

Washington State National Adoption Day 2017

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 13th 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 12 years.

More information on foster adoption is available at these resources:

- ◆ DSHS Children's Administration adoption web page: <https://www.dshs.wa.gov/ca/adoption-and-adoption-support/adoption>
- ◆ Northwest Adoption Exchange, with information and services helping adults and children connect, including photo listings, videos and biographies of children waiting to be adopted, at <http://www.nwae.org/>
- ◆ Washington State DSHS Adoptions Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/WAStateAdoptions/>
- ◆ Washington Courts' National Adoption Day page: <http://www.courts.wa.gov/newsinfo/adoptionDay/?fa=adoptionDay.home>
- ◆ Bethany Christian Services foster adoption guide page: <https://www.adoptivefamilies.com/category/how-to-adopt/foster-care-adoption/>

Number of Children/Youth Residing in Out-of-Home Care on July 31, 2017

Source: infoFamLink Report Relative Versus No-Relative Placement

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

Age Group	Region 1	Region 2	Region 3	Total
0 - 2 Years	745	858	1,106	2,709
3 - 6 Years	668	790	924	2,382
7 - 10 Years	487	569	700	1,756
11 - 14 Years	376	473	528	1,377
15 - 17 Years	288	383	433	1,104
Total	2,564	3,073	3,691	9,328

Race	Region 1	Region 2	Region 3	Total
White/Caucasian	1,270	1,305	2,086	4,661
Black	66	446	240	752
Multiracial - Black	127	293	368	788
Native American	76	173	118	367
Multiracial - Native American	332	251	337	920
Hispanic	645	391	385	1,421
Asian/Pacific Islander	5	95	61	161
Multiracial - Other	41	79	84	204
Unknown	2	40	12	54
Total	2,564	3,073	3,691	9,328

Washington state legally free children as of October 25, 2017.		
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Age Group	Total Number of Children	Number Legally Free for Over 6 Months
0 - 2 Years	343	95
3 - 6 Years	462	251
7 - 10 Years	329	201
11 - 14 Years	310	234
15 - 17 Years	273	239
Total	1,717	1,020

Number of Children Adopted by Relatives or Non-Relatives (10/24/2017)

Note: Numbers include children in DCFS, tribal with or without IV-E agreements and private agency custody. Relative adoptions are identified by the last placement type the child was in.

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	876	426	1,302
	Percent of Children	67%	33%	100%
2014	Number of Children	934	432	1,366
	Percent of Children	68%	32%	100%
2015	Number of Children	972	479	1,451
	Percent of Children	67%	33%	100%
2016	Number of Children	918	426	1,344
	Percent of Children	68%	32%	100%
2017 (1/1/2017-10/24/2017)	Number of Children	666	296	962
	Percent of Children	69%	31%	100%

Number of Legally Free Youth that Reached Age of Majority with no Permanent Plan Completed ["Aged Out"]

*Note: 2017 is exits through October 25, 2017.

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	55	36	127
2011	36	53	39	128
2012	32	34	22	88
2013	26	39	26	91
2014	26	20	21	67
2015	14	15	15	44
2016	7	15	13	35
2017*	12	17	4	33

Median Number of Months from Parental Rights Termination Order to Adoption Completion

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

Calendar Year	Median Number of
2010	8.6
2011	7.3
2012	6.6
2013	7.6
2014	6.8
2015	6.9
2016	6.9