

# National Adoption Day 2015

## Foster 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 11th 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](http://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](http://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](http://fostercarealumni.org/welcome_int.jsp).

Number of Children/Youth Residing in Out-of-Home Care on July 31, 2015				
Source: infoFamLink Report Monthly Metrics				
Note: Children/Youth are in DCFS Custody and under 18 years.				
Age Group	Region 1	Region 2	Region 3	Total
0 - 2 Years	473	243	414	2,515
3 - 6 Years	406	276	386	2,171
7 - 10 Years	302	169	272	1,558
11 - 14 Years	253	164	215	1,259
15 - 17 Years	208	125	161	1,144
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,642</b>	<b>977</b>	<b>1,448</b>	<b>8,647</b>
Race	Region 1	Region 2	Region 3	Total
White	1,025	417	853	4,528
African American	132	59	142	1,291
Native American	224	146	234	1,201
Hispanic	218	345	181	1,245
Asian/PI	26	5	34	275
Unknown	17	5	4	107
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,642</b>	<b>977</b>	<b>1,448</b>	<b>8,647</b>

Washington state legally free children as of October 27, 2015.		
Note: Children/Youth are in DCFS Custody and under 18 years.		
Age Group	Total Number of Children	Number Legally Free for Over 6 Months
0 - 2 Years	292	89
3 - 6 Years	409	233
7 - 10 Years	339	215
11 - 14 Years	340	271
15 - 17 Years	258	231
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,638</b>	<b>1,039</b>

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Calendar Year		Adopted by Non-Relative	Adopted by Relative	Total Adoptions
2005	Number of Children	987	269	1,256
	Percent of Children	79%	21%	100%
2006	Number of Children	938	307	1,245
	Percent of Children	75%	25%	100%
2007	Number of Children	956	295	1,251
	Percent of Children	76%	24%	100%
2008	Number of Children	1,111	340	1,451
	Percent of Children	77%	23%	100%
2009	Number of Children	1,154	497	1,651
	Percent of Children	70%	30%	100%
2010	Number of Children	1,117	510	1,627
	Percent of Children	69%	31%	100%
2011	Number of Children	1,209	520	1,729
	Percent of Children	70%	30%	100%
2012	Number of Children	760	323	1,083
	Percent of Children	70%	30%	100%
2013	Number of Children	874	428	1,302
	Percent of Children	67%	33%	100%
2014	Number of Children	932	433	1,365
	Percent of Children	68%	32%	100%
2015 (1/1/15-10/27/15)	Number of Children	719	336	1,055
	Percent of Children	68%	32%	100%
Total Number of Children		10,757	4,258	15,015
Total Percent of Children		72%	28%	100%

Adoptions by relatives and non-relatives, 2005 - Oct. 27, 2015

Source: infoFamLink, run date October 27, 2015

### Median Number of Months from Termination Order to Adoption Completion

Calendar Year	Median Number of Months
2010	8.6
2011	7.3
2012	6.6
2013	7.6
2014	6.8

Source: Dependent Children in Washington: Case Timeliness and Outcomes 2014 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	Total Children
2005	21	24	16	61
2006	26	33	40	99
2007	24	36	33	93
2008	20	50	59	129
2009	39	60	50	149
2010	36	52	41	129
2011	36	53	41	130
2012	33	35	21	89
2013	27	39	26	92
2014	27	20	21	68
2015*	12	11	12	35
Total	301	413	360	1,074

Source: infoFamLink, run date October 27, 2015

\*Note: 2015 is exits through October 27, 2015