

**TABLE II-9. NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE BY AGE, FY2004-FY2011**

Based on age of the child as of the last day of the fiscal year (September 30)

AGE	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011
Under 1 year	25,968	28,531	29,342	29,074	27,320	24,231	24,560	24,330
1 year	30,220	32,311	34,329	34,325	33,657	31,097	30,370	29,986
2 years	27,918	29,243	30,408	30,770	29,961	28,154	28,761	28,257
3 years	25,802	26,306	26,896	26,842	25,862	24,196	24,837	26,086
4 years	23,256	24,259	24,266	23,851	22,959	21,211	21,727	22,695
5 years	21,929	22,261	22,963	22,158	20,844	19,371	19,253	20,282
6 years	21,039	21,425	21,523	21,048	19,783	17,940	17,802	18,258
7 years	20,146	20,613	20,657	20,199	19,042	17,016	16,644	16,976
8 years	19,950	19,585	19,880	19,212	18,083	16,609	15,750	15,859
9 years	20,038	19,463	19,219	18,634	17,456	15,845	15,125	14,964
10 years	20,894	19,578	18,940	17,974	17,106	15,601	14,972	14,516
11 years	22,862	20,821	19,396	18,328	16,901	15,536	14,912	14,612
12 years	25,057	23,666	21,387	19,628	17,904	16,078	15,695	14,925
13 years	29,229	27,329	25,607	22,899	20,652	18,386	17,448	17,096
14 years	33,737	33,152	30,932	28,859	25,746	22,295	20,757	19,967
15 years	38,737	38,591	38,169	35,264	33,168	28,534	26,019	24,303
16 years	41,216	41,494	41,922	40,991	38,950	34,860	31,404	29,162
17 years	37,442	38,811	39,452	39,725	40,048	36,171	33,701	31,154
18 years <sup>a</sup>	13,211	13,190	11,983	11,621	11,881	11,164	10,099	10,415
19 years <sup>a</sup>	5,107	5,196	4,388	3,773	3,502	3,779	3,541	3,654
20 years <sup>a</sup>	2,824	3,381	2,899	2,617	2,490	2,524	2,500	2,614
Missing or presumed invalid age data	1,018	1,493	801	493	484	752	566	412
<b>Total</b>	<b>507,600</b>	<b>510,699</b>	<b>505,359</b>	<b>488,285</b>	<b>463,799</b>	<b>421,350</b>	<b>406,443</b>	<b>400,523</b>

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

a. States are not generally required to report data on youth in foster care who are age 18 or older if those youth are not eligible for Title IV-E foster care assistance. (See *Child Welfare Policy Manual*, Section 1.3, Q&A 2.) Before FY2011, no child who was age 19 or older could be eligible for Title IV-E. Accordingly, while data shown here reflect reports by states on youth in care age 18 or older they do not necessarily reflect all youth in care.