

Facts About Children in Foster Care in Connecticut

Total Population:	4,299 children were in the foster care system in Connecticut on June 30, 2007. ⁱ Most children are placed temporarily in foster care due to parental abuse or neglect.		
Age:ⁱ	Average Age: 9.4		
	36%	0-5 years	34%
	24%	6-11 years	6%
			12-17 years >17 years
Gender:ⁱ	Male: 50.3% Female: 49.7%		
Race and Ethnicity:	<u>Race/Ethnicityⁱ</u>	<u>In foster care (4,299)</u>	<u>In state child population (841,688)ⁱⁱ</u>
	Black (<i>non-Hispanic</i>)	30%	11%
	White (<i>non-Hispanic</i>)	33%	70%
	Hispanic	30%	14%
	Am. Indian/Alaska Native (<i>non-Hispanic</i>)	0%	0%
	Asian/Pacific Islander (<i>non-Hispanic</i>)	0%	3%
	Unknown	1%	N/A
	2 or More Races (<i>non-Hispanic</i>)	6%	3%
Length of Stay:	The average length of stay for children in care on June 30, 2007 was 3.2 years. ⁱ		
Reunified:	52% of the children leaving the system in FY 2007 were reunified with their birth parents or primary caregivers. ⁱ		
Foster Homes:	In 2007, there were a total of 3,266 licensed foster homes in Connecticut. ⁱ On June 30, 2007, 25% of children living in out-of-home care were residing with their relatives. ⁱ		
Adoption:	Of the 532 children with state agency involvement that were adopted in FY 2007, 91% were adopted by their non-relative foster parents and 9% were adopted by relative foster parents.		

To find out how to become a foster parent in Connecticut, please call

1-888-KID-HERO or visit: http://www.state.ct.us/dcf/FASU/FASU_index.htm

To learn about foster parenting, please call the National Foster Parent Association at

1-800-557-5238 or visit www.nfpainc.org

Sources:

ⁱ Connecticut Department of Children and Families.

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

Facts About Children in Foster Care in Maine

Total Population: 3,013 children were in the foster care system in Maine on September 30, 2003ⁱ. Most children are placed temporarily in foster care due to parental abuse or neglect.

Age:ⁱ Average Age: 10.8 years

4%	< 1 year	32%	11-15 years
22%	1-5 years	20%	16-18 years
19%	6-10 years	3%	≥19 years

Gender:ⁱ Male: 54% Female: 47%

Race and Ethnicity:	<u>Race/Ethnicity</u> ⁱ	<u>In out-of-home care</u>	<u>In state child population</u> ⁱⁱ
	Black (<i>non-Hispanic</i>)	2%	1%
	White (<i>non-Hispanic</i>)	83%	95%
	Hispanic	3%	1%
	Am. Indian/Alaska Native (<i>non-Hispanic</i>)	1%	1%
	Asian/Pacific Islander (<i>non-Hispanic</i>)	0%	1%
	Unknown	10%	N/A
	2 or More Races (<i>non-Hispanic</i>)	1%	2%

Length of Stay: The average length of stay for children in care on September 30, 2003 was 38 months.ⁱ

Reunified: 39% of the young people leaving the system in FY 2003 were reunified with their birth parents or primary caregivers.ⁱ

Foster Homes: In 2002, there were a total of 1,329 licensed kinship and non-relative foster homes in Maineⁱⁱⁱ. On September 30, 2003, 13% of youth living in out-of-home care were residing with their relatives.ⁱ

To find out how to become a foster parent in Maine, please call 1-877-505-0545 or visit <http://www.afamilyforme.org/>

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

Sources:

ⁱ Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) data submitted for the FY 2003, 10/1/02 through 9/30/03.

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

ⁱⁱⁱ Child Welfare League of America - National Data Analysis System
http://ndas.cwla.org/data_stats/access/predefined/Report.asp?ReportID=127

Facts About Children in Foster Care in Maryland

Total Population: 11,521 children were in the foster care system in Maryland on September 30, 2003ⁱ. Most children are placed temporarily in foster care due to parental abuse or neglect.

Age:ⁱ Average Age: 11.4 years

4%	< 1 year	33%	11-15 years
19%	1-5 years	20%	16-18 years
19%	6-10 years	6%	≥19 years

Gender:ⁱ Male: 53% Female: 47%

Race and Ethnicity:	<u>Race/Ethnicity</u> ⁱ	<u>In out-of-home care</u>	<u>In state child population</u> ⁱⁱ
	Black (<i>non-Hispanic</i>)	75%	32%
	White (<i>non-Hispanic</i>)	20%	56%
	Hispanic	2%	5%
	Am. Indian/Alaska Native (<i>non-Hispanic</i>)	0%	0%
	Asian/Pacific Islander (<i>non-Hispanic</i>)	0%	4%
	Unknown	1%	N/A
	2 or More Races (<i>non-Hispanic</i>)	1%	3%

