

Children in Foster Care with HOPE, Inc. 2005

Total Population:

HOPE, Inc. currently serves 95 children in the Tidewater area. Most of these children were placed temporarily in foster care due to parental abuse or neglect.

Age: Average age 12.75

Averages are: Under 1	0%
1-5	9.4%
6-9	15.7%
10-12	12.6%
13-15	24.2%
16-18	29.4%
19 and over	8.4%

Gender:

Male - 48% Female - 52%

Race and Ethnicity:

Black (<i>non-Hispanic</i>)	51.9%
White (<i>non-Hispanic</i>)	27.3%
Hispanic	1%
Am. Indian/Alaska Native (<i>non-Hispanic</i>)	0%
Asian/Pacific Islander (<i>non-Hispanic</i>)	0%
Unknown N/A	0%
Bi-Racial (<i>non-Hispanic</i>)	7.3%

Length of Stay:

The average length of stay for children in care with HOPE, Inc. as of December 31, 2005 was an average of 217.84 days in care or 18.15 months.

Reunified:

In 2005, 30% of the children discharged from HOPE, Inc. were reunified with their birth parents or primary caregivers.**

Adoption:

In 2005, 14% of HOPE, Inc. children were adopted. **

** *Indicates a factor controlled by the State of Virginia.*

Children in Foster Care In Virginia 2005

Total Population:

8736 children were in the foster care system in Virginia on December 31, 2005. Most children are placed temporarily in foster care due to parental abuse or neglect.

Age: (Virginia indicates a percent range of ages):

Averages are: Under 1	2.9%
1-5	18.0%
6-9	11.2%
10-12	10.6%
13-15	22.5%
16-18	29.5%
19 and over	5.3%

Gender:

Male: 52.23% Female: 47.77%

Race and Ethnicity:

Black (<i>non-Hispanic</i>)	44.6%
White (<i>non-Hispanic</i>)	49.3%
Am. Indian/Alaska Native (<i>non-Hispanic</i>)	0.10%
Asian/Pacific Islander (<i>non-Hispanic</i>)	0.40%
Unknown N/A	1.00%
2 or More Races (<i>non-Hispanic</i>)	4.5%

Length of Stay:

The average length of stay for children in care on December 31, 2005 was 34.1 months.ⁱ

Reunified:

28.3% of the young people leaving the system in FY 2005 were reunified with their birth parents and 4.5% discharged to a relative.ⁱ

Adoption:

Of children with state agency involvement adopted in FY 2005, 21.10% were adopted by their non-relative foster parents or by relatives.ⁱ

ⁱ http://www.dss.virginia.gov/files/about/reports/children/foster_care/2005: Foster Care Demographic Report FY 2005



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