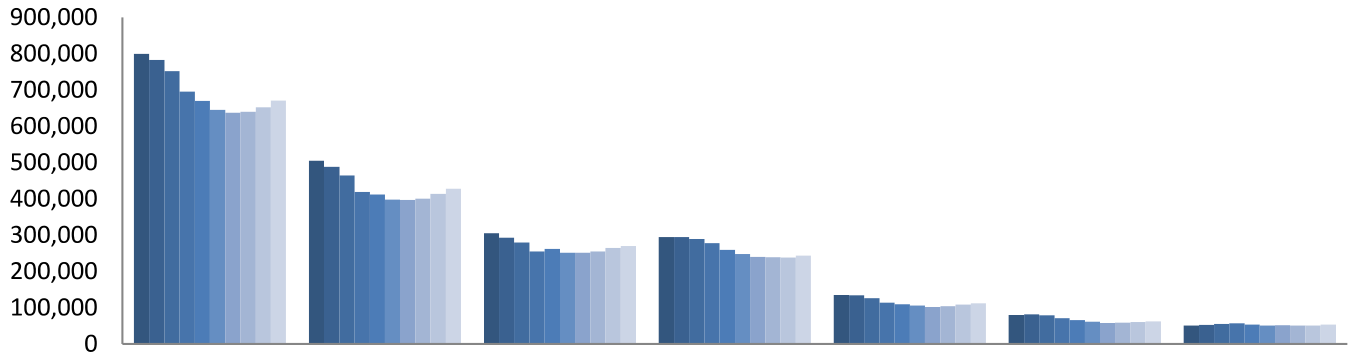




## Trends in Foster Care and Adoption: FY 2006 - FY 2015

(Based on data submitted by States as of June 8, 2016)

Source: AFCARS data, U.S. Children's Bureau,  
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	Served	In care Sept 30th	Entered	Exited	Waiting for Adoption	Parental Rights Terminated	Adopted
■ 2006	800,000	505,000	305,000	295,000	135,000	79,900	50,700
■ 2007	783,000	488,000	293,000	295,000	134,000	82,000	52,700
■ 2008	752,000	464,000	280,000	289,000	126,000	79,400	55,300
■ 2009	696,000	419,000	255,000	278,000	114,000	71,400	57,200
■ 2010	670,000	412,000	262,000	259,000	109,000	65,900	53,500
■ 2011	645,000	398,000	251,000	248,000	106,000	61,900	50,900
■ 2012	637,000	397,000	251,000	240,000	102,000	58,200	52,000
■ 2013	640,000	401,000	255,000	239,000	104,000	58,600	50,800
■ 2014	652,000	414,000	265,000	238,000	108,000	61,000	50,600
■ 2015	671,000	428,000	270,000	243,000	112,000	62,400	53,500

This chart includes data submitted to the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) by States, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico by June 8, 2016.

Please note that, for all of the years shown, some of the data may differ from that shown in earlier versions of this chart. This is due to the fact that some States have resubmitted their AFCARS data after addressing data quality issues.

FY = Federal Fiscal Year (October 1 through September 30)



## Discussion of Trends

**Numbers of Children in Foster Care:** After declining more than 20 percent between FY 2006 and FY 2012 to a low of 397,000, the number of children in foster care on the last day of the fiscal year increased to 428,000 in FY 2015, with a slightly higher percent change from 2014 to 2015 (3.3%) than observed from 2013 to 2014 (3.2%).

**Entries into and Exits from Foster Care:** Trends for children entering the system follow a similar pattern. In FY 2006, the number of entries into foster care was at its highest point in the last decade with 305,000 entries reported that year. The number of entries to care generally declined through FY 2012 to 252,000, increased slightly to 255,000 in FY 2013 and continued to rise to 270,000 in FY 2015. The number of exits, which reached a peak between FY 2006 and FY 2007 at 295,000, had been on a continual decline to 238,000 in FY 2014 before increasing slightly to 243,000 in FY 2015.

**Children Waiting to be Adopted:** The numbers of children waiting to be adopted are a subset of those in care on the last day. As numbers of children in care were declining, the numbers waiting for adoption declined, as well. Similarly, in the last four years a slight increase in the numbers of children waiting for adoption has been observed, moving from a low in FY 2012 of 102,000 up to 112,000 in FY 2015. The percentage of children who are defined as waiting to be adopted has remained extremely stable over the last decade, hovering around 26% of children in care on the last day.

**Children Waiting to be Adopted Whose Parents' Rights Were Terminated:** In spite of the numbers of children whose parental rights were terminated remaining stable, the percentage of children waiting to be adopted whose parents' parental rights had been terminated has shown a continuous decline, from 63% in FY 2008 to 56% in FY 2015. There was little change in absolute numbers between FY 2012 and FY 2013 in the numbers of children whose parents' rights were terminated, and slight increases in the numbers of children whose parent's rights were terminated in both FY 2014 and FY 2015.

**Children Adopted:** The number of adoptions that are finalized each year has remained relatively flat (between 50,000 to 53,500) over the last decade, with the exception FY 2008 and FY 2009, when the numbers rose to over 57,000. Since then, the numbers have leveled off again, similar to the first three years of the last decade, to approximately 51,000 in FY 2013 and FY 2014, and 53,500 in FY 2015. As a proportion of the exits, adoption has remained very stable as well, making up about 21% of the discharges each year since FY 2009.

## Technical Discussion

In this report, each child is counted only once, using the report representing the child's most recent foster care episode. There are some children who exit foster care and re-enter during the year one or more times. These children would be counted as entries, but not as exits, if they remained in care through the last day of the fiscal year (September 30). In these circumstances, the prior exit is not counted, even though it occurred during the fiscal year. We estimate the number of these uncounted exits to be approximately 6,000 per year.

