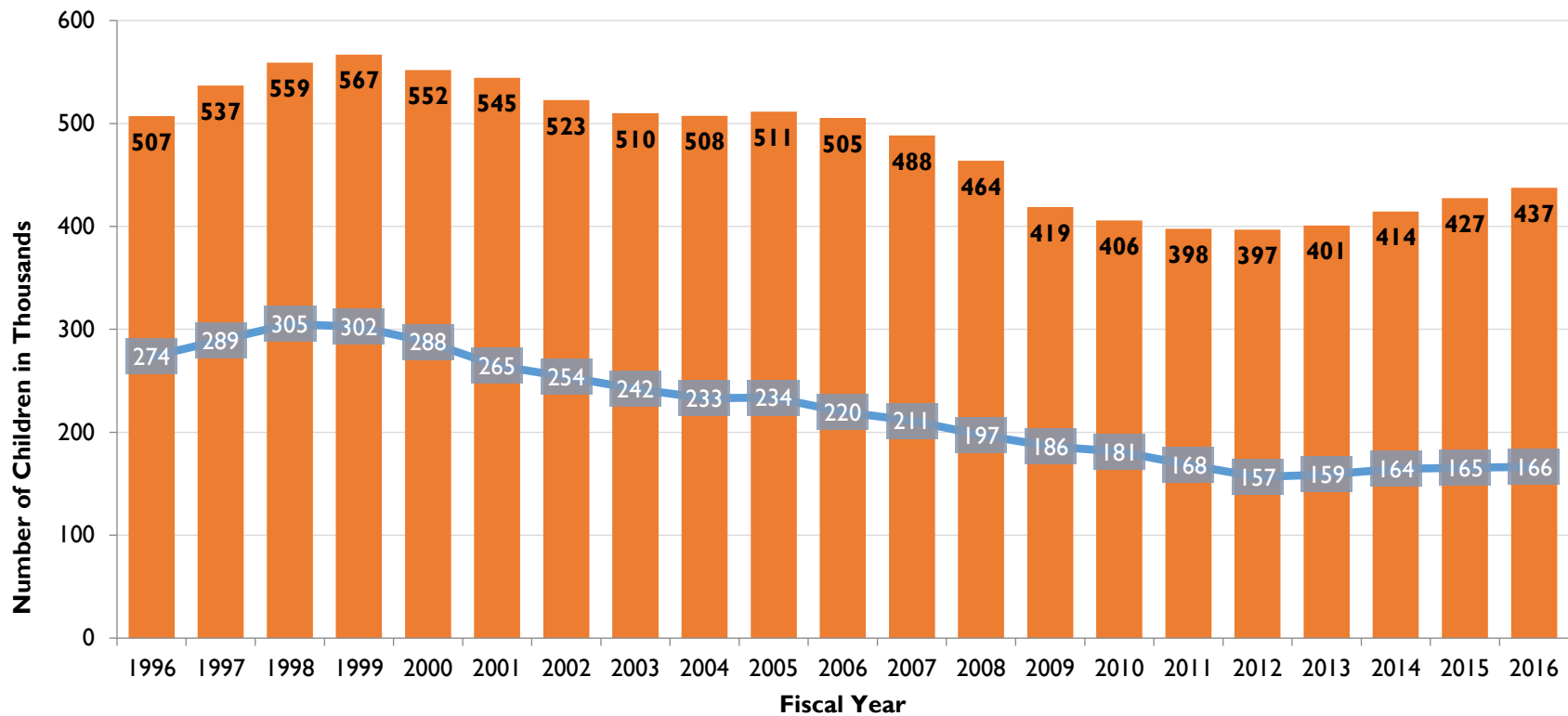


**Figure 11-5. Trend in Title IV-E Foster Care Coverage, FY1996-FY2016**

Nationally, an estimated 38% of children in foster care were eligible for and receiving Title IV-E foster care maintenance payments in FY2016. This compares to an estimated 54% of children in foster care who were receiving such payments in FY1999. After peaking in the late 1990s, the number of children in foster care overall, as well as the subset of those children who are eligible for and receiving Title IV-E foster care maintenance payments, largely declined through FY2012, with the decline somewhat sharper for the number of eligible children. Since that year, both caseloads have increased some, with the increase more limited among the group of children eligible for Title IV-E foster care support.



**Source:** Figure prepared by CRS on October 31, 2018 for the 2018 version of the House Ways and Means Committee Green Book. For data used to show Title IV-E foster caseload see Table 11-1. For data used to show all children in foster care on the last day of the fiscal year, see Table 11-3.

**Note:** For more about Title IV-E foster care eligibility see “Foster Care” in CRS Report R43458, *Child Welfare: An Overview of Federal Programs and their Recent Funding*.

