

Facts about Children in Foster Care in Nevada

To find out how to become a foster or adoptive parent in Nevada please call or email:

- **Washoe County (Reno):** (775) 337-4470 or FosterCare@washoecounty.us
- **Clark County (Las Vegas):** (702) 455-0181 or clarkcountyfostercare@co.clark.nv.us
- **Rural Nevada:** (775) 687-4943

Total Population of Children/Youth in Foster Care:

5074 children were in the foster care system in Nevada on February 28, 2011. Most children are placed temporarily in foster care due to parental abuse or neglect.

Age of Children and Youth in Care

0-4 year	41.5%	10-14 years	21.9%
5-9 years	27.8%	15-19 years	15.3%

Gender of Children/Youth in Care: Male 50.1% Female 49.9%

Race and Hispanic or Latino Origin

	In child welfare custody*	In state child population**
White	75.3 %	46.3%
Black or African American	33.3%	8.3%
American Indian and Alaska Native	2.9%	1.3%
Asian, Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	3.9%	6.8%
Hispanic or Latino Origin (of any race)	27.8%	37.8%

Length of Stay:

The average length of stay for children in care in 2010 was 17.8 months.***

Reunification:

22.8% of the young people leaving the system for 2010 were reunified with their birth parent(s) or primary caregiver(s).

Foster Homes:

In 2010, there were a total of 3052 licensed non-relative foster homes in Nevada.

In 2010, 29.5% of children and youth living in out-of-home care were residing with kin.

Adoption:

In 2010, 607 children and youth with state agency involvement were adopted.

Sources:

Nevada SACWIS

* Numbers include multi-race breakdown, therefore exceeds total of 100%

**Nevada State Demographer's "interim projection estimates"

*** Based upon case closures