



Facts about Children in Foster Care in Idaho

To find out how to become a foster or adoptive parent in Idaho, please call 1-800-926-2588 or the IdahoCareline – 211 or visit:

<http://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/Children/AdoptionFosterCare/tabid/75/Default.aspx>

Total Population of Children/Youth in Foster Care:

1,341 children were in the foster care system in Idaho on September 30, 2010. Most children are placed temporarily in foster care due to parental abuse or neglect.ⁱ

Average Age of Children/Youth in Care: 9 yearsⁱ

Age of Children and Youth in Careⁱ

< 1 year	12%	12-14 years	15%
1-5 years	32%	15-17 years	11%
6-11 years	29%	≥18 years	0%

Gender of Children/Youth in Care:ⁱ Male 52% Female 48%

Race and Hispanic or Latino Origin

	In out-of-home care ⁱ	In Idaho child population ⁱⁱ
White	72%	79%
Black or African American	4%	2%
American Indian and Alaska Native	9%	2%
Asian	0%	1%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0%	0%
Some other race	0%	0%
Hispanic or Latino Origin (of any race)	15%	16%

Length of Stay:

The average length of stay for children in care on September 30, 2010 was 18 months.ⁱ

Reunification:

59% of the young people leaving the system as of September 30, 2010 were reunified with their birth parent(s) or primary caregiver(s).ⁱ

Foster Homes:

In September 2010, there were a total of 1,362 licensed non-relative foster homes in Idaho.ⁱⁱⁱ

On September 30, 2010, 36% of children and youth living in out-of-home care were residing with kin.ⁱ

Adoption :

In FY 2010, 313 children and youth with Idaho agency involvement were adopted.^{iv}

Sources:

ⁱ Multi State Foster Care Data Archive, Chapin Hall Center for Children.

ⁱⁱ National Center of Health Statistics. Estimates of the July 1, 2009 US resident population.

ⁱⁱⁱ Family Oriented Community Users System (FOCUS).

^{iv} Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) data submitted for the FY 2010.