

**Table II-14A. Share 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
	Percentage of Children in Foster Care				
1 placement setting	52.3%	30.0%	21.5%	15.2%	34.6%
2 placement settings	28.2%	27.8%	22.4%	14.3%	23.9%
3 placement settings	11.0%	17.8%	17.7%	13.0%	13.7%
4 – 6 placement settings	7.0%	18.8%	25.8%	26.9%	16.7%
7 or more placement settings	1.2%	5.5%	12.3%	30.3%	10.8%
Missing placement setting data	0.3%	0.2%	0.3%	0.2%	0.3%
<b>Total Children – Any Number of Placement Settings</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

FY2009	> 12 months	12 - 23 months	24 - 35 months	36 months or more	Total Children – Any Length of Time in Care
	Percentage of Children in Foster Care				
1 placement setting	54.3%	31.5%	21.6%	11.0%	35.3%
2 placement settings	27.6%	28.4%	23.0%	13.2%	23.9%
3 placement settings	10.5%	17.5%	17.5%	12.7%	13.4%
4 – 6 placement settings	6.3%	17.7%	25.7%	27.7%	16.1%
7 or more placement settings	1.0%	4.8%	12.0%	35.2%	10.9%
Missing placement setting data	0.4%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.3%
<b>Total Children – Any Number of Placement Settings</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

FY2013	> 12 months	12 - 23 months	24 - 35 months	36 months or more	Total Children – Any Length of Time in Care
	Percentage of Children in Foster Care				
1 placement setting	57.2%	34.6%	23.3%	14.3%	40.6%
2 placement settings	26.8%	28.6%	23.7%	12.8%	24.5%
3 placement settings	9.7%	16.6%	17.7%	12.0%	12.7%
4 – 6 placement settings	5.2%	16.0%	24.2%	25.8%	13.5%
7 or more placement settings	0.6%	4.1%	11.0%	34.8%	8.4%
Missing placement setting data	0.5%	0.1%	0.1%	0.2%	0.3%
<b>Total Children – Any Number of Placement Settings</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**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 percentages shown in the column “total children – any length of time in care” may sum to slightly less than 100% because of missing data on length of stay for a very small number of children. See note for Table II-14.