



Facts About Children in Foster Care in Utah

To find out how to become a foster parent in Utah, please call 1-877-505-KIDS or visit:

<http://www.utahfostercare.org/>

To learn more about adoption in Utah, please visit: <https://www.utdcfsadopt.org/index.shtml>

To learn more about volunteering, please contact the Utah Foster Care Foundation at 801-994-5205 or visit: <http://www.utahfostercare.org/>

Total Population: 2,664 children were in the foster care system in Utah 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 (September 30, 2008)

4%	< 1 year	23%	11-15 years
27%	1-5 years	23%	16-18 years
19%	6-10 years	4%	≥19 years

Gender:ⁱ Male: 54% Female: 46%

Race and Ethnicity:	<u>Race/Ethnicity</u> ⁱⁱ	<u>In out-of-home care</u>	<u>In state child population</u> ⁱⁱⁱ
	Black	7%	1%
	White	88%	90%
	Am. Indian/Alaska Native	6%	1%
	Asian/Pacific Islander	1%	3%
	Unknown/Some Other Race	0%	4%
	2 or More Races	4%	2%
	Hispanic	25%	11%

Length of Stay: The average length of stay for children in care on September 30, 2008 was 16 months.ⁱ

Reunified: 41% of the young people leaving the system in FY 2008 were reunified with their birth parents or primary caregivers.ⁱⁱ

Foster Homes: On September 30, 2008, there were a total of 1,300 licensed kinship and non-relative foster homes in Utahⁱ

On September 30, 2008, 20% of youth living in out-of-home care were residing with their relatives.ⁱ

Adoption: Of children adopted from foster care in FFY 2008, 69% were adopted by their non-relative foster parents and 22% were adopted by relatives.

Sources:

ⁱ Utah Division of Child and Family Services. SACWIS system as of February 1, 2008

ⁱⁱ Utah Division of Child and Family Services. Annual Report FY07. http://www.hsdscfs.utah.gov/reports_forms.htm

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