



## Facts About Children in Foster Care in North Dakota

To find out how to become a foster parent in North Dakota, please visit:

<http://www.nd.gov/dhs/services/childfamily/fostercare/>

To learn more about adoption in North Dakota, please visit:

<http://www.nd.gov/dhs/services/childfamily/adoption/>

**Total Population:** 1,312 children were in the foster care system in North Dakota on September 30, 2007. Most children are placed temporarily in foster care due to parental abuse or neglect.

**Age:** Error! Bookmark not defined.

20%	Infant-3years	12%	12-14 years
15%	4-5 years	30%	15-17 years
14%	8-11 years	9%	≥18 years

**Gender:** Error! Bookmark not defined.i

Male: 55%      Female: 45%

**Race and Ethnicity:**

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White ( <i>non-Hispanic</i> )	62%
Am. Indian/Alaska Native ( <i>non-Hispanic</i> )	27%
Other races (Asian, Black, Pacific Islander/Native Hawaiian)/2 or More Races	11%

**Length of Stay:** The median length of stay for children in care on September 30, 2007 was 12.8 months.

**Reunified:** 48% of the young people leaving the system in FY 2007 were reunified with their birth parents or primary caregivers.

**Foster Homes:** In January 2009, there were a total of 574 licensed family foster homes and 385 licensed therapeutic foster homes in North Dakota.

**Adoption:** Of children with state agency involvement adopted in FY 2007, 82% were adopted by their foster parents.

**Sources:**

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Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) data submitted for the FY 2007, 10/1/06 through 9/30/07, supplied by Children and Family Services, North Dakota Department of Human Services.