



## Facts About Children in Foster Care in New York

To find out how to become a foster parent in New York, please visit:

<http://www.ocfs.state.ny.us/main/fostercare/>

To learn more about adoption in New York, please visit:

<http://www.ocfs.state.ny.us/adopt/>

**Total Population:** 26,351 children were in the foster care system in New York on December 31, 2007<sup>1</sup>. Most children are placed temporarily in foster care due to parental abuse or neglect.

**Age<sup>i</sup>:**

15%	< 2 years	15%	10-13 years
14%	2-5 years	30%	14-17 years
15%	6-9 years	11%	≥18 years

**Gender<sup>i</sup>:** Male: 53% Female: 47%

**Race and Ethnicity:**

<u>Race/Ethnicity</u>	<u>In out-of-home care<sup>i</sup></u>	<u>In state child population<sup>ii</sup></u>
Black ( <i>non-Hispanic</i> )	47%	19%
White ( <i>non-Hispanic</i> )	38%	62%
Hispanic	20%	19%
Am. Indian/Alaska Native ( <i>non-Hispanic</i> )	0%	1%
Asian/Pacific Islander ( <i>non-Hispanic</i> )	0%	0%
Unknown/Some other Race	15%	9%
2 or More Races ( <i>non-Hispanic</i> )	N/A	4%

**Length of Stay:** The average length of stay for children in care on December 31, 2007 was 33 months.

**Reunified:** 54% of the young people leaving the system in 2007 were reunified with their birth parents or primary caregivers.

**Foster Homes:** In 2007, there was a total of 23,244 licensed kinship and non-relative foster homes in New York.

On December 31, 2007, 23.1% of youth living in out-of-home care were residing with their relatives.

**Sources**

<sup>1</sup> New York State Office of Children and Family Services. OCFS Data Warehouse, 1/17/08.

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