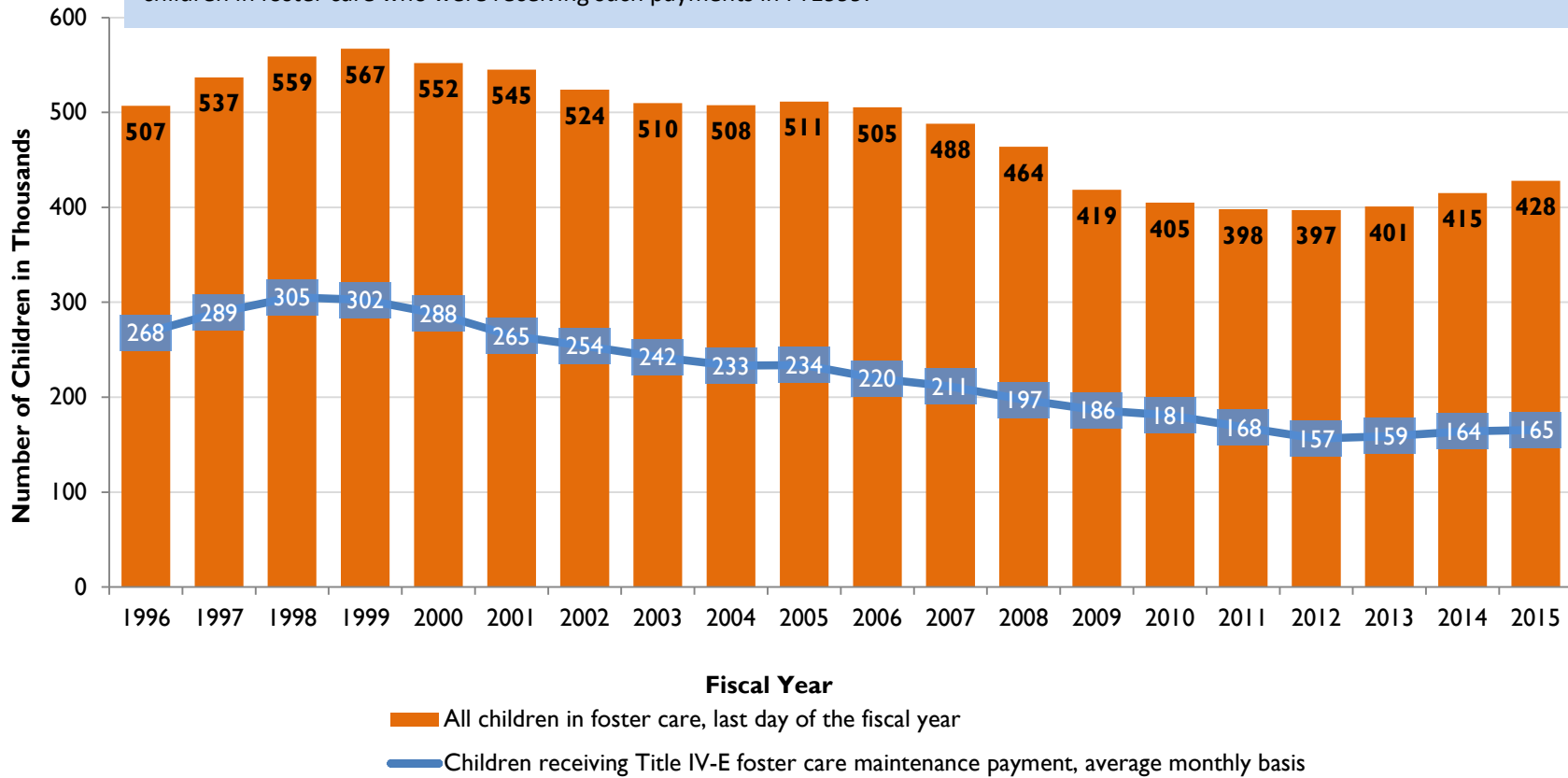


Figure 11-5. Trend in Title IV-E Foster Care Coverage

Since 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, have both decreased. Nationally, an estimated 39% of children in foster care were eligible for and receiving Title IV-E foster care maintenance payments in FY2015. This compares to an estimated 53% of children in foster care who were receiving such payments in FY1999.



