

Federal Fiscal Year 2019 Adoption Savings Data

(Reported as of August 2019)

Background

Since federal fiscal year (FFY) 2010, the title IV-E Adoption Assistance program has provided expanded eligibility provisions for any child who meets the criteria for an “applicable child” as defined in section 473(e) of the Social Security Act (the Act). Use of the applicable child eligibility provisions (section 473(a)(2)(A)(ii) of the Act) tends to result in more children being determined as title IV-E eligible since it delinks eligibility for the title IV-E Adoption Assistance program from the Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) requirements, among other changes. (See Program Instruction (PI) [ACYF-CB-PI-09-10](#), dated August 29, 2009, for more details on the applicable child eligibility criteria.)

Federal law (section 473(a)(8) of the Act) requires title IV-E agencies to spend an amount equal to any savings they achieve, as a result of applying the differing program eligibility criteria to applicable children, for other child welfare service activities permitted under titles IV-B or IV-E of the Act. These funds are referred to as “Adoption Savings.” The amount of Adoption Savings is calculated from an assessment of title IV-E Adoption Assistance program claims made on behalf of those children who, absent the applicable child eligibility criteria, would not have been determined eligible for title IV-E adoption assistance. The savings is generally equal to the federal share of these claims since, in most instances, that amount would otherwise have been paid from non-federal title IV-E agency funds.

To implement the Adoption Savings requirements, the Children’s Bureau issued PIs providing detailed guidance on the calculation, expenditure and reporting of Adoption Savings and developed a new annual reporting form, designated as Form CB-496 Part 4, to collect the information. See program instructions [ACYF-CB-PI-15-06](#) and [ACYF-CB-PI-20-09](#) for details on these instructions.

Beginning with FFY 2015, title IV-E agencies are required to calculate and report annually their Adoption Savings, the methodology used to calculate the savings, how savings are spent, and on what services. A portion of the expenditures of Adoption Savings funds must be used for specified services.

In calculating Adoption Savings, title IV-E agencies must use a methodology specified by the Administration for Children and Families Children’s Bureau (CB) or may propose an alternative for approval. The methodology developed and issued by CB is referred to as “the CB Method.” This method could be applied either to a sample of cases or to the full universe of cases if the agency was able to access actual figures for needed information without conducting a special review.

The statute also requires that the annual Adoption Savings information reported by state and tribal title IV-E agencies be posted on the CB website.

This publication reflects data for FFY 2019 Adoption Savings data, as reported on each title IV-E agency’s Form CB-496 Part 4 submission through August 2020.

FFY 2019 Adoption Savings Highlights

The Children's Bureau has compiled key data from each title IV-E agency's most recent report of Adoption Savings, as reported on the agency's Form CB-496 Part 4 submission. Some highlights of the FFY 2019 Adoption Savings reporting include:

- All 64 state and tribal title IV-E agencies required to submit a report for FFY 2019 did so. Fifty-seven (57) title IV-E agencies calculated Adoption Savings using the CB Method (with 14 using sampling and 43 actual amounts). Seven (7) title IV-E agencies calculated Adoption Savings using an Alternate Approved Method.
- These 64 title IV-E agencies reported calculating a national total of **\$293,331,625** in Adoption Savings associated with **56,550** children for the reporting period. These numbers represent an increase from FFY 2018 reported data of **34%** for both categories.
- A cumulative calculated national total of **\$843,174,824** in Adoption Savings was reported through FFY 2019. These amounts are for FFY 2015 thru FFY 2019.
- A national total of **\$169,664,119** in Adoption Savings funds was reported as expended in FFY 2019. These expenditures are of funds calculated in any of FFYs 2015 – 2019. The largest portion of these expenditures (44%) was for Post-Adoption or Post-Guardianship Services. Expenditures for Other Title IV-B or Title IV-E Allowable Services comprised the next largest category at 43% of the total. The FFY 2019 expenditures represent an increase of **2%** from amounts reported in FFY 2018.
- A cumulative expenditure national total of **\$516,363,010** in Adoption Savings funds was reported through FFY 2019. These amounts are from calculated Adoption Savings for FFYs 2015 – 2019.
- The remaining cumulative reported calculated Adoption Savings that were unexpended as of the close of FFY 2019 is a national total of **\$326,811,814**. These funds must be expended in a future FFY.

