

TABLE 11-5. NUMBER AND RATE OF CHILDREN ENTERING FOSTER CARE BY AGE, SELECTED FISCAL YEARS

Rate equals number of children entering foster care during the fiscal year for every 1,000 children of that age in the population.

AGE	FY2001		FY2003		FY2005		FY2007		FY2009		FY2011	
	number	rate										
Under 1 year	39,689	9.7	41,573	10.2	47,779	11.5	49,221	11.3	41,772	9.7	40,484	10.0
1 year	17,775	4.5	18,124	4.5	20,675	5.0	20,543	4.8	19,204	4.4	18,900	4.7
2 years	16,245	4.2	16,571	4.0	18,097	4.4	17,771	4.2	16,681	3.8	17,013	4.2
3 years	14,567	3.7	14,783	3.7	16,449	4.0	15,705	3.7	13,995	3.3	15,675	3.8
4 years	13,221	3.4	13,728	3.5	14,927	3.6	14,134	3.4	12,658	3.0	14,099	3.4
5 years	12,675	3.2	12,601	3.2	14,125	3.5	13,458	3.3	11,359	2.7	12,369	3.0
6 years	12,647	3.1	12,007	3.0	13,248	3.4	12,733	3.0	10,732	2.6	11,312	2.7
7 years	12,594	3.1	11,538	2.9	12,021	3.0	11,739	2.9	9,917	2.4	10,219	2.5
8 years	12,475	3.0	11,075	2.7	11,262	2.8	10,879	2.7	9,191	2.2	9,306	2.3
9 years	12,426	2.9	11,121	2.7	10,616	2.6	9,989	2.5	8,696	2.1	8,972	2.2
10 years	12,393	2.9	11,138	2.7	10,446	2.5	9,523	2.4	8,206	2.1	8,301	2.0
11 years	12,488	2.8	11,948	2.8	11,228	2.7	9,631	2.4	8,219	2.1	8,111	1.9
12 years	13,852	3.3	13,471	3.1	12,832	3.0	10,884	2.6	9,033	2.2	9,106	2.2
13 years	16,579	4.0	16,446	3.7	16,101	3.7	13,712	3.3	11,003	2.7	10,726	2.6
14 years	20,107	4.9	19,583	4.6	20,021	4.6	17,785	4.2	14,316	3.4	13,126	3.1
15 years	23,204	5.6	21,690	5.2	22,813	5.1	21,372	4.9	18,136	4.3	15,884	3.8
16 years	20,154	4.9	19,268	4.6	21,213	4.9	20,632	4.7	18,635	4.3	16,237	3.8
17 years	11,834	2.9	11,535	2.8	12,230	2.9	12,713	2.8	12,554	2.9	11,245	2.6
TOTAL under 18 years	294,925	4.0	288,200	3.9	306,083	4.1	292,424	3.9	254,307	3.4	251,085	3.4

Source: Table prepared by the Congressional Research Service on November 1, 2012 for the 2012 version of the House Ways and Means Committee Green Book. Based on AFCARS data provided by HHS, ACF,ACYF, Children's Bureau, as reported by the states as of January 2009 for FY2001 and as of August 2012 for all other years shown.

Notes: Child population used to calculate rates was based on U.S. Census Bureau annual estimates for July 1 of each year for the 50 states, D.C. and Puerto Rico (vintage 2009 for 2001-2009 and vintage 2011 for 2010 and 2011).