



Facts About Children in Foster Care in Ohio

Total Population: 17,702 children were in the foster care system in Ohio on September 30, 2006. Most children are placed temporarily in foster care due to parental abuse or neglect.

Age: Average Age: 9.6 years

7% < 1 year	28% 11-15 years
26% 1-5 years	20% 16-18 years
18% 6-10 years	1% >19 years

Gender: Male: 54% Female: 46%

Race and Ethnicity

Ethnicityⁱ:	<u>Race/Ethnicity</u>	<u>In out-of-home care</u>	<u>In state child populationⁱⁱ</u>
	Black (non-Hispanic)	43%	14%
	White (non-Hispanic)	51%	79%
	Hispanic	2%	3%
	Am. Indian/Alaska Native (non-Hispanic)	0%	0%
	Asian/Pacific Islander (non-Hispanic)	0%	1%
	Unknown	1%	N/A
	2 or More Races (non-Hispanic)	3%	2%

Length of Stay: The average length of stay for children in care on September 30, 2006 was 27 months

Reunified: 48% of the young people leaving the system in FY 2006 were reunified with their birth parents or primary caregivers.

Foster Homes: In 2006, there was an estimated total of 12,100 licensed kinship and non-relative foster homes in Ohio. On September 30, 2006, 16% of youth living in out-of-home care were residing with their relatives.

Adoption: Of children with state agency involvement adopted in FY 2006, **66%** were adopted by their non-relative foster parents and 22% were adopted by relatives.

To find out how to become a foster parent in Ohio, please visit your county Public Children Services Agency office. See <http://jfs.ohio.gov/county/cntydir.stm>

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

Sources:

ⁱ FACSIS data for FFY 2006 (10/1/05 through 9/30/06).

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

ⁱⁱⁱ Ohio Department of Job & Family Services