There is also a data quality issue that has had an impact on the number of exits, particularly for earlier years. AFCARS data are submitted every six months and cover a six-month period. Sometimes a child who is reported during one six-month period does not appear in the next period, and there is no record that the child exited. Case reviews have shown that the majority are situations in which the child actually exited, but the exit was not reported to AFCARS. However, because the actual number of these "dropped" exits cannot be calculated, they have not been accounted for in the exit count. The number of dropped cases ranges between 4,000 and 5,000 cases per period in the most recent years, but the numbers may drop over time as States correct and resubmit their data. These dropped cases range from about a half a percent to one percent of the total population served in the year. Please note that dropped cases are excluded from all of the estimates shown in the table.



## Definitions

**Served:** This is an estimated count of all children who were in the public foster care system **during the FFY**. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

**In Care 9/30:** This is an estimated count of all the children in foster care **on the last day** of the FFY. An individual child is included in the count for each year for which he or she is in foster care on the last day.

**Entered:** This is an estimated count of all children who entered foster care **during** the FFY. An individual child is counted only once for each year, even if the child entered, exited and reentered care during the year. The most recent date of removal from home is used to determine whether the child entered foster care during the period. If an individual child entered in one year and then exits and re-enters in a subsequent year, he or she is included in the count of entries for both years.

**Exited:** This is an estimated count of all children who exited foster care during the FFY **at the end of their most recent foster care episode**. An individual child is counted only once for each year, even if the child exited, re-entered and exited again during the year. The most recent date of discharge (from foster care) is the one counted. If an individual child exited care in one year and then re-enters and exits again in a subsequent year, he or she is included in the count of exits for both years.

**Waiting for Adoption:** This is an estimated count of all children who are waiting to be adopted **on the last day** of the FFY. An individual child is included in the count for each year in which he or she is waiting to be adopted on the last day. There is no Federal definition for children waiting to be adopted. For the purposes of this analysis, children waiting to be adopted include children with a goal of adoption and/or whose parental rights have been terminated. The "waiting" population excludes children whose parents' rights have been terminated, who are 16 years old and older, and who have a goal of emancipation. An individual child is included in the count for each year that he or she has these characteristics on the last day of the year.

**Parental Rights Terminated:** This is an estimated count of all children in care **on the last day** of the FFY whose parental rights have been terminated and who are waiting for adoption. An individual child who has these characteristics on the last day of the year is counted only once for that year.

**Adopted:** This is an estimated count of all children adopted with public child welfare agency involvement **during the FFY**. An individual child is counted only once for each year, even if (in rare cases) the child was adopted multiple times during the year. In cases when an individual child is adopted in one year and then adopted again in a subsequent year, he or she is included in the count of adoptions for both years.

Indicator	Definition
Served	This is an estimated count of all children who were in the public foster care system during the FFY. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.
In care on Sept 30th	This is an estimated count of all the children in foster care on the last day of the FFY. An individual child is included in the count for each year for which he or she is in foster care on the last day.
Entered	This is an estimated count of all children who entered foster care during the FFY. An individual child is counted only once for each year, even if the child entered, exited and reentered care during the year. The most recent date of removal from home is used to determine whether the child entered foster care during the period. If an individual child entered in one year and then exits and re-enters in a subsequent year, he or she is included in the count of entries for both years.
Exited	This is an estimated count of all children who exited foster care during the FFY at the end of their most recent foster care episode. An individual child is counted only once for each year, even if the child exited, re-entered and exited again during the year. The most recent date of discharge (from foster care) is the one counted. If an individual child exited care in one year and then re-enters and exits again in a subsequent year, he or she is included in the count of exits for both years.
Waiting for Adoption	This is an estimated count of all children who are waiting to be adopted on the last day of the FFY. An individual child is included in the count for each year in which he or she is waiting to be adopted on the last day. There is no Federal definition for children waiting to be adopted. For the purposes of this analysis, children waiting to be adopted include children with a goal of adoption and/or whose parental rights have been terminated. The “waiting” population excludes children whose parents' rights have been terminated, who are 16 years old and older, and who have a goal of emancipation. An individual child is included in the count for each year that he or she has these characteristics on the last day of the year.
Parental Rights Terminated	This is an estimated count of all children in care on the last day of the FFY whose parental rights have been terminated and who are waiting for adoption. An individual child who has these characteristics on the last day of the year is counted only once for that year.
Adopted	This is an estimated count of all children adopted with public child welfare agency involvement during the FFY. An individual child is counted only once for each year, even if (in rare cases) the child was adopted multiple times during the year. In cases when an individual child is adopted in one year and then adopted again in a subsequent year, he or she is included in the count of adoptions for both years.

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**Numbers of Children Served in Foster Care, by State  
FY 2006 -FY 2015**

State	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
Alabama	10,631	10,900	10,467	9,677	8,119	8,395	7,907	7,443	7,590	7,989
Alaska	2,604	2,904	2,857	2,845	2,750	2,669	2,727	2,842	3,109	3,659
Arizona	16,968	16,513	17,003	16,929	17,110	18,142	21,267	23,854	26,253	28,557
Arkansas	7,055	7,404	7,196	7,574	7,474	7,506	7,513	7,411	7,211	7,759
California	117,470	116,443	109,170	99,797	92,254	86,563	84,820	86,255	87,087	87,484
Colorado	15,035	14,362	14,290	13,584	12,866	11,990	11,184	10,542	10,309	10,449
Connecticut	9,405	8,931	8,323	7,733	7,127	7,025	6,068	5,821	5,407	5,356
Delaware	1,864	2,095	1,723	1,369	1,194	1,266	1,286	1,160	980	1,006
District of Columbia	3,330	2,943	2,887	2,814	2,834	2,600	2,276	1,938	1,531	1,352
Florida	50,467	47,759	41,048	35,571	33,322	34,013	34,868	33,290	33,245	36,843
Georgia	23,688	21,811	18,845	15,833	13,333	13,203	13,618	13,526	15,011	17,447
Hawaii	4,359	3,725	3,275	2,889	2,466	2,240	2,178	2,065	2,140	2,338
Idaho	3,321	3,354	3,196	2,898	2,797	2,651	2,410	2,437	2,435	2,323
Illinois	24,858	23,777	23,636	22,954	23,854	21,606	21,250	20,684	21,009	20,903
Indiana	18,123	18,921	20,137	21,161	21,157	19,378	18,292	18,841	21,258	24,935
Iowa	14,366	13,785	12,275	11,251	11,036	10,709	10,441	10,570	10,032	9,811
Kansas	9,155	10,214	10,063	9,306	9,152	9,319	9,473	9,845	10,095	10,597
Kentucky	13,333	12,661	12,762	12,306	12,115	11,767	11,864	12,173	12,631	12,546
Louisiana	8,599	8,641	8,531	8,461	8,101	8,069	7,513	7,384	7,910	8,293
Maine	3,069	2,901	2,843	2,605	2,387	2,081	2,179	2,453	2,652	2,763
Maryland	12,615	11,637	11,044	10,330	9,747	8,627	7,931	7,061	6,429	6,045
Massachusetts	18,246	16,699	16,902	16,326	14,919	14,083	13,640	13,652	15,002	15,945
Michigan	28,831	29,374	29,550	27,903	25,710	23,587	22,388	22,261	21,208	19,608
Minnesota	14,418	14,221	13,536	11,691	10,782	10,711	10,729	11,114	11,564	12,961
Mississippi	5,144	5,371	5,396	5,384	5,887	5,955	5,999	6,119	6,766	7,371
Missouri	16,589	15,389	12,212	12,697	13,744	14,639	15,460	16,191	17,760	18,678

