Facts About Children in Foster Care in Minnesota


Age:
For the 14,723 children:
Average Age: 11.1 years
- 4% < 1 year
- 21% 1-5 years
- 15% 6-10 years
- 28% 11-15 years
- 29% 16-18 years
- 3% ≥19 years

Gender:
Male: 54%    Female: 46%

Race and Ethnicity:

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<th>Race/Ethnicity</th>
<th>In out-of-home care</th>
<th>In state child population¹</th>
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<td>Black (non-Hispanic)</td>
<td>20%</td>
<td>5%</td>
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<td>White (non-Hispanic)</td>
<td>56%</td>
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<td>Hispanic</td>
<td>8%</td>
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<td>Am. Indian/Alaska Native (non-Hispanic)</td>
<td>12%</td>
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<td>Asian/Pacific Islander (non-Hispanic)</td>
<td>2%</td>
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<td>2 or More Races (non-Hispanic)</td>
<td>7%</td>
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Length of Stay:
The average length of stay for children in care on December 31, 2005 was 25 months.

Reunified:
69% of the young people leaving the system in CY 2005 were reunified with their birth parents or primary caregivers.

Foster Homes:
In CY 2005, Minnesota had 4,700 child foster care licenses for relatives and non-relatives and 620 emergency relative foster care licenses; 20% of children in out-of-home care spent some time residing with their relatives.

Adoption:
In 2005, families adopted 732 children under state guardianship.

To find out how to become a foster parent in Minnesota, please visit:
http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/groups/children/documents/pub/DHS_id_009780.hcsp

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

Sources:
¹ Data from Minnesota Department of Human Services, 2007