

Facts About Children in Foster Care in Arizona

Total Population: 9,773 children were in the foster care system in Arizona on March 31, 2007ⁱ.
Most children are placed temporarily in foster care due to parental abuse or neglect.

Age:ⁱ Average Age: N/A

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| 8% | < 1 year | 14% | 9-12 years |
| 32% | 1-5 years | 28% | 13-17 years |
| 13% | 6-8 years | 4% | ≥18 years |

| Race and Ethnicity: | <u>Race/Ethnicity</u> ⁱ | <u>In out-of-home care</u> | <u>In state child population</u> ⁱⁱ |
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| | Black (<i>non-Hispanic</i>) | 13% | 3% |
| | White (<i>non-Hispanic</i>) | 42% | 50% |
| | Hispanic | 35% | 36% |
| | Am. Indian/Alaska Native (<i>non-Hispanic</i>) | 7% | 7% |
| | Asian/Pacific Islander (<i>non-Hispanic</i>) | 1% | 2% |
| | Unknown/Other | 3% | N/A |
| | 2 or More Races (<i>non-Hispanic</i>) | N/A | 2% |

Length of Stay: The average length of stay for children in care on September 30, 2003 was 21 months.ⁱⁱⁱ

Reunified: 50% of the young people leaving the system in the six months ending March 31, 2007 were reunified with their birth parents or primary caregivers.ⁱ

Foster Homes: In 2007, there were a total of 3,177 licensed foster homes in Arizona.ⁱ
On March 31, 2007, 32% of youth living in out-of-home care were residing with their relatives.ⁱ

Adoption: Of children with state agency involvement adopted in FY 2003, 37% were adopted by their non-relative foster parents and 32% were adopted by relatives.ⁱⁱⁱ

To find out how to become a foster parent in Arizona, please call 1-877-KIDS-NEEDU or visit: <https://www.azdes.gov/dcyf/adoption/>

To learn about foster parenting, please call the National Foster Parent Association at 1-800-557-5238 or visit www.nfpainc.org

Sources:

ⁱ Arizona Department of Economic Security, Child Welfare Reporting Requirements, Semi-Annual Report for the Period 10/1/2006 – 3/31/2007. <http://www.azdes.gov/dcyf/cps/report.asp>

ⁱⁱ U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000. *American FactFinder*. <http://factfinder.census.gov>

ⁱⁱⁱ Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) data submitted for the FY 2003, 10/1/02 through 9/30/03.