

**Children in Public Foster Care on September 30th of Each Year who are Waiting to be Adopted
FY 2002 - FY 2009**

State	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
Alabama	1,476	1,546	1,599	2,128	1,658	1,824	1,692	1,582
Alaska	617	634	649	520	698	766	807	751
Arizona	1,649	1,676	2,124	2,478	2,644	2,492	2,153	2,691
Arkansas	983	984	949	1,191	945	780	872	850
California	15,794	15,851	16,299	16,700	21,202	20,830	17,847	15,634
Colorado	2,068	1,742	1,684	1,785	2,099	1,762	1,878	1,647
Connecticut	1,102	1,371	986	953	963	1,162	1,430	1,354
Delaware	227	170	218	274	302	311	304	239
District of Columbia	1,169	1,124	837	620	667	560	493	486
Florida	8,080	8,173	7,690	7,379	7,480	7,927	7,942	6,349
Georgia	3,184	2,474	2,507	2,370	2,305	2,162	2,244	1,791
Hawaii	751	892	1,019	980	808	733	555	401
Idaho	258	254	310	373	555	593	576	498
Illinois	6,193	3,780	3,432	3,408	5,746	5,598	4,608	2,728
Indiana	2,330	2,396	2,550	3,194	3,345	3,211	2,931	3,136
Iowa	1,263	1,131	1,139	1,265	1,419	1,299	1,158	1,003
Kansas	2,073	1,978	1,926	1,811	2,005	1,812	1,960	1,852
Kentucky	1,926	2,035	1,969	2,125	2,091	2,153	2,101	2,048
Louisiana	1,471	1,315	1,179	1,162	1,079	1,137	1,069	1,093
Maine	989	841	851	787	679	614	619	571
Maryland	2,933	2,500	2,202	1,954	1,626	1,660	1,506	1,220
Massachusetts	3,107	3,052	3,006	2,925	2,705	2,868	2,846	2,837
Michigan	6,752	6,968	6,486	7,061	6,164	6,115	5,674	4,902
Minnesota	1,548	1,918	1,795	1,579	1,638	1,674	1,393	1,227
Mississippi	803	811	914	858	903	898	996	975
Missouri	2,844	3,352	3,227	3,532	2,722	2,836	2,606	2,335
Montana	669	639	713	646	606	597	521	537
Nebraska	671	812	920	916	972	805	881	831
Nevada	535	1,309	1,573	1,701	1,786	1,936	2,200	2,095
New Hampshire	193	175	239	272	252	325	297	272
New Jersey	5,050	5,265	5,110	4,845	4,725	3,262	3,009	2,688

New Mexico	514	583	634	711	860	963	907	878
New York	13,730	12,529	10,650	9,238	8,040	7,659	7,014	6,890
North Carolina	3,119	3,087	3,074	3,137	3,116	3,095	2,903	2,722
North Dakota	320	316	277	344	321	337	288	315
Ohio	5,616	5,099	4,814	4,350	4,087	3,762	3,477	3,382
Oklahoma	2,434	2,612	4,471	3,504	3,657	4,022	3,766	3,429
Oregon	2,503	3,164	3,302	3,441	2,776	2,527	2,206	1,840
Pennsylvania	4,201	4,032	3,996	3,679	3,559	3,408	3,037	3,016
Rhode Island	387	319	331	407	405	400	415	333
South Carolina	1,939	1,493	1,769	1,819	1,771	1,779	1,803	1,807
South Dakota	433	443	480	472	507	452	423	380
Tennessee	2,336	1,970	1,776	1,717	1,788	1,622	1,477	1,326
Texas	8,474	8,785	9,957	10,947	12,542	13,552	13,414	12,844
Utah	448	446	437	436	475	574	553	565
Vermont	419	367	267	265	251	257	225	231
Virginia	1,487	1,571	1,611	1,823	1,783	1,834	1,769	1,612
Washington	2,649	2,369	2,317	2,167	2,361	2,837	3,025	2,865
West Virginia	965	1,018	976	1,312	1,204	1,278	1,300	1,220
Wisconsin	1,667	1,707	1,341	1,364	1,237	1,284	1,329	1,255
Wyoming	101	155	171	200	209	151	98	73
Puerto Rico	1,444	1,404	1,599	1,542	1,614	1,145	1,071	956
Total	133,894	130,637	130,352	130,667	135,352	133,640	125,668	114,562

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 in foster care on the last day of the Federal Fiscal Year 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.

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