

Facts about Children in Foster Care in New York

To find out how to become a foster or adoptive parent in New York, please call
1-800-345-KIDS or visit:

<http://www.ocfs.state.ny.us/main/fostercare/>
<http://www.ocfs.state.ny.us/adopt/>

Total Population of Children/Youth in Foster Care:

23,202 children were in the foster care system in New York State on 12/31/2010. Most children are placed temporarily in foster care due to parental abuse or neglect.

Average Age of Children/Youth in Care: 10 years

Age of Children and Youth in Care

< 1 year	4%	12-15 years	19%
1-5 years	28%	16-18 years	19%
6-11 years	22%	≥19 years	7%

Gender of Children/Youth in Care: Male: 52% Female 48%

Race and Hispanic or Latino Origin

	In out-of-home care
White	41%
Black or African American	49%
American Indian and Alaska Native	0.4%
Asian	0.7%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0%
Some other race	9%
Hispanic or Latino Origin (of any race)	21%

Length of Stay:

The average length of stay for children in care on 12/31/10 was 29 months

Reunification:

49% of the young people leaving the system in 2010 were reunified with their birth parent(s) or primary caregiver(s).

Foster Homes:

In 2010, there were a total of 24,151 licensed kinship and non-relative foster homes in New York.

On 12/31/2010, 25% of children and youth living in out-of-home care were residing with kin.

Adoption:

In 2010, 2,272 children and youth with state agency involvement were adopted.

Sources: New York State Office of Children and Family Services, OCFS Data Warehouse, 3/10/11.