

TABLE II-18. SHARE OF CHILDREN WAITING FOR ADOPTION, BY RACE/ETHNICITY, AS OF THE LAST DAY OF THE FISCAL YEAR, FY2004-FY2011

Hispanics may be of any race but, as shown here, are counted only in the “Hispanic (or Latino)” category

| Race/Ethnicity | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 |
|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| American Indian/Alaska Native | 2.0% | 1.7% | 1.6% | 1.6% | 1.6% | 1.7% | 1.6% | 1.8% |
| Asian | 0.5% | 0.5% | 0.5% | 0.5% | 0.5% | 0.5% | 0.4% | 0.4% |
| Black (or African American) | 35.9% | 33.9% | 31.9% | 30.6% | 30.3% | 29.7% | 28.4% | 28.0% |
| Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander | 0.3% | 0.2% | 0.2% | 0.2% | 0.2% | 0.2% | 0.2% | 0.2% |
| Hispanic (or Latino) | 17.3% | 18.2% | 20.5% | 20.9% | 21.2% | 22.1% | 22.3% | 22.0% |
| White | 37.3% | 38.5% | 38.1% | 38.4% | 38.5% | 38.3% | 39.3% | 40.0% |
| Unable to Determine | 2.8% | 2.6% | 2.5% | 2.3% | 2.0% | 1.5% | 1.3% | 1.4% |
| Two or More | 4.0% | 4.4% | 4.5% | 5.3% | 5.7% | 6.0% | 6.4% | 6.2% |
| Missing race/ethnicity data | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Total | 100.0% |

Source: Table prepared by the Congressional Research Service November 4, 2012 for the 2012 version of the House Ways and Means Committee Green Book. Based on data provided by HHS, ACF,ACYF, Children’s Bureau and as reported by the 50 states, DC and Puerto Rico (as of August 2012).

Note: In general, HHS identifies a child as “waiting to be adopted” if the child has a case plan goal of adoption and/or the rights of his/her parents have been terminated. However, it excludes from the count any child who is 16 years of age or older and whose parents’ parental rights have been terminated if that child has a case plan goal of “emancipation.”