

The AFCARS Report

Preliminary FY 2010 Estimates as of June 2011 (18)

SOURCE: Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) FY 2010 data (October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010).

NOTES: Data from both the regular and revised AFCARS file submissions received by June 1, 2011 are included in the information below. Missing data are excluded from the distributions presented below. Therefore, the totals within each distribution may not equal the total provided for that subpopulation (e.g. number in care on September 30th may not match the sum across ages for that group).

How many children were in foster care on September 30, 2010? 408,425

What were the ages of the children in foster care?

Mean Age	9.4	
Median Age	9.2	
Less than 1 Year	6%	24,634
1 Year	7%	30,385
2 Years	7%	28,765
3 Years	6%	24,945
4 Years	5%	21,885
5 Years	5%	19,327
6 Years	4%	17,824
7 Years	4%	16,727
8 Years	4%	15,861
9 Years	4%	15,184
10 Years	4%	14,994
11 Years	4%	14,952
12 Years	4%	15,769
13 Years	4%	17,484
14 Years	5%	20,716
15 Years	6%	26,060
16 Years	8%	31,667
17 Years	8%	33,993
18 Years	3%	10,589
19 Years	1%	3,609
20 Years	1%	2,514

What were the lengths of stay of children in foster care?

Mean Months	25.3	
Median Months	14.0	
Less than 1 Month	5%	21,147
1 - 5 Months	21%	86,081
6 - 11 Months	19%	75,684
12 - 17 Months	13%	54,231
18 - 23 Months	9%	36,395
24 - 29 Months	7%	28,384
30 - 35 Months	5%	19,026
3 - 4 Years	11%	44,379
5 Years or More	11%	43,083

What were the placement settings of children in foster care?

Pre-Adoptive Home	4%	14,886
Foster Family Home (Relative)	26%	103,943
Foster Family Home (Non-Relative)	48%	194,900
Group Home	6%	25,066
Institution	9%	36,607
Supervised Independent Living	1%	4,050
Runaway	2%	6,563
Trial Home Visit	5%	21,340

Children in Foster Care on September 30, 2010 (continued)

What were the case goals of the children in foster care?

Reunify with Parent(s) or Principal Caretaker(s)	51%	202,389
Live with Other Relative(s)	4%	14,092
Adoption	25%	96,772
Long Term Foster Care	6%	24,697
Emancipation	6%	24,131
Guardianship	4%	14,574
Case Plan Goal Not Yet Established	5%	18,102

What was the gender of the children in foster care?

Male	52%	214,354
Female	48%	193,998

What was the race/ethnicity of the children in foster care?

Alaska Native/American Indian	2%	7,839
Asian	1%	2,469
Black	29%	117,610
Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0%	718
Hispanic (of any race)	21%	84,727
White	41%	165,135
Unknown/Unable to Determine	2%	6,820
Two or more races	5%	21,830

NOTE: All races exclude children of Hispanic origin. Beginning in FY 2000, children could be identified with more than one race designation.

How many children entered foster care during FY 2010? 254,375

What were the ages of the children who entered care during FY 2010?

Mean Age	7.7	
Median Age	6.7	
Less than 1 Year	16%	40,857
1 Year	8%	19,419
2 Years	7%	17,497
3 Years	6%	15,256
4 Years	5%	13,252
5 Years	5%	12,140
6 Years	4%	10,956
7 Years	4%	10,133
8 Years	4%	9,168
9 Years	3%	8,685
10 Years	3%	8,414
11 Years	3%	8,364
12 Years	4%	9,115
13 Years	4%	10,864
14 Years	5%	13,384
15 Years	7%	16,505
16 Years	7%	17,011
17 Years	5%	11,755
18 Years	0%	558
19 Years	0%	94
20 Years	0%	37

What was the race/ethnicity of the children who entered care during FY 2010?

Alaska Native/American Indian	2%	5,072
Asian	1%	1,839
Black	24%	61,375
Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0%	544
Hispanic (of any race)	21%	51,805
White	45%	113,510
Unknown/Unable to Determine	2%	5,515
Two or more races	5%	13,038

NOTE: All races exclude children of Hispanic origin. Beginning in FY 2000, children could be identified with more than one race designation.

