

## Facts about Children in Foster Care in Virginia

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(1-888-VDSS-2DA)

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

5,643 children were in the foster care system in Virginia on 6/30/2010. Most children are placed temporarily in foster care due to parental abuse or neglect.

**Average Age of Children/Youth in Care:** 11 years

### Age of Children and Youth in Care

< 1 year	3.90%	11-15 years	27.68%
1-5 years	22.61%	16-18 years	26.97%
6-10 years	18.84%		

**Gender of Children/Youth in Care 6/30/10:** 47% Female and 53% Male

### Race and Hispanic or Latino Origin

	In out-of-home care	In state child population
One Race	93.2%	96.44%
Two or More Races	6.8%	3.56%
White	52.72%	68.25%
Black or African American	38.24%	22.66%
American Indian and Alaska Native	0.09%	0.39%
Asian	0.58%	5.02%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0.05%	0.12%
Unable to Determine	1.47%	0.00%
Hispanic or Latino Origin (of any race)	9.60%	9.28%

### Length of Stay:

The average length of stay for children in care on 6/30/2010 was 18.92 months.

### Reunification:

46.49% of the children leaving the system in SFY 2010 were reunified with their birth parent(s) or primary caregiver(s).

### Relative Foster Homes:

In SFY 2010, 5.26% of children and youth living in out-of-home care were residing in licensed relative foster homes.

### Adoption:

In SFY 2010, 652 children and youth with state agency involvement were adopted.

### Sources:

Virginia Child Welfare Outcome Reports (VCWOR) version 3.62. OASIS Rolling Year Data and Census Reports, SFY 2010.