

Children in the Public Foster Care System Waiting to be Adopted
Fiscal Years 1999-2006

	FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
Alabama	1,013	1,162	1,288	1,476	1,546	1,599	2,128	1,658
Alaska	639	688	701	617	634	649	489	722
Arizona	3,014	2,340	2,507	1,649	1,676	2,124	2,478	2,634
Arkansas	847	817	808	981	983	949	1,188	937
California	9,448	12,004	7,682	15,794	15,851	16,299	16,700	18,028
Colorado	1,665	1,776	1,445	1,873	1,479	1,543	1,737	2,090
Connecticut	NA	NA	NA	1,034	1,305	1,382	1,312	1,360
Delaware	271	334	319	210	144	216	274	302
Dist of Col	NA	1,086	1,148	1,169	1,124	787	619	618
Florida	4,610	5,395	7,696	8,043	8,166	7,684	7,374	7,478
Georgia	2,696	2,860	4,185	3,184	2,474	2,507	2,370	2,305
Hawaii	616	693	731	708	764	922	910	752
Idaho	83	185	229	258	254	310	373	545
Illinois	14,676	10,727	8,963	6,193	3,780	3,432	3,347	3,042
Indiana	2,631	1,959	2,392	2,330	2,396	2,550	3,194	3,343
Iowa	1,039	1,016	1,119	1,263	1,131	1,139	1,265	1,432
Kansas	1,756	1,908	2,056	2,049	1,958	1,924	1,811	2,032
Kentucky	1,739	2,013	1,928	1,926	2,035	1,969	2,125	2,083
Louisiana	1,477	1,541	1,439	1,471	1,315	1,179	1,162	1,079
Maine	1,095	1,096	1,003	971	756	781	754	691
Maryland	2,803	3,073	3,299	2,933	2,500	2,202	1,954	NA
Massachusetts	3,270	3,145	2,910	3,107	3,052	3,006	2,924	2,704
Michigan	8,494	7,742	7,815	6,752	6,968	6,486	7,061	6,164

Minnesota	2,047	1,774	1,661	1,548	1,918	1,795	1,553	1,353
Mississippi	581	520	510	803	810	914	857	897
Missouri	3,137	3,130	3,015	2,844	3,351	3,225	3,512	2,714
Montana	774	850	748	669	639	713	646	608
Nebraska	432	483	348	616	787	902	913	971
Nevada	NA	67	593	535	1,232	1,543	1,724	1,815
New Hampshire	153	207	198	193	175	239	272	250
New Jersey	4,251	4,852	5,174	5,041	5,218	5,111	4,845	4,672
New Mexico	876	822	668	514	583	633	711	858
New York	16,138	15,833	14,635	13,730	12,529	10,650	9,238	8,040
North Carolina	3,595	3,709	3,329	3,119	3,087	3,074	3,137	3,115
North Dakota	311	322	322	320	316	277	344	321
Ohio	3,473	4,438	5,914	5,616	5,099	4,814	4,350	4,011
Oklahoma	1,832	1,766	2,390	2,434	2,595	4,409	3,191	3,587
Oregon	3,000	3,150	2,680	2,503	3,164	3,302	3,441	2,776
Pennsylvania	4,881	5,203	5,240	4,201	4,032	3,996	3,679	3,559
Rhode Island	333	388	403	385	304	309	382	397
South Carolina	2,199	2,201	2,157	1,936	1,493	1,769	1,819	1,750
South Dakota	276	297	404	433	443	480	472	507
Tennessee	1,660	2,032	2,287	2,336	1,964	1,775	1,717	1,786
Texas	6,592	7,190	7,887	8,440	8,625	9,913	10,768	12,191
Utah	325	350	333	448	446	437	436	475
Vermont	360	397	303	419	367	267	265	251
Virginia	2,178	2,132	1,946	1,487	1,571	1,611	1,822	1,794
Washington	3,285	2,512	2,258	2,639	2,366	2,317	2,167	2,361
West Virginia	775	762	729	960	1,012	973	1,036	1,063
Wisconsin	1,012	1,038	1,640	1,667	1,707	1,341	1,280	1,205
Wyoming	100	92	104	101	155	171	200	209
Puerto Rico	522	NA	384	1,444	1,404	1,599	1,542	1,432
TOTAL	128,980	130,077	129,923	133,372	129,683	130,198	129,868	126,967

NOTE: There is no federal definition for a child waiting to be adopted. For analytical purposes, the definition used in the table above includes children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older, whose parental rights have been terminated and who have a

goal of emancipation. The number of children waiting to be adopted reported by individual States will likely differ somewhat from those in this table because State definitions vary according to State policies and practices.

Because AFCARS data are being continuously updated and cleaned, the numbers reported here may differ from data reported elsewhere. In addition, the total numbers of waiting children reported in this table for fiscal years 2002-2005 differ notably from previously reported numbers. This change is primarily a result of revised data submitted by the State of California. California recently engaged a new contractor to develop the computer programming related to the submission of AFCARS data. As a result, the State is more comprehensively identifying children with a goal of adoption and children whose parental rights have been terminated. This has resulted in an increase in the reported size of the waiting population for fiscal years 2002-2005. This change and other minor changes made to the computer program provide a more accurate picture of the size and nature of the "waiting" population at the end of each fiscal year.

In contrast to a previous version of this table, FY 1998 data are not included because of the extensive amount of missing data for that year. However, as in the previous version of the table, jurisdictions with data that are insufficient or unusable for this purpose ("NA") are not included in the totals. Therefore, the totals in this table may differ from those reported elsewhere which include estimates for missing data.