Information on each title IV-E agency's FFY 2019 calculated Adoption Savings is contained in Table 1 and the FFY 2019 expenditure information in Table 2, shown below.

The information reflects data reported as of August 2020.

Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2019
Annual Adoption Savings Calculation and Accounting Report (Form CB-496 Part 4)

Reported Data As Of: August 2020

Table 1 - FFY 2019 Calculated Adoption Savings

State/Tribe	Prior Reported FFYs - Cumulative Total Calculated Adoption Savings	FFY 2019 - Calculation Method: Children's Bureau (CB); CB - Actual Amounts; Alternate Approved	FFY 2019 - Average Monthly Number of Children "Applicable Child Only Status"	FFY 2019 - Calculated Savings from Adoption Assistance Payments	FFY 2019 - Calculated Savings from Adoption Assistance Administration	Total FFY 2019 Calculated Adoption Savings - All Funding Categories	Cumulative Total Calculated Adoption Savings Through FFY 2019
Alabama	1,876,754	Children's Bureau	390	2,256,179	70,789	\$2,326,968	\$4,203,722
Alaska	3,722,172	CB - Actual Amounts	247	1,360,164	643,522	\$2,003,686	\$5,725,858
Arizona	33,255,889	Children's Bureau	1,961	12,090,406	316,462	\$12,406,868	\$45,662,757
Arkansas	6,394,254	CB - Actual Amounts	812	3,078,193	348,773	\$3,426,966	\$9,821,220
California	54,236,301	Alternate Approved	4,708	28,993,894	4,646,027	\$33,639,921	\$87,876,222
Colorado	1,561,561	CB - Actual Amounts	304	581,689	79,844	\$661,533	\$2,223,094
Connecticut	9,610,069	CB - Actual Amounts	482	3,215,461	1,523,930	\$4,739,391	\$14,349,460
Delaware	735,391	CB - Actual Amounts	114	663,329	40,024	\$703,353	\$1,438,744
District of Columbia	447,557	CB - Actual Amounts	13	119,921	7,080	\$127,001	\$574,558
Florida	42,132,785	Children's Bureau	6,969	22,666,506	5,795,180	\$28,461,686	\$70,594,471
Georgia	25,144,375	Children's Bureau	2,683	13,287,329	836,755	\$14,124,084	\$39,268,459
Hawaii	1,071,916	CB - Actual Amounts	66	455,139	21,411	\$476,550	\$1,548,466
Idaho	1,049,371	CB - Actual Amounts	158	586,019	117,374	\$703,393	\$1,752,764
Illinois	19,286,869	CB - Actual Amounts	1,485	5,319,902	1,535,573	\$6,855,475	\$26,142,344
Indiana	19,014,064	Children's Bureau	2,613	8,763,327	1,056,582	\$9,819,909	\$28,833,973
Iowa	6,808,308	Children's Bureau	681	3,268,107	325,628	\$3,593,735	\$10,402,043
Kansas	5,480,974	Alternate Approved	955	2,577,151	138,996	\$2,716,147	\$8,197,121
Kentucky	13,769,770	Children's Bureau	1,035	8,152,078	91,437	\$8,243,515	\$22,013,285
Louisiana	6,546,031	CB - Actual Amounts	821	2,557,643	319,603	\$2,877,246	\$9,423,277
Maine	4,387,902	CB - Actual Amounts	605	3,557,558	390,552	\$3,948,110	\$8,336,012
Maryland	4,744,598	CB - Actual Amounts	515	2,692,261	73,406	\$2,765,667	\$7,510,265
Massachusetts	1,982,429	Children's Bureau	280	1,331,860	375,784	\$1,707,644	\$3,690,073
Michigan	26,807,122	CB - Actual Amounts	1,398	8,019,643	1,153,224	\$9,172,867	\$35,979,989
Minnesota	4,214,046	CB - Actual Amounts	270	1,039,749	219,657	\$1,259,406	\$5,473,452
Mississippi	377,510	Children's Bureau	1,247	5,307,722	1,573,703	\$6,881,425	\$7,258,935
Missouri	5,630,243	CB - Actual Amounts	1,182	3,199,596	217,921	\$3,417,517	\$9,047,760
Montana	1,740,269	CB - Actual Amounts	300	1,350,232	63,154	\$1,413,386	\$3,153,655
Nebraska	6,504,245	CB - Actual Amounts	762	4,028,523	160,667	\$4,189,190	\$10,693,435
Nevada	4,648,469	CB - Actual Amounts	405	2,017,145	230,194	\$2,247,339	\$6,895,808
New Hampshire	275,113	CB - Actual Amounts	157	568,149	289,984	\$858,133	\$1,133,246
New Jersey	2,249,790	CB - Actual Amounts	174	967,077	429,544	\$1,396,621	\$3,646,411
New Mexico	6,170,912	CB - Actual Amounts	458	2,641,586	335,442	\$2,977,028	\$9,147,940
New York	27,253,770	Children's Bureau	1,128	8,084,189	186,454	\$8,270,643	\$35,524,413
North Carolina	9,916,065	Children's Bureau	651	3,094,119	230,208	\$3,324,327	\$13,240,392

