



## Facts About Children in Foster Care in Connecticut

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**Total Population:** 4,299 children were in the foster care system in Connecticut on June 30, 2007<sup>i</sup>. Most children are placed temporarily in foster care due to parental abuse or neglect.

**Age:**<sup>i</sup> Average Age: 9.4

36%	0-5 years	34%	12-17 years
24%	6-11 years	6%	>17 years

**Gender:**<sup>i</sup> Male: 50.3% Female: 49.7%

<b>Race and Ethnicity:</b>	<u>Race/Ethnicity</u> <sup>i</sup>	<u>In foster care</u> (4,299)	<u>In state child population</u> (841,688) <sup>ii</sup>
	Black ( <i>non-Hispanic</i> )	30%	11%
	White ( <i>non-Hispanic</i> )	33%	70%
	Hispanic	30%	14%
	Am. Indian/Alaska Native ( <i>non-Hispanic</i> )	0%	0%
	Asian/Pacific Islander ( <i>non-Hispanic</i> )	0%	3%
	Unknown	1%	N/A
	2 or More Races ( <i>non-Hispanic</i> )	6%	3%

**Length of Stay:** The average length of stay for children in care on June 30, 2007 was 3.2 years.<sup>i</sup>

**Reunified:** 52% of the children leaving the system in FY 2007 were reunified with their birth parents or primary caregivers.<sup>i</sup>

**Foster Homes:** In 2007, there were a total of 3,266 licensed foster homes in Connecticut<sup>i</sup>. On June 30, 2007, 25% of children living in out-of-home care were residing with their relatives.<sup>i</sup>

**Adoption:** Of the 532 children with state agency involvement that were adopted in FY 2007, 91% were adopted by their non-relative foster parents and 9% were adopted by relative foster parents.

**Sources:**

<sup>i</sup> Connecticut Department of Children and Families.

<sup>ii</sup> U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000. *American FactFinder*. <http://factfinder.census.gov>