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FY 2006 -FY 2015

State	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
Montana	3,218	2,960	2,724	2,578	2,614	2,771	3,066	3,397	3,602	4,232
Nebraska	9,845	9,579	9,052	8,962	8,552	8,362	8,055	7,753	6,824	6,222
Nevada	8,563	8,708	8,385	7,875	7,635	7,525	7,705	8,029	7,793	7,629
New Hampshire	1,705	1,636	1,582	1,488	1,368	1,216	1,166	1,282	1,460	1,532
New Jersey	17,509	16,120	13,943	13,170	12,080	11,215	11,582	12,043	11,847	11,617
New Mexico	4,417	4,576	4,517	4,174	3,716	3,637	3,558	3,746	4,174	4,126
New York	43,191	43,036	42,831	41,650	40,026	37,344	34,541	33,526	32,276	29,597
North Carolina	16,692	16,612	15,432	14,515	13,607	13,404	13,163	13,401	14,346	15,011
North Dakota	2,212	2,154	2,119	2,114	1,913	1,769	1,887	2,012	2,178	2,332
Ohio	27,299	26,405	24,507	22,305	21,025	21,540	21,233	21,435	21,859	22,533
Oklahoma	18,044	18,402	17,594	15,292	13,067	12,632	13,636	15,097	16,352	16,851
Oregon	16,136	14,989	13,894	13,393	13,263	12,991	12,515	12,226	10,861	10,635
Pennsylvania	34,442	34,169	39,609	28,921	32,641	25,151	23,523	22,955	24,293	25,356
Rhode Island	4,425	4,257	4,062	3,716	3,466	3,209	2,935	2,902	2,973	2,940
South Carolina	8,180	8,594	8,954	8,725	8,290	7,354	6,522	5,989	6,520	7,038
South Dakota	3,007	2,973	2,861	2,865	2,892	2,836	2,543	2,296	2,187	2,179
Tennessee	15,459	14,720	13,672	12,937	12,781	13,010	13,960	14,391	13,296	13,323
Texas	45,543	45,984	43,845	40,846	42,658	45,826	46,505	46,286	46,777	47,492
Utah	4,383	4,540	4,738	4,725	4,928	4,855	4,897	4,881	5,031	5,110
Vermont	2,106	1,967	1,912	1,707	1,579	1,546	1,566	1,604	1,721	2,045
Virginia	10,990	11,184	10,156	9,338	8,555	7,836	7,507	7,182	7,393	7,479
Washington	16,620	17,357	17,324	17,433	16,077	15,055	14,685	15,222	16,154	16,170
West Virginia	6,568	6,981	7,540	7,276	7,085	7,505	7,394	7,906	8,069	8,417
Wisconsin	12,999	12,458	12,204	11,715	11,035	10,833	10,785	10,852	11,158	11,451
Wyoming	2,273	2,217	2,230	2,179	1,933	1,843	1,779	1,890	1,879	2,082
Puerto Rico	10,814	7,861	7,613	4,396	5,320	5,005	4,772	4,834	4,240	4,418
<b>Total</b>	<b>800,183</b>	<b>783,174</b>	<b>752,467</b>	<b>696,183</b>	<b>670,343</b>	<b>645,064</b>	<b>636,761</b>	<b>640,069</b>	<b>651,887</b>	<b>670,835</b>

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**Numbers of Children in Foster Care on September 30th, by State  
FY 2006 -FY 2015**

