

TABLE II-4. NUMBER OF CHILDREN ENTERING, SERVED, EXITING, OR IN FOSTER CARE, NATIONAL ESTIMATES, FY1982-FY2011

Rate equals the number of children in a given category for every 1,000 children (under age 18) in the population.

Fiscal Year (FY)	Entered Care During FY		Total Served During FY		Exited Care During FY	In Care Last Day of FY	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate		Number	Rate
1982	161,000	2.6	434,000	6.9	172,000	262,000	4.2
1983	184,000	2.9	447,000	7.1	178,000	269,000	4.3
1984	184,000	2.9	456,000	7.3	180,000	276,000	4.4
1985	190,000	3.0	460,000	7.3	184,000	276,000	4.4
1986	183,000	2.9	456,000	7.3	176,000	280,000	4.5
1987	222,000	3.5	502,000	8.0	202,000	300,000	4.8
1988	199,000	3.1	511,000	8.1	171,000	340,000	5.4
1989	222,000	3.5	569,000	9.0	182,000	387,000	6.1
1990	238,000	3.7	617,000	9.6	217,000	400,000	6.2
1991	224,000	3.4	624,000	9.6	210,000	414,000	6.4
1992	238,000	3.6	652,000	9.9	225,000	427,000	6.5
1993	230,000	3.4	657,000	9.8	212,000	445,000	6.6
1994	254,000	3.7	698,000	10.3	230,000	468,000	6.9
1995	255,000	3.7	710,000	10.4	227,000	483,000	7.0
1996	237,000	3.4	725,000	10.5	218,000	507,000	7.3
1997	251,000	3.6	758,000	10.7	231,000	537,000	7.6
1998	299,000	4.3	817,000	11.5	257,000	559,000	7.9
1999	293,000	4.2	812,000	11.4	250,000	567,000	8.0
2000	293,000	4.0	811,000	11.0	272,000	552,000	7.5
2001	296,000	4.0	813,000	11.0	269,000	545,000	7.4
2002	295,000	4.0	800,000	10.8	278,000	523,000	7.1
2003	289,000	3.9	787,000	10.6	278,000	510,000	6.9
2004	297,000	4.0	787,000	10.6	281,000	508,000	6.8
2005	306,000	4.1	797,000	10.7	287,000	511,000	6.8
2006	304,000	4.0	800,000	10.7	295,000	505,000	6.7
2007	292,000	3.9	783,000	10.4	295,000	488,000	6.5
2008	280,000	3.7	752,000	10.0	289,000	464,000	6.2
2009	254,000	3.4	699,000	9.3	278,000	421,000	5.6
2010	255,000	3.4	664,000	8.8	257,000	406,000	5.4
2011	251,000	3.4	646,000	8.6	245,000	401,000	5.4

Source: Table updated by the Congressional Research Service on August 26, 2012 for the 2012 version of the House Ways and Means Committee Green Book.

Notes: All data were rounded to the nearest thousand for display. However, whenever more precise data were available those data were used to calculate the rates shown. U.S. Census Bureau annual estimates of population under age 18 were used to calculate rates. Population estimates include the 50 states and the District of Columbia (DC) through 1996 and the 50 states DC and Puerto Rico (PR) for 1997 – 2011 (PR child population estimates for FY1997-FY1999 based on 2000 census). All foster care data are rounded to nearest 1,000. Annual estimates are as provided by the American Public Human Services Association (APHSA) for 1982-1996 (based on voluntary reporting) and by HHS, ACF, ACYF, Children's Bureau for 1997-2011 (based on required reporting by each of 50 states, DC and PR under the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting Systems (AFCARS)). Some data shown may vary from previous versions of this table because foster care data is revised if states submit corrected data.