

**Table II-9. Number of Children in Foster Care by Age, FY2004-FY2013**

Based on age of the child as of the last day of the fiscal year

Age in Years	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013
	Number of Children in Foster Care									
<1	25,968	28,526	29,341	29,073	27,321	24,171	24,614	24,275	24,973	26,672
1	30,220	32,312	34,327	34,325	33,656	30,992	30,373	29,835	30,239	31,402
2	27,919	29,269	30,404	30,768	29,961	28,036	28,750	28,094	27,400	28,453
3	25,801	26,317	26,891	26,841	25,862	24,119	24,789	25,920	25,339	25,183
4	23,256	24,269	24,262	23,850	22,960	21,123	21,691	22,550	23,571	23,551
5	21,925	22,287	22,957	22,156	20,842	19,284	19,196	20,151	21,103	22,271
6	21,039	21,453	21,521	21,044	19,789	17,868	17,755	18,128	19,324	20,575
7	20,146	20,641	20,654	20,197	19,041	16,879	16,609	16,864	17,544	18,903
8	19,946	19,595	19,879	19,209	18,078	16,478	15,644	15,726	16,011	16,879
9	20,037	19,470	19,217	18,634	17,455	15,729	15,020	14,859	14,996	15,523
10	20,894	19,596	18,936	17,974	17,107	15,488	14,899	14,421	14,235	14,671
11	22,861	20,843	19,394	18,324	16,902	15,435	14,838	14,507	14,158	14,058
12	25,054	23,684	21,386	19,627	17,904	15,946	15,627	14,829	14,760	14,607
13	29,228	27,334	25,602	22,899	20,649	18,236	17,366	17,026	16,266	16,148
14	33,735	33,142	30,925	28,858	25,746	22,165	20,678	19,891	19,425	18,828
15	38,731	38,588	38,166	35,262	33,169	28,349	25,953	24,225	23,455	22,925
16	41,214	41,472	41,911	40,978	38,944	34,677	31,271	29,076	27,258	26,413
17	37,436	38,797	39,445	39,714	40,040	36,083	33,684	31,026	29,253	27,577
<b>Subtotal under age 18</b>	<b>485,410</b>	<b>487,595</b>	<b>485,218</b>	<b>469,733</b>	<b>445,426</b>	<b>401,058</b>	<b>388,757</b>	<b>381,403</b>	<b>379,310</b>	<b>384,639</b>
18 <sup>a</sup>	13,205	13,479	11,981	11,618	11,884	10,704	9,611	9,890	11,273	10,962
19 <sup>a</sup>	5,105	5,348	4,387	3,773	3,508	3,695	3,471	3,759	3,575	3,750
20 <sup>a</sup>	2,822	3,454	2,897	2,616	2,494	2,478	2,449	2,377	2,437	2,636
<b>TOTAL under age 21</b>	<b>506,542</b>	<b>509,876</b>	<b>504,483</b>	<b>487,740</b>	<b>463,312</b>	<b>417,935</b>	<b>404,288</b>	<b>397,429</b>	<b>396,595</b>	<b>401,987</b>

**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. Based on counts of children in care provided by HHS, ACF, ACYF, Children's Bureau and as reported by the 50 states, DC and Puerto Rico as of July 2014.

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

a. Generally, states must include in their AFCARS report data on any child who is in foster care and under the care and placement responsibility of the state. However, in the case of a child who is age 18 or older, states are only *required* to report data on – youth in foster care under the state's legal age of majority and youth eligible for Title IV-E foster care assistance (see HHS, ACF, ACYF, Children's Bureau, *Child Welfare Policy Manual*, [Section 1.3. Q&A 2](#)). Before FY2011, no child who was age 19 or older could be eligible for Title IV-E. Accordingly, while data shown here reflect reports by states on youth in care age 18 or older, they do not necessarily reflect all youth in care of that age.