State/Tribe	Prior Reported FFYs - Cumulative Total Calculated Adoption Savings	FFY 2019 - Calculation Method: Children's Bureau (CB); CB - Actual Amounts; Alternate Approved	FFY 2019 - Average Monthly Number of Children "Applicable Child Only Status"	FFY 2019 - Calculated Savings from Adoption Assistance Payments	FFY 2019 - Calculated Savings from Adoption Assistance Administration	Total FFY 2019 Calculated Adoption Savings - All Funding Categories	Cumulative Total Calculated Adoption Savings Through FFY 2019
North Dakota	3,248,843	Alternate Approved	277	1,734,570	206,953	\$1,941,523	\$5,190,366
Ohio	15,396,010	Alternate Approved	2,660	4,599,947	11,573,586	\$16,173,533	\$31,569,543
Oklahoma	19,683,007	CB - Actual Amounts	2,060	9,287,157	862,206	\$10,149,363	\$29,832,370
Oregon	9,814,614	CB - Actual Amounts	793	3,931,924	447,028	\$4,378,952	\$14,193,566
Pennsylvania	17,345,235	Alternate Approved	1,522	6,206,244	2,993,352	\$9,199,596	\$26,544,831
Puerto Rico	91,555	CB - Actual Amounts	62	131,507	40,013	\$171,520	\$263,075
Rhode Island	1,100,130	Children's Bureau	89	408,232	27,871	\$436,103	\$1,536,233
South Carolina	6,632,342	Children's Bureau	908	3,959,544	937,058	\$4,896,602	\$11,528,944
South Dakota	1,018,548	CB - Actual Amounts	118	435,871	35,428	\$471,299	\$1,489,847
Tennessee	24,568,742	CB - Actual Amounts	1,659	10,805,530	103,774	\$10,909,304	\$35,478,046
Texas	45,335,512	Alternate Approved	7,333	21,717,772	2,379,129	\$24,096,901	\$69,432,413
Utah	3,149,857	Alternate Approved	451	1,159,137	187,604	\$1,346,741	\$4,496,598
Vermont	916,925	CB - Actual Amounts	119	632,516	20,476	\$652,992	\$1,569,917
Virgin Islands	0	CB - Actual Amounts	-	0	0	\$0	\$0
Virginia	24,184,244	Children's Bureau	865	6,768,053	857,063	\$7,625,116	\$31,809,360
Washington	3,711,555	CB - Actual Amounts	371	1,341,364	245,832	\$1,587,196	\$5,298,751
West Virginia	8,801,111	CB - Actual Amounts	815	4,329,682	170,619	\$4,500,301	\$13,301,412
Wisconsin	5,748,778	CB - Actual Amounts	379	2,687,572	245,466	\$2,933,038	\$8,681,816
Wyoming	49,297	CB - Actual Amounts	40	121,612	3,203	\$124,815	\$174,112
Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians	0	CB - Actual Amounts	-	0	0	\$0	\$0
Chickasaw Nation	0	CB - Actual Amounts	-	0	0	\$0	\$0
Keweenaw Bay Indian Community	0	CB - Actual Amounts	-	0	0	\$0	\$0
Navajo Nation	0	CB - Actual Amounts	-	0	0	\$0	\$0
Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe	0	CB - Actual Amounts	-	0	0	\$0	\$0
Pascua Yaqui Tribe	0	CB - Actual Amounts	-	0	0	\$0	\$0
Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Comm.	0	CB - Actual Amounts	-	0	0	\$0	\$0
Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation	0	CB - Actual Amounts	-	0	0	\$0	\$0
Penobscot Indian Nation	0	CB - Actual Amounts	-	0	0	\$0	\$0
Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe	0	CB - Actual Amounts	-	0	0	\$0	\$0
Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma	0	CB - Actual Amounts	-	0	0	\$0	\$0
TOTALS	\$549,843,199		56,550	\$248,150,080	\$45,181,545	\$293,331,625	\$843,174,824

