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Children Removed, Looked After, Adopted and Gone Missing

An Analysis of Government Statistics

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What Stories can be Told about Children as Statistical Data?

1. This report has been produced with the [Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse](https://www.iicsa.org.uk/)¹ in mind. We hope to help make connections between what we have observed by accompanying parents after
 - 1.1. organised child removal, legitimised by secret family courts;
 - 1.2. adoptions against their will and often for the purpose of sexual exploitation.

¹ <https://www.iicsa.org.uk/>

2. [Children are Screaming to be Heard](#)². But who listens to them and who hears their wishes and feelings?
3. With its policies of [Open Data](#)³ and [Digital Transformation](#)⁴, the Government encourages the development of applications that add value and derive insights from all sorts of data. 'Data journalism' proposes 'data stories' with 'infographics'.
4. With my software invention of '[uncluttered diagrams](#)⁵' as 'layers' of data in mind, I downloaded a number of files and familiarised myself with what Local Authorities record when they take children into 'care' or 'custody'.
5. [Children in Care in England: Statistics](#)⁶ is a Briefing Paper in the House of Commons Library published in October 2015. The first section summarises:
 - 5.1. In the year ending 31 March 2015, a total of **69,540** children were looked after by local authorities in England, a rate of 60 per 10,000 [**0.6%**] children under 18 years. The absolute number of children looked after has **increased by 6%** since 2011 (65,510). Indeed, the number of looked after children has increased steadily over the past seven years and it is **now higher** than at **any point since 1985**.
 - 5.2. Children aged between **10 and 15 years** represent the majority of the looked after population (**38%**), while children under one year old are in a minority (5% of the looked after population). The looked after population includes **more boys** than girls (**55%** compared with 45%). These age- and gender-related distributions have remained relatively constant over the past 5 years.
 - 5.3. The majority of the looked after population is **White (77%)**, with *Mixed* groups and *Black or Black British* making up approximately 9% and 7% of the looked after population respectively. These minority ethnic groups appear to be overrepresented in the looked after population (around 5 per cent of the child population of Great Britain is from *Black or Black British* and *Mixed* groups).
6. The nationality is not being recorded. Neither foreign nor Embassies or Consulates are informed, as the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations requires.
7. This was one of the 15 recommendations published in this Report, after 8 MEPs came for a fact finding visit to London in November 2015:
 - 7.1. <https://punishmentwithoutcrime.files.wordpress.com/2016/04/16-04-19-fact-finding-report.pdf>
8. Already before this EU Report, the UN Commission on Child Rights published their criticism and the Daily Mail concluded: How London became the child trafficking capital of the world:
 - 8.1. <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2714200/How-London-child-abuse-capital-world-Trafficked-gangs-prey-pimps-paedophiles-murderers-booming-trade-lost-children-shames-all.html>

² <http://childrenscreamingtobeheard.com/>

³ <https://data.gov.uk/>

⁴ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Digital_transformation

⁵ <https://3d-metrics.me/about/3d-diagrams-the-result-of-layering-complex-data/>

⁶ <https://punishmentwithoutcrime.files.wordpress.com/2016/12/16-11-26-sn04470.pdf>

9. Since then a number of concerns have arisen regarding the fate of **10,000 children** going **missing** in a year, published in June 2012 in the Foreword of the report of the *All Party Parliamentary Group [APPG] for Runaway and Missing Children and Adults and the APPG for Looked After Children and Care Leavers*:

9.1. https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/175563/Report_-_children_who_go_missing_from_care.pdf

10. The fact that children are being supplied for institutionalised abuse or even worse and sinister crimes has been established by recent admissions by Police:

10.1. <https://www.theguardian.com/society/2014/oct/15/rotherham-child-sexual-abuse-scandal-tip-iceberg-police-chief>

10.2. <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/law-and-order/12099021/Most-sex-abuse-cases-go-unsolved-as-police-fail-to-investigate-says-judge.html>

Which Local Authorities are taking how many Children in which Region?

11. Given our experiences with hundreds and in the case of veteran McKenzie Friend Ian Josephs thousands of cases, I was curious to find which of the Local Authorities are the worst in terms of ‘snatching children’. That’s the term Christopher Booker uses in many of his regular articles in The Telegraph. But how do you measure the evil of child snatching? Having discovered that 149 Local Authorities publish their data, I wanted to find

11.1. the **average number of children** per Local Authority [LAs]

11.2. what **percentage of the total child population** that represents in the regions

11.3. and how the LAs or regions **compare**.

