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### Children in Public Foster Care on September 30<sup>th</sup> of Each Year Who Are Waiting to Be Adopted FY 2005–FY 2014

State	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
Alabama	2,128	1,658	1,824	1,751	1,475	1,271	1,297	1,156	1,077	1,027
Alaska	520	698	766	769	720	696	720	805	866	704
Arizona	2,478	2,648	2,516	2,323	2,792	2,673	2,822	2,914	3,579	3,641
Arkansas	1,191	945	780	872	850	1,604	1,414	1,023	994	1,034
California	16,700	21,202	20,830	17,847	15,665	14,892	14,630	13,136	15,667	14,098
Colorado	1,785	2,100	1,762	1,897	1,506	1,246	1,098	917	896	1,008
Connecticut	1,377	945	1,122	1,389	1,355	1,261	1,344	1,385	1,158	1,227
Delaware	274	302	311	304	239	253	244	243	218	202
District of Columbia	620	667	560	493	486	419	357	303	268	243
Florida	7,379	7,480	7,927	7,942	6,364	5,022	4,994	5,129	3,465	5,558
Georgia	2,370	2,305	2,162	2,245	1,802	1,690	1,567	1,648	1,799	1,983
Hawaii	980	808	733	555	428	351	296	223	154	187
Idaho	373	555	593	576	498	389	334	278	328	322
Illinois	3,408	5,746	5,598	4,608	2,728	2,944	3,272	2,936	3,103	2,854
Indiana	3,194	3,345	3,210	3,090	3,224	3,192	2,886	2,451	2,437	2,731
Iowa	1,265	1,419	1,299	1,158	1,003	1,068	1,088	961	964	1,050
Kansas	1,811	2,004	1,812	1,960	1,852	1,825	1,817	1,853	1,843	2,116
Kentucky	2,125	2,091	2,153	2,101	2,048	1,951	1,918	1,999	2,224	2,420
Louisiana	1,162	1,079	1,137	1,069	1,093	1,091	1,162	1,089	961	1,033

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Maine	787	679	614	619	571	575	511	480	564	590
Maryland	1,954	1,626	1,660	1,506	1,221	883	772	559	498	464
Massachusetts	2,925	2,705	2,868	2,846	2,839	2,758	2,675	2,469	2,492	2,771
Michigan	7,061	6,164	6,116	5,674	4,902	5,235	4,237	3,586	3,337	3,584
Minnesota	1,579	1,638	1,674	1,393	1,227	1,073	1,143	1,191	1,219	1,188
Mississippi	858	903	898	996	975	843	880	955	1,000	1,184
Missouri	3,532	2,722	2,853	1,788	2,214	1,992	2,056	2,067	2,162	2,325
Montana	646	606	597	521	537	495	460	403	498	587
Nebraska	916	972	805	881	831	768	831	904	705	690
Nevada	1,701	1,786	1,936	2,200	2,098	2,094	1,970	1,880	1,957	2,059
New Hampshire	272	252	325	297	272	227	167	182	189	159
New Jersey	4,845	4,725	3,262	3,009	2,694	2,464	2,294	2,227	2,443	2,593
New Mexico	711	860	963	907	870	777	786	834	880	990
New York	9,238	8,039	7,659	7,014	6,890	6,603	6,417	6,061	5,843	5,463
North Carolina	3,137	3,116	3,095	2,903	2,722	2,427	2,234	2,071	2,172	2,416
North Dakota	344	321	337	288	298	227	230	211	237	262
Ohio	4,350	4,086	3,762	3,477	3,380	3,013	2,789	2,655	2,976	2,942
Oklahoma	3,504	3,657	4,022	3,766	3,429	2,872	2,956	2,803	3,241	3,975
Oregon	3,441	2,776	2,527	2,206	1,840	1,827	1,830	1,873	1,854	1,783
Pennsylvania	3,679	3,559	3,408	3,525	2,943	2,551	2,066	1,924	1,908	1,896
Rhode Island	407	405	400	415	333	309	267	222	250	212
South Carolina	1,819	1,771	1,781	1,823	1,862	1,699	1,415	1,336	1,226	1,211

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South Dakota	472	507	452	423	380	418	376	397	354	336
Tennessee	1,717	1,788	1,622	1,477	1,326	1,692	2,027	2,517	2,668	2,652
Texas	10,948	12,542	13,552	13,414	12,844	13,108	13,481	13,154	12,991	13,238
Utah	436	475	574	553	565	553	567	570	612	629
Vermont	265	251	257	225	231	180	196	226	213	232
Virginia	1,823	1,783	1,834	1,769	1,617	1,563	1,372	1,519	1,503	1,532
Washington	2,168	2,360	2,837	3,035	3,147	3,089	2,783	2,860	3,101	3,213
West Virginia	1,312	1,204	1,278	1,300	1,220	1,241	1,474	1,407	1,364	1,388
Wisconsin	1,365	1,237	1,284	1,329	1,256	1,159	1,163	1,129	1,153	1,147
Wyoming	103	149	154	113	98	111	130	115	85	81
Puerto Rico	1,542	1,615	1,148	1,071	39	83	746	822	797	688
<b>Total</b>	130,997	135,276	133,649	125,712	113,799	108,747	106,561	102,058	104,493	107,918

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.

Because AFCARS data are being continuously updated and cleaned, the numbers reported here may differ from data reported elsewhere. These data reflect all AFCARS submissions received by July of 2015.