

Table 11-14. Number of Children in Foster Care by Number of Placement Settings and Length of Stay in Care, Selected Fiscal Years

Based on children in foster care as of the last day of the fiscal year

FY2005	> 12 months	12 - 23 months	24 - 35 months	36 months or more	Total Children - Any Length of Time in Care
	Number in Foster Care				
1 placement setting	111,663	32,784	12,643	19,758	176,851
2 placement settings	60,107	30,424	13,204	18,559	122,297
3 placement settings	23,496	19,433	10,413	16,871	70,215
4 – 6 placement settings	14,896	20,533	15,196	34,870	85,498
7 or more placement settings	2,489	6,063	7,242	39,364	55,161
<i>Missing placement setting data</i>	736	182	153	324	1,398
Total Children - Any Number of Placement Settings	213,387	109,419	58,851	129,746	511,420

FY2009	> 12 months	12 - 23 months	24 - 35 months	36 months or more	Total Children - Any Length of Time in Care
	Number in Foster Care				
1 placement setting	96,291	29,843	11,164	10,391	147,690
2 placement settings	48,870	26,898	11,853	12,523	100,144
3 placement settings	18,568	16,586	9,051	12,049	56,256
4 – 6 placement settings	11,232	16,797	13,245	26,298	67,577
7 or more placement settings	1,685	4,572	6,190	33,366	45,819
<i>Missing placement setting data</i>	708	168	103	207	1,186
Total Children- Any Number of Placement Settings	177,354	94,864	51,606	94,834	418,672

FY2013	> 12 months	12 - 23 months	24 - 35 months	36 months or more	Total Children - Any Length of Time in Care
	Number in Foster Care				
1 placement setting	109,383	33,815	10,693	9,645	163,539
2 placement settings	51,249	27,949	10,878	8,624	98,700
3 placement settings	18,460	16,225	8,151	8,102	50,938
4 – 6 placement settings	9,992	15,691	11,142	17,406	54,232
7 or more placement settings	1,243	3,990	5,048	23,470	33,757
<i>Missing placement setting data</i>	906	132	59	114	1,212
Total Children- Any Number of Placement Settings	191,233	97,802	45,971	67,361	402,378

Source: Table prepared by the Congressional Research Service on October 12, 2014 for the 2014 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 July 2014.

Note: The number shown in the column “total children – any length of time in care” is slightly larger than the sum of the preceding columns in that row because data on length of time in care were not reported for a few children (between 11 and 17, depending on the year).