



## Facts about Children in Foster Care in Hawaii

**To find out how to become a foster parent in Hawaii, please call:**

- (808) 441-1115 (Oahu)
- 1-888-879-8970 (Neighbor Islands)

**For more information on becoming a resource parent in Hawaii, please visit:**

[http://hawaii.gov/dhs/protection/social\\_services/child\\_welfare/Foster](http://hawaii.gov/dhs/protection/social_services/child_welfare/Foster)

**Total Population:** 1,480 children were in the foster care system in Hawaii on September 30, 2009. Most children are placed temporarily in foster care due to parental abuse or neglect.

**Age:** Average Age: 8.2 years

7%	< 1 year	23%	11-15 years
33%	1-5 years	15%	16-17 years
22%	6-10 years	0%	≥18 years

**Gender:** Male: 50% Female: 50%

<b>Race and Ethnicity:</b>	<u>Race/Ethnicity</u>	<u>In out-of-home care*</u>	<u>In state child population**</u>
	Black ( <i>non-Hispanic</i> )	1%	2%
	White ( <i>non-Hispanic</i> )	11%	15%
	Hispanic	5%	12%
	Am. Indian/Alaska Native ( <i>non-Hispanic</i> )	0%	0%
	Asian/Pacific Islander ( <i>non-Hispanic</i> )	31%	41%
	Unknown	1%	N/A
	2 or More Races ( <i>non-Hispanic</i> )	51%	30%

**Length of Stay:** The mean length of stay for children in care on September 30, 2009 was 22 months. The median length of stay for children in care on September 30, 2009 was 14 months.

**Reunified:** 59% of the young people leaving the system in FY 2009 were reunified with their birth parents or primary caregivers.

**Foster Homes\*\*\*:** No. Facility Type/Number of Children in Care  
 General Licensed Resource Family: 618  
 Child Specific Licensed Resource Family 143  
 Child Specific Relative Licensed Resource Family: 408

On September 30, 2009, 626 [42.9%] youth living in out-of-home care were residing in non-relative homes. On September 30, 2009, 656 [44.3%] youth living in out-of-home care were residing with their relatives.

Since 2003, the number of children in Hawaii's foster care system as of September 30th has decreased to 1,480 children which is a 49% reduction, without an increase in the incidence of re-harm.

**Adoption:** Of children with state agency involvement adopted in FY 2009, 36% were adopted by their non-relative foster parents and 62% were adopted by relatives.

**Sources:**

\*Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) Data for the FFY 2009 for 10/01/2008 through 9/30/2009.

\*\*U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000, American FactFinder. <http://factfinder.census.gov/>

\*\*\* State of Hawaii, Department of Human Services, Licensed Resource Facility Data.