

Facts¹ about Children in Foster Care in Wyoming

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www.wyomingfostercare.gov

Total Population of Children/Youth in Foster Care:

1323 children were in the foster care system in Wyoming on 9/30/10. Of this number, 708 children were placed in foster homes. Most children are placed temporarily in foster homes due to parental abuse or neglect.

Average Age of Children/Youth in Care: 9.7 years

Age of Children and Youth in Care

≤ 1 year	10%	12-15 years	25%
2-5 years	21%	16-18 years	21%
6-11 years	22%	≥19 years	1%

Gender of Children/Youth in Care: Female 46.5%; Male 53.4%

Race and Hispanic or Latino Origin

	In out-of-home care	In state child population ²
White	66.73%	85%
Black or African American	3.55%	1%
American Indian and Alaska Native	19.73%	3%
Asian	.08%	0%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	.08%	0%
Unable to determine	9.83%	NA
Hispanic or Latino Origin (of any race)	11.00%	9%

Length of Stay:

The average length of stay for children in care on September 30, 2010 was 411.4 days.

Reunification:

67% of the young people leaving the system in FFY 2010 were reunified with their birth parent(s) or primary caregiver(s).

Foster Homes:

On September 30, 2010, there were a total of 328 licensed foster homes in Wyoming.

On September 30, 2010, 22% of children and youth living in foster homes were residing with their relatives.

Adoption:

In FFY 2010, 60 children and youth with state agency involvement were adopted.

Sources:

¹ Wyoming SACWIS system - WYCAPS AD-HOC report (611) generated 3/28/11

² U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000. *American FactFinder*. <http://factfinder.census.gov>
FFY 2010 = Federal Fiscal Year (10/1/09 – 9/30/10)