

# Unaccompanied Children Released to Sponsors by State – July 2019

When a child who is not accompanied by a parent or legal guardian is apprehended by immigration authorities, the child is transferred to the care and custody of the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR). Federal law requires that ORR feed, shelter, and provide medical care for unaccompanied children until it is able to release them to safe settings with sponsors (usually family members), while they await immigration proceedings. These sponsors live in many states.

Sponsors are adults who are suitable to provide for the child's physical and mental well-being and have not engaged in any activity that would indicate a potential risk to the child. All sponsors must pass a background check. The sponsor must agree to ensure the child's presence at all future immigration proceedings. They also must agree to ensure the minor reports to ICE for removal from the United States if an immigration judge issues a removal order or voluntary departure order.

HHS is engaging with state officials to address concerns they may have about the care or impact of unaccompanied children in their states, while making sure the children are treated humanely and consistent with the law as they go through immigration court proceedings that will determine whether they will be removed and repatriated, or qualify for some form of relief.

HHS has strong policies in place to ensure the privacy and safety of unaccompanied children by maintaining the confidentiality of their personal information. These children may have histories of abuse or may be seeking safety from threats of violence. They may have been trafficked or smuggled. HHS cannot release information about individual children that could compromise the child's location or identity.

The data in the table below shows **state-by-state** data of unaccompanied children released to sponsors as of July 31, 2019. ACF will update this data each month. ACF will update this data each month. [View unaccompanied children released to sponsors by county.](#)

**Please note:** ORR makes considerable effort to provide precise and timely data to the public, but adjustments occasionally occur following review and reconciliation. The FY2014 release data posted in the chart below were updated on March 13, 2015. The FY2015 release data were updated May 9, 2016. Questions may be addressed to ORR directly, at (202) 401-9246.

## Unaccompanied Children Release Data

State	Total Number of UC Released to Sponsors FY14 (Oct. 2013 – Sep. 2014)	Total Number of UC Released to Sponsors in FY15 (Oct. 2014 – Sep. 2015)	Total Number of UC Released to Sponsors in FY16 (Oct. 2015 – Sep. 2016)	Total Number of UC Released to Sponsors in FY17 (Oct. 2016 – Sep. 2017)	Total Number of UC Released to Sponsors in FY18 (Oct. 2017 – Sep. 2018)	Total Number of UC Released to Sponsors in FY19 (Oct. 2018 – July 2019)
Alabama	786	808	870	608	730	994
Alaska	4	2	5	3		3
Arizona	295	167	330	318	263	439
Arkansas	307	186	309	275	191	302
California	5,831	3,629	7,381	6,252	4655	7302
Colorado	426	248	427	375	310	608
Connecticut	552	206	454	410	332	841
Delaware	212	152	275	175	226	340
DC	375	201	432	292	134	282
Florida	5,445	2,908	5,281	4,054	4109	6659
Georgia	2,047	1,041	1,735	1,345	1259	2255
Hawaii	8	2	4	5	1	13
Idaho	19	11	39	11	30	52
Illinois	552	312	519	462	472	753
Indiana	448	240	354	365	392	696
Iowa	235	201	352	277	236	425
Kansas	312	245	326	289	297	408
Kentucky	413	274	503	363	367	636
Louisiana	1,755	480	973	1043	931	1744
Maine	17	4	9	11	21	19
Maryland	3,884	1,794	3,871	2,953	1722	4102
Massachusetts	1,372	738	1,541	1071	813	1517
Michigan	193	132	227	162	133	220
Minnesota	304	243	318	321	292	539
Mississippi	290	207	300	235	297	433
Missouri	222	170	261	232	202	373
Montana	1	2	0	2	3	
Nebraska	351	293	486	353	373	513
Nevada	228	137	283	228	133	275
New Hampshire	35	14	25	27	19	22
New Jersey	2,680	1,462	2,637	2,269	1876	3644
New Mexico	41	19	65	46	43	78
New York	5,955	2,630	4,985	3,918	2837	5439

North Carolina	2,064	844	1,493	1,282	1101	2168
North Dakota	4	2	10	3	2	8
Ohio	635	483	693	587	546	954
Oklahoma	377	225	301	267	278	494
Oregon	115	122	188	169	201	286
Pennsylvania	660	333	604	502	559	1060
PR					1	2
Rhode Island	203	185	269	237	234	419
South Carolina	588	294	562	480	507	881
South Dakota	48	61	81	79	94	135
Tennessee	1,294	765	1,354	1073	1162	1934
Texas	7,409	3,272	6,550	5,374	4113	8521
Utah	119	62	126	98	98	148
Vermont	3	1	1	0	2	5
Virginia	3,887	1,694	3,728	2,883	1647	3645
Washington	391	283	476	501	434	630
West Virginia	30	12	26	22	22	38
Wisconsin	85	38	85	92	99	201
Wyoming	8	6	23	14	16	13
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>53,515</b>	<b>27,840</b>	<b>52,147</b>	<b>42,416</b>	<b>34,815</b>	<b>63,468</b>