

## Facts about Children in Foster Care in California

To find out how to become a foster or adoptive parent in California, please call 1-800-KIDS-4-US (1-800-543-7487), or visit: <http://www.childsworld.ca.gov/PG1347.htm>

### Total Population of Children/Youth in Foster Care:

58,343 children were in the foster care system in California on September 30, 2010. Most children are placed temporarily in foster care due to parental abuse or neglect.

**Average Age of Children/Youth in Care:** 11.0 years

### Age of Children and Youth in Care

|            |       |             |       |
|------------|-------|-------------|-------|
| < 1 year   | 5.3%  | 12-15 years | 25.9% |
| 1-5 years  | 26.2% | 16-18 years | 18.5% |
| 6-11 years | 19.2% | ≥19 years   | 4.9%  |

**Gender of Children/Youth in Care:** Female 47.9% Male 52.1

### Race and Hispanic or Latino Origin

|  | In out-of-home care | In state child population |
|--|---------------------|---------------------------|
| One Race                                   | %                   | %                         |
| Two or More Races                          | %                   | %                         |
| White                                      | 24.8%               | 30.3%                     |
| Black or African American                  | 25.3%               | 5.7%                      |
| American Indian and Alaska Native          | 1.3%                | 0.5%                      |
| Asian                                      | 2.5%                | 10.3%                     |
| Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander | %                   | %                         |
| Some other race                            | %                   | %                         |
| Missing                                    |                     | 3.6%                      |
| Hispanic or Latino Origin (of any race)    | 46.1%               | 49.6%                     |

### Length of Stay:

The average length of stay for children in care on 9/30/10 was 16.4 months.

### Reunification:

56.7% of the young people leaving the system as of 10/1/09-9/30/10 were reunified with their birth parent(s) or primary caregiver(s).

### Foster Homes:

In August 2010, there were a total of 7,211 licensed non-relative foster homes in California.

In FFY 2010, 28.1% children and youth living in out-of-home care were residing with kin.

### Adoption:

In FFY 2010, 6,208 children and youth with state agency involvement were adopted.

Sources: Adoption & Foster Care Analysis Report System (AFCARS)  
Community Care Licensing Program Report, July 2005-August 2010