

Table 560. Children in Foster Care and Awaiting Adoption: 2000 and 2006

[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	2006	2000	2006	2000	2006	2000	2006	2000	2006
Total	552,000	510,000	293,000	303,000	272,000	289,000	131,000	129,000	51,000	51,000
AGE										
Under 1 year	22,839	30,418	37,996	47,536	11,025	13,948	3,957	5,102	939	1,099
1 to 5 years	134,378	139,082	72,365	84,103	70,667	87,865	44,126	47,108	23,135	26,529
6 to 10 years	136,003	100,580	63,346	57,673	63,228	58,082	44,980	33,396	17,831	13,871
11 to 15 years	160,077	135,921	86,555	78,880	65,550	60,851	33,143	33,698	7,946	7,863
16 to 20 years ¹	98,701	104,003	32,737	34,809	61,531	68,251	4,793	9,696	1,149	1,637
RACE										
White ²	207,970	205,662	136,214	136,354	121,322	130,945	44,898	49,637	19,462	22,979
Black ²	217,615	162,722	84,460	80,212	84,065	77,720	57,345	41,591	19,566	13,783
Asian ²	4,370	2,978	3,565	2,420	3,307	2,384	664	651	290	289
Hispanic ³	81,823	96,967	42,769	57,444	39,909	51,711	17,050	25,481	7,430	9,569
SEX										
Male	289,187	267,027	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	68,620	68,006	25,472	25,994
Female	262,813	242,973	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	62,380	60,994	25,528	25,006

NA Not available. ¹ For children waiting to be adopted, includes ages 16 to 17 years 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>.