



State Child Welfare Policy Database

Foster Care Facts FFY 2014: South Dakota

Children in foster care

	SD	US
Number of children in foster care ¹	1,174	415,129
Number of children who entered foster care ²	956	264,746
Average length of time in foster care ³	25 months	21 months
Percent of children in foster care for five or more years	11%	7%

Age distribution of children in foster care⁴

	SD	US
Less than 1 year	5%	7%
1-5 years old	33%	33%
6-10 years old	29%	23%
11-15 years old	21%	21%
16-20 years old	12%	16%

Gender of children in foster care

	SD	US
Female	47%	48%
Male	53%	52%

Foster care caseload by race/ethnicity⁵



Case plan goal for children in foster care⁶

	SD	US
Reunification	37%	55%
Adoption	21%	25%
Guardianship	6%	7%
Another Planned Permanent Living Arrangement	12%	9%
Case goal not yet established	24%	5%

Source, unless specified otherwise: This information is from the federal Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS), and represents the federal fiscal year 2014 reporting period (October 1, 2013 – September 30, 2014).

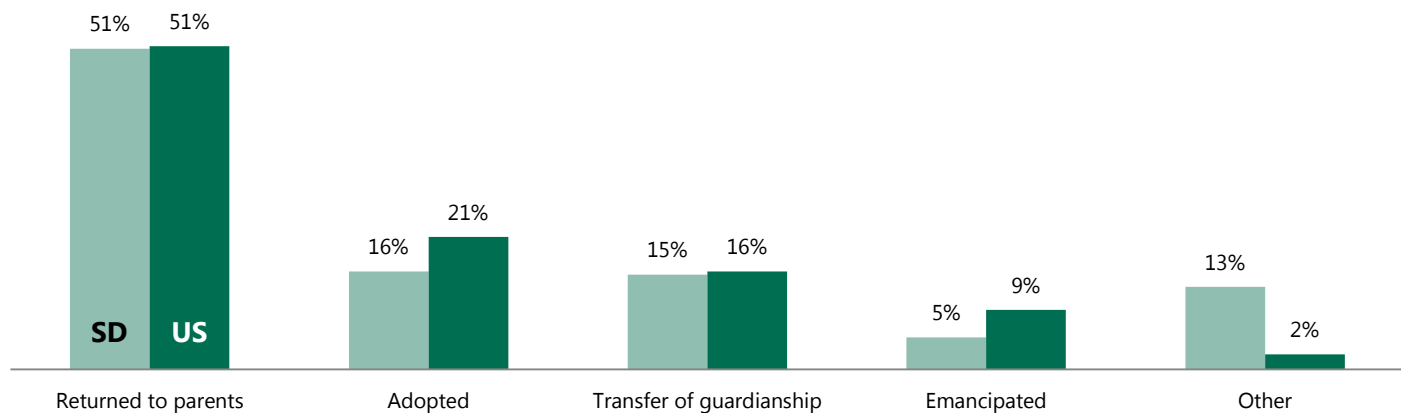
Number of different foster care placements⁷

	SD	US
Percent of children who experienced one placement	34%	41%
Percent of children who experienced two placements	23%	25%
Percent of children who experienced three placements	15%	13%
Percent of children who experienced four or more placements	28%	21%

Foster care by placement type⁸

	Non-relative	Relative	Group home/institution	Other
SD	49%	19%	19%	12%
US	46%	29%	14%	11%

Outcomes of children exiting foster care⁹



Aging out of foster care

	SD	US
Number of children who exited foster care	1,013	238,230
Number of children who emancipated from foster care ¹⁰	52	22,392
Of children who aged out of foster care, percent who had been in care since before age 13	42%	22%
Number of children who were at risk of aging out of foster care ¹¹	183	49,813

¹ Number of children of all ages currently in foster care on September 30, 2014.

² Number of children whose date of most recent removal was during the 2014 federal fiscal year.

³ Unless otherwise noted, length of stay in care is calculated based on the current removal episode.

⁴ Does not include children over age 20 or children missing birthdate data.

⁵ 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>).

⁶ Does not include children who were missing case plan goal data.

⁷ The number of places the child has lived, including the current setting, during the current removal episode; trial home visits are not included as a placement setting.

⁸ Other placement types include pre-adoptive home, runaway, supervised independent living, and trial home visit. Children missing placement data are excluded.

⁹ Does not include children who were missing exit reason data. Emancipation means the child/youth left foster care at the age of majority.

¹⁰ Includes children of all ages who emancipated from care.

¹¹ Includes children aged nine and over with a case goal of long term foster care or emancipation.