

Facts About Children in Foster Care in Indiana

Total Population: 11,954 children were in the foster care system in Indiana on June 30, 2005ⁱ. Most children are placed temporarily in foster care due to parental abuse or neglect.

Age:ⁱⁱ Average Age on September 30, 2003: 9.1 years

7%	< 1 year	26%	11-15 years
30%	1-5 years	15%	16-18 years
22%	6-10 years	1%	≥19 years

Gender:ⁱⁱ Male: 52% Female: 49%

Race and Ethnicity:	<u>Race/Ethnicity</u> ⁱ	<u>In out-of-home care</u>	<u>In state child population</u> ⁱⁱⁱ
	Black (<i>non-Hispanic</i>)	28%	10%
	White (<i>non-Hispanic</i>)	62%	82%
	Hispanic	4%	5%
	Am. Indian/Alaska Native (<i>non-Hispanic</i>)	0%	0
	Asian/Pacific Islander (<i>non-Hispanic</i>)	0%	1%
	Unknown	0%	N/A
	2 or More Races (<i>non-Hispanic</i>)	4%	2%

Length of Stay: The average length of stay for children in care on September 30, 2003 was 22 months.ⁱⁱ

Reunified: 63% of the young people leaving the system in FY 2003 were reunified with their birth parents or primary caregivers.ⁱⁱ

Foster Homes: On June 30, 2005, there were a total of 4,570 licensed foster homes in Indianaⁱ. On June 30, 2005, 10% 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, 36% were adopted by their non-relative foster parents and 15% were adopted by relatives.ⁱⁱ

To find out how to become a foster parent in Indiana, please call 1-888-631-9510 or (317) 234-4410 or visit <http://www.ifcaa.org/>

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

Sources:

ⁱ Indiana Department of Child Services. *Demographic Trends Report, State Fiscal Year 2005*. <http://www.in.gov/dcs/forms/index.html>

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

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