State	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
Alabama	7,157	7,262	6,941	6,179	5,350	5,253	4,561	4,515	4,561	4,745
Alaska	1,919	2,126	1,954	1,877	1,791	1,835	1,854	1,982	2,190	2,653
Arizona	9,786	9,099	9,590	9,423	9,930	10,883	13,461	14,399	16,246	17,738
Arkansas	3,434	3,616	3,522	3,657	3,756	3,732	3,711	3,797	3,806	4,548
California	76,405	73,998	67,703	60,583	56,202	54,754	54,553	55,383	56,771	55,983
Colorado	8,139	7,777	7,964	7,392	6,980	6,488	6,003	5,851	5,787	5,644
Connecticut	6,358	5,763	5,372	4,759	4,456	4,926	4,563	4,263	3,921	3,908
Delaware	1,074	1,157	938	814	739	845	799	702	635	682
District of Columbia	2,378	2,197	2,217	2,111	2,066	1,797	1,551	1,311	981	947
Florida	29,229	26,788	22,187	19,162	18,743	19,760	19,536	18,040	19,712	22,364
Georgia	13,175	12,197	9,984	8,068	6,895	7,591	7,671	7,607	9,005	10,935
Hawaii	2,357	1,940	1,621	1,472	1,234	1,122	1,079	1,085	1,221	1,360
Idaho	1,850	1,870	1,723	1,446	1,462	1,354	1,234	1,342	1,208	1,351
Illinois	18,815	17,864	17,843	17,080	18,256	17,189	16,772	16,894	17,049	16,654
Indiana	11,401	11,295	11,903	12,238	12,276	10,779	11,190	12,382	14,452	17,023
Iowa	8,922	8,005	6,743	6,564	6,533	6,344	6,262	6,341	5,978	5,918
Kansas	6,237	6,631	6,306	5,691	5,979	5,852	6,002	6,441	6,762	7,223
Kentucky	7,695	7,207	7,182	6,872	6,983	6,659	6,979	7,162	7,506	7,538
Louisiana	5,213	5,333	5,065	4,786	4,453	4,531	4,044	3,955	4,329	4,545
Maine	2,076	1,971	1,864	1,646	1,546	1,296	1,512	1,787	1,864	1,873
Maryland	9,051	8,415	7,613	7,065	6,098	5,460	4,884	4,467	4,032	3,914
Massachusetts	11,499	10,497	10,427	9,652	8,958	8,619	8,522	8,537	9,937	10,285
Michigan	20,142	20,830	20,171	17,723	16,424	15,091	14,522	14,615	13,199	12,248
Minnesota	6,813	6,711	6,028	5,410	5,063	5,085	5,330	5,641	6,324	7,610
Mississippi	3,126	3,328	3,292	3,320	3,582	3,597	3,699	3,779	4,380	4,773
Missouri	10,207	10,282	7,642	7,795	8,687	9,220	9,985	10,624	11,834	12,160

## Numbers of Children in Foster Care on September 30th, by State

FY 2006 -FY 2015

State	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
Montana	1,909	1,737	1,600	1,639	1,723	1,794	1,937	2,232	2,345	2,807
Nebraska	6,187	5,875	5,591	5,343	5,358	5,117	5,116	4,586	3,863	3,887
Nevada	5,068	5,070	5,023	4,783	4,807	4,638	4,745	4,776	4,543	4,485
New Hampshire	1,148	1,102	1,029	930	839	742	768	850	885	1,004
New Jersey	10,740	9,056	8,510	7,803	6,892	6,440	6,848	6,946	7,138	6,874
New Mexico	2,357	2,423	2,221	1,992	1,869	1,859	1,914	2,077	2,366	2,471
New York	29,973	30,072	29,493	27,992	26,783	24,962	23,924	22,975	22,422	20,921
North Carolina	11,115	10,827	9,841	9,547	8,828	8,601	8,461	9,036	9,859	10,324
North Dakota	1,331	1,263	1,223	1,210	1,078	1,066	1,109	1,227	1,365	1,359
Ohio	15,741	14,532	13,703	12,232	11,940	12,069	11,877	12,223	12,519	13,205
Oklahoma	11,736	11,785	10,595	8,712	7,857	8,280	9,134	10,555	11,463	11,173
Oregon	10,661	9,562	8,988	8,650	9,001	8,531	8,686	8,202	7,270	7,369
Pennsylvania	21,135	20,999	26,571	16,623	21,342	14,315	14,515	14,270	14,838	16,049
Rhode Island	2,998	2,768	2,407	2,112	2,086	1,806	1,707	1,789	1,798	1,826
South Carolina	4,920	5,167	5,054	4,978	4,487	3,821	3,113	3,188	3,461	3,726
South Dakota	1,648	1,566	1,482	1,484	1,485	1,407	1,399	1,253	1,174	1,280
Tennessee	8,618	7,751	7,219	6,723	6,695	7,647	7,978	8,180	7,607	7,780
Texas	30,848	30,137	28,154	26,686	28,947	30,109	29,613	29,625	30,358	29,990
Utah	2,427	2,765	2,714	2,759	2,886	2,701	2,813	2,709	2,960	2,704
Vermont	1,379	1,309	1,200	1,062	933	1,010	975	971	1,123	1,332
Virginia	7,672	7,718	7,099	5,968	5,414	4,846	4,579	4,327	4,597	4,735
Washington	10,457	11,107	11,167	10,961	10,136	9,533	9,606	10,208	10,630	10,665
West Virginia	4,018	4,432	4,412	4,237	4,112	4,475	4,562	4,389	4,556	4,959
Wisconsin	7,459	7,541	7,403	6,796	6,575	6,547	6,384	6,539	6,918	7,091
Wyoming	1,225	1,173	1,113	1,084	939	864	949	981	985	1,082
Puerto Rico	8,051	6,330	6,185	3,581	4,101	4,363	4,310	4,197	3,696	4,190
<b>Total</b>	<b>505,279</b>	<b>488,226</b>	<b>463,792</b>	<b>418,672</b>	<b>411,555</b>	<b>397,605</b>	<b>397,301</b>	<b>401,213</b>	<b>414,429</b>	<b>427,910</b>



