



Facts about Children in Foster Care in Maine

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Total Population: There were 1,746 children in care in Maine on February 24, 2010. Most children are placed temporarily in care due to parental abuse or neglect.

Age:	<u>Number of children / Age category</u>	
	259	≤ 1 year
	252	2-3 years
	476	4-10 years
	256	11-14 years
	329	15-17 years
	166	18-21 years

Gender: Male: 931 Female: 805

Race and Ethnicity:	<u>Race/Ethnicity</u>	<u>Number of children in out-of-home care</u>
	Black	48
	White	1,481
	Am. Indian/Alaska Native	23
	Asian/Pacific Islander	3
	Unknown	74
	2 or More Races	105

Length of Stay: The average length of stay for children in care on February 24, 2010 was 33 months.
Note: The average length of stay for children in younger age brackets is much lower.

Reunified: Of the 957 children who left custody between the dates of January 1, 2009 and January 1, 2010, 394 children were dismissed to the custody of a parent.

Foster Homes: There were a total of 1,252 licensed foster homes in Maine in February 2010. Of the 1,746 children in care in Maine, 30% are placed with relatives.

Sources:

Characteristics of Children Currently in Care/Custody. Maine Automated Child Welfare Information System (MACWIS).