12. Governmental statistics publish the percentage as ‘rates’ of 10,000 children under 18 and come up with the average figure of 0.6%.

70,440 Children in Care in 2016: 149 Local Authorities [LAs] in 10 Regions

The ‘Top Twenty’ Local Authorities in terms of Number of Children in Care

13. What do we find, when we compare and contrast?

13.1. Local Authorities and Regions

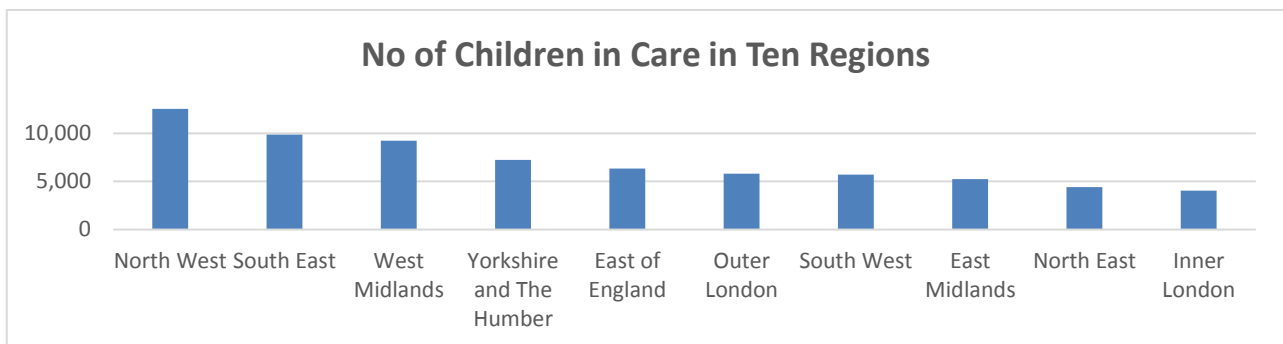
13.2. The Number of Children in Care and the Percentage of the Child Population?

14. What is the value of the statistics for whom?

Top Twenty	Local Authority	Kids in Care	Child Population	%
1	Kent	2,310	310,887	0.7
2	Birmingham	1,815	268,915	0.7
3	Lancashire	1,665	231,509	0.7
4	Hampshire	1,305	265,693	0.5

5	Manchester	1,235	111,626	1.1
6	Leeds	1,225	154,209	0.8
7	Norfolk	1,045	158,162	0.7
8	Liverpool	1,040	85,780	1.2
9	Hertfordshire	1,010	250,093	0.4
10	Essex	1,005	285,483	0.4
11	Northamptonshire	995	153,974	0.6
12	Staffordshire	980	158,658	0.6
13	Surrey	870	242,406	0.4
14	Bradford	850	132,820	0.6
15	Nottinghamshire	830	153,947	0.5
16	Croydon	800	88,378	0.9
17	Suffolk	795	142,629	0.6
18	Warwickshire	765	106,146	0.7
19	Dudley	725	64,126	1.1
20	Devon	710	134,148	0.5

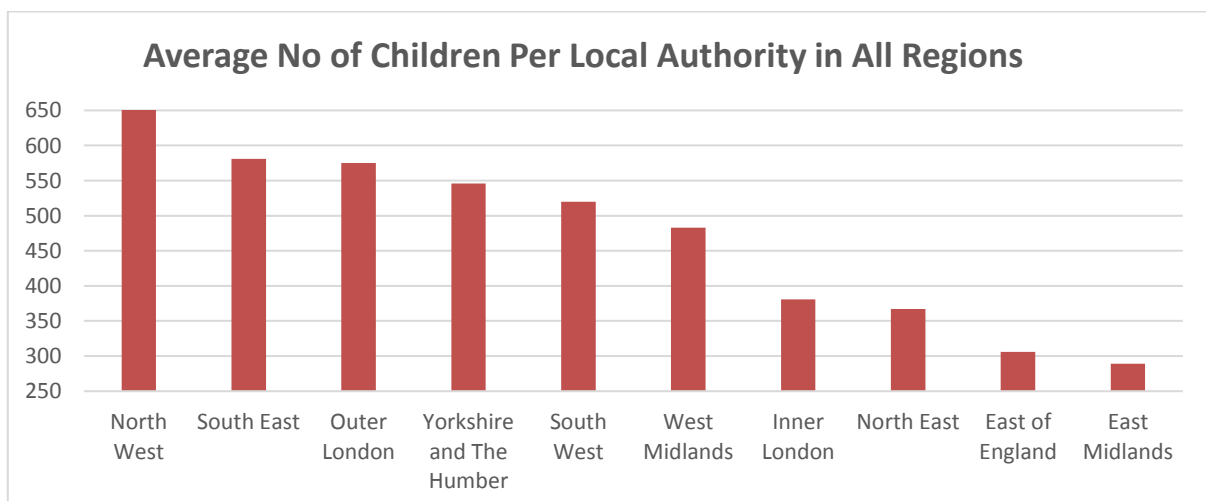
England in Ten Regions sorted by the Number of Children in Care