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State	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
Alabama	3,791	3,937	3,580	3,080	3,063	3,257	2,763	3,078	3,242	3,605
Alaska	897	920	895	916	887	913	916	1,018	1,162	1,513
Arizona	7,460	7,398	8,099	7,526	7,891	8,488	10,663	10,790	12,209	12,722
Arkansas	3,924	4,086	3,772	4,161	3,977	3,856	3,846	3,798	3,542	4,065
California	41,090	41,316	36,590	35,243	33,536	32,171	31,999	33,757	33,696	32,205
Colorado	7,059	6,431	6,694	6,167	5,753	5,300	5,042	4,820	4,686	4,926
Connecticut	3,248	2,684	2,672	2,467	2,482	2,320	1,693	1,810	1,825	1,765
Delaware	1,021	1,110	627	445	411	537	484	379	314	397
District of Columbia	668	586	712	624	745	563	486	400	382	437
Florida	21,999	19,358	15,838	14,331	14,384	15,846	15,674	14,310	15,804	17,677
Georgia	9,764	9,026	6,722	5,902	5,469	6,419	6,243	6,005	7,519	8,581
Hawaii	1,673	1,447	1,381	1,321	1,023	1,025	1,071	1,022	1,076	1,189
Idaho	1,552	1,560	1,351	1,215	1,386	1,230	1,084	1,226	1,138	1,201
Illinois	4,975	5,004	5,843	5,176	5,465	4,342	4,617	4,648	4,893	4,929
Indiana	7,379	7,833	9,419	9,511	9,170	7,522	7,663	7,893	9,107	11,175
Iowa	5,630	5,210	4,541	4,728	4,725	4,423	4,324	4,500	3,908	4,011
Kansas	3,506	4,075	3,513	3,163	3,567	3,439	3,724	3,963	3,844	3,984
Kentucky	6,357	5,790	5,763	5,387	5,500	5,120	5,627	5,540	5,766	5,383
Louisiana	3,965	3,633	3,403	3,631	3,344	3,731	3,131	3,475	4,080	4,099
Maine	740	846	897	753	760	552	911	962	916	902
Maryland	3,361	2,671	2,699	2,787	2,793	2,806	2,653	2,302	2,097	2,114
Massachusetts	6,377	6,413	6,688	6,174	5,516	5,371	5,300	5,425	6,688	6,247
Michigan	9,005	9,114	8,715	7,863	8,192	7,392	7,145	7,716	7,872	6,982
Minnesota	7,997	7,756	7,190	5,999	5,681	5,911	5,948	6,059	6,212	6,911
Mississippi	1,950	2,283	2,098	2,107	2,577	2,368	2,424	2,509	3,054	3,082
Missouri	5,768	5,260	4,557	5,173	5,791	5,911	6,195	6,401	7,121	6,906

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State	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
Montana	1,153	1,075	1,022	976	958	1,041	1,298	1,434	1,392	1,940
Nebraska	3,799	3,575	3,341	3,563	3,373	3,151	2,806	2,697	2,317	2,421
Nevada	3,956	3,703	3,344	2,915	2,883	2,778	3,125	3,382	3,343	3,486
New Hampshire	561	570	571	505	522	495	535	600	478	620
New Jersey	6,282	5,710	5,217	4,816	4,653	4,535	5,253	5,361	5,056	4,594
New Mexico	2,121	2,268	2,139	1,997	1,766	1,779	1,722	1,858	2,120	1,795
New York	13,353	13,225	13,506	12,876	12,605	11,122	10,594	9,345	9,691	8,980
North Carolina	6,413	6,021	5,096	4,971	4,769	5,110	5,026	5,300	5,799	5,597
North Dakota	948	901	942	944	819	789	856	951	999	1,037
Ohio	11,880	11,007	10,168	8,788	9,260	9,934	9,551	9,875	9,924	10,360
Oklahoma	6,817	6,767	5,893	4,734	4,345	4,829	5,399	6,051	5,867	5,467
Oregon	5,294	4,604	4,549	4,601	4,826	4,250	4,215	3,797	3,405	3,752
Pennsylvania	14,209	14,459	20,174	11,134	16,526	10,687	10,289	9,788	10,946	11,259
Rhode Island	2,032	1,698	1,488	1,447	1,465	1,219	1,234	1,254	1,320	1,215
South Carolina	3,486	3,767	3,862	3,722	3,393	2,938	2,796	2,939	3,407	3,644
South Dakota	1,356	1,392	1,345	1,448	1,459	1,407	1,190	930	956	1,039
Tennessee	6,612	6,411	6,144	5,952	6,281	6,573	6,610	6,742	5,352	5,878
Texas	16,928	15,222	13,758	12,769	16,109	16,903	16,619	16,920	17,357	17,319
Utah	2,173	2,130	2,048	2,060	2,226	2,034	2,262	2,182	2,393	2,270
Vermont	701	618	645	550	555	664	606	677	788	958
Virginia	4,039	3,629	3,221	2,634	2,779	2,614	2,653	2,583	3,040	2,879
Washington	6,738	6,998	6,453	5,914	6,249	5,643	5,299	5,756	6,070	5,704
West Virginia	2,814	3,094	3,264	3,000	2,955	3,486	3,460	3,467	3,825	3,950
Wisconsin	5,443	5,420	4,995	4,568	4,523	4,442	4,432	4,668	4,818	4,700
Wyoming	1,159	1,050	1,124	1,132	975	984	976	1,005	979	1,141
Puerto Rico	3,420	2,203	1,855	1,030	1,783	1,230	922	1,344	760	496
<b>Total</b>	<b>304,843</b>	<b>293,264</b>	<b>280,423</b>	<b>254,896</b>	<b>262,145</b>	<b>251,450</b>	<b>251,354</b>	<b>254,712</b>	<b>264,555</b>	<b>269,509</b>

