

The Statistics . . .

Nationally:

According to the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System Report (AFCARS) provided the USDHHS – ACF there were approximately 423,773 children in foster care as of September 30, 2009.

Racial/Ethnic distribution of children in foster care as of 9/30/09

White	40%	167,235
Black/African American	30%	127,821
Hispanic	20%	86,581
Asian	1%	2,603
Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	Less than 1%	792
Unknown/Unable to Determine	2%	8,118
Two or More Races	5%	21,584
Alaska Native/American Indian	2%	8,491

This was the number reported to ACF as of July 29, 2010

Of those children- **114,556** were waiting to be adopted (Waiting to be adopted includes children with a permanency goal of adoption and/or whose parent's parental rights have been terminated- 16 year olds who are free for adoption due to termination and have a goal of emancipation are not included)

Racial/Ethnic distribution of children waiting to be adopted

White	38%	43,918
Black/African American	30%	34,088
Hispanic	22%	25,231
Asian	Less than 1%	535
Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	Less than 1%	213
Unknown/Unable to Determine	2%	1807
Two or More Races	6%	6807
Alaska Native/American Indian	2%	1920

Only 57,466 of children waiting for forever families were actually adopted.

Racial/Ethnic distribution of children adopted out of the system

White	44%	25,418
Black/African American	25%	14,211
Hispanic	21%	11,878
Asian	Less than 1%	280
Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	Less than 1%	120
Unknown/Unable to Determine	2%	874
Two or More Races	7%	3,754
Alaska Native/American Indian	2%	923

Colorado:

According to the Colorado Department of Human Services Child and Family Review Statewide Assessment dated January 28, 2010 there were 7,901 children removed from their parent's care in Colorado as of March 2007

Denver County – Population 588,349

	% of Population	% of Children Removed
White	48%	44%
Black/African American	10%	20.9%
Hispanic	34.8	32%
Asian	3.3%	.8%
Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	n/a	.5%
Alaska Native/American Indian	1.3	1.9%

as of July 1, 2007