How many Children in Care on Average in Local Authorities?

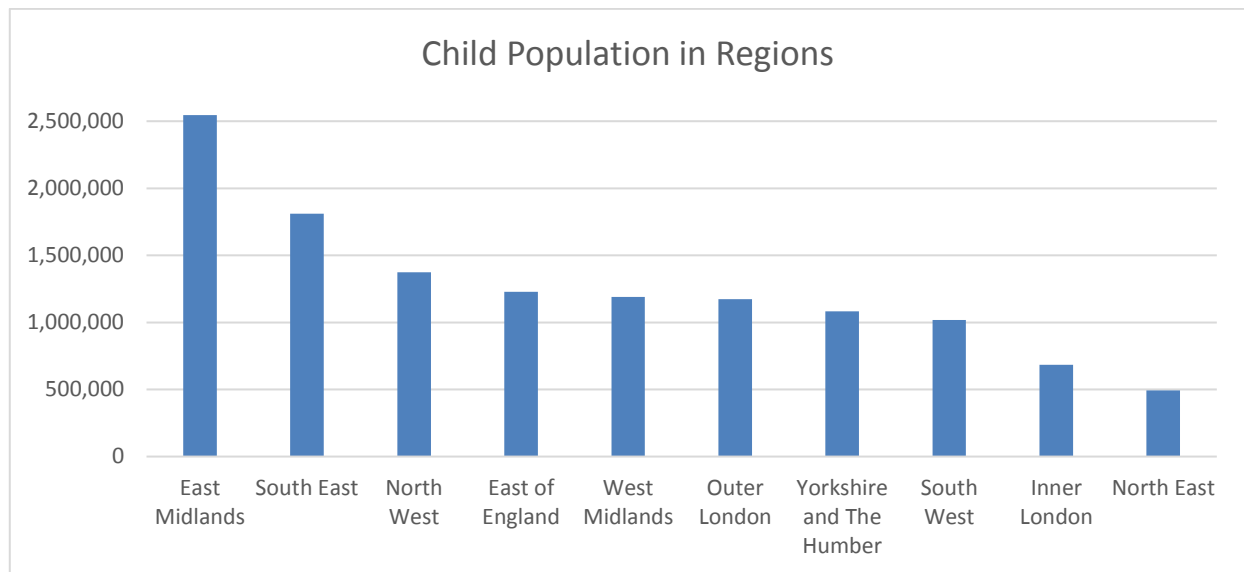
There are from **9 LAs** in the East Midlands to **23** in the North West.

On average, **289** to **660** children are in the care of LAs. An average of **471** per Local Authority.