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State	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
Alabama	3,474	3,638	3,526	3,498	2,770	3,143	3,346	2,929	3,029	3,244
Alaska	697	784	903	968	959	834	873	860	919	1,006
Arizona	7,182	7,414	7,413	7,506	7,180	7,259	7,806	9,455	10,007	10,819
Arkansas	3,621	3,788	3,674	3,917	3,718	3,774	3,802	3,614	3,405	3,213
California	41,068	42,446	41,468	39,215	36,054	31,810	30,267	30,872	30,317	31,501
Colorado	6,896	6,585	6,326	6,192	5,886	5,502	5,181	4,691	4,522	4,805
Connecticut	3,047	3,168	2,951	2,974	2,671	2,099	1,505	1,558	1,486	1,448
Delaware	791	939	785	555	455	421	487	458	345	324
District of Columbia	952	746	670	703	768	803	725	627	550	406
Florida	21,238	20,972	18,862	16,409	14,579	14,253	15,332	15,250	13,533	14,479
Georgia	10,513	9,614	8,861	7,765	6,438	5,612	5,954	5,935	6,006	6,512
Hawaii	2,002	1,785	1,654	1,417	1,232	1,118	1,099	980	919	978
Idaho	1,471	1,484	1,473	1,452	1,335	1,297	1,176	1,096	1,227	975
Illinois	6,045	5,914	5,796	5,876	5,629	4,442	4,499	3,802	3,964	4,266
Indiana	6,722	7,628	8,234	8,923	8,883	8,600	7,102	6,459	6,813	7,908
Iowa	5,444	5,780	5,532	4,687	4,503	4,365	4,179	4,229	4,054	3,893
Kansas	2,918	3,584	3,757	3,615	3,173	3,467	3,471	3,404	3,333	3,374
Kentucky	5,638	5,454	5,580	5,434	5,132	5,108	4,885	5,011	5,125	5,008
Louisiana	3,386	3,308	3,466	3,683	3,648	3,538	3,470	3,429	3,613	3,766
Maine	993	930	979	959	841	785	667	666	788	890
Maryland	3,564	3,222	3,431	3,265	3,649	3,167	3,047	2,594	2,397	2,131
Massachusetts	6,747	6,202	6,475	6,674	5,961	5,464	5,118	5,115	5,065	5,660
Michigan	8,695	8,550	9,379	10,182	9,286	8,502	7,869	7,646	8,012	7,360
Minnesota	7,605	7,510	7,508	6,283	5,719	5,626	5,399	5,473	5,240	5,351
Mississippi	2,018	2,043	2,104	2,064	2,305	2,358	2,300	2,340	2,386	2,598
Missouri	6,382	5,107	4,576	4,902	5,057	5,420	5,476	5,567	5,927	6,519

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State	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
Montana	1,309	1,223	1,124	939	891	977	1,131	1,165	1,257	1,425
Nebraska	3,658	3,704	3,461	3,619	3,194	3,245	2,939	3,167	2,961	2,335
Nevada	3,495	3,638	3,362	3,092	2,828	2,887	2,960	3,253	3,250	3,144
New Hampshire	557	534	553	558	529	474	398	432	580	533
New Jersey	6,804	7,082	5,518	5,443	5,239	4,811	4,767	5,136	4,742	4,760
New Mexico	2,061	2,153	2,296	2,182	1,847	1,778	1,644	1,669	1,808	1,655
New York	13,289	12,964	13,338	13,658	13,243	12,382	10,617	10,551	9,854	8,676
North Carolina	5,577	5,785	5,591	4,968	4,779	4,803	4,702	4,365	4,487	4,687
North Dakota	881	891	896	904	835	703	778	785	813	976
Ohio	11,558	11,873	10,804	10,073	9,085	9,471	9,356	9,212	9,340	9,328
Oklahoma	6,308	6,617	6,999	6,580	5,210	4,352	4,502	4,542	4,889	5,678
Oregon	5,475	5,427	4,906	4,743	4,262	4,460	3,829	4,024	3,591	3,266
Pennsylvania	13,307	13,170	13,038	12,298	11,299	10,836	9,008	8,686	9,455	9,307
Rhode Island	1,427	1,489	1,655	1,604	1,380	1,403	1,228	1,113	1,180	1,116
South Carolina	3,260	3,427	3,900	3,747	3,803	3,533	3,409	2,801	3,059	3,312
South Dakota	1,359	1,407	1,379	1,381	1,407	1,429	1,144	1,043	1,013	899
Tennessee	6,841	6,969	6,453	6,214	6,086	5,363	5,982	6,211	5,689	5,543
Texas	14,695	15,847	15,691	14,160	13,711	15,717	16,892	16,661	16,420	17,502
Utah	1,956	1,775	2,024	1,966	2,042	2,154	2,084	2,172	2,071	2,406
Vermont	729	661	713	647	653	542	596	634	600	713
Virginia	3,317	3,467	3,060	3,369	3,143	2,991	2,928	2,856	2,796	2,745
Washington	6,163	6,250	6,157	6,472	5,941	5,522	5,079	5,014	5,524	5,505
West Virginia	2,550	2,549	3,128	3,039	2,973	3,030	2,832	3,517	3,513	3,458
Wisconsin	5,546	4,919	4,806	4,920	4,465	4,292	4,403	4,315	4,241	4,360
Wyoming	1,048	1,044	1,117	1,095	994	979	830	909	894	1,000
Puerto Rico	2,763	1,531	1,426	817	1,252	642	462	637	545	297
<b>Total</b>	<b>295,042</b>	<b>294,991</b>	<b>288,778</b>	<b>277,606</b>	<b>258,922</b>	<b>247,543</b>	<b>239,535</b>	<b>238,930</b>	<b>237,554</b>	<b>243,060</b>

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State	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
Alabama	1658	1824	1751	1475	1271	1297	1156	1077	1026	1020
Alaska	698	766	769	720	696	720	805	866	704	783
Arizona	2648	2516	2323	2792	2673	2822	2914	3579	3641	4060
Arkansas	945	780	872	850	1604	1414	1023	994	1034	1122
California	21202	20830	17847	15664	14892	14630	13136	15667	14096	14180
Colorado	2099	1762	1897	1506	1246	1098	917	896	1008	926
Connecticut	945	1122	1389	1355	1261	1344	1385	1166	1343	1197
Delaware	302	311	304	239	253	244	243	218	202	223
District of Columbia	667	560	493	486	419	357	303	268	243	224
Florida	7480	7927	7942	6364	5022	4994	5129	3465	5558	5945
Georgia	2305	2162	2245	1802	1690	1567	1648	1799	1983	2544
Hawaii	808	733	555	428	351	296	223	154	187	142
Idaho	555	593	576	498	389	334	278	328	322	318
Illinois	5746	5598	4608	2728	2953	3151	2813	2988	2903	2806
Indiana	3345	3210	3090	3224	3192	2886	2451	2437	2731	2965
Iowa	1419	1299	1158	1003	1068	1088	961	964	1050	1003
Kansas	2004	1812	1960	1852	1825	1817	1853	1843	2116	2340
Kentucky	2091	2153	2101	2048	1951	1918	1999	2224	2420	2579
Louisiana	1079	1137	1069	1093	1091	1162	1089	961	1033	1220
Maine	679	614	619	571	575	511	480	564	590	666
Maryland	1626	1660	1506	1221	883	772	559	498	464	508
Massachusetts	2705	2868	2846	2839	2758	2675	2469	2492	2771	3052
Michigan	6164	6116	5674	4902	5235	4237	3586	3337	3586	3875
Minnesota	1638	1674	1393	1227	1074	1143	1191	1219	1188	1285
Mississippi	903	898	996	975	843	880	955	1000	1184	1437
Missouri	2722	2853	1788	2214	1992	2056	2067	2162	2325	2513

