

National Adoption Day 2014

Fact Sheet

Adoption is primarily a story told in human terms, the conclusion of one family journey and the beginning of another. But facts and data can also tell a story, providing a snapshot of the children across Washington who enter, live in and eventually leave foster care.

On the 10th anniversary of Washington's statewide celebration of National Adoption Day, these charts provide some insight into the children living in -- and being adopted from -- foster care today and over the past 10 years.

More information is available at these resources:

- ◆ DSHS Children's Administration adoption information page, <http://www1.dshs.wa.gov/ca/adopt/index.asp>
- ◆ DSHS publication which explains the steps to adoption, <http://www.dshs.wa.gov/pdf/Publications/22-1096.pdf>
- ◆ Northwest Adoption Exchange, information and services for adoption of special needs children, includes a photo listing and biographies of children waiting to be adopted, www.nwae.org.
- ◆ Casey Family Programs, a Seattle-based international foundation providing services for foster children, and working to improve and eliminate the need for foster care, <http://www.casey.org/>.
- ◆ Child Welfare Information Gateway, a program of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services that provides a national overview and statistics on child welfare, foster care and adoption, <http://www.childwelfare.gov/>
- ◆ National Adoption Day Coalition, www.nationaladoptionday.org.
- ◆ Foster Care Alumni of America, a support service for children currently in foster care or adults who spent time in foster care, http://fostercarealumni.org/welcome_int.jsp.

Number of Children/Youth Residing in Out-of-Home Care on July 31, 2014

Source: infoFamLink Report Monthly Metrics

Note: Children/Youth are in DCFS Custody and under 18 years.

Age Group	Region 1	Region 2	Region 3	Region 4	Region 5	Region 6	Total
0 - 2 Years	473	243	414	401	460	524	2,515
3 - 6 Years	406	276	386	305	405	393	2,171
7 - 10 Years	302	169	272	242	275	298	1,558
11 - 14 Years	253	164	215	197	221	209	1,259
15 - 17 Years	208	125	161	219	195	236	1,144
Total	1,642	977	1,448	1,364	1,556	1,660	8,647

Race	Region 1	Region 2	Region 3	Region 4	Region 5	Region 6	Total
White	1,025	417	853	414	809	1,010	4,528
African American	132	59	142	476	351	131	1,291
Native American	224	146	234	214	153	230	1,201
Hispanic	218	345	181	172	122	207	1,245
Asian/PI	26	5	34	82	85	43	275
Unknown	17	5	4	6	36	39	107
Total	1,642	977	1,448	1,364	1,556	1,660	8,647

Washington state legally free foster children as of August 31, 2014	Total number	Number legally free for over 6 months
Ages 0 to 2	332	77
Ages 3 to 6	452	223
Ages 7 to 10	348	193
Ages 11 to 14	316	236
Ages 15 to 17	283	251
Total:	1,731	980

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Calendar Year		Adopted by Non-Relative	Adopted by Relative	Total Adoptions
2005	Number of Children	893	364	1,257
	Percent of Children	71%	29%	100%
2006	Number of Children	878	372	1,250
	Percent of Children	70%	30%	100%
2007	Number of Children	876	354	1,230
	Percent of Children	71%	29%	100%
2008	Number of Children	1,001	449	1,450
	Percent of Children	69%	31%	100%
2009	Number of Children	1,013	696	1,709
	Percent of Children	59%	41%	100%
2010	Number of Children	1,055	642	1,697
	Percent of Children	62%	38%	100%
2011	Number of Children	1,078	683	1,761
	Percent of Children	61%	39%	100%
2012	Number of Children	658	430	1,088
	Percent of Children	60%	40%	100%
2013	Number of Children	748	551	1,299
	Percent of Children	58%	42%	100%
2014 (1/1/14-10/23/14)	Number of Children	520	378	898
	Percent of Children	58%	42%	100%
Total Number of Children		9,986	5,432	15,418
Total Percent of Children		65%	35%	100%

Adoptions by relatives and non-relatives, 2005 - Oct. 23, 2014

Source: infoFamLink, run date October 23, 2014

Median Number of Months from Termination Order to Adoption Completion

Calendar Year	Median Number of Months
2009	9.0
2010	7.8
2011	6.2
2012	6.5
2013	5.7

Source: Dependent Children in Washington: Case Timeliness and Outcomes 2013 Annual Report

Number of Legally Free Youth who Reached Age of Majority with no Permanent Plan Completed (i.e., "aged out" of foster care without joining a new family)

Calendar Year	Region 1	Region 2	Region 3	Region 4	Region 5	Region 6	Region 7	Total Children
2005	10	5	5	7	6	8	2	43
2006	7	13	8	19	20	15	5	87
2007	12	7	10	14	14	14	4	75
2008	10	10	11	29	31	22	5	118
2009	17	15	9	40	41	12	5	139
2010	21	13	10	29	30	10	10	123
2011	20	10	13	30	18	19	11	121
2012	21	11	20	11	9	13	5	90
2013	18	7	25	11	11	13	5	90
2014*	15	4	9	4	8	8	6	54
Total	156	103	127	211	197	149	60	1,003

Source: infoFamLink, run date October 23, 2014

*Note: 2014 is exits through October 23, 2014