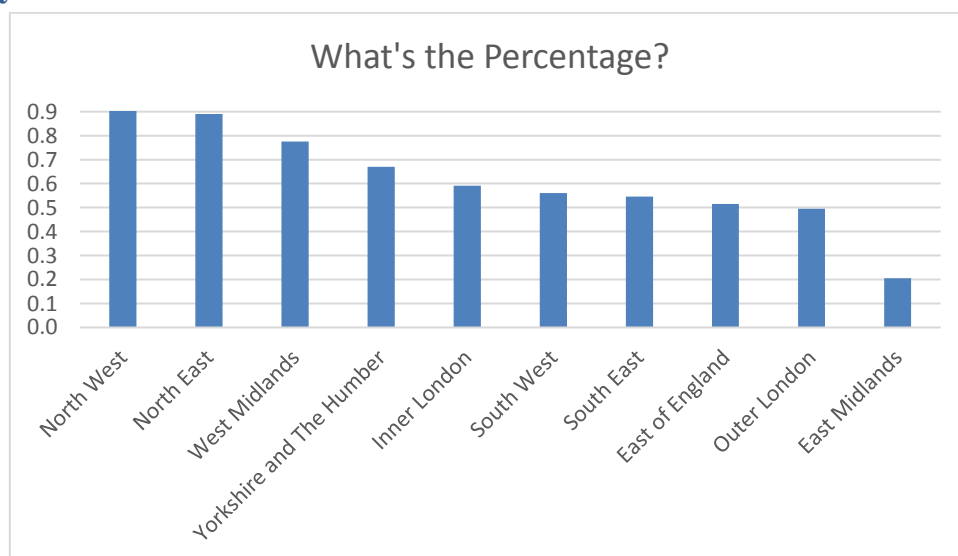


The Child Population in the Ten Regions

15. Local Authorities take children away from their biological parents, generally under the flimsiest of excuses such as risk of future emotional harm.
16. To **compare** and **contrast** **Local Authorities** and **Regions**, I looked at the percentage of the whole child population in the ten regions where statistics are gathered and published about children in care.
17. So the child population varies from **500,000** to **2.6 million**.
18. And the number of children taken varies from **4,050** to **12,550** across regions.
19. In terms of % of population, that varies from **0.2** to **0.9%**.



How Many do the Child Snatchers Take?



20. In terms of percentage of child population, a REGIONAL league table of child snatchers with the worst LA in red and the best in green, lists these Top Ten:

1	North West	12,550	1,373,230	0.9
	Blackpool	470	26,997	1.7
	Stockport	295	58,474	0.5
2	North East	4,400	494,197	0.9
	Middlesbrough	380	30,259	1.3
	Northumberland	385	55,690	0.7
3	West Midlands	9,240	1,191,122	0.8
	Stoke-On-Trent	655	53,214	1.2
	Shropshire	280	55,462	0.5
4	Yorkshire and The Humber	7,240	1,081,576	0.7
	Kingston Upon Hull, City of	645	52,691	1.2
	North Yorkshire	410	109,328	0.4
5	Inner London	4,050	684,711	0.6
	City Of London	10	1,040	1.0
	Kensington and Chelsea	105	27,141	0.4
6	South West	5,710	1,019,043	0.6
	Torbay	280	23,727	1.2
	South Gloucestershire	165	54,172	0.3
7	South East	9,880	1,810,674	0.5
	Southampton	590	46,779	1.3
	Wokingham	80	35,304	0.2
8	East of England	6,330	1,228,180	0.5
	Thurrock	335	38,975	0.9
	Essex	1,005	285,483	0.4
9	Outer London	5,810	1,173,371	0.5
	Richmond Upon Thames	115	42,427	0.3
	Croydon	800	88,378	0.9
10	East Midlands	5,230	2,546,049	0.2
	Nottingham	595	62,465	1.0
	Leicestershire	470	127,653	0.4

