

Table II-9B. Share 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
	Percentage of Children in Foster Care									
<1	5.1%	5.6%	5.8%	6.0%	5.9%	5.8%	6.1%	6.1%	6.3%	6.6%
1	6.0%	6.3%	6.8%	7.0%	7.3%	7.4%	7.5%	7.5%	7.6%	7.8%
2	5.5%	5.7%	6.0%	6.3%	6.5%	6.7%	7.1%	7.1%	6.9%	7.1%
3	5.1%	5.2%	5.3%	5.5%	5.6%	5.8%	6.1%	6.5%	6.4%	6.3%
4	4.6%	4.8%	4.8%	4.9%	5.0%	5.1%	5.4%	5.7%	5.9%	5.9%
5	4.3%	4.4%	4.6%	4.5%	4.5%	4.6%	4.7%	5.1%	5.3%	5.5%
6	4.2%	4.2%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%	4.4%	4.6%	4.9%	5.1%
7	4.0%	4.0%	4.1%	4.1%	4.1%	4.0%	4.1%	4.2%	4.4%	4.7%
8	3.9%	3.8%	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	4.0%	4.0%	4.2%
9	4.0%	3.8%	3.8%	3.8%	3.8%	3.8%	3.7%	3.7%	3.8%	3.9%
10	4.1%	3.8%	3.8%	3.7%	3.7%	3.7%	3.7%	3.6%	3.6%	3.6%
11	4.5%	4.1%	3.8%	3.8%	3.6%	3.7%	3.7%	3.7%	3.6%	3.5%
12	4.9%	4.6%	4.2%	4.0%	3.9%	3.8%	3.9%	3.7%	3.7%	3.6%
13	5.8%	5.4%	5.1%	4.7%	4.5%	4.4%	4.3%	4.3%	4.1%	4.0%
14	6.7%	6.5%	6.1%	5.9%	5.6%	5.3%	5.1%	5.0%	4.9%	4.7%
15	7.6%	7.6%	7.6%	7.2%	7.2%	6.8%	6.4%	6.1%	5.9%	5.7%
16	8.1%	8.1%	8.3%	8.4%	8.4%	8.3%	7.7%	7.3%	6.9%	6.6%
17	7.4%	7.6%	7.8%	8.1%	8.6%	8.6%	8.3%	7.8%	7.4%	6.9%
Total under age 18	95.8%	95.6%	96.2%	96.3%	96.1%	96.0%	96.2%	96.0%	95.6%	95.7%
18 ^a	2.6%	2.6%	2.4%	2.4%	2.6%	2.6%	2.4%	2.5%	2.8%	2.7%
19 ^a	1.0%	1.0%	0.9%	0.8%	0.8%	0.9%	0.9%	0.9%	0.9%	0.9%
20 ^a	0.6%	0.7%	0.6%	0.5%	0.5%	0.6%	0.6%	0.6%	0.6%	0.7%
Total under age 21	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

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 percentages shown may vary from previous versions of this table because foster care data are revised if states submit corrected data.

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 who are under the state's legal age of majority. Any youth age 18 and older who is eligible for Title IV-E foster care assistance must also be included in the state's AFCARS report. (See *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.