

**Children in Public Foster Care on September 30th of Each Year who are Waiting to be Adopted
FY 2002 - FY 2010**

| State | FY 2002 | FY 2003 | FY 2004 | FY 2005 | FY 2006 | FY 2007 | FY 2008 | FY 2009 | FY 2010 |
|----------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Alabama | 1,476 | 1,546 | 1,599 | 2,128 | 1,658 | 1,824 | 1,751 | 1,475 | 1,271 |
| Alaska | 617 | 634 | 649 | 520 | 698 | 766 | 807 | 751 | 678 |
| Arizona | 1,649 | 1,676 | 2,124 | 2,478 | 2,648 | 2,516 | 2,323 | 2,792 | 2,673 |
| Arkansas | 983 | 984 | 949 | 1,191 | 945 | 780 | 872 | 850 | 876 |
| California | 15,794 | 15,851 | 16,299 | 16,700 | 21,202 | 20,830 | 17,847 | 15,634 | 13,396 |
| Colorado | 2,068 | 1,742 | 1,684 | 1,785 | 2,099 | 1,762 | 1,897 | 1,506 | 1,246 |
| Connecticut | 1,102 | 1,371 | 986 | 953 | 963 | 1,162 | 1,430 | 1,354 | 1,245 |
| Delaware | 227 | 170 | 218 | 274 | 302 | 311 | 304 | 239 | 253 |
| District of Columbia | 1,169 | 1,124 | 837 | 620 | 667 | 560 | 493 | 486 | 419 |
| Florida | 8,080 | 8,173 | 7,690 | 7,379 | 7,480 | 7,927 | 7,942 | 6,364 | 5,011 |
| Georgia | 3,184 | 2,474 | 2,507 | 2,370 | 2,305 | 2,162 | 2,244 | 1,802 | 1,690 |
| Hawaii | 751 | 892 | 1,019 | 980 | 808 | 733 | 555 | 401 | 322 |
| Idaho | 258 | 254 | 310 | 373 | 555 | 593 | 576 | 498 | 389 |
| Illinois | 6,193 | 3,780 | 3,432 | 3,408 | 5,746 | 5,598 | 4,608 | 2,728 | 2,944 |
| Indiana | 2,330 | 2,396 | 2,550 | 3,194 | 3,345 | 3,210 | 3,090 | 3,224 | 3,192 |
| Iowa | 1,263 | 1,131 | 1,139 | 1,265 | 1,419 | 1,299 | 1,158 | 1,003 | 1,068 |
| Kansas | 2,073 | 1,978 | 1,926 | 1,811 | 2,005 | 1,812 | 1,960 | 1,852 | 1,825 |
| Kentucky | 1,926 | 2,035 | 1,969 | 2,125 | 2,091 | 2,153 | 2,101 | 2,048 | 1,951 |
| Louisiana | 1,471 | 1,315 | 1,179 | 1,162 | 1,079 | 1,137 | 1,069 | 1,093 | 1,091 |
| Maine | 989 | 841 | 851 | 787 | 679 | 614 | 619 | 571 | 575 |
| Maryland | 2,933 | 2,500 | 2,202 | 1,954 | 1,626 | 1,660 | 1,506 | 1,221 | 883 |
| Massachusetts | 3,107 | 3,052 | 3,006 | 2,925 | 2,705 | 2,868 | 2,846 | 2,839 | 2,758 |
| Michigan | 6,752 | 6,968 | 6,486 | 7,061 | 6,164 | 6,115 | 5,674 | 4,902 | 5,236 |
| Minnesota | 1,548 | 1,918 | 1,795 | 1,579 | 1,638 | 1,674 | 1,393 | 1,227 | 1,073 |
| Mississippi | 803 | 811 | 914 | 858 | 903 | 898 | 996 | 975 | 843 |
| Missouri | 2,844 | 3,352 | 3,227 | 3,532 | 2,722 | 2,853 | 1,792 | 1,982 | 1,952 |
| Montana | 669 | 639 | 713 | 646 | 606 | 597 | 521 | 537 | 495 |
| Nebraska | 671 | 812 | 920 | 916 | 972 | 805 | 881 | 831 | 768 |
| Nevada | 535 | 1,309 | 1,573 | 1,701 | 1,786 | 1,936 | 2,200 | 2,098 | 2,093 |

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|----------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| New Hampshire | 193 | 175 | 239 | 272 | 252 | 325 | 297 | 272 | 227 |
| New Jersey | 5,050 | 5,265 | 5,110 | 4,845 | 4,725 | 3,262 | 3,009 | 2,694 | 2,457 |
| New Mexico | 514 | 583 | 634 | 711 | 860 | 963 | 907 | 870 | 777 |
| New York | 13,730 | 12,529 | 10,650 | 9,238 | 8,040 | 7,659 | 7,014 | 6,890 | 6,603 |
| North Carolina | 3,119 | 3,087 | 3,074 | 3,137 | 3,116 | 3,095 | 2,903 | 2,722 | 2,427 |
| North Dakota | 320 | 316 | 277 | 344 | 321 | 337 | 288 | 298 | 227 |
| Ohio | 5,616 | 5,099 | 4,814 | 4,350 | 4,087 | 3,762 | 3,477 | 3,382 | 3,011 |
| Oklahoma | 2,434 | 2,612 | 4,471 | 3,504 | 3,657 | 4,022 | 3,766 | 3,429 | 2,872 |
| Oregon | 2,503 | 3,164 | 3,302 | 3,441 | 2,776 | 2,527 | 2,206 | 1,840 | 1,827 |
| Pennsylvania | 4,201 | 4,032 | 3,996 | 3,679 | 3,559 | 3,408 | 3,037 | 3,039 | 2,522 |
| Rhode Island | 387 | 319 | 331 | 407 | 405 | 400 | 415 | 333 | 310 |
| South Carolina | 1,939 | 1,493 | 1,769 | 1,819 | 1,771 | 1,779 | 1,803 | 1,807 | 1,681 |
| South Dakota | 433 | 443 | 480 | 472 | 507 | 452 | 423 | 380 | 418 |
| Tennessee | 2,336 | 1,970 | 1,776 | 1,717 | 1,788 | 1,622 | 1,477 | 1,326 | 1,645 |
| Texas | 8,474 | 8,785 | 9,957 | 10,947 | 12,542 | 13,552 | 13,414 | 12,844 | 13,111 |
| Utah | 448 | 446 | 437 | 436 | 475 | 574 | 553 | 565 | 553 |
| Vermont | 419 | 367 | 267 | 265 | 251 | 257 | 225 | 231 | 180 |
| Virginia | 1,487 | 1,571 | 1,611 | 1,823 | 1,783 | 1,834 | 1,769 | 1,612 | 1,480 |
| Washington | 2,649 | 2,369 | 2,317 | 2,167 | 2,361 | 2,837 | 3,035 | 3,147 | 3,089 |
| West Virginia | 965 | 1,018 | 976 | 1,312 | 1,204 | 1,278 | 1,300 | 1,220 | 1,231 |
| Wisconsin | 1,667 | 1,707 | 1,341 | 1,364 | 1,237 | 1,284 | 1,329 | 1,255 | 1,159 |
| Wyoming | 101 | 155 | 171 | 200 | 209 | 151 | 98 | 73 | 85 |
| Puerto Rico | 1,444 | 1,404 | 1,599 | 1,542 | 1,614 | 1,145 | 1,071 | 956 | 903 |
| Total | 133,894 | 130,637 | 130,352 | 130,667 | 135,356 | 133,680 | 125,271 | 114,468 | 107,011 |

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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