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Montana	606	597	521	537	495	460	403	498	587	580
Nebraska	972	805	881	831	768	831	904	705	690	715
Nevada	1786	1936	2200	2098	2094	1970	1880	1957	2067	1998
New Hampshire	252	325	297	272	227	167	182	189	159	146
New Jersey	4725	3262	3009	2694	2464	2294	2227	2443	2593	2698
New Mexico	860	963	907	870	777	786	834	880	990	1134
New York	8039	7659	7014	6890	6603	6417	6061	5843	5463	5172
North Carolina	3116	3095	2903	2722	2427	2234	2071	2172	2416	2739
North Dakota	321	337	288	298	227	230	211	237	262	296
Ohio	4086	3762	3477	3380	3013	2789	2655	2976	2942	3010
Oklahoma	3657	4022	3766	3429	2872	2956	2803	3241	3975	4288
Oregon	2776	2527	2206	1840	1827	1830	1873	1854	1879	1729
Pennsylvania	3559	3408	3525	2943	2909	2066	1924	1909	1896	2423
Rhode Island	405	400	415	333	309	267	222	250	212	303
South Carolina	1771	1781	1823	1862	1699	1415	1336	1226	1211	1213
South Dakota	507	452	423	380	418	376	397	354	336	308
Tennessee	1788	1622	1477	1326	1692	2027	2517	2668	2652	2756
Texas	12542	13552	13414	12844	13108	13481	13154	12991	13238	12643
Utah	475	574	553	565	553	567	570	612	629	594
Vermont	251	257	225	231	180	196	226	213	232	304
Virginia	1783	1834	1769	1617	1562	1372	1519	1503	1532	1708
Washington	2360	2837	3035	3147	3089	2783	2860	3101	3213	3075
West Virginia	1204	1277	1300	1220	1241	1474	1407	1364	1388	1456
Wisconsin	1237	1284	1329	1256	1159	1163	1129	1153	1148	1267
Wyoming	149	154	113	98	111	130	115	85	81	69
Puerto Rico	1614	1145	1071	39	76	746	822	797	688	263
<b>Total</b>	<b>135,274</b>	<b>133,645</b>	<b>125,712</b>	<b>113,798</b>	<b>109,107</b>	<b>106,440</b>	<b>101,935</b>	<b>104,387</b>	<b>108,187</b>	<b>111,820</b>

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State	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
Alabama	1,073	1,211	1,119	882	757	701	543	519	495	461
Alaska	267	302	431	407	381	389	387	399	366	356
Arizona	2,007	2,061	1,935	2,265	2,174	2,220	2,299	2,692	2,841	3,006
Arkansas	567	383	420	421	812	742	543	642	757	757
California	10,923	10,890	9,841	8,527	7,230	6,928	6,021	6,562	6,379	6,617
Colorado	1,308	1,052	1,129	1,243	772	557	508	470	499	531
Connecticut	759	813	799	735	614	577	732	608	405	380
Delaware	155	143	175	143	149	145	148	113	118	120
District of Columbia	132	64	24	26	22	32	26	18	7	6
Florida	3,761	4,249	4,762	3,299	2,752	2,943	3,177	3,193	3,643	3,805
Georgia	1,540	1,670	1,638	826	822	834	888	813	1,171	1,056
Hawaii	778	695	529	401	312	267	196	137	174	119
Idaho	379	425	448	378	297	262	186	215	212	216
Illinois	2,865	2,632	2,587	2,420	2,611	1,963	1,689	1,766	1,638	1,653
Indiana	1,555	1,687	2,018	2,059	1,980	1,397	1,053	970	1,023	1,226
Iowa	1,124	1,046	970	834	812	861	772	731	792	727
Kansas	1,334	1,220	1,288	1,240	1,291	1,265	1,192	1,210	1,217	1,286
Kentucky	1,259	1,506	1,420	1,151	1,232	1,095	1,173	1,179	1,243	1,439
Louisiana	722	789	748	736	727	809	674	554	593	544
Maine	631	571	561	514	490	449	404	501	510	567
Maryland	348	435	445	366	236	238	164	145	129	151
Massachusetts	1,279	1,536	1,605	1,500	1,518	1,495	1,329	1,126	1,178	1,220
Michigan	5,840	5,769	5,375	4,761	4,317	3,613	3,131	2,819	3,199	3,466
Minnesota	1,347	1,409	1,189	1,137	1,003	961	1,008	1,110	1,126	1,225
Mississippi	286	392	448	512	451	459	388	353	356	412
Missouri	1,301	1,714	823	1,141	1,008	976	854	862	764	698