How many children exited foster care during FY 2010? 254,114

What were the ages of the children who exited care during FY 2010?

Mean Age		9.6
Median Age		8.8
Less than 1 Year	5%	11,561
1 Year	7%	18,934
2 Years	8%	19,774
3 Years	7%	17,449
4 Years	6%	14,740
5 Years	5%	13,190
6 Years	5%	11,774
7 Years	4%	10,865
8 Years	4%	10,297
9 Years	4%	9,466
10 Years	3%	8,705
11 Years	3%	8,345
12 Years	3%	8,123
13 Years	3%	8,367
14 Years	4%	9,463
15 Years	5%	11,574
16 Years	6%	14,205
17 Years	9%	22,823
18 Years	7%	18,030
19 Years	1%	3,791
20 Years	1%	2,162

What were the outcomes for the children exiting foster care during FY 2010?

Reunification with Parent(s) or Primary Caretaker(s)	51%	128,913
Living with Other Relative(s)	8%	20,423
Adoption	21%	52,340
Emancipation	11%	27,854
Guardianship	6%	16,208
Transfer to Another Agency	2%	5,114
Runaway	1%	1,504
Death of Child	0%	338

NOTE: Deaths are attributable to a variety of causes including medical conditions, accidents, and homicide.

What were the lengths of stay of the children who exited foster care during FY 2010?

Mean Months		21.7
Median Months		13.5
Less than 1 Month	13%	32,104
1 - 5 Months	15%	39,080
6 - 11 Months	18%	46,060
12 - 17 Months	14%	35,710
18 - 23 Months	10%	25,605
24 - 29 Months	7%	18,517
30 - 35 Months	5%	12,989
3 - 4 Years	10%	26,529
5 Years or More	7%	17,359

What was the race/ethnicity of the children who exited care during FY 2010?

Alaska Native/American Indian	2%	5,002
Asian	1%	1,890
Black	27%	68,101
Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0%	590
Hispanic (of any race)	20%	50,974
White	43%	109,169
Unknown/Unable to Determine	2%	4,481
Two or more races	5%	13,177

NOTE: All races exclude children of Hispanic origin. Beginning in FY 2000, children could be identified with more than one race designation.

How many children were waiting to be adopted on September 30, 2010? 107,011

NOTES: Waiting children are identified as children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parental rights have been terminated. Children 16 years old and older whose parents' parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation have been excluded from the estimate.

What is the gender distribution of the waiting children?			How old were the waiting children when they were removed from their parents or caretakers?		
Male	53%	56,404	Mean Age	5.0	
Female	47%	50,596	Median Age	4.1	
How many months have the waiting children been in continuous foster care?			Less than 1 Year	25%	26,291
Mean Months	37.3		1 Year	9%	9,764
Median Months	28.3		2 Years	8%	8,455
Less than 1 Month	0%	455	3 Years	7%	7,499
1 - 5 Months	4%	4,126	4 Years	7%	7,209
6 - 11 Months	9%	9,506	5 Years	6%	6,730
12 - 17 Months	14%	14,748	6 Years	6%	6,687
18 - 23 Months	14%	14,825	7 Years	6%	6,111
24 - 29 Months	13%	13,624	8 Years	5%	5,704
30 - 35 Months	9%	9,538	9 Years	5%	4,952
36 - 59 Months	21%	22,571	10 Years	4%	4,397
60 or more Months	16%	17,618	11 Years	4%	3,718
What is the racial/ethnic distribution of the waiting children?			12 Years	3%	3,090
Alaska Native/American Indian	2%	1,801	13 Years	2%	2,436
Asian	0%	464	14 Years	2%	1,704
Black	29%	30,812	15 Years	1%	963
Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0%	187	16 Years	0%	403
Hispanic (of any race)	22%	23,389	17 Years	0%	90
White	39%	42,059			
Unknown/Unable to Determine	1%	1,457			
Two or more races	6%	6,771			

NOTE: All races exclude children of Hispanic origin. Beginning in FY 2000, children could be identified with more than one race designation.

