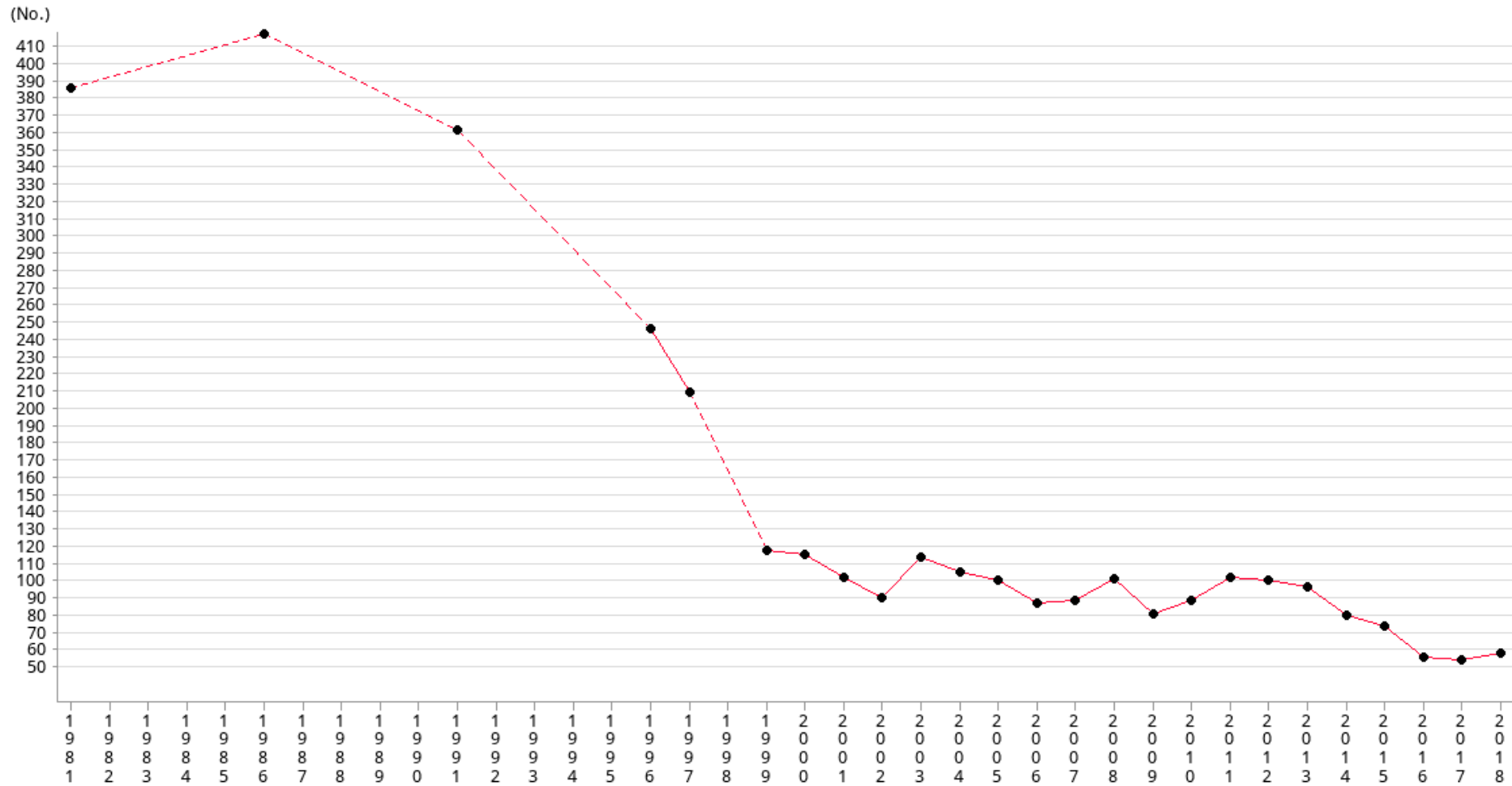


Number of adoption order granted for Wards of Director of Social Welfare



Year	1981	1986	1991	1996	1997	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
No.	379	410	355	242	206	116	114	101	89	112	104	99	86	88	100

Year	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
No.	80	88	101	99	95	79	73	55	54	58

Operational Definitions

The Adoption Unit finds permanent and stable homes for Wards of Director of Social Welfare (DSW Wards) whose parents are unable or unwilling to take care of them until they reach adulthood. The figures refer to the number of DSW Wards successfully adopted locally with adoption orders granted by Court.