Length of Stay: The average length of stay for children in care on September 30, 2003 was 48 months.ⁱ

Reunified: 41% of the young people leaving the system in FY 2003 were reunified with their birth parents or primary caregivers.ⁱ

Foster Homes: In 2002, there were a total of 4,440 licensed kinship and non-relative foster homes in Marylandⁱⁱⁱ. On September 30, 2003, 35% of youth living in out-of-home care were residing with their relatives.ⁱ

Adoption: Of children with state agency involvement adopted in FY 2003, 56% were adopted by their non-relative foster parents and 40% were adopted by relatives.ⁱ

To find out how to become a foster parent in Maryland, please call 1-800-332-6347 or visit <http://www.dhr.state.md.us/how/childprnt/foster.htm>

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

Sources:

ⁱ Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) data submitted for the FY 2003, 10/1/02 through 9/30/03.

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

ⁱⁱⁱ Child Welfare League of America - National Data Analysis System
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Facts About Children in Foster Care in Massachusetts

Total Population: 9,481 children (less than 18 years old) and 1,288 young adults (18 to 23 years old) were in the foster care system in Massachusetts on March 31, 2006ⁱ. Most children are placed temporarily in foster care due to parental abuse or neglect.

Age:ⁱ Median Age: 12.6 years

12%	0-2 years	39%	12-17 years
11%	3-5 years	12%	≥18 years
20%	6-11 years		

Gender:ⁱ Male: 51% Female: 49%

Race and Ethnicity: ⁱ	<u>Race/Ethnicity</u>	<u>In out-of-home care</u>	<u>In state child population</u>
	Black	20%	7%
	White	60%	79%
	Am. Indian/Alaska Native (<i>non-Hispanic</i>)	0%	<1%
	Asian/Pacific Islander (<i>non-Hispanic</i>)	1%	<1%
	Unknown/Other	14%	6%
	2 or More Races (<i>non-Hispanic</i>)	4%	4%
	Hispanic	25%	11%

Length of Stay: The median length of stay for children in care on March 31, 2006 was 15 months.ⁱ

Reunified: 60% of the young people leaving the system in the 3rd quarter of FY2006 were reunified with their birth parents or primary caregivers.ⁱ

Foster Homes: On March 31, 2006 there were a total of 4,642 licensed kinship and non-relative foster homes in Massachusetts.ⁱ
On March 31, 2006, 26% of children under age 18 living in out-of-home care were residing with their relatives.ⁱ

Adoption: Of children with state agency involvement adopted in FY 2003, 56% were adopted by their non-relative foster parents and 40% were adopted by relatives.ⁱⁱ

To find out how to become a foster parent in Massachusetts, please call 1-800-KIDS-508

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

Sources:

ⁱ Massachusetts Department of Social Services. *Quarterly Report, Fiscal Year 2006, 3rd Quarter.*
http://www.mass.gov/Eeohhs2/docs/dss/fy06_quarter3.pdf

ⁱⁱ Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) data submitted for the FY 2003, 10/1/02 through 9/30/03.

Facts About Children in Foster Care in New Hampshire

Total Population: 1,146 children were in the foster care system in New Hampshire on September 30, 2006ⁱ. Most children are placed temporarily in foster care due to parental abuse or neglect.

Age:ⁱ Average Age: 11 years

3%	< 1 year	35%	11-15 years
20%	1-5 years	22%	16-18 years
19%	6-10 years	2%	≥19 years

Gender:ⁱ Male: 54% Female: 46%

Race and Ethnicity:

<u>Race/Ethnicity</u> ⁱ	<u>In out-of-home care</u>	<u>In state child population</u> ⁱⁱ
Black (<i>non-Hispanic</i>)	4%	1%
White (<i>non-Hispanic</i>)	81%	93%
Hispanic	6%	3%
Am. Indian/Alaska Native (<i>non-Hispanic</i>)	<1%	0%
Asian/Pacific Islander (<i>non-Hispanic</i>)	0%	1%
Unknown	5%	N/A
2 or More Races (<i>non-Hispanic</i>)	4%	2%

Length of Stay: The median length of stay for children in care on September 30, 2006 was 23.4 monthsⁱ.