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Table 2 - FFY 2019 Expenditure of Calculated Adoption Savings

State/Tribe	Prior Reported FFYs - Total Cumulative Expenditure of Calculated Adoption Savings	Cumulative Reported Adoption Savings Available for Expenditure In FFY 2019	FFY 2019 - Expenditures on Post-Adoption or Post-Guardianship Services	FFY 2019 - Expenditures on Services for Children At-Risk of Foster Care	FFY 2019 - Expenditures on Other Title IV-B or Title IV-E Allowable Services	FFY 2019 - Total Expenditures of Calculated Adoption Savings - All Identified Services	Cumulative Total Expenditures of Calculated Adoption Savings Through FFY 2019	Cumulative Total Unexpended Balance (Total Savings less Total Expenditures) Through FFY 2019
Alabama	1,235,224	2,968,498	249,132	476,457	520,063	\$1,245,652	\$2,480,876	\$1,722,846
Alaska	3,667,665	2,058,193	528,580	130,489	1,399,124	\$2,058,193	\$5,725,858	\$0
Arizona	32,930,917	12,731,840	45,489	0	0	\$45,489	\$32,976,406	\$12,686,351
Arkansas	6,265,497	3,555,723	686,393	342,697	2,397,876	\$3,426,966	\$9,692,463	\$128,757
California	17,304,710	70,571,512	0	0	3,130,000	\$3,130,000	\$20,434,710	\$67,441,512
Colorado	76,949	2,146,145	1,484,612	0	0	\$1,484,612	\$1,561,561	\$661,533
Connecticut	3,879,325	10,470,135	3,602,692	4,077,322	2,790,121	\$10,470,135	\$14,349,460	\$0
Delaware	425,260	1,013,484	0	0	481,128	\$481,128	\$906,388	\$532,356
District of Columbia	0	574,558	0	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$574,558
Florida	42,132,785	28,461,686	15,853,965	12,607,721	0	\$28,461,686	\$70,594,471	\$0
Georgia	25,128,722	14,139,737	3,399,475	0	10,740,262	\$14,139,737	\$39,268,459	\$0
Hawaii	0	1,548,466	0	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$1,548,466
Idaho	0	1,752,764	35,697	9,856	180,252	\$225,805	\$225,805	\$1,526,959
Illinois	19,286,869	6,855,475	1,469,059	587,584	4,798,832	\$6,855,475	\$26,142,344	\$0
Indiana*1	15,211,251	13,622,722	0	(3,261,601)	(11,949,650)	(15,211,251)	\$0	\$28,833,973
Iowa	1,710,000	8,692,043	0	0	1,335,063	\$1,335,063	\$3,045,063	\$7,356,980
Kansas	2,239,953	5,957,168	388,463	283,913	493,462	\$1,165,838	\$3,405,791	\$4,791,330
Kentucky	0	22,013,285	1,868,487	0	0	\$1,868,487	\$1,868,487	\$20,144,798
Louisiana	6,514,481	2,908,796	766,986	511,324	1,278,310	\$2,556,620	\$9,071,101	\$352,176
Maine	4,387,902	3,948,110	998,386	2,949,724	0	\$3,948,110	\$8,336,012	\$0
Maryland	1,942,126	5,568,139	109,987	205,746	2,560,539	\$2,876,272	\$4,818,398	\$2,691,867
Massachusetts	0	3,690,073	0	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$3,690,073
Michigan	24,368,587	11,611,402	5,691,404	0	5,919,998	\$11,611,402	\$35,979,989	\$0
Minnesota	1,795,981	3,677,471	2,049,670	0	0	\$2,049,670	\$3,845,651	\$1,627,801
Mississippi	0	7,258,935	0	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$7,258,935
Missouri	5,630,243	3,417,517	2,732,399	0	0	\$2,732,399	\$8,362,642	\$685,118
Montana	1,237,635	1,916,020	186,303	100,854	507,021	\$794,178	\$2,031,813	\$1,121,842
Nebraska	6,404,500	4,288,935	1,323,703	264,741	0	\$1,588,444	\$7,992,944	\$2,700,491
Nevada	4,167,822	2,727,986	0	0	0	\$0	\$4,167,822	\$2,727,986
New Hampshire	275,113	858,133	264,047	482,644	111,442	\$858,133	\$1,133,246	\$0
New Jersey	1,444,815	2,201,596	338,825	0	0	\$338,825	\$1,783,640	\$1,862,771
New Mexico	3,511,688	5,636,252	787,421	787,421	924,908	\$2,499,750	\$6,011,438	\$3,136,502
New York	7,065,507	28,458,906	4,636,646	0	1,844,835	\$6,481,481	\$13,546,988	\$21,977,425
North Carolina	0	13,240,392	0	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$13,240,392
North Dakota	1,245,488	3,944,878	426,519	281,231	586,766	\$1,294,516	\$2,540,004	\$2,650,362
Ohio	13,729,562	17,839,981	2,231,621	1,617,353	9,674,422	\$13,523,396	\$27,252,958	\$4,316,585
Oklahoma	6,700,409	23,131,961	5,712,176	0	0	\$5,712,176	\$12,412,585	\$17,419,785
Oregon	2,390,264	11,803,302	1,119,297	0	1,528,737	\$2,648,034	\$5,038,298	\$9,155,268
Pennsylvania	0	26,544,831	4,546,410	0	0	\$4,546,410	\$4,546,410	\$21,998,421
Puerto Rico	0	263,075	0	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$263,075