Source: Figure prepared by CRS on December 10, 2016 for the 2016 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 information about Title IV-E foster care eligibility see “Foster Care” in the CRS Report R43458, *Child Welfare: An Overview of Federal Programs and their Recent Funding*, by Emilie Stoltzfus; (report included in CRS Reports section of this Green Book chapter).

Table 11-5. Estimated Share of Foster Care Caseload Eligible for and Receiving Title IV-E Foster Care Maintenance Payments by State, FY2015

State	Children Receiving a Title IV-E Foster Care Maintenance Payment <i>on an average monthly basis</i>	All Children in Foster Care <i>on the last day of the fiscal year</i>	Children Receiving Title IV-E Foster Care <i>(in an average month)</i> as a share of All Children in Foster Care <i>(on last day of the fiscal year)</i>
Alabama	2,021	4,745	42.6%
Alaska	943	2,653	35.5%
Arizona	6,040	17,738	34.0%
Arkansas	1,937	4,548	42.6%
California	34,682	55,983	62.0%
Colorado	1,543	5,644	27.3%
Connecticut	1,594	3,908	40.8%
Delaware	233	682	34.1%
District of Columbia	622	947	65.6%
Florida	4,509	22,364	20.2%
Georgia	3,143	10,935	28.7%
Hawaii	640	1,360	47.0%
Idaho	726	1,351	53.7%
Illinois	7,332	16,654	44.0%
Indiana	2,931	17,023	17.2%
Iowa	1,223	5,918	20.7%
Kansas	1,372	7,223	19.0%
Kentucky	3,200	7,538	42.5%
Louisiana	1,558	4,545	34.3%
Maine	596	1,873	31.8%
Maryland	1,556	3,914	39.7%
Massachusetts	2,222	10,285	21.6%
Michigan	4,025	12,248	32.9%
Minnesota	2,131	7,610	28.0%
Mississippi	1,143	4,773	23.9%
Missouri	5,013	12,160	41.2%
Montana	770	2,807	27.4%
Nebraska	413	3,887	10.6%
Nevada	2,086	4,485	46.5%
New Hampshire	351	1,004	34.9%
New Jersey	4,266	6,874	62.1%
New Mexico	1,242	2,471	50.3%
New York	10,743	20,921	51.3%
North Carolina	3,638	10,324	35.2%
North Dakota	496	1,359	36.5%

State	Children Receiving a Title IV-E Foster Care Maintenance Payment on an average monthly basis	All Children in Foster Care on the last day of the fiscal year	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)
Ohio	6,766	13,205	51.2%
Oklahoma	5,049	11,173	45.2%
Oregon	3,445	7,369	46.7%
Pennsylvania	4,165	16,049	25.9%
Rhode Island	454	1,826	24.8%
South Carolina	1,504	3,726	40.4%
South Dakota	438	1,280	34.2%
Tennessee	3,488	7,780	44.8%
Texas	10,233	29,990	34.1%
Utah	1,042	2,704	38.5%
Vermont	662	1,332	49.7%
Virginia	2,241	4,735	47.3%
Washington	4,047	10,665	37.9%
West Virginia	1,852	4,959	37.4%
Wisconsin	2,724	7,091	38.4%
Wyoming	135	1,082	12.5%
Puerto Rico	252	4,190	6.0%
TOTAL	165,489	427,910	38.7%

Source: Table prepared by CRS on December 10, 2016 for the 2016 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 FY2015 and data on all children in foster care reported by states via AFCARS as of June 2016 and received by CRS from HHS, ACF, ACYF, Children's Bureau.

Note: The total average monthly number of children shown as receiving a Title IV-E foster care maintenance payment includes 58 children served by 3 tribal Title IV-E agencies. 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 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 absence the waiver.