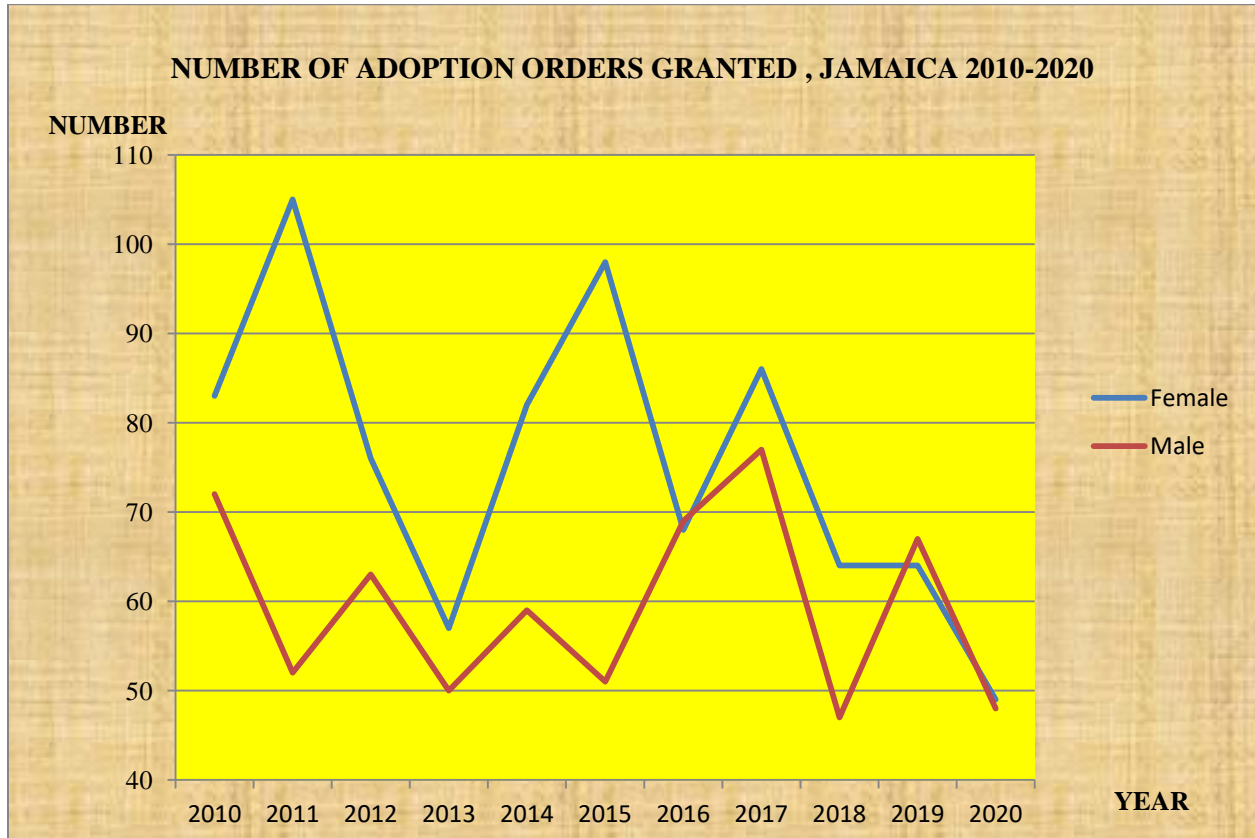


NUMBER OF ADOPTION ORDERS GRANTED, JAMAICA 2010-2020

Definition: An Order of the Court is an instruction issued by the same court requiring and entity, be it institution or person to carry out an action or refrain from committing or continuing an action. An Adoption Order Granted by the court is an Order made by the court giving the Adopter full responsibility for a child and transfers all the legal rights of the biological parents to the adopter.



Female	83	105	76	57	82	98	68	86	64	64	49
Male	72	52	63	50	59	51	69	77	47	67	48
years	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020

The graph above shows the number of adoption orders granted by the court from 2010 to 2020. The number of adoption orders approved for girls seems to be trending downwards whereas, for boys, it remains flat. The granting of adoption orders peaked in 2011 and 2017 for girls (105) and boys (77). The year 2020 recorded the lowest number of adoption orders granted for either of the sexes. However, on average adoption orders were approved for 135 children per year. During the same period, it was observed that girls were more likely to be adopted when compared with boys; for every 100 boys that were adopted, 125 girls were adopted.