Figure 11.3 Foster Care Entry Rates By Age, Selected Fiscal Years

Rate, shown on left axis, equals the number of children of a given age who entered foster care during the fiscal year for every 1,000 children of that same age in the U.S. population.

Source: Figure prepared by the Congressional Research Service on August 28, 2014 for the 2014 version of the House Ways and Means Committee Green Book. Based on AFCARS data provided by HHS, ACF, ACYF, Children’s Bureau, as reported by the states as of January 2009 for FY2003 and as of July 2014 for all other years shown. Child population used to calculate rates was based on U.S. Census Bureau annual estimates for July 1 of each year for the 50 states, D.C. and Puerto Rico (intercensal estimates for 2003 and 2007 and vintage 2013 estimates for 2013).

Notes: See Table 11-5A for corresponding foster care entry rates by age.