

Facts about Children in Foster Care in Rhode Island

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Total Population of Children/Youth in Foster Care:

1,872 children were in the foster care system in Rhode Island on 9/30/2010. Most children are placed temporarily in foster care due to parental abuse or neglect.

Average Age of Children/Youth in Care: 10.3 years

Age of Children and Youth in Care

< 1 year	6.5 %	12-15 years	20.8 %
1-5 years	23.1 %	16-18 years	28.1 %
6-11 years	18.4 %	≥19 years	3.2 %

Gender of Children/Youth in Care: Male: 56.0%; Female: 44.0%

Race and Hispanic or Latino Origin

	In out-of-home care	In state child population
One Race	91.31 %	96 %
Two or More Races	8.69 %	4 %
White	63.13 %	74 %
Black or African American	18.46 %	8 %
American Indian and Alaska Native	0.83 %	<1 %
Asian	1.55 %	3 %
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0.05 %	<1 %
Some other race	7.29 %	10 %
Hispanic or Latino Origin (of any race)	25.13 %	19 %

Length of Stay:

The average length of stay for children in care on 9/30/2010 was 14.0 months.

Reunification:

63.1% of the young people leaving the system as of 9/30/2010 were reunified with their birth parent(s) or primary caregiver(s).

Foster Homes:

In (3/31/2011), there were a total of 726 licensed non-relative foster homes in Rhode Island.

In 2010, 31.6% of children and youth living in out-of-home care were residing with kin.

Adoption:

In 2010, 194 children and youth with state agency involvement were adopted.

Sources: Rhode Island Children's Information System (RICHIST)
RI Child and Family Service Review Data Profile, March 30, 2011
2011 Rhode Island KIDS COUNT Factbook
(http://www.rikidscount.org/matriarch/documents/11_Factbook_Indicator_1.pdf)