

Table II-15. Number of Children Waiting to be Adopted and Their Median and Average Age, as of the Last Day of the Fiscal Year, FY2001-FY2013

Fiscal Year	Number of Waiting Children	Median Age	Average Age
2001	130,115	8.2	8.2
2002	133,894	8.3	8.3
2003	130,640	8.3	8.4
2004	130,269	8.0	7.8
2005	130,995	7.0	7.8
2006	135,274	7.5	7.0
2007	133,645	7.0	7.5
2008	125,712	7.5	7.0
2009	113,798	7.0	7.6
2010	108,746	7.0	7.4
2011	106,352	7.0	7.4
2012	101,737	6.0	7.3
2013	101,840	7.3	6.0

Source: Table prepared by the Congressional Research Service on September 6, 2014 for the 2014 version of the House Ways and Means Committee Green Book. Based on data provided by HHS, ACF, ACYF, Children’s Bureau and as reported by the 50 states, DC and Puerto Rico (as of January 2009 for FY2001-FY2003 and as of July 2014 for all remaining years shown).

Note: Some data may vary from previous versions of this table because foster care and adoption data are revised if states submit corrections. There is not a statutory or regulatory definition of “waiting to be adopted.” For purposes of analysis, HHS generally identifies a child as “waiting to be adopted” if the child has a case plan goal of adoption and/or the rights of his/her parents have been terminated. However, children for whom all parental rights have been terminated and who are age 16 or older are excluded from the count if they have a case plan goal of “emancipation.”