

Facts about Children in Foster Care in North Dakota

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Total Population of Children/Youth in Foster Care¹:

1,131 children were in the foster care system in North Dakota on September 30, 2010.

Average Age of Children/Youth in Care on 9-30-2010¹: 10.7 years

Age of Children and Youth in Care¹

< 1 year	3.1%	12-15 years	25.1%
1-5 years	24.9%	16-18 years	24.3%
6-11 years	20.9%	≥19 years	0.8%

Gender of Children/Youth in Care on 9-30-2010¹: 52.4% Male and 47.6% Female

Race and Hispanic or Latino Origin

	In out-of-home care ^{1,3}	In state child population ^{2,3}
One Race		
Two or More Races	9.7%	2.6%
White	52.8%	81.5%
Black or African American	4.2%	1.8%
American Indian and Alaska Native	25.8%	9.1%
Asian	1.1%	0.9%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	<0.1%	<0.1%
Unknown or Not Indicated	1.3%	
Hispanic or Latino Origin (of any race)	5%	3.9%

Length of Stay¹:

The median length of stay for children in care on 9-30-2011 was 13.2 months.

Reunification¹:

50.7% of the young people leaving the system as of 9-30-2010 were reunified with their birth parent(s)/primary caregiver(s) or were living with other relative(s).

Foster Homes:

In September 2010, there were 401 licensed family foster homes and 360 licensed therapeutic family foster homes⁴. On 9-30-2010, 11.0% children/youth living in out-of-home care were residing with kin^{1,5}.

Adoption⁵:

In FFY 2010, 106 children and youth with state agency involvement were adopted.

Sources:

¹ 2010 AFCARS data file or as reported in 2010 North Dakota Child and Family Services Review Data Profile and/or 2010 North Dakota Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data.

² In state child population estimates are from the Census Bureau (2009) as reported in the 2010 North Dakota Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data and are based on total number of children under the age of 18.

³ As reported in the 2010 North Dakota Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

⁴ Data are from the North Dakota Department of Human Services, Division of Children and Family Services.

⁵ Residing with kin is defined as relative family foster care placement.