

Facts about Children in Foster Care in Kansas

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Total Population of Children/Youth in Foster Care:

5,148 children were in the foster care system and in out of home placement in Kansas on 12-31-10.¹ Most children are placed temporarily in foster care due to parental abuse or neglect.

Average Age of Children/Youth in Care: 8.96 years¹

Age of Children and Youth in Care¹

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| < 1 year | 5% | 10-12 years | 12% |
| 1-3 years | 20% | 13-15 years | 17% |
| 4-6 years | 15% | 16-18 years | 18% |
| 7-9 years | 13% | Over 18 | 0% |

Gender of Children/Youth in Care: 50% male, 50% female¹

Race and Hispanic or Latino Origin

| | In out-of-home care ¹ | In state child population ² |
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| White | 78% | 88.7% |
| Black or African American | 20% | 6.2% |
| American Indian and Alaska Native | 1% | 1% |
| Asian | 0% | 2.2% |
| Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander | 0% | .01% |
| Hispanic or Latino Origin (of any race) | 10.7% | 9.3% |

Length of Stay:

The average length of stay for children in care on 12-31-10 was 10.6 months.¹

Reunification:

52% of the young people leaving the system as of 12-31-10 were reunified with their birth parent(s) or primary caregiver(s).¹

Foster Homes:

On 6-3-10, there were a total of 2,526 licensed foster homes in Kansas.³

On 12-31-10, 29.8 percent of children and youth living in out-of-home care were residing with relatives.¹

Adoption:

In SFY 2010, 721 children and youth with state agency involvement were adopted.¹

Sources:

¹ Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services, Children and Family Services, Data and Reports.

<http://www.srs.ks.gov/agency/cfs/Pages/CFSSOutcomesandReports.aspx>

² US Census Bureau.

<http://www.census.gov/did/www/saipe/data/statecounty/data/2008.html>

³ Kansas Department of Health and Environment web site at

http://www.kdheks.gov/bccldr/download/FY10_Total_Count_and_Capacity.pdf