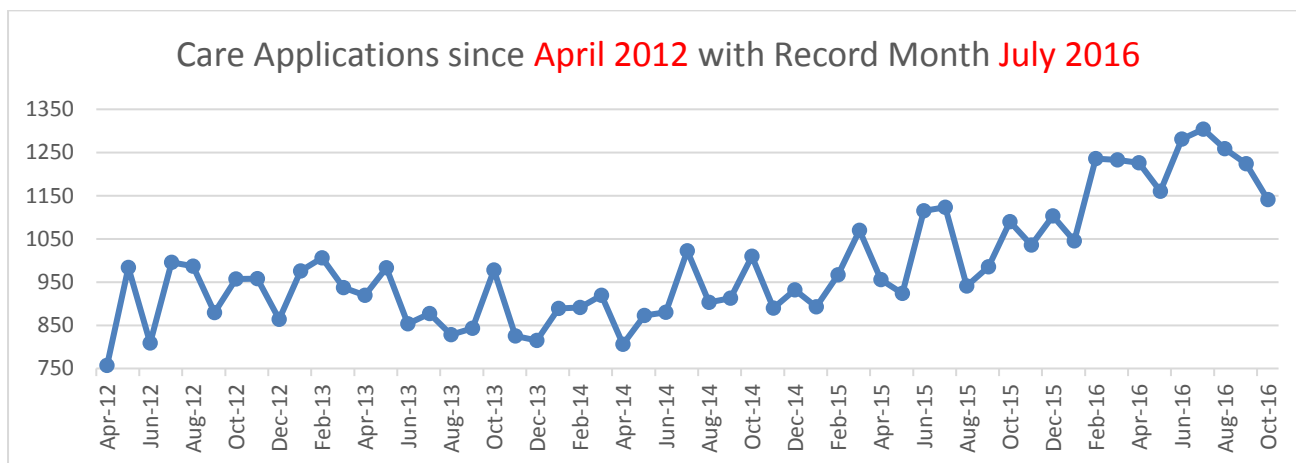
Trends

21. September 2016 was the record month with **1,216** Care Applications by Local Authorities to Family Courts, [according to the NIROP⁷](#), the *National IRO (Independent Reviewing Officers) Managers Partnership* who “are here to champion the issues that are affecting children in care and care leavers”.
22. But CAFCASS, *Children And Family Court Advisory Support Services*, supposedly representing the voices of children in courts, [publish more than 1,000 applications⁸](#) consistently since October 2015 and show that more than 1,000 applications have been made since June 2015, with the record of **1,304**.

⁷ <https://nirop.org/2016/10/14/new-care-applications-highest-ever-for-month-of-september/>

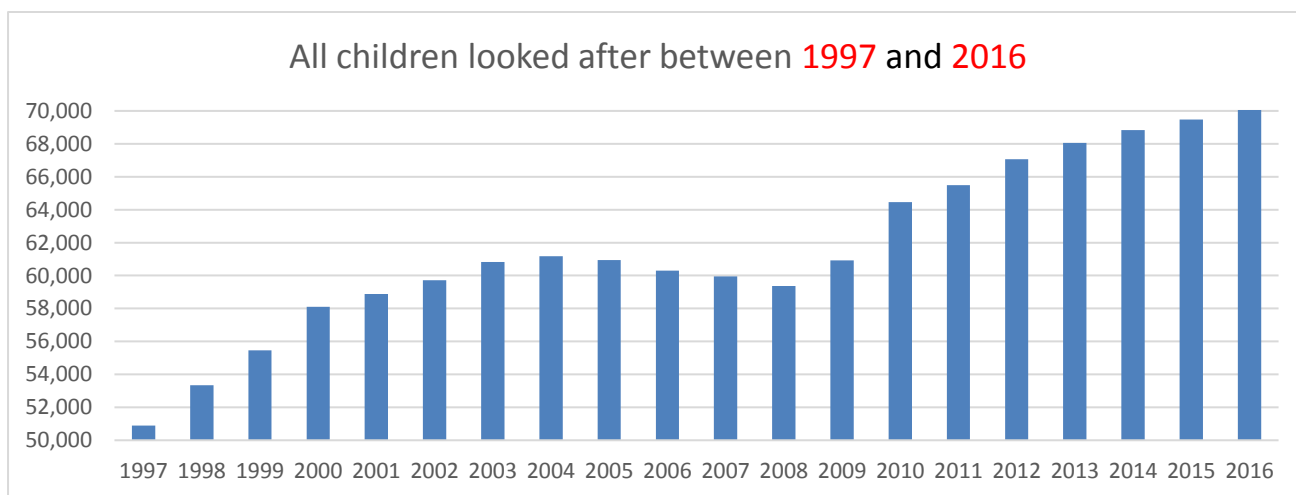
⁸ <https://www.cafcass.gov.uk/leaflets-resources/organisational-material/care-and-private-law-demand-statistics/care-demand-statistics.aspx>

