



Facts About Children in Foster Care in Hawaii

To find out how to become a foster parent in Hawaii, please call:

- (808) 441-1115 (Oahu)
- 1-888-879-8970 (Neighbor Islands)

For more information on becoming a foster or adoptive parent in Hawaii, please visit:

http://hawaii.gov/dhs/protection/social_services/child_welfare/Foster

Total Population: 2,886 children were in the foster care system in Hawaii on September 30, 2003.ⁱ
Most children are placed temporarily in foster care due to parental abuse or neglect.

Age:ⁱ Average Age: 8.6 years

7%	< 1 year	26%	11-15 years
31%	1-5 years	11%	16-18 years
25%	6-10 years	0%	≥19 years

Gender:ⁱ Male: 51% Female: 49%

Race and Ethnicity:	<u>Race/Ethnicity</u> ⁱ	<u>In out-of-home care</u>	<u>In state child population</u> ⁱⁱ
	Black (<i>non-Hispanic</i>)	1%	2%
	White (<i>non-Hispanic</i>)	9%	15%
	Hispanic	2%	12%
	Am. Indian/Alaska Native (<i>non-Hispanic</i>)	1%	0%
	Asian/Pacific Islander (<i>non-Hispanic</i>)	26%	41%
	Unknown	3%	N/A
	2 or More Races (<i>non-Hispanic</i>)	38%	30%

Length of Stay: The average length of stay for children in care on September 30, 2003 was 18 months.ⁱ

Reunified: 62% of the young people leaving the system in FY 2003 were reunified with their birth parents or primary caregivers.ⁱ

Foster Homes: In 2004, there were a total of 1,107 licensed non-relative foster homes in Hawaii.ⁱⁱⁱ

On September 30, 2003, 41% of youth living in out-of-home care were residing with their relatives.ⁱ

Adoption: Of children with state agency involvement adopted in FY 2003, 46% were adopted by their non-relative foster parents and 54% were adopted by relatives.ⁱ

Sources:

ⁱ Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) data submitted for the FY 2003, 10/1/02 through 9/30/03.

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

ⁱⁱⁱ Child Welfare League of America - National Data Analysis System
http://ndas.cwla.org/data_stats/access/predefined/Report.asp?ReportID=127