



Facts about Children in Foster Care in Ohio

To find out how to become a foster parent in Ohio, please visit your county Public Children Services Agency office. For more information, please visit:

<http://jfs.ohio.gov/county/cntydir.stm>

To learn more about adoption in Ohio, please visit:

<http://jfs.ohio.gov/oapl/index.stm>

Total Population: 13,777 children were in the foster care system in Ohio on September 30, 2008. Most children are placed temporarily in foster care due to parental abuse or neglect.

Age: Average Age: 9.5 years (Age at 9/30/2008)

7.6%	< 1 year	24.1%	11-15 years
27.0%	1-5 years	22.6%	16-18 years
17.3%	6-10 years	1.4%	>19 years

Gender: Male: 54% Female: 46%

Race and Ethnicity:	Race/Ethnicity	<u>In out-of-home care</u>	<u>In state child population</u>
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	Black (<i>non-Hispanic</i>)	38.7%	14%
	White (<i>non-Hispanic</i>)	53.2%	79%
	Hispanic	2.0%	3.0%
	Am. Indian/Alaska Native (<i>non-Hispanic</i>)	0.1%	0%
	Asian/Pacific Islander (<i>non-Hispanic</i>)	0.2%	1%
	Unknown	3.9%	N/A
	2 or More Races (<i>non-Hispanic</i>)	1.9%	2%

Length of Stay: The average length of stay for children in care on September 30, 2008 was 24.8 months.

Reunified: 44% of the young people leaving the system in FFY 2008 were reunified with their birth parents or primary caregivers.

Foster Homes: In FFY 2008, there was an estimated total of 12,000 licensed kinship and non-relative foster homes in Ohio.ⁱ On September 30, 2008, 14% of youth living in out-of-home care were residing with their relatives.ⁱ

Adoption: Of children with state agency involvement adopted in FFY 2008, 62% were adopted by their non-relative foster parents and 20% were adopted by relatives.ⁱ

Sources:

ⁱ FACSIS data for FFY 2006 (10/1/05 through 9/30/06).

ⁱⁱ U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000. American FactFinder. <http://factfinder.census.gov>

Child Welfare League of America - National Data Analysis System
http://ndas.cwla.org/data_stats/access/predefined/Report.asp?ReportID=127

Bureau of Automated Systems/OCF, SACWIS – DART
Placement Snapshot, Discharge Analysis Cube, Data Run On 3/12/2009