



## Facts About Children in Foster Care in Oregon

To find out how to become a foster parent in Oregon, please call 1-800-331-0503 or visit

<http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/children/fostercare/fosterparents.shtml>

To learn more about adoption in Oregon, please visit:

<http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/children/adoption/index.shtml>

**Total Population:** On an average day, 9,788 children were in the foster care system in Oregon in 2007.<sup>i</sup> Most children are placed temporarily in foster care due to parental abuse or neglect.

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

39%	0-5 years
32%	6-12 years
28%	≥13 years

**Gender:**<sup>ii</sup> Male: 50.6% Female: 49.4%

<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>
	Black ( <i>non-Hispanic</i> )	6.8%	2%
	White ( <i>non-Hispanic</i> )	63%	72%
	Hispanic	8.7%	16%
	Am. Indian/Alaska Native ( <i>non-Hispanic</i> )	9.9%	1.4%
	Asian/Pacific Islander ( <i>non-Hispanic</i> )	1.1%	.3%
	Unknown ( <i>non-Hispanic</i> )	10%	N/A
	2 or More Races ( <i>non-Hispanic</i> )	N/A	4%

**Length of Stay:** The median length of stay for children who exited care in 2007 was 16.1 months.<sup>i</sup>

**Reunified:** 64% of the young people leaving the system in FY 2007 were reunified with their birth parents or primary caregivers.<sup>i</sup>

**Foster Homes:** In 2008, there was a total of 4,735 licensed kinship and non-relative foster homes in Oregon.<sup>i</sup> 30% of youth living in out-of-home care were residing with their relatives.

**Adoption:** 75% of the children who were adopted in 2007 were adopted by relatives or their non-related foster parent.

### Sources:

<sup>i</sup> Oregon Department of Human Services. *Status of Children in Oregon's Child Protection System, 2007*. <http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/abuse/publications/children/index.shtml>

<sup>ii</sup> Oregon Department of Human Services. *Status of Children in Oregon's Child Protection System, 2007*. <http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/abuse/publications/children/index.shtml>

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