

Table 11-7A. Share of Children Entering Foster Care by Reported Circumstance(s) of Removal, FY2004-FY2013

The sum of these percentages equals more than 100% because a child may have more than one reported circumstance of removal.

Circumstance of Removal	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013
	Percentage of Children Entering Foster Care									
Neglect	51.7%	52.5%	52.1%	52.8%	52.3%	53.1%	55.5%	55.2%	56.5%	57.7%
Drug Abuse (Parent)	20.4%	22.5%	22.9%	22.9%	21.4%	22.1%	26.1%	26.2%	28.5%	28.1%
Caretaker Inability Cope	18.2%	17.8%	18.6%	18.6%	18.5%	18.1%	18.5%	18.2%	17.3%	16.5%
Physical Abuse	17.0%	16.3%	15.8%	15.6%	15.9%	16.0%	16.0%	14.4%	14.0%	13.7%
Child Behavior Problem	18.7%	17.7%	16.9%	17.1%	17.9%	17.6%	16.1%	15.6%	14.4%	13.1%
Inadequate Housing	9.4%	9.1%	9.2%	9.8%	10.1%	10.0%	10.0%	9.8%	10.2%	9.4%
Parent Incarceration	6.5%	6.3%	6.4%	6.5%	6.4%	6.9%	7.3%	7.2%	7.9%	7.9%
Alcohol Abuse (Parent)	6.9%	6.7%	6.5%	6.5%	7.1%	7.3%	7.6%	6.3%	6.3%	5.6%
Abandonment	5.1%	4.8%	4.8%	4.9%	4.8%	4.7%	4.6%	4.5%	4.6%	4.6%
Sexual Abuse	6.4%	6.0%	6.0%	5.4%	4.9%	4.7%	4.7%	4.3%	4.3%	4.0%
Drug Abuse (Child)	4.1%	4.0%	4.1%	3.7%	2.8%	2.6%	2.7%	2.7%	2.7%	2.4%
Child Disability	2.7%	3.0%	3.0%	2.8%	2.5%	2.7%	2.7%	2.5%	2.2%	1.8%
Parent Death	1.3%	1.3%	1.6%	1.4%	1.3%	0.7%	1.0%	1.1%	1.1%	1.2%
Relinquishment	1.2%	1.1%	1.0%	1.0%	1.1%	1.1%	1.0%	1.0%	0.9%	0.9%
Alcohol Abuse (Child)	1.1%	1.2%	1.2%	1.2%	1.2%	1.2%	1.1%	1.0%	0.9%	0.7%
<i>Total children for whom removal circumstances were reported</i>										
	282,852	294,388	289,685	277,442	267,634	244,606	243,617	242,838	243,043	251,568
<i>Total removal circumstances reported</i>										
	482,614	501,063	492,839	472,394	450,041	412,581	426,112	413,199	417,552	421,828

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: Children are included if they had one or more circumstance of removal reported. “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*, 5th 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.