

## Illinois Adoption Registry Statistics

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NOTE: IDPH estimates there are about 400,000 Illinois birth records that have been amended based on an adoption proceeding and the adopted person is now 21 years of age or older. These records would now reflect the adopted name and parents.

Total number of registrants	18,137
Total number of matches	1,405
Registrants by category to the Illinois Registry and Medical Information Exchange program between 1985 and 4/2016 wishing to exchange contact and/or medical information.	
Adoptees	11,422
Birth Mothers	4,372
Birth Fathers	683
Siblings	468
Adoptive Parents	646
Adult Children of Deceased Adoptee	460
Spouses of Deceased Adoptee	12
Birth Aunts	48
Birth Uncles	15
Adult Grandchild of Deceased Adoptee	9
Parent(s) of Deceased Birth Parent	2
Since the enactment of <a href="#">PA 96-0895</a> in May 2010, the Illinois Department of Public Health has issued the following non-certified original birth records to adopted persons or their surviving relatives:	
Original birth records issued as filed	14,871
Original birth records issued with identifying information removed	84
Original birth records not located / No record statements issued	285
The same law provided for a birth parent preference packet to be completed allowing birth parents to select their preferences. The following are updated statistics:	
Birth parents who agreed to release the complete original birth record	588
Birth parents who requested identifying information be removed before release	479
Birth parents who filed medical questionnaires to be released	834
Since the effective date of PA 98-0704, January 1, 2015, the Illinois Department of Public Health has issued the following non-certified original birth records to birth parents:	
Birth parent requesting record is listed on original birth certificate – Records issued	155
Birth parent requesting record is not listed on original birth certificate – No record statements issued	3