

Number of Children who Entered Out of Home Care, with Parental Alcohol or Drug Abuse as a Circumstance Reported at Removal, by Age in the United States 2025

Age	Number
Less than 1 Year	16,890
1	4,233
2	3,944
3	3,792
4	3,518
5	3,332
6	3,119
7	2,859
8	2,719
9	2,515
10	2,336
11	2,101
12	1,999
13	1,842
14	1,690
15	1,613
16	1,286
17	769
18+	175
Total	60,732
0-5 years (number)	35,709
0-5 years (percent)	58.80%
6-12 years (number)	17,648
6-12 years (percent)	29.10%
13+ years (number)	7,375
13+ years (percent)	12.10%

Children from birth to age 5 made up more than half (58.8%, N=35,709) of the children placed in out-of-home care with parental alcohol or drug abuse as a circumstance reported at removal during Fiscal Year 2025. Children age 6 - 12 made up 29.1% (N=17,648)

and children age 13 - 18+ made up 12.1% (N=7,375) 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/>