Reunified: 53% of the young people leaving the system in FY 2006 were reunified with their birth parents or primary caregivers.ⁱ

Foster Homes: In 2006, there were an estimated total of 919 licensed foster homes in New Hampshireⁱⁱⁱ. On November 30, 2007, 13% of youth living in out-of-home care were residing with their relatives.^{iv}

Adoption: Of children with state agency involvement adopted in FY 2005, 77% were adopted by their non-relative foster parents and 19% were adopted by relatives.ⁱ

To find out how to become a foster parent in New Hampshire, please call your local Department of Health & Human Services office. Visit:

<http://www.dhhs.state.nh.us/DHHS/FCADOPTION/CONTACT+INFO/default.htm>

Training for foster parents is provided by the Granite State College Education and Training Partnership. To learn more, visit <http://www.granite.edu/etp>

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

Sources:

ⁱ Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) data submitted for the FY 2006, 10/1/05 through 9/30/06. This includes all children in out-of-home placements through the Division for Children, Youth & Families (Child Protection) as well as those children placed through the Juvenile Justice system who are in foster homes or group homes and are IV-E eligible

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

ⁱⁱⁱ NH Division for Children, Youth & Families, monthly reporting

^{iv} New Hampshire Department of Health & Human Services

Facts About Children in Foster Care in Rhode Island

Total Population: 2,531 children were in the foster care system in Rhode Island on September 30, 2004.ⁱ Most children are placed temporarily in foster care due to parental abuse or neglect.

Age:ⁱ

5%	< 1 year	31%	11-15 years
16%	1-5 years	29%	16-18 years
12%	6-10 years	6%	≥19 years

Gender:ⁱⁱ Male: 56% Female: 44%

Race and Ethnicity:	<u>Race/Ethnicity</u> ⁱ	<u>In out-of-home care</u>	<u>In state child population</u> ⁱⁱⁱ
	Black (<i>non-Hispanic</i>)	25%	13%
	White (<i>non-Hispanic</i>)	71%	78%
	Hispanic	19%	5%
	Am. Indian/Alaska Native (<i>non-Hispanic</i>)	2%	0%
	Asian/Pacific Islander (<i>non-Hispanic</i>)	2%	2%
	Unknown	5%	N/A
	2 or More Races (<i>non-Hispanic</i>)	N/A	2%

Length of Stay: The median length of stay for children in care on September 30, 2004 was 15 months.ⁱ

Reunified: 66% of the young people leaving the system in FY 2004 were reunified with their birth parents or primary caregivers.ⁱ

Foster Homes: In 2004, there was a total of 674 licensed non-relative foster homes in Rhode Island.^{iv} On September 30, 2003, 24% of youth living in out-of-home care were residing with their relatives.ⁱⁱ

Adoption: Of children with state agency involvement adopted in FY 2003, 63% were adopted by their non-relative foster parents and 28% were adopted by relatives.ⁱⁱ

To find out how to become a foster parent in Rhode Island, please visit

<http://www.dcyf.ri.gov/foster/index.php>

To learn about foster parenting, please call the National Foster Parent Association at

1-800-557-5238 or visit www.nfpainc.org

Sources:

ⁱ Rhode Island Department of Children, Youth & Families. *Safety, Permanency, and Well-Being in Rhode Island: Child Welfare Outcomes Annual Report for FY2004*. <http://www.dcyf.ri.gov/stats.php>

ⁱⁱ Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) data submitted for the FY 2003, 10/1/02 through 9/30/03.

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

^{iv} Child Welfare League of America - National Data Analysis System
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Facts About Children in Foster Care in Vermont

Total Population: 1,409 children were in the foster care system in Vermont on September 30, 2003ⁱ. Most children are placed temporarily in foster care due to parental abuse or neglect.

Age:ⁱ Average Age: 11.9 years

2%	< 1 year	36%	11-15 years
18%	1-5 years	29%	16-18 years
16%	6-10 years	0%	≥19 years

Gender:ⁱ Male: 56% Female: 44%

Race and Ethnicity:	<u>Race/Ethnicity</u> ⁱ	<u>In out-of-home care</u>	<u>In state child population</u> ⁱⁱ
	Black (<i>non-Hispanic</i>)	2%	1%
	White (<i>non-Hispanic</i>)	97%	95%
	Hispanic	1%	1%
	Am. Indian/Alaska Native (<i>non-Hispanic</i>)	0%	0%
	Asian/Pacific Islander (<i>non-Hispanic</i>)	0%	1%
	Unknown	0%	N/A
	2 or More Races (<i>non-Hispanic</i>)	0%	2%

Length of Stay: The average length of stay for children in care on September 30, 2003 was 26 months.ⁱ

Reunified: 55% of the young people leaving the system in FY 2003 were reunified with their birth parents or primary caregivers.ⁱ

Foster Homes: In 2004, there were a total of 1,441 licensed non-relative foster homes in Vermontⁱⁱⁱ. On September 30, 2003, 10% of youth living in out-of-home care were residing with their relatives.ⁱ

Adoption: Of children with state agency involvement adopted in FY 2003, 79% were adopted by their non-relative foster parents and 20% were adopted by relatives.ⁱ

To find out how to become a foster parent in Vermont, please visit

<http://projectfamilyvt.org/>

To learn about foster parenting, please call the National Foster Parent Association at

1-800-557-5238 or visit www.nfpainc.org

Sources:

ⁱ Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) data submitted for the FY 2003, 10/1/02 through 9/30/03.

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

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