Figure 11-4. Foster Care Entry Rates by Race/Ethnicity, FY2001-FY2013

Rate, shown on left axis, equals the number of children of a given race/ethnicity who entered foster care during the fiscal year for every 1,000 children of that same race/ethnicity 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 FY2001 and as of July 2014 for all other years shown. Data concerning child population by race/ethnicity (for the 50 states and DC) were retrieved from the Kids Count data center in August 2014 and were based on Census Bureau population estimates. Current estimates of child population by race/ethnicity are not available for Puerto Rico (PR). Therefore to determine rates shown in this figure, CRS estimated that information by applying the share of PR children by race/ethnicity as determined in the 2000 Census to more current annual child population estimates for that jurisdiction.

Note: For purposes of this chart, any child reported as “Hispanic (or Latino)” is included in that category only and is not included in any race category. See Table 11-6A for corresponding rates by race/ethnicity.