

Number of Children who Entered Out of Home Care, by Age at Removal in the United States, 2021

Age	Number of Children
Less than 1 Year	42,488
1	14,467
2	12,794
3	11,814
4	10,877
5	10,026
6	9,564
7	8,858
8	8,295
9	7,745
10	7,362
11	7,752
12	7,984
13	8,983
14	9,501
15	9,500
16	9,169
17	6,591
18+	3,079
TOTAL	206,849
0-5 years (number)	102,466
0-5 years (percent)	49.5%
6-12 years (number)	57,560
6-12 years (percent)	27.8%
13+ years (number)	46,823
13+ years (percent)	22.6%

Children from birth to age 5 make up nearly half (49.5%, N=102,466) of the children placed in out-of-home care during Fiscal Year 2021. Children age 6 — 12 make up 27.8% (N=57,560) and children age 13 — 18+ make up 22.6% (N=46,823) 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: Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) Data, 2021 v1