

Table II-6B. Share of Children Entering Foster Care by Race/Ethnicity, FY2001-FY2013

Any child reported as “Hispanic or Latino” is included in that category only and is not included in any race category.

Fiscal Year	American Indian/ Alaska Native	Asian	Black (or African American)	Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	Hispanic (or Latino)	White	Two or More Races	Unable to Determine ^a	Missing Race/ Ethnicity data	TOTAL
	Percentage of Children Entering Foster Care									
2001	2.4%	1.0%	27.2%	0.3%	15.4%	44.5%	2.4%	2.8%	3.9%	296,163
2002	2.3%	0.9%	27.8%	0.3%	16.6%	46.3%	2.9%	2.7%	0.1%	294,978
2003	2.3%	0.9%	27.1%	0.3%	17.0%	46.5%	3.2%	2.4%	0.3%	289,102
2004	2.2%	0.8%	26.7%	0.3%	17.6%	46.5%	3.4%	2.3%	0.2%	298,072
2005	2.2%	0.8%	25.8%	0.3%	18.3%	46.4%	3.7%	2.3%	0.2%	307,216
2006	2.0%	0.8%	26.3%	0.2%	19.4%	44.6%	3.9%	2.5%	0.2%	304,843
2007	2.0%	0.8%	25.7%	0.3%	20.0%	44.2%	4.4%	2.5%	0.2%	293,264
2008	2.0%	0.8%	26.1%	0.2%	19.9%	43.5%	4.6%	2.5%	0.3%	280,423
2009	2.1%	0.9%	25.4%	0.2%	20.2%	43.4%	5.0%	2.5%	0.3%	254,896
2010	2.0%	0.7%	24.2%	0.2%	20.7%	44.5%	5.2%	2.1%	0.4%	256,092
2011	2.1%	0.7%	23.1%	0.2%	20.7%	44.2%	5.4%	3.2%	0.4%	251,365
2012	2.1%	0.7%	22.0%	0.2%	20.5%	45.1%	5.5%	3.6%	0.3%	251,539
2013	2.1%	0.6%	21.5%	0.2%	21.1%	45.0%	6.0%	3.1%	0.3%	254,904

Source: Table prepared by the Congressional Research Service on August 28, 2014 for the 2014 version of the House Ways and Means Committee Green Book and based on data provided by HHS, ACF,ACYF, Children’s Bureau as reported by the 50 states, DC and Puerto Rico by January 2009 for FY2001-FY2003 and by July 2014 for all other years shown.

Note: Some data shown may vary from previous versions of this table because foster care data are revised if states submit corrected information.

a. States are instructed to report a child’s race as “unable to determine” if a child is very young or is severely disabled and no person is available to identify the child’s race. They are also instructed to use this category if the child’s parent, relative or guardian is unwilling to identify the child’s race.