

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

	Anchorage	Northern	South Central	Southeast	Western	Statewide
Count	652	309	531	164	226	1,882
Mean Age	6.9	6.9	7.9	8.4	8.9	7.6
Median Age	6.0	5.0	7.0	7.5	8.0	7.0
Minimum Placements	1	1	1	1	1	1
Maximum Placements	33	31	26	28	37	37
Mean Placements	3.4	3.9	2.9	4.1	5.3	3.6
Median Placements	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	3.0	2.0
Minimum Time in Care	1	2	1	8	6	1
Maximum Time in Care	5,332	4,524	4,083	5,146	3,825	5,332
Mean Time in Care	634.3	616.0	565.9	872.2	803.2	653.0
Median Time in Care	357.5	450.0	425.0	573.0	675.0	431.5

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

	Native¹	White²	Other³	Undetermined	Statewide	
Count	1,160	498	135	89	1,882	¹ Native is any mention of Alaska Native or American Indian.
Mean Age	7.4	8.2	8.1	5.8	7.6	
Median Age	6.0	8.0	7.0	5.0	7.0	² White is White only, excluding all other races.
Minimum Placements	1	1	1	1	1	
Maximum Placements	37	31	32	6	37	
Mean Placements	3.9	3.3	3.8	1.8	3.6	³ Other includes any mention of Asian, Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, or Black/African American.
Median Placements	3.0	2.0	2.0	1.0	2.0	
Minimum Time in Care	1	10	3	2	1	
Maximum Time in Care	5,146	4,830	5,332	1,896	5,332	
Mean Time in Care	674.0	672.7	685.4	219.7	653.0	
Median Time in Care	486.5	423.5	373.0	140.0	431.5	

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 October 4, 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.