State Child Welfare Policy Database
Adoption Facts FFY 2014: Florida
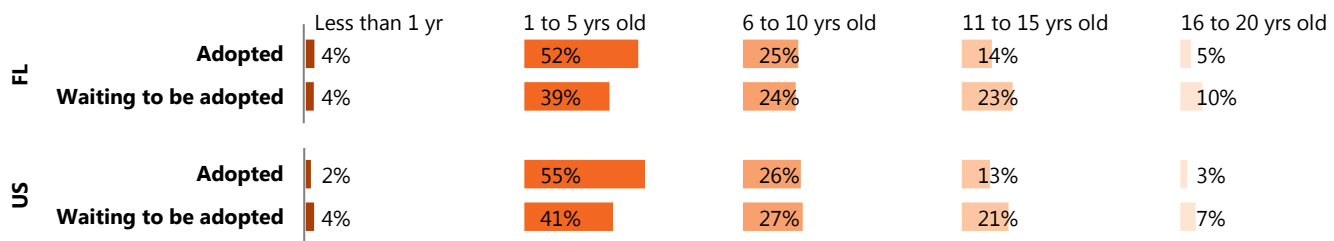
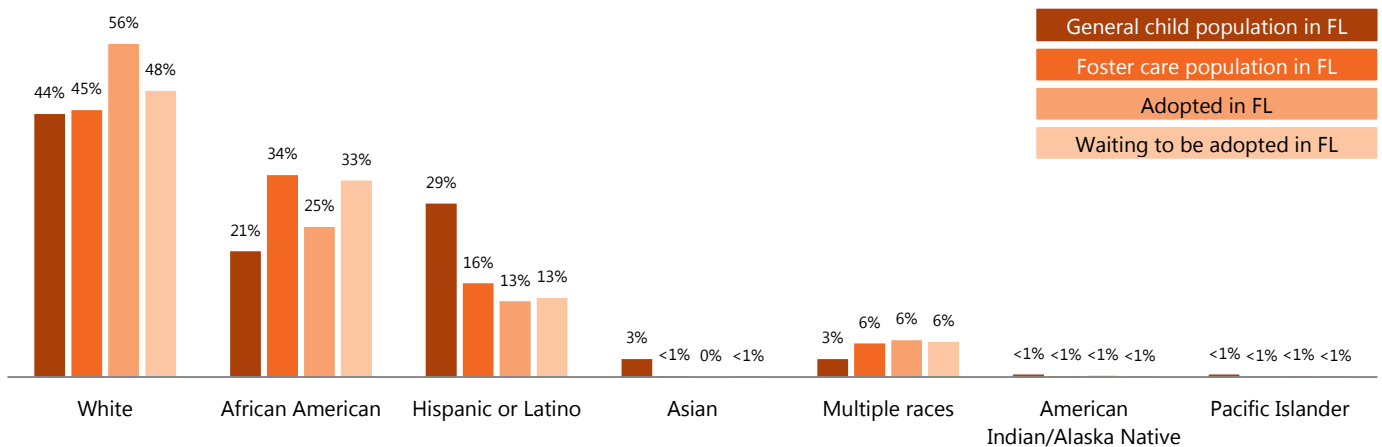| Children adopted from foster care	FL	US
Number of children adopted from foster care	3,267	50,644
Average length of stay in care before adoption finalized[1]	26 months	32 months
Average age of adopted children[2]	5.9 years	5.7 years
Percent of adopted children who did not receive Title IV-E federal adoption assistance	28%	28%

Children waiting to be adopted from foster care	FL	US
Number of children waiting to be adopted from foster care[3]	5,558	107,916
Average length of stay in care	27 months	32 months
Average age of children waiting to be adopted[4]	7.7 years	7.2 years
Percent of children waiting to be adopted that have spent 5 or more years in foster care	7%	11%

Age distribution of children adopted and waiting to be adopted from foster care[5]

		Less than 1 yr	1 to 5 yrs old	6 to 10 yrs old	11 to 15 yrs old	16 to 20 yrs old
FL	Adopted	4%	52%	25%	14%	5%
FL	Waiting to be adopted	4%	39%	24%	23%	10%
US	Adopted	2%	55%	26%	13%	3%
US	Waiting to be adopted	4%	41%	27%	21%	7%

Race and ethnicity of children adopted and waiting to be adopted from foster care[6]

Legend:
- General child population in FL
- Foster care population in FL
- Adopted in FL
- Waiting to be adopted in FL

	General child population in FL	Foster care population in FL	Adopted in FL	Waiting to be adopted in FL
White	44%	45%	56%	48%
African American	21%	34%	25%	33%
Hispanic or Latino	29%	16%	13%	13%
Asian	3%	<1%	0%	<1%
Multiple races	3%	6%	6%	6%
American Indian/Alaska Native	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%
Pacific Islander	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%

Child TRENDS

Gender	FL	US
Children adopted from foster care		
Female	50%	49%
Male	50%	51%
Children waiting to be adopted from foster care		
Female	47%	48%
Male	53%	52%

Transracial adoptions[7]	FL	US
Children of color adopted by white parents	13%	17%
White children adopted by parents of color	3%	2%
Children of color adopted by parents of color of a different race	5%	6%
Children adopted by parents of the same race	76%	66%
Child's and/or parent's race unknown	3%	8%

Relationship of adoptive parent to child[8]	FL	US
Foster Parent	26%	50%
Relative	49%	31%
Non-relative	22%	13%
Stepparent	<1%	2%
Unknown	3%	4%

[1] Length of stay in care is calculated based on the current removal episode.

[2] Based on child's age on date of adoption.

[3] Children are included in this count if they are in foster care at the end of the fiscal year, under the age of 18, and either their parents have lost parental rights or their case goal is adoption. Children ages 16 and 17 with the case goal of emancipation are not included.

[4] Based on child's age at end of fiscal year.

[5] Does not include children over age 20 or children missing birthdate data; children waiting to be adopted from foster care are age 17 or younger.

[6] Hispanic children are not included in counts for specific racial groups. Children whose race was reported as unknown are not included. Data for the general child population under age 18 is from the U. S. Census Bureau. This information is publicly available on the Kids Count Data Center (http://datacenter.kidscount.org/data/tables/103-child-population-by-race).

[7] An adoption is considered transracial if the child has two adoptive parents and is not the same race as either parent or if the child has one adoptive parent and is not the same race as that parent.

[8] In cases where more than one type of adoptive family was selected, Stepparent receives priority followed by Relative, Foster Parent and Non-relative.