Children waiting to be adopted in FY 2010 (continued)

Where were the waiting children living on September 30, 2010?

How old were the waiting children on September 30, 2010?

Pre-Adoptive Home	13%	13,603	Mean Age	8.1	
Foster Family Home (Relative)	22%	23,739	Median Age	7.4	
Foster Family Home (Non-Relative)	55%	58,681			
Group Home	4%	3,872	Less than 1 Year	4%	3,795
Institution	5%	5,814	1 Year	8%	9,070
Supervised Independent Living	0%	84	2 Years	9%	9,746
Runaway	0%	466	3 Years	8%	8,551
Trial Home Visit	1%	622	4 Years	7%	7,408
			5 Years	6%	6,582
			6 Years	6%	6,025
			7 Years	5%	5,627
			8 Years	5%	5,519
			9 Years	5%	5,333
			10 Years	5%	5,260
			11 Years	5%	5,115
			12 Years	5%	5,057
			13 Years	5%	5,050
			14 Years	5%	5,095
			15 Years	5%	5,452
			16 Years	4%	4,637
			17 Years	3%	3,689

How many children in foster care on the last day of the year had their parental rights terminated for all living parents? 64,084

As of September 30, 2010, how many months had elapsed since the parental rights of these foster children were terminated?

Mean Months	24.3
Median Months	12.5

How many children were adopted with public agency involvement in FY 2010? 52,891

SOURCE: Adoptions can be reported to the AFCARS adoption database at any time after the adoption has been finalized. This report includes adoptions finalized in FY 2010 reported in regular and revised submissions by June 1, 2011.

NOTES: The number of adoptions reported here do not equal the number of adoption discharges reported under foster care exits because the adoptions reported here include adoptions of some children who were not in foster care but received other support from the public agency. Missing data are not used in the calculation of the percentages.

What is the gender distribution of the children adopted from the public foster care system?

Male	51%	26,750
Female	49%	26,132

How old were the children when they were adopted from the public foster care system?

Mean Age	6.4	
Median Age	5.2	
Less than 1 Year	2%	1,126
1 Year	11%	5,823
2 Years	14%	7,461
3 Years	12%	6,103
4 Years	9%	4,833
5 Years	8%	4,182
6 Years	7%	3,587
7 Years	6%	3,107
8 Years	5%	2,813
9 Years	5%	2,531
10 Years	4%	2,183
11 Years	4%	1,981
12 Years	3%	1,702
13 Years	3%	1,528
14 Years	2%	1,190
15 Years	2%	973
16 Years	2%	903
17 Years	1%	675
18 Years	0%	151
19 Years	0%	25
20 Years	0%	7

What percentage of the children adopted receive an adoption subsidy?

Yes	90%	47,553
No	10%	5,257

What is the racial/ethnic distribution of the children adopted from the public foster care system?

Alaska Native/American Indian	3%	1,822
Asian	0%	219
Black	24%	12,795
Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0%	94
Hispanic (of any race)	21%	11,192
White	43%	22,764
Unknown/Unable to Determine	1%	536
Two or more races	7%	3,464

NOTE: All races exclude children of Hispanic origin. Beginning in FY 2000, children could be identified with more than one race designation.

How many months did it take after termination of parental rights for the children to be adopted?

Mean Months	13.7	
Median Months	9.9	
Less than 1 Month	3%	1,389
1 - 5 Months	25%	12,778
6 - 11 Months	33%	17,075
12 - 17 Months	18%	9,067
18 - 23 Months	9%	4,498
24 - 29 Months	5%	2,464
30 - 35 Months	3%	1,481
3 - 4 Years	4%	2,177
5 Years or More	2%	813

Children Adopted in FY 2009 (continued)**What is the family structure of the child's adoptive family?**

Married Couple	67%	34,973
Unmarried Couple	2%	1,140
Single Female	28%	14,465
Single Male	3%	1,392

What was the relationship of the adoptive parents to the child prior to the adoption?

Non-Relative	15%	7,383
Foster Parent	53%	26,308
Stepparent	0%	49
Other Relative	32%	15,714