



Facts About Children in Foster Care in Pennsylvania

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<http://www.adoptpakids.org/FosterParent.aspx>

<http://www.psrfa.com>

To learn more about adoption in Pennsylvania, please visit:

<http://www.adoptpakids.org/AdoptiveParent.aspx>

Total Population: 18,960 children were in the foster care system in Pennsylvania on September 30, 2008ⁱ. Most children are placed temporarily in foster care due to parental abuse or neglect.

Age:ⁱ Average Age: 10.5 years

11.2%	0- 1 year	18.9%	13-15 years
19.6%	2-5 years	19.3%	16-17 years
14.2%	6-9 years	6.6%	18-20 years
10.2%	10-12 years		

Gender:ⁱ Male: 53.5% Female: 46.5%

Race and Ethnicity:	<u>Race/Ethnicity</u> ⁱ	<u>In out-of-home care</u>	<u>In state child population</u> ⁱⁱ
	Black (<i>non-Hispanic</i>)	46.98%	13%
	White (<i>non-Hispanic</i>)	47.43%	78%
	Hispanic	9.66%	5%
	Am. Indian/Alaska Native (<i>non-Hispanic</i>)	N/A	0%
	Asian/Pacific Islander (<i>non-Hispanic</i>)	N/A	2%
	Unknown	5.66%	N/A
	2 or More Races (<i>non-Hispanic</i>)	N/A	2%

Length of Stay: The median length of stay for children in care on September 30, 2008 was 15 months.ⁱ

Reunified: 60.6% of the young people leaving the system in FY 2008 were reunified with their birth parents or primary caregivers.ⁱ

Foster Homes: On September 30, 2008, 22.22% of youth living in out-of-home care were residing in a Foster Family Home – Relative.

Adoption: Of children with state agency involvement adopted in FY 2008, 64.9% were adopted by their non-relative foster parents and 19.6% were adopted by relatives.ⁱ

Sources:

ⁱ Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) data submitted for the FY 2008, 10/1/07 through 9/30/08.

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