

Table 7-19. AFDC and TANF Cash Assistance Recipient Children, By Race/Ethnicity, Selected Years, FY1988-FY2009

	1988	1994	2001	2009
Numbers (in thousands)				
Total	7,329,430	9,753,437	4,262,423	3,214,009
White/Nonhispanic	2,479,951	3,220,164	1,096,953	837,764
African American/Nonhispanic	3,029,907	3,700,777	1,654,866	1,056,366
Hispanic	1,273,966	2,063,515	1,168,547	1,062,310
Other or multi-racial	313,478	487,738	293,755	169,553
Unknown	232,129	281,243	48,302	88,016
Percent of all child recipients				
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
White/Nonhispanic	33.8	33.0	25.7	26.1
African American/Nonhispanic	41.3	37.9	38.8	32.9
Hispanic	17.4	21.2	27.4	33.1
Other or multi-racial	4.3	5.0	6.9	5.3
Unknown	3.2	2.9	1.1	2.7

Source: Congressional Research Service (CRS) tabulations of the FY1988 and FY1994 AFDC Quality Control Files and the FY2001 and FY2009 TANF National Data Files.

Notes: : For FY2001 and FY2009, TANF cash assistance families include those whose benefits were paid by “separate state programs” funded with TANF maintenance of effort (MOE) dollars.