

Facts About Children in Foster Care in Nevada

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| Total Population: | 5,246 children were in the foster care system in Nevada on September 30, 2006 ⁱ . Most children are placed temporarily in foster care due to parental abuse or neglect. | | |
| Age: ⁱ | Average Age: 6.5 years | | |
| | 6% | < 1 year | 19% |
| | 39% | 1-5 years | 11% |
| | 24% | 6-10 years | 1% |
| | | | 11-15 years |
| | | | 16-18 years |
| | | | ≥19 years |
| Gender: ⁱ | Male: 51% | Female: 49% | |
| 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>) | 22% | 8% |
| | White (<i>non-Hispanic</i>) | 56% | 54% |
| | Hispanic | 17% | 29% |
| | Am. Indian/Alaska Native (<i>non-Hispanic</i>) | 1% | 1% |
| | Asian/Pacific Islander (<i>non-Hispanic</i>) | 1% | 14% |
| | Unknown | <1% | N/A |
| | 2 or More Races (<i>non-Hispanic</i>) | 7% | 4% |
| Length of Stay: | The average length of stay for children in care during FY2006 was 16 months. ⁱ | | |
| Reunified: | 62% of the young people leaving the system in FY 2006 were reunified with their birth parents or primary caregivers. ⁱ | | |
| Foster Homes: | On September 30, 2006, there were a total of 1,178 licensed kinship and non-relative foster homes in Nevada. ⁱ On September 30, 2006, 30% of youth living in out-of-home care were residing with their relatives. ⁱ | | |
| Adoption: | Of children with state agency involvement adopted in FY 2006, 61% were adopted by their non-relative foster parents and 28% were adopted by relatives. ⁱ | | |

To find out how to become a foster parent in Nevada, please call or email:

- in Washoe County (Reno) (775) 337-4470 FosterCare@washoecounty.us
- in Clark County (Las Vegas): (702) 455-0181 or 1-888-4AFAMILY (423-2659)
- in rural Nevada: (775) 687-4943

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, supplied by Nevada Division of Child and Family Services

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