

Number of Children who Entered Out of Home Care, by Age at Removal in the United States, 2025

Age	Number
Less than 1 Year	31,919
1	10,502
2	9,633
3	9,288
4	8,698
5	8,490
6	8,045
7	7,534
8	7,203
9	6,738
10	6,774
11	6,569
12	7,069
13	7,624
14	8,343
15	9,122
16	8,976
17	6,518
18+	4,452
Total	173,497

Children from birth to age 5 made up 45.3% (N=78,530) of the children placed in out-of-home care during Fiscal Year 2025. Children age 6 - 12 made up 28.8% (N=49,932) and children age 13 - 18+ made up 26.0% (N=45,035) of the children removed from their homes and placed in out-of-home care during the same time period.

*Note: Estimates based on **children who entered out of home care** during Fiscal Year*

Source: Center for Children and Family Futures. (2026). *Analyses of the 2025 Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System from the National Data Archive on Child Abuse and Neglect* (file number 312) [Data set]. NDACAN. <https://www.ndacan.acf.hhs.gov/>