

## Facts About Children in Foster Care in Nevada

To find out how to become a foster parent in Nevada, please call or email:

- in Washoe County (Reno): (775) 337-4470 or [FosterCare@washoecounty.us](mailto:FosterCare@washoecounty.us)
- in Clark County (Las Vegas): (702) 455-0181 or 1-888-4AFAMILY (423-2659)
- in rural Nevada: (775) 687-4943

To learn more about adoption in Nevada, please visit: <http://dcfs.state.nv.us/>

**Total Population:** 5,246 children were in the foster care system in Nevada on September 30, 2006<sup>i</sup>.  
Most children are placed temporarily in foster care due to parental abuse or neglect.

**Age:**<sup>i</sup> Average Age: 6.5 years

6%	< 1 year	19%	11-15 years
39%	1-5 years	11%	16-18 years
24%	6-10 years	1%	≥19 years

**Gender:**<sup>i</sup> Male: 51% Female: 49%

**Race and Ethnicity:**

<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> )	22%	8%
White ( <i>non-Hispanic</i> )	56%	54%
Hispanic	17%	29%
Am. Indian/Alaska Native ( <i>non-Hispanic</i> )	1%	1%
Asian/Pacific Islander ( <i>non-Hispanic</i> )	1%	14%
Unknown	<1%	N/A
2 or More Races ( <i>non-Hispanic</i> )	7%	4%

**Length of Stay:** The average length of stay for children in care during FY2006 was 16 months.<sup>i</sup>

**Reunified:** 62% of the young people leaving the system in FY 2006 were reunified with their birth parents or primary caregivers.<sup>i</sup>

**Foster Homes:** On September 30, 2006, there were a total of 1,178 licensed kinship and non-relative foster homes in Nevada.<sup>i</sup>

On September 30, 2006, 30% of youth living in out-of-home care were residing with their relatives.<sup>i</sup>

**Adoption:** Of children with state agency involvement adopted in FY 2006, 61% were adopted by their non-relative foster parents and 28% were adopted by relatives.<sup>i</sup>

**Sources:**

<sup>i</sup> Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) data submitted for the FY 2006, 10/1/05 through 9/30/06, supplied by Nevada Division of Child and Family Services

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