

Placement Statistics for All Children in Alaska OCS Out-of-home placement on July 1, 2011.

Out-of-home placement is the last option considered when reasonable efforts to protect a child in his or her own home have been exhausted by OCS. The first preference considered in all out-of-home placements for a child or youth is a relative's home. When it is not possible to place a child with a relative it is necessary to place the child in a licensed foster home. Residential care facilities may offer short-term emergency shelter as well as more long-term residential treatment.

Average Statistics of Children in Out-of-home placement on July 1, 2011, by Region.

	Anchorage	Northern	South Central	Southeast	Western	Statewide
Count	648	299	513	167	232	1,859
Mean Age	6.9	6.8	7.9	8.5	8.8	7.5
Median Age	6.0	5.0	7.0	7.0	8.0	7.0
Minimum Placements	1	1	1	1	1	1
Maximum Placements	33	28	26	26	33	33
Mean Placements	3.6	3.7	2.8	4.0	5.1	3.6
Median Placements	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	3.0	2.0
Minimum Time in Care	1	10	2	1	0	0
Maximum Time in Care	5,270	4,462	4,021	5,084	3,763	5,270
Mean Time in Care	643.9	598.7	552.3	829.5	761.9	642.8
Median Time in Care	360.0	452.0	410.0	541.0	651.0	430.0

Average Statistics of Children in Out-of-home placement on July 1, 2011, by Race.

	Native ¹	White ²	Other ³	Undetermined	Statewide
Count	1,135	504	145	75	1,859
Mean Age	7.3	8.1	8.4	5.9	7.5
Median Age	6.0	7.0	8.0	5.0	7.0
Minimum Placements	1	1	1	1	1
Maximum Placements	33	31	32	6	33
Mean Placements	3.9	3.3	3.6	1.7	3.6
Median Placements	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.0	2.0
Minimum Time in Care	0	1	9	1	0
Maximum Time in Care	5,084	4,768	5,270	1,834	5,270
Mean Time in Care	664.1	656.6	652.2	208.4	642.8
Median Time in Care	472.0	402.0	392.0	140.0	430.0

¹ Native is any mention of Alaska Native or American Indian.

² White is White only, excluding all other races.

³ Other includes any mention of Asian, Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, or Black/African American.

Mean is the arithmetic mean average, commonly referred to as the 'average'.

Median is the median average, containing the middle value. Half of the observations are less than this value, and half of the observations are greater than this value.

Placements are the number of times children in OCS Out of Home placement have changed homes.

Time in Care is measured in days.

Data Source: ORCA. Program used to tabulate statistics: monthly_ooH_web.sas.

Data in this report is current as of September 14, 2011. Subsequent reports with the same date parameter will contain up-dated statistics.

If you have any questions regarding this data please forward your inquiry to ocs@alaska.gov.