

Table II-5A. Rate of Children Entering Foster Care by Age, FY2001-FY2013

Rate equals number of children entering foster care during the fiscal year of a given age for every 1,000 children of that same age in the U.S. population.

| Age | FY2001 | FY2002 | FY2003 | FY2004 | FY2005 | FY2006 | FY2007 | FY2008 | FY2009 | FY2010 | FY2011 | FY2012 | FY2013 |
|--------------------|------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| | Rate of Entry to Foster Care | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Under 1 year | 9.8 | 10.2 | 10.3 | 10.8 | 11.8 | 12.0 | 11.7 | 11.1 | 10.3 | 10.5 | 10.1 | 10.4 | 10.8 |
| 1 year | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.8 | 5.1 | 5.1 | 5.1 | 4.8 | 4.7 | 4.9 | 4.7 | 4.5 | 4.6 |
| 2 years | 4.2 | 4.1 | 4.1 | 4.3 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.4 | 4.2 | 4.0 | 4.3 | 4.2 | 4.1 | 4.1 |
| 3 years | 3.8 | 3.9 | 3.8 | 3.9 | 4.1 | 4.0 | 3.9 | 3.7 | 3.4 | 3.7 | 3.8 | 3.8 | 3.8 |
| 4 years | 3.4 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.6 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 3.5 | 3.3 | 3.1 | 3.2 | 3.4 | 3.5 | 3.6 |
| 5 years | 3.2 | 3.3 | 3.2 | 3.4 | 3.6 | 3.5 | 3.3 | 3.1 | 2.8 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.2 | 3.3 |
| 6 years | 3.1 | 3.0 | 3.1 | 3.2 | 3.4 | 3.4 | 3.1 | 2.9 | 2.6 | 2.7 | 2.7 | 2.9 | 3.0 |
| 7 years | 3.1 | 3.0 | 2.9 | 3.0 | 3.1 | 3.2 | 3.0 | 2.7 | 2.4 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.7 |
| 8 years | 3.0 | 2.9 | 2.7 | 2.8 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 2.8 | 2.5 | 2.2 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.4 |
| 9 years | 2.9 | 2.8 | 2.7 | 2.6 | 2.6 | 2.7 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.2 | 2.1 | 2.2 |
| 10 years | 2.9 | 2.8 | 2.6 | 2.6 | 2.5 | 2.4 | 2.3 | 2.2 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.1 |
| 11 years | 2.8 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 2.7 | 2.7 | 2.5 | 2.3 | 2.2 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 1.9 | 2.0 | 2.0 |
| 12 years | 3.3 | 3.0 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 3.0 | 2.8 | 2.6 | 2.4 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.1 | 2.1 |
| 13 years | 4.0 | 3.9 | 3.7 | 3.8 | 3.7 | 3.5 | 3.2 | 3.0 | 2.6 | 2.6 | 2.6 | 2.6 | 2.5 |
| 14 years | 4.9 | 4.8 | 4.6 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.4 | 4.1 | 3.9 | 3.4 | 3.2 | 3.1 | 3.0 | 3.0 |
| 15 years | 5.6 | 5.4 | 5.1 | 5.2 | 5.1 | 5.1 | 4.8 | 4.8 | 4.2 | 3.9 | 3.8 | 3.6 | 3.5 |
| 16 years | 4.8 | 4.9 | 4.6 | 4.7 | 4.9 | 4.6 | 4.6 | 4.6 | 4.2 | 3.9 | 3.8 | 3.7 | 3.6 |
| 17 years | 2.9 | 2.8 | 2.7 | 2.9 | 2.8 | 2.9 | 2.8 | 2.9 | 2.8 | 2.7 | 2.6 | 2.5 | 2.5 |
| TOTAL under age 18 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 3.9 | 4.0 | 4.1 | 4.1 | 3.9 | 3.7 | 3.4 | 3.4 | 3.3 | 3.4 | 3.4 |

Source: Table prepared by the Congressional Research Service on August 28, 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 January 2009 for FY2001 and as of July 2014 for all other years shown. U.S. child population used to calculate rates was based on Census Bureau annual estimates for July 1 of each year for the 50 states, D.C. and Puerto Rico (intercensal estimates for 2001 to 2009 and vintage 2013 estimates for 2010 through 2013).

Notes: Some rates shown may vary from previous versions of this table because foster care data are revised if states submit corrected information and because the Census Bureau may update and revise its population estimates.