



WASHINGTON ADOPTION DAY 2019

Foster Care Adoption Facts



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 15th anniversary of Washington’s statewide celebration of National Adoption Day, these charts provide some insight into the children living in — and sometimes being adopted from — foster care today and over the past 14 years.

NUMBER OF CHILDREN/YOUTH IN DCYF CUSTODY AND UNDER 18 YEARS OLD



AGE GROUP	TOTAL
0-2	2,640
3-6	2,371
7-10	1,692
11-14	1,447
15-17	1,103
Total	9,253

RACE	TOTAL
White/Caucasian	4,568
Black	771
Multiracial - Black	785
Native American	351
Multiracial - Native American	977
Hispanic	1,356
Asian/Pacific Islander	196
Multiracial - Other	221
Unknown	28
Total	9,253

Source: InfoFamLink Report Relative Versus No-Relative Placement Summary (run-date: October 9, 2018).





When a foster child is adopted into a new family, their lives change forever. They find the stability and nurturing they need to become confident adults.

JUDGE DEAN LUM, King County Superior Court; Chair, Washington State National Adoption Day Steering Committee

LEGALLY FREE CHILDREN

AGE GROUP	TOTAL NUMBER OF CHILDREN	LEGALLY FREE FOR OVER 6 MOS.
0-2	346	119
3-6	544	341
7-10	380	268
11-14	366	295
15-17	300	270
	1,936	1,293

Note: Numbers as of October 9, 2018;
Source: InfoFamLink report SSR01.

LEGALLY FREE YOUTH WHO EXITED FOSTER CARE WITHOUT ADOPTION

YEAR	TOTAL
2012	88
2013	91
2014	67
2015	44
2016	35
2017	42
2018	37

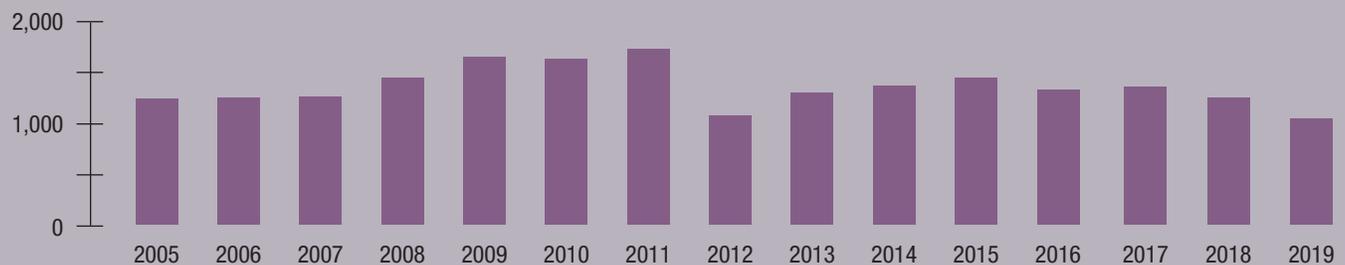
Source: InfoFamLink report Out of Home Exits and Entries Summary

MEDIAN NUMBER OF MONTHS FROM PARENTAL RIGHTS TERMINATION ORDER TO ADOPTION COMPLETION

YEAR	MONTHS
2012	6.6
2013	7.6
2014	6.8
2015	6.9
2016	6.9
2017	7.6
2018	8.1

Source: Dependent Children in Washington: Case Timeliness and Outcomes 2016 Annual Report

NUMBER OF CHILDREN ADOPTED BY RELATIVES OR NON-RELATIVES



Note: Numbers include children in Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), tribal with or without Title IV-E agreements and private agency custody. Relative adoptions are identified by the last placement type the child was in. Source: InfoFamLink report Out of Home Exits and Entries Summary.



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