

## Discharge Reasons and Median Length of Stay for Pennsylvania Children Discharged Between 10/1/08 - 3/31/09 and Those in Care 3/31/09

Total															
Discharge Reason	Total			White			African American			Other			Latino		
	#	Pct	Median LOS (mo)	#	Pct	Median LOS (mo)	#	Pct	Median LOS (mo)	#	Pct	Median LOS (mo)	#	Pct	Median LOS (mo)
<b>Total</b>	<b>6367</b>		<b>10.2</b>	<b>3252</b>		<b>9.7</b>	<b>2833</b>		<b>10.8</b>	<b>333</b>		<b>8.8</b>	<b>626</b>		<b>9.6</b>
<b>Discharges to Permanence</b>															
Reunification	3611	56.7%	5.6	1921	59.1%	4.6	1520	53.7%	6.4	201	60.4%	6.6	389	62.1%	6.1
Adoption	1049	16.5%	31.6	615	18.9%	30.1	421	14.9%	34.1	29	8.7%	34.2	100	16.0%	35
Guardianship	401	6.3%	23.4	182	5.6%	20.4	190	6.7%	24.3	29	8.7%	23.8	24	3.8%	24.5
Live w/Other Relatives	400	6.3%	2.6	222	6.8%	1.9	167	5.9%	4	14	4.2%	11.1	26	4.2%	1.9
<b>Discharges to Non-Permanence</b>															
Emancipation	394	6.2%	36.5	205	6.3%	33.5	184	6.5%	38.4	5	1.5%	45.4	33	5.3%	32
Transfer to Another Agency	254	4.0%	5.1	74	2.3%	5	165	5.8%	6	15	4.5%	2.2	18	2.9%	4.4
Runaway	249	3.9%	6.3	31	1.0%	13.7	180	6.4%	5.8	39	11.7%	6.9	35	5.6%	8.1
Death of Child	6	0.1%	9.6	1	0.0%	8.3	4	0.1%	12.6	1	0.3%	11			
<b>Still in Care 3/31/09</b>	<b>18380</b>		<b>15.7</b>	<b>8584</b>		<b>14.9</b>	<b>8679</b>		<b>16.7</b>	<b>1248</b>		<b>12.6</b>	<b>1795</b>		<b>14.4</b>

Rural															
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<b>Total</b>	<b>703</b>		<b>8</b>	<b>632</b>		<b>7.7</b>	<b>68</b>		<b>8.6</b>	<b>7</b>		<b>3</b>	<b>25</b>		<b>7.7</b>
<b>Discharges to Permanence</b>															
Reunification	437	62.2%	3.8	401	63.4%	3.9	35	51.5%	4.5	4	57.1%	1.8	17	68.0%	7.7
Adoption	107	15.2%	33.4	95	15.0%	33.4	12	17.6%	40	1	14.3%	25.7	2	8.0%	30.8
Guardianship	39	5.5%	18.6	36	5.7%	18.6	3	4.4%	23.4						
Live w/Other Relatives	44	6.3%	1.9	38	6.0%	3	5	7.4%	0.5	1	14.3%	0.1	2	8.0%	0.5
<b>Discharges to Non-Permanence</b>															
Emancipation	57	8.1%	29	48	7.6%	28.8	8	11.8%	31.2	1	14.3%	31.6	2	8.0%	41.3
Transfer to Another Agency	16	2.3%	1	11	1.7%	1.7	5	7.4%	0.6				2	8.0%	0.9
Runaway	2	0.3%	40.5	2	0.3%	40.5									
Death of Child	1	0.1%	8.3	1	0.2%	8.3									
<b>Still in Care 3/31/09</b>	<b>1731</b>		<b>13</b>	<b>1536</b>		<b>13.1</b>	<b>186</b>		<b>15.6</b>	<b>21</b>		<b>10</b>	<b>101</b>		<b>9.4</b>



