

# Table 567. Children in Foster Care and Awaiting Adoption: 2000 and 2007

[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	
	2000	2007	2000	2007	2000	2007	2000	2007	2000	2007
<b>Total</b> . . . . .	<b>552,000</b>	<b>491,000</b>	<b>293,000</b>	<b>293,000</b>	<b>272,000</b>	<b>293,000</b>	<b>131,000</b>	<b>132,000</b>	<b>51,000</b>	<b>52,000</b>
<b>AGE</b>										
Under 1 year. . . . .	22,839	29,214	37,996	49,353	11,025	14,251	3,957	5,700	939	965
1 to 5 years . . . . .	134,378	138,182	72,365	81,589	70,667	91,217	44,126	49,455	23,135	27,748
6 to 10 years . . . . .	136,003	97,319	63,346	54,810	63,228	58,898	44,980	34,396	17,831	13,912
11 to 15 years. . . . .	160,077	125,130	86,555	73,165	65,550	58,266	33,143	32,249	7,946	7,371
16 to 20 years <sup>1</sup> . . . . .	98,701	100,027	32,737	34,077	61,531	70,392	4,793	10,086	1,149	1,635
<b>RACE</b>										
White <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	207,970	196,017	136,214	129,573	121,322	130,770	44,898	50,597	19,462	23,300
Black <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	217,615	152,032	84,460	75,227	84,065	78,521	57,345	40,115	19,566	13,111
Asian <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	4,370	2,775	3,565	2,361	3,307	2,332	664	676	290	266
Hispanic <sup>3</sup> . . . . .	81,823	96,393	42,769	58,501	39,909	55,676	17,050	27,929	7,430	10,474
<b>SEX</b>										
Male . . . . .	289,187	257,200	(NA)	150,750	(NA)	150,189	68,620	69,493	25,472	26,205
Female . . . . .	262,813	233,332	(NA)	142,328	(NA)	142,865	62,380	62,382	25,528	25,425

NA Not available. <sup>1</sup> For children waiting to be adopted, includes ages 16 to 17 years only. <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> 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](http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/stats_research/index.htm#afcars)>.