

Number of Children Who Entered Foster Care, by Age at Removal in the United States, 2016

Age	Number of children	
Less than 1 Year	49,234	
1	20,709	
2	18,282	
3	16,236	
4	14,610	
5	13,724	
6	13,260	
7	12,897	
8	11,923	
9	11,051	
10	9,935	N=273,506
11	9,270	
12	9,491	
13	10,532	
14	12,172	
15	13,976	
16	14,338	
17	10,439	
18+	1,427	

Younger children make up a larger percentage of children in out-of-home care, with children under five representing over 41% of children in care. This alarming rate of young children coming into care is especially troubling, as children ages 0-3 are especially vulnerable.

Note: Estimates based on all children in out-of-home care at some point during Fiscal Year

Source: AFCARS Data, 2016