

Facts about Children in Foster Care in Wisconsin

To find out how to become a foster or adoptive parent in Wisconsin, please call 1-800-947-8074 or visit:

<http://dcf.wisconsin.gov/children/foster/>

Total Population of Children/Youth in Foster Care:

6,568 children were in the foster care system in Wisconsin on 12.31.09. Most children are placed temporarily in foster care due to parental abuse or neglect.

Age of Children and Youth in Care

0-4 years	31%	12-15 years	21%
5-11 years	27%	16-18 years	21%

Gender of Children/Youth in Care: 54% male/46% female

Race and Hispanic or Latino Origin

	In out-of-home care
White	52%
Black or African American	40%
American Indian and Alaska Native	5%
Asian/ Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	1%
Some other race	2%
Hispanic or Latino Origin (of any race)	9%

Length of Stay:

The median time to discharge for children in care on 12.31.09 was 240 days

Reunification:

73% of the young people leaving the system as of 12.31.09 were reunified with their birth parent(s) or primary caregiver(s).

Foster Homes:

As of 1.22.10, there were a total of 3,597 licensed foster homes in Wisconsin.

In 2009, 30% children and youth living in out-of-home care were residing with kin.

Adoption:

In 2009, 724 children and youth with state agency involvement were adopted.

Sources:

Wisconsin DCF Children in Out-of-Home Care Annual Report for Calendar Year 2009

Wisconsin DCF Data Reporting