



State Child Welfare Policy Database

Adoption Facts FFY 2014: Puerto Rico

Children adopted from foster care

	PR	US
Number of children adopted from foster care	11	50,644
Average length of stay in care before adoption finalized ¹	59 months	32 months
Average age of adopted children ²	5.4 years	5.7 years
Percent of adopted children who did not receive Title IV-E federal adoption assistance	82%	28%

Children waiting to be adopted from foster care

	PR	US
Number of children waiting to be adopted from foster care ³	688	107,916
Average length of stay in care	75 months	32 months
Average age of children waiting to be adopted ⁴	8.9 years	7.2 years
Percent of children waiting to be adopted that have spent 5 or more years in foster care	54%	11%

Age distribution of children adopted and waiting to be adopted from foster care⁵

		Less than 1 yr	1 to 5 yrs old	6 to 10 yrs old	11 to 15 yrs old	16 to 20 yrs old
PR	Adopted	9%	45%	27%	18%	0%
	Waiting to be adopted	<1%	26%	35%	32%	7%
US	Adopted	2%	55%	26%	13%	3%
	Waiting to be adopted	4%	41%	27%	21%	7%

Gender

	PR	US
Children adopted from foster care		
Female	64%	49%
Male	36%	51%
Children waiting to be adopted from foster care		
Female	49%	48%
Male	51%	52%

Relationship of adoptive parent to child⁶

	PR	US
Foster Parent	9%	50%
Relative	36%	31%
Non-relative	55%	13%
Stepparent	0%	2%
Unknown	0%	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 In cases where more than one type of adoptive family was selected, Stepparent receives priority followed by Relative, Foster Parent and Non-relative.