

## Facts about Children in Foster Care in Utah

To find out how to become a foster or adoptive parent in Utah, please call 1-877-505-KIDS or visit: <http://www.utahfostercare.org>

### Total Population of Children/Youth in Foster Care:

2,776 children were in the foster care system in Utah on December 31, 2010. Most children are placed temporarily in foster care due to parental neglect or dependency.

**Average Age of Children/Youth in Care:** 10.3 years

### Age of Children and Youth in Care

≤ 1 year	11%	12-15 years	24%
2-5 years	18%	16-18 years	25%
6-11 years	20%	≥19 years	2%

**Gender of Children/Youth in Care:** Male: 54% Female 46%

### Race and Hispanic or Latino Origin

	In out-of-home care	In state child population
One Race	97%	97%
Two or More Races	3%	3%
White	87%	86%
Black or African American	8%	1%
American Indian and Alaska Native	6%	1%
Asian	1%	2%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	1%	1%
Some other race	0%	6%
Hispanic or Latino Origin (of any race)	23%	13%

### Length of Stay:

The average length of stay for children in care on December 31, 2010 was 18 months.

### Reunification:

43% of the young people leaving the system as of December 31, 2010 were reunified with their birth parent(s) or primary caregiver(s).

### Foster Homes:

On December 31, 2010 there were a total of 1,328 licensed non-relative foster homes in Utah.

In December 31, 2010, 23% children and youth living in out-of-home care were residing with kin.

### Adoption:

In FY 2010, 609 children and youth with state agency involvement were adopted.

### Sources:

Division of Child and Family Services SAFE Information System  
U.S. Census Bureau 2010