

## Facts about Children in Foster Care in Texas

To find out how to become a foster or adoptive parent in Texas, please visit:  
<http://www.dfps.state.tx.us/>

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

27,304 children were in the substitute care system in Texas on August 31, 2010. Most children are placed temporarily in foster care due to parental abuse or neglect.

### Age of Children and Youth in Care

*Includes children ages 0-21*

< 3 years	25.4%	10-13 years	15.9%
3-5 years	19.0%	14-17 years	19.2%
6-9 years	18.3%	≥18 years	2.2%

**Gender of Children/Youth in Care: Male: 52.3%; Female: 47.7%**

### Race and Hispanic or Latino Origin

*Includes children ages 0-18*

	In out-of-home care	In state child population
One Race	99.33%	%
White	29.05%	36.9%
Black or African American	30.66%	12.2%
American Indian and Alaska Native	0.26%	0.2%
Asian	0.31%	%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	%	%
Unknown/Other	1.16%	3.5%
Two or More Races	0.67%	%
Hispanic or Latino Origin (of any race)	37.89%	47.2%

### Length of Stay:

The average length of stay for children in care on August 31, 2010 was 42.5 months (bottom of page 61).

### Reunification:

29% of the young people leaving the system as of August 31, 2010 were reunified with their birth parent(s) or primary caregiver(s).

### Foster Homes:

In FY 2010, there were a total of 9,090 licensed foster/adoptive homes in Texas.

As of August 31, 2010, 8,914 children and youth were living in out-of-home care were residing with kin.

### Adoption: correct

In FY 2010, 4,803 children and youth with state agency involvement were adopted.

Sources: [http://www.dfps.state.tx.us/About/Data\\_Books\\_and\\_Annual\\_Reports/2010/default.asp](http://www.dfps.state.tx.us/About/Data_Books_and_Annual_Reports/2010/default.asp)

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