

**Table II-7. Number of Children Entering Foster Care by Reported Circumstance(s) of Removal, FY2004-FY2013**

Children are counted in this table if they had one or more circumstance of removal reported.

Circumstance of Removal	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013
	<i>Number of Children Entering Foster Care</i>									
Neglect	146,133	154,566	151,064	146,566	140,001	129,850	135,321	134,056	137,370	145,112
Drug Abuse (Parent)	57,734	66,157	66,297	63,478	57,327	54,130	63,699	63,735	69,231	70,713
Caretaker Inability Cope	51,378	52,442	53,863	51,624	49,450	44,241	45,178	44,313	42,060	41,613
Physical Abuse	47,995	47,907	45,736	43,316	42,605	39,097	39,023	34,921	34,020	34,457
Child Behavior Problem	52,992	52,086	49,041	47,428	47,804	42,959	39,225	37,889	35,102	33,069
Inadequate Housing	26,508	26,779	26,538	27,054	27,048	24,348	24,299	23,697	24,849	23,559
Parent Incarceration	18,422	18,426	18,422	18,116	17,255	16,981	17,821	17,519	19,192	19,866
Alcohol Abuse (Parent)	19,537	19,846	18,942	18,020	18,902	17,892	18,409	15,394	15,210	14,099
Abandonment	14,449	14,197	13,894	13,503	12,725	11,393	11,249	10,925	11,194	11,528
Sexual Abuse	17,986	17,536	17,257	15,002	13,236	11,590	11,369	10,478	10,558	10,180
Drug Abuse (Child)	11,574	11,922	11,897	10,373	7,450	6,383	6,508	6,539	6,591	6,142
Child Disability	7,709	8,804	8,755	7,869	6,787	6,547	6,554	6,121	5,252	4,476
Parent Death	3,537	3,733	4,674	3,769	3,394	1,673	2,415	2,668	2,613	2,966
Relinquishment	3,416	3,175	2,910	2,856	2,881	2,590	2,376	2,420	2,191	2,334
Alcohol Abuse (Child)	3,244	3,487	3,549	3,420	3,176	2,907	2,666	2,524	2,119	1,714
<i>Total children for whom removal circumstances were reported</i>	<i>282,852</i>	<i>294,388</i>	<i>289,685</i>	<i>277,442</i>	<i>267,634</i>	<i>244,606</i>	<i>243,617</i>	<i>242,838</i>	<i>243,043</i>	<i>251,568</i>
<i>Total removal circumstances reported</i>	<i>482,614</i>	<i>501,063</i>	<i>492,839</i>	<i>472,394</i>	<i>450,041</i>	<i>412,581</i>	<i>426,112</i>	<i>413,199</i>	<i>417,552</i>	<i>421,828</i>

**Source:** Table prepared by the Congressional Research Service on September 2, 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 as of July 2014.

**Notes:** “Circumstances of removal” are “conditions or actions” that are known to exist in the child’s home at the time the decision is made to remove the child from that home and to place the child in foster care. States are instructed to report all circumstances that apply and each child may have one or more circumstance of removal reported. Therefore the total number of removal circumstances exceeds the total number of children who were removed. For guidance on reporting this information see HHS, ACF, ACYF, Children’s Bureau, *Guide to an AFCARS Assessment Review*, 5<sup>th</sup> Edition, December 2012, Appendix C, pp. 15-18. Some data shown may vary from previous versions of this table because foster care data are revised if states submit corrected information.