

## Facts About Children in Foster Care in Vermont

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<http://projectfamilyvt.org/>

**Total Population:** 1,409 children were in the foster care system in Vermont on September 30, 2003.<sup>i</sup> Most children are placed temporarily in foster care due to parental abuse or neglect.

**Age:**<sup>i</sup> Average Age: 11.9 years

2%	< 1 year	36%	11-15 years
18%	1-5 years	29%	16-18 years
16%	6-10 years	0%	≥19 years

**Gender:**<sup>i</sup> Male: 56% Female: 44%

**Race and Ethnicity:**

<u>Race/Ethnicity</u> <sup>i</sup>	<u>In out-of-home care</u>	<u>In state child population</u> <sup>ii</sup>
Black ( <i>non-Hispanic</i> )	2%	1%
White ( <i>non-Hispanic</i> )	97%	95%
Hispanic	1%	1%
Am. Indian/Alaska Native ( <i>non-Hispanic</i> )	0%	0%
Asian/Pacific Islander ( <i>non-Hispanic</i> )	0%	1%
Unknown	0%	N/A
2 or More Races ( <i>non-Hispanic</i> )	0%	2%

**Length of Stay:** The average length of stay for children in care on September 30, 2003 was 26 months.<sup>i</sup>

**Reunified:** 55% of the young people leaving the system in FY 2003 were reunified with their birth parents or primary caregivers.<sup>i</sup>

**Foster Homes:** In 2004, there were a total of 1,441 licensed non-relative foster homes in Vermont<sup>iii</sup>.

On September 30, 2003, 10% of youth living in out-of-home care were residing with their relatives.<sup>i</sup>

**Adoption:** Of children with state agency involvement adopted in FY 2003, 79% were adopted by their non-relative foster parents and 20% were adopted by relatives.<sup>i</sup>

### Sources:

<sup>i</sup> Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) data submitted for the FY 2003, 10/1/02 through 9/30/03.

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

<sup>iii</sup> Child Welfare League of America - National Data Analysis System  
[http://ndas.cwla.org/data\\_stats/access/predefined/Report.asp?ReportID=127](http://ndas.cwla.org/data_stats/access/predefined/Report.asp?ReportID=127)