

Table 561. Foster Care and Adoption: 2004 and 2005

[Data are preliminary and cover the period from October 1 of prior year through September 30 of year shown]

Characteristic	In foster care		Entered foster care		Exited foster care		Waiting to be adopted		Adopted from foster care	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
Total	517,000	513,000	305,000	311,000	283,000	287,000	118,000	114,000	52,000	51,000
AGE										
Under 1 year.	26,642	29,034	43,721	46,954	13,413	14,081	4,207	4,203	957	1,108
1 to 5 years	131,434	135,534	81,961	85,724	82,696	85,198	37,990	38,275	25,014	25,762
6 to 10 years	103,562	100,788	58,994	58,832	59,078	57,723	31,043	29,359	14,905	14,248
11 to 15 years.	150,621	142,935	86,442	84,612	66,146	64,587	34,302	33,282	9,178	8,327
16 to 20 years ¹	104,743	104,710	33,882	34,878	62,556	65,411	10,454	8,882	1,605	1,556
RACE										
White ²	205,561	208,537	141,506	144,679	127,866	130,235	44,991	45,096	21,971	22,088
Black ²	175,089	166,482	81,253	80,430	82,373	81,542	45,025	40,840	16,726	15,230
Asian ²	3,099	2,973	2,468	2,454	2,400	2,328	484	448	258	337
Hispanic ³	93,759	93,996	54,433	56,603	47,832	49,398	16,997	17,240	8,719	8,959
SEX										
Male	271,780	269,036	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	62,886	60,843	26,324	25,962
Female	245,220	243,964	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	55,114	53,157	25,676	25,038

NA Not available. ¹ For children waiting to be adopted, includes ages 16 to 17 only. ² Beginning with the 2000 Census, respondents could choose more than one race. Data represent persons who selected this race group only and exclude persons reporting more than one race. The census in prior years only allowed respondents to report one race group. See also comments on race in text, Section 1. ³ Hispanic persons may be any race.

Source: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System Reports, annual. See also <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/stats_research/index.htm#afcars>.