State/Tribe	Prior Reported FFYs - Total Cumulative Expenditure of Calculated Adoption Savings	Cumulative Reported Adoption Savings Available for Expenditure In FFY 2019	FFY 2019 - Expenditures on Post-Adoption or Post-Guardianship Services	FFY 2019 - Expenditures on Services for Children At-Risk of Foster Care	FFY 2019 - Expenditures on Other Title IV-B or Title IV-E Allowable Services	FFY 2019 - Total Expenditures of Calculated Adoption Savings - All Identified Services	Cumulative Total Expenditures of Calculated Adoption Savings Through FFY 2019	Cumulative Total Unexpended Balance (Total Savings less Total Expenditures) Through FFY 2019
Rhode Island	151,075	1,385,158	185,463	0	0	\$185,463	\$336,538	\$1,199,695
South Carolina	3,257,859	8,271,085	0	0	0	\$0	\$3,257,859	\$8,271,085
South Dakota	1,018,548	471,299	471,299	0	0	\$471,299	\$1,489,847	\$0
Tennessee	16,021,418	19,456,628	1,619,028	875,721	5,459,217	\$7,953,966	\$23,975,384	\$11,502,662
Texas	38,087,902	31,344,511	695,208	0	16,867,831	\$17,563,039	\$55,650,941	\$13,781,472
Utah	2,643,573	1,853,025	673,430	290,236	0	\$963,666	\$3,607,239	\$889,359
Vermont	823,521	746,396	0	0	457,094	\$457,094	\$1,280,615	\$289,302
Virgin Islands	0	0	0	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Virginia	13,969,525	17,839,835	3,502,071	19,269	8,216,460	\$11,737,800	\$25,707,325	\$6,102,035
Washington	669,442	4,629,309	155,923	0	0	\$155,923	\$825,365	\$4,473,386
West Virginia	0	13,301,412	0	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$13,301,412
Wisconsin	5,748,778	2,933,038	2,933,038	0	0	\$2,933,038	\$8,681,816	\$0
Wyoming	0	174,112	0	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$174,112
Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians	0	0	0	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Chickasaw Nation	0	0	0	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Keweenaw Bay Indian Community	0	0	0	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Navajo Nation	0	0	0	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe	0	0	0	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Pascua Yaqui Tribe	0	0	0	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Comm.	0	0	0	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Tolowa Dee-ni Nation	0	0	0	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Penobscot Indian Nation	0	0	0	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe	0	0	0	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma	0	0	0	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTALS	\$346,698,891	\$496,475,933	\$73,769,304	\$23,640,702	\$72,254,113	\$169,664,119	\$516,363,010	\$326,811,814