



## Facts about Children in Foster Care in Oregon

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**Total Population:** In 2009, on an average daily basis in Oregon there were 5,833 children served in family foster care; of those children, 30% were placed in foster care with relatives.<sup>i</sup> 64.8% of the children placed temporarily in foster care were placed due to physical abuse and 50% due to parental drug and/or alcohol abuse. 46.4% of the children who entered foster care had 4 or more reasons for removal from their homes.

**Age:<sup>i</sup>**

39%	0-5 years
31.3%	6-12 years
29.6%	≥13 years

**Gender:** Boys: 50.9%      Girls: 49.1%

<b>Race and Ethnicity:</b>	<u>Race/Ethnicity<sup>i</sup></u>	<u>In out-of-home care*</u>	<u>In state child population</u>
	Black ( <i>non-Hispanic</i> )	8.3%	2.4%
	White ( <i>non-Hispanic</i> )	62.5%	69.1%
	Hispanic	12.8%	19%
	Am. Indian/Alaska Native ( <i>non-Hispanic</i> )	8.8%	1.3%
	Asian/Pacific Islander ( <i>non-Hispanic</i> )	1.4%	3.9%
	Unknown ( <i>non-Hispanic</i> )	6.4%	N/A
	2 or More Races ( <i>non-Hispanic</i> )	N/A	4.3%

\* Above figures reflect children's first recording of race/ethnicity upon foster care entry.

**Length of Stay:** The median length of stay for children who exited care in 2009 was 16.1 months.<sup>i</sup>

**Reunified:** 58.1% of the young people leaving the system in FY 2009 were reunified with their birth parents or primary caregivers.<sup>i</sup>

**Foster Homes:** In 2009, there was a total of 4,429 licensed kinship and non-relative foster homes in Oregon.<sup>i</sup> 38% of these licensed homes were relatives.

**Adoption:** 77.7% of the children who were adopted in 2009 were adopted by relatives or their non-related foster parent.

### Sources:

<sup>i</sup> Oregon Department of Human Services, Children, Adults & Families: 2009 Child Welfare Data Book <http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/abuse/publications/children/index.shtml>

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