**Table 11-5. Estimated Share of Foster Care Caseload Eligible for and Receiving Title IV-E Foster Care Maintenance Payments by State, FY2016**

<b>State/Jurisdiction</b>	<b>Children Receiving a Title IV-E Foster Care Maintenance Payment on an average monthly basis</b>	<b>All Children in Foster Care on the last day of the fiscal year</b>	<b>Children Receiving Title IV-E Foster Care (in an average month) as a share of All Children in Foster Care (on last day of the fiscal year)</b>
Alabama	1,997	5,053	39.5%
Alaska	1,200	2,820	42.6%
Arizona	7,183	17,118	42.0%
Arkansas	2,163	4,880	44.3%
California	33,134	54,685	60.6%
Colorado	1,605	5,733	28.0%
Connecticut	1,618	4,119	39.3%
Delaware	218	780	27.9%
District of Columbia	578	826	70.0%
Florida	4,896	23,810	20.6%
Georgia	3,054	12,381	24.7%
Hawaii	685	1,605	42.7%
Idaho	762	1,518	50.2%
Illinois	7,472	16,113	46.4%
Indiana	3,021	19,837	15.2%
Iowa	1,176	6,004	19.6%
Kansas	1,381	7,302	18.9%
Kentucky	2,807	7,812	35.9%
Louisiana	1,636	4,461	36.7%
Maine	551	1,837	30.0%
Maryland	1,537	3,841	40.0%
Massachusetts	2,209	10,910	20.2%
Michigan	3,905	11,599	33.7%
Minnesota	2,460	8,793	28.0%
Mississippi	1,315	5,486	24.0%
Missouri	4,898	12,408	39.5%
Montana	867	3,366	25.8%
Nebraska	397	4,012	9.9%
Nevada	1,967	4,251	46.3%
New Hampshire	356	1,220	29.2%
New Jersey	3,983	6,527	61.0%
New Mexico	1,148	2,610	44.0%
New York	10,115	19,702	51.3%
North Carolina	3,732	10,425	35.8%
North Dakota	514	1,407	36.5%

<b>State/Jurisdiction</b>	<b>Children Receiving a Title IV-E Foster Care Maintenance Payment on an average monthly basis</b>	<b>All Children in Foster Care on the last day of the fiscal year</b>	<b>Children Receiving Title IV-E Foster Care (in an average month) as a share of All Children in Foster Care (on last day of the fiscal year)</b>
Ohio	6,701	13,725	48.8%
Oklahoma	4,926	10,047	49.0%
Oregon	3,640	7,625	47.7%
Pennsylvania	5,164	16,086	32.1%
Puerto Rico	398	4,264	9.3%
Rhode Island	408	1,654	24.7%
South Carolina	1,524	3,968	38.4%
South Dakota	525	1,416	37.1%
Tennessee	3,360	8,333	40.3%
Texas	9,489	30,738	30.9%
Utah	936	2,838	33.0%
Vermont	716	1,323	54.1%
Virginia	2,679	4,890	54.8%
Washington	4,431	10,959	40.4%
West Virginia	2,028	5,973	34.0%
Wisconsin	2,736	7,382	37.1%
Wyoming	117	993	11.8%
<b>50 states, DC and PR total</b>	<b>166,318</b>	<b>437,465</b>	<b>38.0%</b>
<b>Tribes<sup>a</sup></b>			
Chickasaw Nation (OK)	9		
Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (NC)	7		
Navajo Nation (AZ, UT, NM)	89		
Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe (WA)	16		
<b>Tribal Subtotal Total</b>	<b>121</b>		
<b>TOTAL- All Title IV-E Jurisdictions</b>	<b>166,439</b>		

**Source:** Table prepared by CRS on October 31, 2018 for the 2018 version of the House Ways and Means Committee Green Book based on Title IV-E foster care expenditure claims data, as submitted by states and compiled by HHS, ACF, OLAB for FY2016 and data on all children in foster care reported by states via AFCARS as of October 2017 available on the website of HHS, ACF, ACYF, Children's Bureau.

**Note:** The comparison of an average monthly number of children receiving assistance to the total number of children in care on September 30 of the fiscal year is imperfect. However, it is used to provide an approximate view of Title IV-E foster care coverage. For purposes of the Title IV-E expenditure claims reporting, states that are operating Title IV-E waiver projects are instructed to report only the number of children who would be eligible to receive Title IV-E assistance absent the waiver.

- a. Beginning with FY2010, tribes or tribal entities may directly operate a Title IV-E program. During FY2016, four tribal entities, submitted Title IV-E foster care claims with regard to payments made on behalf of eligible children in foster care. Data on the total number of children in foster care in those tribes were not published and therefore no coverage rate could be calculated.