

2006 Child Welfare Data Snapshot

Children & Family Services Division, N.D. Dept. of Human Services

Children in Foster Care by Placement Type - FFY 2000-2006

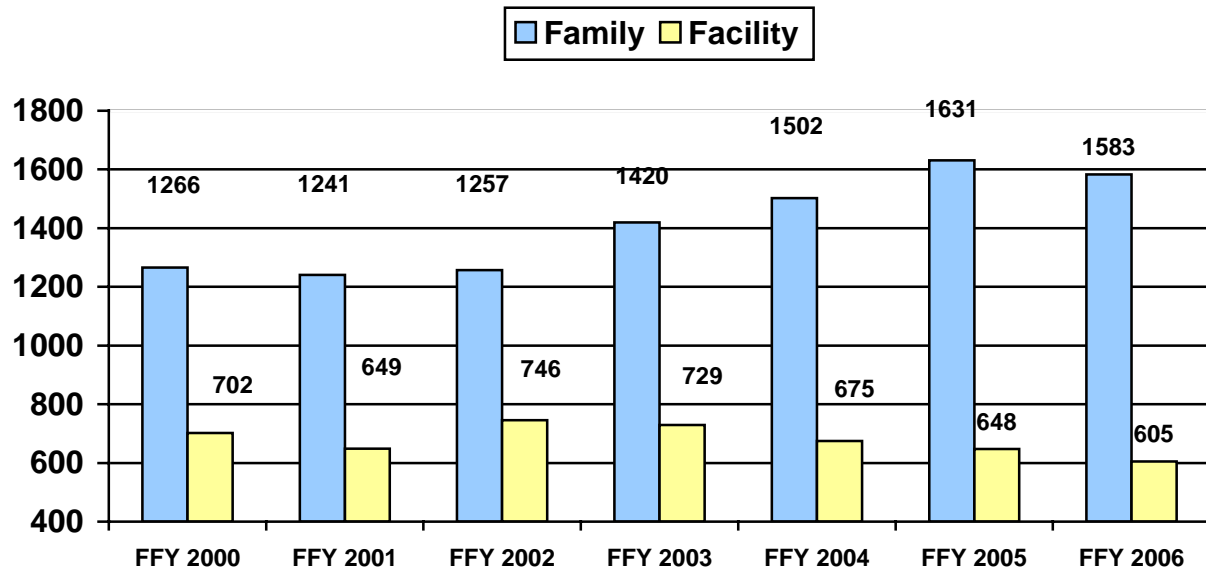
PLACEMENT TYPE	FFY 2000	FFY 2001	FFY 2002	FFY 2003	FFY 2004	FFY 2005	FFY 2006	% Change 2000-2006
Pre-Adoptive Home	154	166	157	160	207	228	252	+63.6%
Relative Placement	237	240	276	328	383	507	569	+140.1%
Family Foster Care	875	835	824	932	912	896	762	-12.9%
Group Home	125	109	127	125	120	96	95	-24.0%
Facility (RTC & RCCF)	577	540	619	604	555	552	510	-11.6%
Incomplete Information	10	39	18	34	28	35	21	
Total	1978	1929	2021	2183	2205	2314	2209	+11.7%

Children aging out of Foster Care	43	45	56	66	60	65	56	
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SOURCE: Annual AFCARS files submitted to the Administration for Children and Families.

Family Type Placements	Facility Placements
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Trends in Family Foster Care* and Group Home/Facility Placements FFY 2000-2006



* Family Foster Care includes family foster homes, relative placements and pre-adoptive placements, PATH placements, and tribal affidavit foster home placements.

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Current Foster Care Caseload Data: (as of 12/14/2006)

- 1,331 children were in foster care (includes tribal IV-E cases, DOOCR-Division of Juvenile Services youth placed in foster care, and pre-adoptive placements);
- 439 of these children were Native American (33% of daily snapshot); and
- Approximately 30% of these 439 children were in Tribal custody.
- As of November 2006, 51 youth were in out-of-state placements (institutional). During 2006, the number varied from a low of 44 to a high of 59.
- Foster home capacity included 849 licensed homes (included family homes, PATH homes, and tribal affidavit homes).
- The average length of stay for children/youth coming into foster care was about 6.7 months.

Child Abuse and Neglect: (FFY 2005 data)

- 3,956 "full" assessments were done.
- 792 of the 3,956 were determined to be "Services Required" cases. This included 1,461 victims of child abuse and neglect.

Adoptions:

- There were 111 finalized adoptions in FFY 2006; and
- 85% percent of the adoptions involved foster parents.
- To illustrate the adoption trend: In 2000, N.D. had 45 finalized adoptions; 80.5% were adoptions by foster parents. This represents an increase of 147% in the number of finalized adoptions between FFY 2000 and FFY 2006.

Permanency Outcomes:

- 35 subsidized guardianships were in place (with 11 pending) in December 2006.
- As of September 2006, there were 121 children in the custody of the Department of Human Services. These children had one of the following three permanency goals: adoption, guardianship, or planned permanent living arrangement.

