

Facts About Children in Foster Care in Ohio

To find out how to become a foster parent in Ohio, please visit your county Public Children Services Agency office. For more information, please visit:

<http://jfs.ohio.gov/county/cntydir.stm>

To learn more about adoption in Ohio, please visit:

<http://jfs.ohio.gov/oapl/index.stm>

Total Population: 17,702 children were in the foster care system in Ohio on September 30, 2006.ⁱ Most children are placed temporarily in foster care due to parental abuse or neglect.

Age: Error! Bookmark not defined.

Average Age: 9.6 years

7%	< 1 year	28%	11-15 years
26%	1-5 years	20%	16-18 years
18%	6-10 years	1%	>19 years

Gender: Error! Bookmark not defined.i

Male: 54% Female: 46%

Race and Ethnicity:

<u>Race/Ethnicity</u> <small>Error! Bookmark not defined.</small>	<u>In out-of-home care</u>	<u>In state child population</u> <small>Error! Bookmark not defined.ii</small>
Black (<i>non-Hispanic</i>)	43%	14%
White (<i>non-Hispanic</i>)	51%	79%
Hispanic	2%	3%
Am. Indian/Alaska Native (<i>non-Hispanic</i>)	0%	0%
Asian/Pacific Islander (<i>non-Hispanic</i>)	0%	1%
Unknown	1%	N/A
2 or More Races (<i>non-Hispanic</i>)	3%	2%

Length of Stay: The average length of stay for children in care on September 30, 2006 was 27 months. Error! Bookmark not defined.

Reunified: 48% of the young people leaving the system in FY 2004 were reunified with their birth parents or primary caregivers. Error! Bookmark not defined.

Foster Homes: In 2006, there was an estimated total of 12,100 licensed kinship and non-relative foster homes in Ohio.^{iv}

On September 30, 2006, 16% of youth living in out-of-home care were residing with their relatives. Error! Bookmark not defined.i

Adoption: Of children with state agency involvement adopted in FY 2006, 66% were adopted by their non-relative foster parents and 22% were adopted by relatives.ⁱⁱ

Sources:

ⁱ FACSIS data for FFY 2006 (10/1/05 through 9/30/06). ⁱⁱ

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

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