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FY 2006 -FY 2015

State	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
Montana	535	521	434	440	350	314	292	369	447	385
Nebraska	648	501	576	537	460	486	555	407	423	420
Nevada	820	807	884	957	1,087	938	859	721	691	695
New Hampshire	23	101	109	73	64	25	21	21	41	47
New Jersey	2,184	1,862	1,321	935	969	689	736	762	869	959
New Mexico	478	539	586	539	464	441	411	518	523	507
New York	4,621	4,308	3,839	3,399	3,348	3,266	2,925	2,811	2,694	2,744
North Carolina	1,637	1,750	1,573	1,448	1,208	1,126	1,011	975	1,123	1,210
North Dakota	214	221	222	210	131	116	116	135	153	172
Ohio	3,417	3,184	2,990	2,963	2,687	2,484	2,277	2,591	2,644	2,643
Oklahoma	2,264	2,534	2,538	2,281	1,913	1,870	1,585	1,755	2,261	2,255
Oregon	1,387	1,510	1,451	1,238	1,068	1,254	1,385	1,308	1,565	1,305
Pennsylvania	1,666	1,713	1,742	1,610	1,571	1,277	1,258	1,246	1,210	1,402
Rhode Island	202	208	219	200	177	148	129	113	103	114
South Carolina	788	913	917	923	857	674	585	599	564	540
South Dakota	446	402	358	310	337	315	313	281	292	256
Tennessee	796	797	764	751	562	487	628	732	862	876
Texas	9,294	9,695	9,902	9,318	8,748	9,120	9,001	8,807	8,825	8,879
Utah	194	263	360	338	307	337	307	421	364	295
Vermont	220	183	179	166	137	135	159	171	198	193
Virginia	947	1,376	1,336	1,066	1,267	954	1,097	1,052	1,101	1,125
Washington	1,932	2,121	2,410	2,017	1,741	1,340	1,324	1,489	1,625	1,567
West Virginia	818	976	1,038	1,056	1,013	1,164	1,039	1,005	1,045	1,031
Wisconsin	668	648	717	620	556	643	613	592	586	665
Wyoming	87	74	74	58	55	65	57	26	13	20
Puerto Rico	42	172	126	4	6	58	19	24	13	29
<b>Total</b>	<b>79,868</b>	<b>82,043</b>	<b>79,392</b>	<b>71,381</b>	<b>65,853</b>	<b>61,904</b>	<b>58,187</b>	<b>58,638</b>	<b>61,070</b>	<b>62,378</b>



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**Numbers of Children Adopted, by State  
FY 2006 -FY 2015**

State	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
Alabama	387	349	442	638	606	447	587	518	548	512
Alaska	211	254	294	330	336	293	309	328	367	357
Arizona	1,409	1,652	1,695	1,706	2,045	2,275	2,275	2,522	3,090	3,236
Arkansas	395	404	505	601	597	591	703	691	743	740
California	7,393	7,622	7,777	7,438	6,459	5,710	5,938	5,541	5,471	6,079
Colorado	947	1,084	1,005	1,067	983	934	905	782	769	820
Connecticut	681	717	795	769	687	611	490	497	506	573
Delaware	94	118	111	125	67	95	91	112	84	79
District of Columbia	179	152	113	103	129	106	114	110	107	106
Florida	3,046	3,089	3,870	3,735	3,391	2,945	3,294	3,417	3,267	3,431
Georgia	1,233	1,269	1,340	1,397	1,196	1,071	915	1,031	887	912
Hawaii	397	270	361	279	216	198	187	160	121	176
Idaho	176	195	236	353	313	261	273	206	218	223
Illinois	1,408	1,516	1,472	1,429	1,214	1,214	1,803	1,356	1,616	1,788
Indiana	1,180	1,296	1,501	1,484	1,458	1,556	1,713	961	850	1,152
Iowa	986	1,060	1,041	967	801	864	1,032	917	878	1,017
Kansas	524	789	721	836	694	781	764	674	695	783
Kentucky	753	689	772	842	754	824	784	797	909	961
Louisiana	466	428	596	578	641	641	655	731	622	662
Maine	330	332	322	323	276	296	291	214	295	328
Maryland	377	462	610	734	644	539	455	355	344	294
Massachusetts	874	794	712	790	725	724	754	799	589	623
Michigan	2,590	2,617	2,731	3,209	2,597	2,506	2,559	2,374	2,138	1,765
Minnesota	662	599	785	660	627	572	520	583	642	735
Mississippi	244	295	281	306	355	358	425	352	314	312
Missouri	1,253	1,149	873	1,165	1,170	1,212	1,228	1,233	1,291	1,357

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Montana	272	246	242	192	191	238	225	165	234	310
Nebraska	468	496	520	588	437	413	417	586	461	533
Nevada	446	466	475	525	644	827	776	729	729	799
New Hampshire	135	141	167	135	173	144	96	110	120	118
New Jersey	1,368	1,564	1,265	1,348	1,275	1,089	1,023	927	1,024	1,072
New Mexico	338	355	427	437	420	351	345	310	315	295
New York	2,772	2,488	2,394	2,398	2,205	2,214	2,182	2,184	1,997	1,933
North Carolina	1,234	1,521	1,694	1,725	1,615	1,463	1,329	1,222	1,176	1,311
North Dakota	150	125	159	142	145	119	155	104	96	133
Ohio	1,868	1,779	1,638	1,453	1,438	1,420	1,250	1,244	1,406	1,334
Oklahoma	1,142	1,271	1,516	1,564	1,628	1,294	1,533	1,286	1,382	2,159
Oregon	1,095	1,016	1,050	1,101	780	664	683	768	847	835
Pennsylvania	1,926	1,940	2,090	2,243	2,365	2,013	1,881	1,892	1,849	1,832
Rhode Island	258	239	260	272	184	201	191	162	202	211
South Carolina	425	431	525	513	529	588	776	506	449	403
South Dakota	150	160	176	167	133	168	126	177	159	121
Tennessee	994	1,214	1,046	1,001	972	772	813	1,159	1,161	1,113
Texas	3,408	4,022	4,526	4,976	4,709	4,718	5,039	5,443	5,221	5,457
Utah	501	454	536	502	574	577	562	587	605	695
Vermont	164	199	182	156	161	134	172	179	164	189
Virginia	551	680	664	663	747	755	639	709	632	562
Washington	1,195	1,291	1,261	1,634	1,633	1,583	1,227	1,328	1,362	1,484
West Virginia	419	403	523	541	662	698	632	877	852	893
Wisconsin	883	734	722	769	755	717	761	800	735	643
Wyoming	57	77	93	76	75	73	81	86	75	74
Puerto Rico	236	180	152	202	116	56	47	19	11	19
<b>Total</b>	<b>50,650</b>	<b>52,693</b>	<b>55,264</b>	<b>57,187</b>	<b>53,547</b>	<b>50,913</b>	<b>52,025</b>	<b>50,820</b>	<b>50,625</b>	<b>53,549</b>