

Facts About Children in Foster Care in Kansas

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Total Population: 5,295 children were in the foster care system in Kansas on December 31, 2008.ⁱ Most children are placed temporarily in foster care due to parental abuse or neglect.

Age:ⁱ Average Age: 9.3 years

4%	< 1 year	24%	11-15 years
30%	1-5 years	21%	16-18 years
20%	6-10 years	1%	≥19 years

Gender:ⁱ Male: 50% Female: 50%

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>)	21%	7%
	White (<i>non-Hispanic</i>)	63%	77%
	Hispanic	14%	10%
	Am. Indian/Alaska Native (<i>non-Hispanic</i>)	1%	1%
	Asian/Pacific Islander (<i>non-Hispanic</i>)	0.5%	2%
	Unknown	.5%	N/A
	2 or More Races (<i>non-Hispanic</i>)	2%	3%

Length of Stay: The average length of stay for children in care on December 31, 2008 was 19.3 months.ⁱ

Reunified: 54% of the children in foster care had reunification as a case plan goal on December 31, 2008.ⁱ

Foster Homes: In 2008, there were a total of 2,331 licensed foster homes in Kansasⁱⁱⁱ.

On December 31, 2008, 25% of youth living in out-of-home care were residing with their relatives.ⁱ

Adoption: Of children with state agency involvement adopted in FY 2008, 58% were adopted by their non-relative foster parents and 37% were adopted by relatives.ⁱ

Sources:

ⁱ Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services, Children and Family Services, Data and Reports. <http://www.srskansas.org/CFS/datareports09.html>

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