



## Facts About Children in Foster Care in Minnesota

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[http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/idcplg?IdcService=GET\\_DYNAMIC\\_CONVERSION&RevisionSelectionMethod=LatestReleased&dDocName=id\\_009780](http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/idcplg?IdcService=GET_DYNAMIC_CONVERSION&RevisionSelectionMethod=LatestReleased&dDocName=id_009780)

To learn more about adoption in Minnesota, please visit: <http://www.mnadopt.org/>

**Total Population:** 7,371 children were in the foster care system in Minnesota on September 30, 2007. 14,800 unduplicated children experienced out-of-home care during calendar year 2007.<sup>i</sup> Most children are placed temporarily in foster care due to parental abuse or neglect.

**Age:**<sup>i</sup> For the 14,800 children:  
Average Age: 11.0 years

4%	< 1 year	25%	11-15 years
22%	1-5 years	31%	16-18 years
15%	6-10 years	3%	≥19 years

**Gender:**<sup>i</sup> Male: 56% Female: 44%

<b>Race and Ethnicity:</b>	<u>Race/Ethnicity</u> <sup>i</sup>	<u>In out-of-home care</u>	<u>In state child population</u> <sup>ii</sup>
	Black ( <i>non-Hispanic</i> )	21%	5%
	White ( <i>non-Hispanic</i> )	53%	84%
	Hispanic	8%	4%
	Am. Indian/Alaska Native ( <i>non-Hispanic</i> )	12%	2%
	Asian/Pacific Islander ( <i>non-Hispanic</i> )	2.3%	4%
	Unknown	4%	2%
	2 or More Races ( <i>non-Hispanic</i> )	8%	3%

**Length of Stay:** The average number of days per episode that ended in 2007 was 316.8.<sup>i</sup>

**Reunified:** 69% of the young people leaving the system in CY 2007 were reunified with their birth parents or primary caregivers.<sup>i</sup>

**Foster Homes:** Currently Minnesota has 3,990 child foster care licenses for relatives and non-relatives. During CY 2007, 24% of children in out-of-home care spent some time residing with their relatives.<sup>i</sup>

**Adoption:** In 2007, families adopted 672 children under state guardianship.<sup>i</sup>

### Sources:

<sup>i</sup> Data from Minnesota Department of Human Services, 2007

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