The Rising Number of Care Applications by Local Authorities to CAFCASS

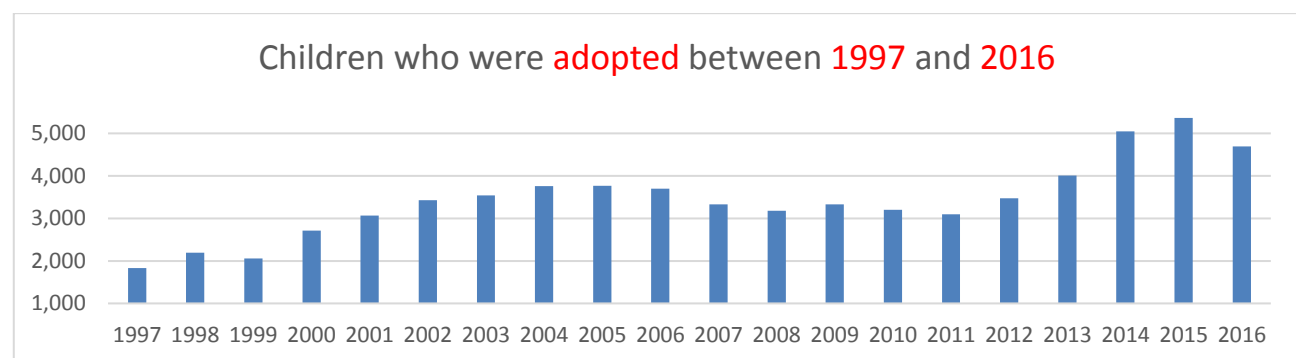


23. OFSTED, the Office for Standards in Education, Children’s Services and Skills publishes [Children’s social care statistics](https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/childrens-social-care-statistics)⁹ gathered by LAs and [Ofsted social care survey reports](https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/ofsted-social-care-survey-reports)¹⁰. Historic data begins in 1997:

The Rising Number of Children in Care since 1997



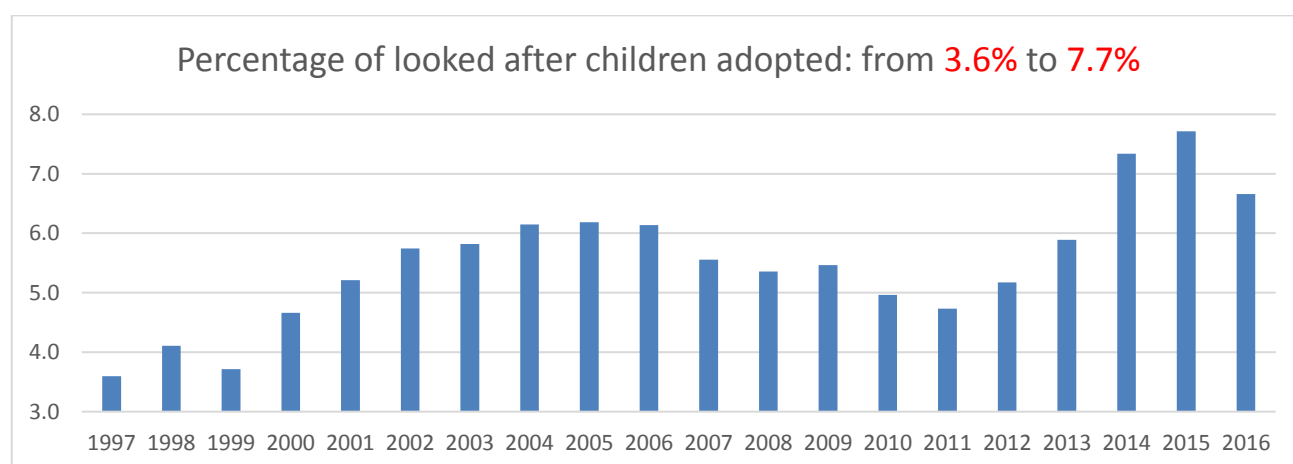
The Rising Number of Children Adopted since 1997



⁹ <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/childrens-social-care-statistics>

¹⁰ <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/ofsted-social-care-survey-reports>

The Rising Percentage of Children in Care Adopted



24. Page 22 of the official report on [Adoptions without Parental Consent](#)¹¹ acknowledges that **96%** of all adoptions are 'forced', i.e. without the consent of the parents.

Conclusion

25. Missing Children have been counted by the [All Party Parliamentary Group](#)¹² as well as the HM Inspector of Constabulary: [Missing Children. Who Cares?](#)¹³ But once again we have to Mind the Gap between:

- 25.1. the reality of where children are with whom?
- 25.2. who benefits financially?
- 25.3. the 'paper realities' describing their fate – for the benefit of courts and the legal profession?
- 25.4. and the 'digital realities' on screen, thanks to the internet.

26. Trends have been consistently rising on all levels, no matter what is written and said by whom. Can the Independent Inquiry make the links that we have seen between our five issues:

- 26.1. the institutionalised removal of children
- 26.2. the secrecy of family courts
- 26.3. adoptions against the will of parents
- 26.4. ritual abuse and
- 26.5. satanic crimes?

¹¹ [http://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/STUD/2015/519236/IPOL_STU\(2015\)519236_EN.pdf](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/STUD/2015/519236/IPOL_STU(2015)519236_EN.pdf)

¹² https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/175563/Report_-_children_who_go_missing_from_care.pdf

¹³ <http://www.justiceinspectorates.gov.uk/hmic/wp-content/uploads/missing-children-who-cares.pdf>