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<b>Total</b>	<b>717</b>		<b>5.8</b>	<b>580</b>		<b>5.7</b>	<b>128</b>		<b>6.8</b>	<b>17</b>		<b>1.6</b>	<b>26</b>		<b>3.8</b>
<b>Discharges to Permanence</b>															
Reunification	508	70.9%	3.6	412	71.0%	3.5	88	68.8%	5.4	13	76.5%	0.4	22	84.6%	3.2
Adoption	78	10.9%	27.7	59	10.2%	27.5	17	13.3%	27.6	3	17.6%	49.4	2	7.7%	35.8
Guardianship	33	4.6%	20.4	28	4.8%	20.4	5	3.9%	24.8						
Live w/Other Relatives	44	6.1%	0.9	33	5.7%	0.9	11	8.6%	1	1	5.9%	1.6	1	3.8%	0.7
<b>Discharges to Non-Permanence</b>															
Emancipation	44	6.1%	32.4	39	6.7%	29.6	5	3.9%	36.8		0.0%		1	3.8%	41.6
Transfer to Another Agency	8	1.1%	1.5	8	1.4%	1.5									
Runaway	2	0.3%	34.7	1	0.2%	28.5	2	1.6%	34.7						
Death of Child															
<b>Still in Care 3/31/09</b>	<b>1577</b>		<b>13.3</b>	<b>1281</b>		<b>12.6</b>	<b>294</b>		<b>16</b>	<b>22</b>		<b>25.8</b>	<b>68</b>		<b>10.9</b>

Urban															
Discharge Reason	Total			White			African American			Other			Latino		
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<b>Total</b>	<b>3637</b>		<b>11.6</b>	<b>1094</b>		<b>12.1</b>	<b>2292</b>		<b>11.6</b>	<b>290</b>		<b>9.8</b>	<b>353</b>		<b>8.9</b>
<b>Discharges to Permanence</b>															
Reunification	1945	53.5%	6.8	586	53.6%	6.1	1217	53.1%	7.3	170	58.6%	7.2	220	62.3%	6.1
Adoption	519	14.3%	32.6	211	19.3%	31.3	302	13.2%	35.4	20	6.9%	35	31	8.8%	36.4
Guardianship	280	7.7%	24.3	79	7.2%	24	172	7.5%	24.6	29	10.0%	23.8	21	5.9%	24.4
Live w/Other Relatives	226	6.2%	2.2	93	8.5%	1.4	123	5.4%	4.1	12	4.1%	14.8	16	4.5%	7.1
<b>Discharges to Non-Permanence</b>															
Emancipation	222	6.1%	42.2	68	6.2%	37.8	150	6.5%	44.2	4	1.4%	50.9	17	4.8%	41.8
Transfer to Another Agency	199	5.5%	5.8	33	3.0%	9.8	151	6.6%	6.1	15	5.2%	2.2	13	3.7%	5.6
Runaway	239	6.6%	6.1	23	2.1%	8.6	177	7.7%	5.7	39	13.4%	6.9	34	9.6%	7.3
Death of Child	4	0.1%	5.7				3	0.1%	0.4	1	0.3%	11			
<b>Still in Care 3/31/09</b>	<b>11705</b>		<b>16.7</b>	<b>3431</b>		<b>17</b>	<b>7245</b>		<b>17.2</b>	<b>1128</b>		<b>12.7</b>	<b>984</b>		<b>13.9</b>

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<b>Total</b>	<b>1310</b>		<b>11.9</b>	<b>946</b>		<b>12.8</b>	<b>345</b>		<b>10.1</b>	<b>19</b>		<b>8.3</b>	<b>222</b>		<b>12.5</b>
<b>Discharges to Permanence</b>															
Reunification	721	55.0%	5.2	522	55.2%	5	185	53.6%	5.3	14	73.7%	6.3	130	58.6%	6.6
Adoption	345	26.3%	28.7	250	26.4%	28.5	90	26.1%	29.1	5	26.3%	26.5	65	29.3%	33.1
Guardianship	49	3.7%	19.8	39	4.1%	22.9	10	2.9%	6.9				3	1.4%	30.8
Live w/Other Relatives	86	6.6%	6.3	58	6.1%	8	28	8.1%	2.7				7	3.2%	6
<b>Discharges to Non-Permanence</b>															
Emancipation	71	5.4%	29.3	50	5.3%	37.9	21	6.1%	14.8				13	5.9%	28.6
Transfer to Another Agency	31	2.4%	4.9	22	2.3%	4.5	9	2.6%	6.9				3	1.4%	0.9
Runaway	6	0.5%	26.6	25	2.6%	17	1	0.3%	59.3				1	0.5%	36.6
Death of Child	1	0.1%	27.1				1	0.3%	27.1						
<b>Still in Care 3/31/09</b>	<b>3367</b>		<b>14.5</b>	<b>2336</b>		<b>15.4</b>	<b>954</b>		<b>13.1</b>	<b>77</b>		<b>11</b>	<b>642</b>		<b>16.4</b>

# - Number of occurrences

Pct Total - Percent of total foster care population for each race/ethnicity

Median LOS - Median length of stay (months) in foster care

Rates and length of stay information should be used with caution for small incidents.

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