



Facts About Children in Foster Care in Arizona

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Total Population: 9,773 children were in the foster care system in Arizona on March 31, 2007ⁱ. Most children are placed temporarily in foster care due to parental abuse or neglect.

Age:ⁱ Average Age: N/A

8%	< 1 year	14%	9-12 years
32%	1-5 years	28%	13-17 years
13%	6-8 years	4%	≥18 years

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>)	13%	3%
	White (<i>non-Hispanic</i>)	42%	50%
	Hispanic	35%	36%
	Am. Indian/Alaska Native (<i>non-Hispanic</i>)	7%	7%
	Asian/Pacific Islander (<i>non-Hispanic</i>)	1%	2%
	Unknown/Other	3%	N/A
	2 or More Races (<i>non-Hispanic</i>)	N/A	2%

Length of Stay: The average length of stay for children in care on September 30, 2003 was 21 months.ⁱⁱⁱ

Reunified: 50% of the young people leaving the system in the six months ending March 31, 2007 were reunified with their birth parents or primary caregivers.ⁱ

Foster Homes: In 2007, there were a total of 3,177 licensed foster homes in Arizonaⁱ.

On March 31, 2007, 32% of youth living in out-of-home care were residing with their relatives.ⁱ

Adoption: Of children with state agency involvement adopted in FY 2003, 37% were adopted by their non-relative foster parents and 32% were adopted by relatives.ⁱⁱⁱ

Sources:

ⁱ Arizona Department of Economic Security, Child Welfare Reporting Requirements, Semi-Annual Report for the Period 10/1/2006 – 3/31/2007. <http://www.azdes.gov/dcyf/cps/report.asp>

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

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