



Facts About Children in Foster Care in Kentucky

To find out how to become a foster parent in Kentucky, please call (800) 232-KIDS (5437) or visit: <http://chfs.ky.gov/dcbs/dpp/faqfostercare.htm>

To learn more about adoption in Kentucky, please visit: <http://chfs.ky.gov/dcbs/dpp/startadoption.htm>

Total Population: 7,027 children were in the foster care system in Kentucky on February 1, 2009ⁱ. Most children are placed temporarily in foster care due to parental abuse or neglect.

Age:ⁱ

Average Age: 10.7 years			
16.5%	< 1 year	24.4%	6-12 years
11.6%	1-3 years	32.4%	12-18 years
15.1%	3-6 years	0%	≥19 years

Gender:ⁱ Male: 50.7% Female: 49.3%

Race and Ethnicity:	<u>Race/Ethnicity</u> ⁱ	<u>In out-of-home care</u> ⁱ	<u>In state child population</u> ⁱⁱ
	Black or African American (<i>non-Hispanic</i>)	19.3%	8.9%
	White (<i>non-Hispanic</i>)	73.8%	86.4%
	Hispanic	4.3%	1.9%
	Am. Indian/Alaska Native (<i>non-Hispanic</i>)	0.2%	0%
	Asian (<i>non-Hispanic</i>)	0.1%	0%
	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander (<i>non-Hispanic</i>)	0.1%	0%
	Unable to Determine	2.2%	N/A

Length of Stay: The average length of stay for children in care on February 1, 2009 was 25.5 months.ⁱ

Reunified: 53% of the children in care have the goal of reunification.ⁱ

Foster Homes: In January 2009, there were a total of 2,257 certified non-relative state foster homes in Kentucky.

40.6% of the children in out of home care are placed in state foster homes;
 31.3% are placed in private child care foster homes;
 17.0% are placed in private child care residential settings; and
 6.3% are placed with relatives.ⁱ

Sources:

ⁱ Foster care FACTS report based on all children in out of home care on February 1, 2009, Source TWS-W58.

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