



## Facts About Children in Foster Care in Connecticut

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| <b>Total Population:</b>   | 4,299 children were in the foster care system in Connecticut on June 30, 2007. <sup>i</sup><br>Most children are placed temporarily in foster care due to parental abuse or neglect.                  |                       |                                  |
| <b>Age:<sup>i</sup></b>    | Average Age: 9.4  |                       |                                  |
|                            | 36%   | 0-5 years             | 34%                              |
|                            | 24%   | 6-11 years            | 6%                               |
|                            |   |                       | 12-17 years                      |
|                            |   |                       | >17 years                        |
| <b>Gender:<sup>i</sup></b> | Male: 50.3%    Female: 49.7%  |                       |                                  |
| <b>Race and Ethnicity:</b> |   | <u>In foster care</u> | <u>In state child population</u> |
|                            | <u>Race/Ethnicity<sup>i</sup></u>   | <u>(4,299)</u>        | <u>(841,688)<sup>ii</sup></u>    |
|                            | Black ( <i>non-Hispanic</i> )   | 30%                   | 11%                              |
|                            | White ( <i>non-Hispanic</i> )   | 33%                   | 70%                              |
|                            | Hispanic  | 30%                   | 14%                              |
|                            | Am. Indian/Alaska Native ( <i>non-Hispanic</i> )  | 0%                    | 0%                               |
|                            | Asian/Pacific Islander ( <i>non-Hispanic</i> )  | 0%                    | 3%                               |
|                            | Unknown   | 1%                    | N/A                              |
|                            | 2 or More Races ( <i>non-Hispanic</i> )   | 6%                    | 3%                               |
| <b>Length of Stay:</b>     | The average length of stay for children in care on June 30, 2007 was 3.2 years. <sup>i</sup>  |                       |                                  |
| <b>Reunified:</b>          | 52% of the children leaving the system in FY 2007 were reunified with their birth parents or primary caregivers. <sup>i</sup>   |                       |                                  |
| <b>Foster Homes:</b>       | In 2007, there were a total of 3,266 licensed foster homes in Connecticut. <sup>i</sup> On June 30, 2007, 25% of children living in out-of-home care were residing with their relatives. <sup>i</sup> |                       |                                  |
| <b>Adoption:</b>           | Of the 532 children with state agency involvement that were adopted in FY 2007, 91% were adopted by their non-relative foster parents and 9% were adopted by relative foster parents.                 |                       |                                  |

To find out how to become a foster parent in Connecticut, please call  
1-888-KID-HERO or visit: [http://www.state.ct.us/dcf/FASU/FASU\\_index.htm](http://www.state.ct.us/dcf/FASU/FASU_index.htm)

To learn about foster parenting, please call the National Foster Parent Association at  
1-800-557-5238 or visit [www.nfpainc.org](http://www.nfpainc.org)

**Sources:**

<sup>i</sup> Connecticut Department of Children and Families.  
<sup>ii</sup> U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000. *American FactFinder*. <http://factfinder.census.gov>