ADOPTERS WAITING

Number of prospective adoptive families not yet approved

Total number of families (count based on unique (A3) 'Application Identifier') who have a 'Date Stage 1 started' (B2) date that is before the last day of the reporting quarter, OR where cases are fast-tracked and there is no (B2) date, a 'Date Stage 2 started' (B4) date that is before the last day of the reporting quarter, AND

NO 'Date Stage 2 ended' (B5) date that is before the last day of the reporting quarter

OR 'Date of leaving the adoption process' (C2a) date is empty or after the last day of the reporting quarter – *i.e. they have not left the process or they have but after the reporting date*

OR (C2a) is not blank and is before the last day of the reporting quarter AND 'Reason for leaving the adoption process' (C2b) is not 1 (Adopter withdrew from process) or 3 (Application refused) – *i.e. the case is on hold*

Filter column AE by "TRUE", then filter column DR by "TRUE"

Number of approved adoptive families waiting to be matched with children

Total number of families (count based on unique (A3) 'Application Identifier') who have a 'Date Stage 2 ended' (B5) date that is before the last day of the reporting quarter **AND**

'Date the (prospective) adopter(s) is matched with the child(ren)' (B8) date is empty or after the last day of the reporting quarter – *i.e. they have not been matched in time to be included*

OR 'Date the child(ren) is placed with the (prospective) adopter(s)' (B9) date is empty or after the reporting date **OR** (B9) and (C3) are both before the last date of the reporting quarter and (C3) is later than B9 **–** *i.e. they have not had a child placed before the reporting date, or they have but the placement disrupted before the reporting date*

OR 'Date of leaving the adoption process' (C2a) date is empty or after the last day of the reporting quarter – *i.e. they have not left the process or they have but after the reporting date*

OR (C2a) is not blank and is before the last day of the reporting quarter AND 'Reason for leaving the adoption process' (C2b) is not 1 (Adopter withdrew from process) or 3 (Application refused) – *i.e. the case is on hold*

Filter column AE by "TRUE", then filter column DV by "TRUE"

TIMELINESS

Number of adoptive families approved within 6 months of registration in reporting year

Total number of families (count based on unique (A3) 'Application Identifier') who have a 'Date Stage 2 ended' (B5) date that is on or between the first and last day of the reporting period **AND**

The number of months between (B5) and (B2) 'Date Stage 1 started' is no more than 6 months **OR**
Where cases are fast-tracked and there is no (B2) date, the number of months between (B5) and (B4) 'Date Stage 2 started' date is no more than 6 months

Filter column AE by "TRUE", then filter column EB by "TRUE"

Number of adoptive families approved after 6 months of registration in reporting year

Total number of families (count based on unique (A3) 'Application Identifier') who have a 'Date Stage 2 ended' (B5) date that is on or between the first and last day of the reporting period **AND**

The number of months between (B5) and (B2) 'Date Stage 1 started' is more than 6 months **OR**
Where cases are fast-tracked and there is no (B2) date, the number of months between (B5) and (B4) 'Date Stage 2 started' date is more than 6 months

Filter column AE by "TRUE", then filter column EC by "TRUE"

Information not available [for how long it took to approve them]

Total number of families (count based on unique (A3) 'Application Identifier') who have a 'Date Stage 2 ended' (B5) date that is on or between the first and last day of the reporting period **AND**

Do not have a 'Date Stage 1 started' (B2) date **OR**
Where cases are fast-tracked and there is no (B2) date, no (B4) 'Date Stage 2 started' date

Filter column AE by "TRUE", then filter column ED by "TRUE"

Number of adoptive families matched within 3 months of approval in reporting year

Total number of families (count based on unique (A3) 'Application Identifier') who have a 'Date the (prospective) adopter(s) is matched with the child(ren)' (B8) date that is on or between the first and last day of the reporting period **AND** the number of months between (B8) and (B5) 'Date Stage 2 ended' is no more than 3 months

Filter column AD by "TRUE", then filter column EE by "TRUE"

Number of adoptive families matched after 3 months of approval in reporting year

Total number of families (count based on unique (A3) 'Application Identifier') who have a 'Date the (prospective) adopter(s) is matched with the child(ren)' (B8) date that is on or between the first and last day of the reporting period **AND** the number of months between (B8) and (B5) 'Date Stage 2 ended' is 3 months or more

Filter column AE by "TRUE", then filter column EF by "TRUE"

Information not available [for how long it took for them to be matched]

Total number of families (count based on unique (A3) 'Application Identifier') who have a 'Date the (prospective) adopter(s) is matched with the child(ren)' (B8) date that is on or between the first and last day of the reporting period **AND** do not have a (B5) 'Date Stage 2 ended' date

Filter column AE by "TRUE", then filter column EG by "TRUE"

LOCAL LEVEL ASG AGENCY-LEVEL DATA FILE

AGENCY-LEVEL DATA FILE

The spreadsheet provides local-level information on the adoption process, derived from the quarterly Adoption and Special Guardianship (ASG) adoption data collection. Information is provided in 4 tables:

Adoptions LAs tab gives information on looked after children's progress through the adoption process

Adoptive families LAs & RAAs tab cover (prospective) adoptive families' progress through the adoption process via Local Authority (LA) or Regional Adoption Agency (RAA) recruitment

Adoptive families VAAs tab cover (prospective) adoptive families' progress through the adoption process via Voluntary Adoption Agency (VAA) recruitment

SGOs LAs tab covers Special Guardianship Orders (SGOs) granted

ROUNDING, SUPRESSION AND GROSSING

Rounding and suppression is applied to the data to ensure that all published or disseminated statistics protect confidentiality:

- National and regional figures have been rounded to the nearest 10
- Local authority figures are unrounded.
- Where any number is shown as zero, the original figure submitted was zero

The following symbols have been used:

c supressed due to low numbers where a count is 5 or fewer, or times and percentages are based on a count of 10 or fewer to protect confidentiality
z for not applicable
.. Data not returned (some items have been returned but suppressed due to data quality concerns)
- for negligible and also used for a percentage less than 0.5% that would round to 0 but is not zero
. Not applicable

For percentages:

- where the numerator or denominator is small then the figure is replaced by ‘c’
- they may not sum to 100% due to rounding
- they are rounded to whole numbers

For averages:

- the average duration for timeliness measures are rounded to the nearest day / month