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Request and response:

- 1. Number of forced adoptions by year (2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018) in your county.**

Forced adoptions defined as: “removing children permanently from their parents and the subsequent adoption of those children, following intervention by the local education authority”. I.e. contested adoption, rather than voluntary adoption. By this I mean contested in court.

Adoption Placement Orders – consent dispensed with by court

Financial Year	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Placement orders	29	41	41	44	39	31	37	25

“While this data is not explicitly collected, as part of the Department for Education’s SSDA903 annual Statutory Return the council does record Adoption Placement Order outcomes for children after Social Care intervention where the court has ruled to dispense with a requirement for parental consent. This does not necessarily mean contestation in court but does exclude adoption cases where parents voluntarily asked for their children to be adopted.”

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