

## Foster Children by State: A Comparison of 2003 ACS and AFCARS Data

State	American Community Survey (ACS)		AFCARS	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
United States	315,191	100	515,477	100
Alabama	4,261	1.4	6,079	1.2
Alaska	1,510	0.5	2,040	0.4
Arizona	6,424	2.0	7,469	1.4
Arkansas	4,270	1.4	3,000	0.6
California	44,430	14.1	97,261	18.9
Colorado	4,944	1.6	8,754	1.7
Connecticut	1,827	0.6	6,742	1.3
District of Columbia	756	0.2	3,092	0.6
Delaware	767	0.2	814	0.2
Florida	26,286	8.3	30,677	6.0
Georgia	12,139	3.9	13,578	2.6
Hawaii	1,737	0.6	2,967	0.6
Idaho	694	0.2	1,401	0.3
Illinois	17,238	5.5	21,608	4.2
Indiana	1,075	0.3	8,899	1.7
Iowa	3,290	1.0	5,011	1.0
Kansas	2,107	0.7	5,781	1.1
Kentucky	5,778	1.8	6,895	1.3
Louisiana	3,167	1.0	4,541	0.9
Maine	1,149	0.4	2,999	0.6
Maryland	4,641	1.5	11,521	2.2
Massachusetts	5,520	1.8	12,608	2.4
Michigan	11,325	3.6	21,376	4.1
Minnesota	3,849	1.2	7,338	1.4
Mississippi	2,089	0.7	2,812	0.5
Missouri	5,045	1.6	11,900	2.3
Montana	794	0.3	1,866	0.4
Nebraska	2,419	0.8	6,091	1.2
Nevada	587	0.2	3,599	0.7
New Hampshire	1,084	0.3	1,217	0.2
New Jersey	6,414	2.0	12,801	2.5
New Mexico	1,750	0.6	2,100	0.4
New York	19,767	6.3	37,067	7.2
North Carolina	7,318	2.3	9,534	1.8
North Dakota	845	0.3	1,238	0.2
Ohio	11,969	3.8	19,323	3.7
Oklahoma	3,144	1.0	9,194	1.8
Oregon	3,266	1.0	9,381	1.8

Pennsylvania	17,645	5.6	21,768	4.2
Rhode Island	607	0.2	2,334	0.5
South Carolina	4,595	1.5	4,894	0.9
South Dakota	1,093	0.3	1,580	0.3
Tennessee	6,037	1.9	9,487	1.8
Texas	23,039	7.3	22,191	4.3
Utah	2,686	0.9	2,033	0.4
Vermont	861	0.3	1,409	0.3
Virginia	7,575	2.4	7,046	1.4
Washington	6,489	2.1	9,213	1.8
West Virginia	1,140	0.4	4,069	0.8
Wisconsin	7,592	2.4	7,824	1.5
Wyoming	157	0.0	1,055	0.2

Source: Population Reference Bureau analysis of the 2003 American Community Survey PUMS, and AFCARS data accessed online at [www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/stats\\_research/afcars/statistics/entryexit2002.htm](http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/stats_research/afcars/statistics/entryexit2002.htm).