



## Facts About Children in Foster Care in New Hampshire

To find out how to become a foster or adoptive parent in New Hampshire, please call your local Department of Health & Human Services office:

<http://www.dhhs.state.nh.us/DHHS/FCADOPTION/CONTACT+INFO/default.htm>

To learn more about foster care and adoption in New Hampshire, you can also visit:

<http://www.dhhs.state.nh.us/DHHS/FCADOPTION/default.htm>

Training for foster parents is provided by the Granite State College Education and Training Partnership: <http://www.granite.edu/etp>

**Total Population:** 1,146 children were in the foster care system in New Hampshire 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: 11 years

3%	< 1 year	35%	11-15 years
20%	1-5 years	22%	16-18 years
19%	6-10 years	2%	≥19 years

**Gender:**<sup>i</sup> Male: 54% Female: 46%

<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> )	4%	1%
	White ( <i>non-Hispanic</i> )	81%	93%
	Hispanic	6%	3%
	Am. Indian/Alaska Native ( <i>non-Hispanic</i> )	<1%	0%
	Asian/Pacific Islander ( <i>non-Hispanic</i> )	0%	1%
	Unknown	5%	N/A
	2 or More Races ( <i>non-Hispanic</i> )	4%	2%

**Length of Stay:** The median length of stay for children in care on September 30, 2006 was 23.4 months<sup>i</sup>.

**Reunified:** 53% of the young people leaving the system in FY 2006 were reunified with their birth parents or primary caregivers.

**Foster Homes:** In 2006, there were an estimated total of 919 licensed foster homes in New Hampshire<sup>iii</sup>. On November 30, 2007, 13% of youth living in out-of-home care were residing with their relatives.<sup>iv</sup>

**Adoption:** Of children with state agency involvement adopted in FY 2005, 77% were adopted by their non-relative foster parents and 19% 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. This includes all children in out-of-home placements through the Division for Children, Youth & Families (Child Protection) as well as those children placed through the Juvenile Justice system who are in foster homes or group homes and are IV-E eligible

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

<sup>iii</sup> NH Division for Children, Youth & Families, monthly reporting

<sup>iv</sup> New Hampshire Department of Health & Human Services