

Facts about Children in Foster Care in New Hampshire

To find out how to become a foster or adoptive parent in New Hampshire please call 603-271-4711 or visit:

<http://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dcyf/adoption/index.htm>

Total Population of Children/Youth in Foster Care:

974 children were in the foster care system in New Hampshire on September 30, 2009. Most children are placed temporarily in foster care due to parental abuse or neglect.

Average Age of Children/Youth in Care: 11 years old

Age of Children and Youth in Care on September 30, 2009

< 1 year	4.4 %	12-15 years	20.8 %
1-5 years	24.5 %	16-18 years	23.3 %
6-11 years	23.4 %	≥19 years	3.0 %

Gender of Children/Youth in Care: 51% male; 29% female as of September 2010

Race and Hispanic or Latino Origin as of September 30, 2009

	In out-of-home care	In state child population
One Race	97.1 %	97.8 %
Two or More Races	2.9 %	2.2 %
White	79.9 %	88.3 %
Black or African American	2.7 %	2.2 %
American Indian and Alaska Native	0.3 %	0.2 %
Asian	0.4 %	2.5 %
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0.0 %	<.1 %
Some other race	5.0 %	0.0 %
Hispanic or Latino Origin (of any race)	8.7 %	4.6 %

Length of Stay:

The average length of stay for children in care on September 30, 2009 was 14.9 months.

Reunification:

51.3% of the young people leaving the system as of September 30, 2009 were reunified with their birth parent(s) or primary caregiver(s).

Foster Homes:

In April of 2011, there were a total of 804 licensed non-relative foster homes in New Hampshire.

As of December 2010, 156 (approximately 33%) of children and youth living in out-of-home care were residing with kin.

Adoption:

In FFY 2010, 171 children and youth with state agency involvement were adopted.

Sources:

State of New Hampshire SACWIS
<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data>