

# 2010 Child Welfare Data Snapshot

Children & Family Services Division, North Dakota Department of Human Services

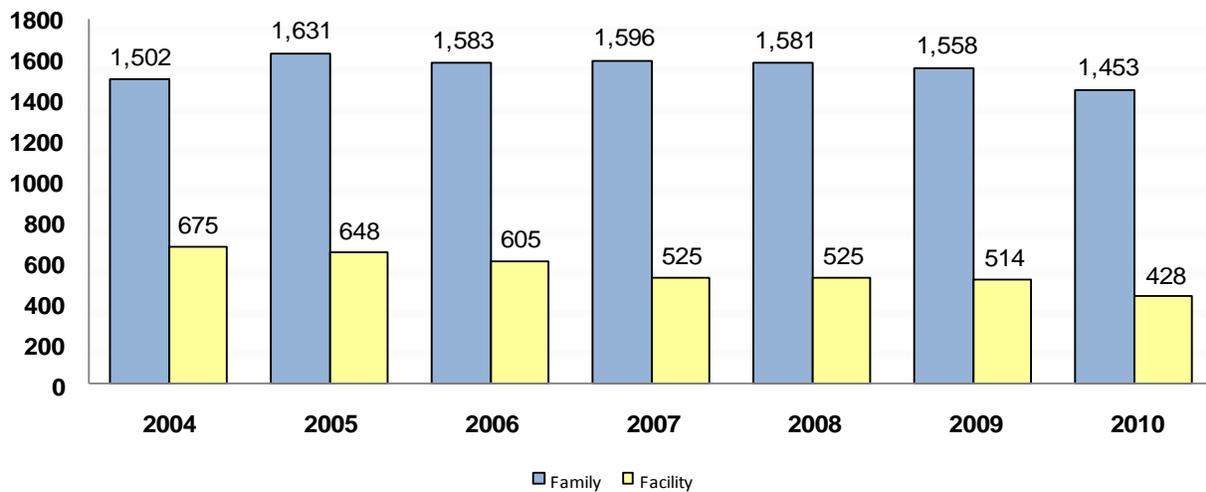
## Children in Foster Care by Placement Type, FFY 2004-2010

Placement Type	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	% Change 2004 to 2010
Pre-Adoptive Home	207	228	252	260	289	244	212	2.4%
Relative Placement	383	507	569	400	303	309	204	*32.1%
Family Foster Care	912	896	762	718	689	691	735	-19.4%
Trial Home Visit				218	300	314	302	
Group Home	120	96	95	85	72	58	36	-70.0%
Facility	555	552	510	440	453	456	392	-29.4%
Missing Data	28	35	21	31	28	34	31	
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,205</b>	<b>2,314</b>	<b>2,209</b>	<b>2,152</b>	<b>2,134</b>	<b>2,106</b>	<b>1,912</b>	<b>-13.3%</b>
Discharged: On 18th birthday	49	38	45	58	54	76	51	
Discharged: Older than 18	63	77	51	55	61	62	51	
**Remaining in Care: 18 or older	47	30	32	28	27	31	37	

AFCARS FFY 2000-2009; AFCARS FFY 2010 updated on 1-20-2011. \*\*To calculate percent change for Relative Foster Care required adding Trial Home Visit to Family Foster Care for 2010. \*\*In Foster Care as of last day of FFY.

Family Type Placements Facility Placements

## Trends in Family Foster Care and Facility Placements, FFY 2004-2010



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**Foster Care:**

- On September 30, 2010 there were 1,149 children were in foster care (includes tribal IV-E cases, DOCR-Division of Juvenile Services youth placed in foster care and pre-adoptive placements).
  - Native American children accounted for 27.3% (n=314) of this point-in-time foster care count.
  - The average age of children on Sept 30, 2010 was 10.7 years old.
  - 55.0% (n=632) of children in care had a permanency goal of reunification.
- In October 2010, 25 foster youth were in out-of state placements (Residential Child Care Facilities-RCCF and Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities-PRTF). There was no change in the number of youth in out-of-state placements since December 2009 (n=25).
- In September 2010, there were 401 licensed family foster homes and 360 licensed therapeutic family foster homes.

**Child Abuse and Neglect (FFY 2010):**

- 9,540 reports of suspected child abuse and neglect were received in 2010. Of these reports, 6,680 were in the jurisdiction of CPS and met the criteria for CPS assessment. These reports were assigned to 5,752 assessments. In 2009, changes to the CPS data entry system allow multiple reports for the same case to be included in a single CPS assessment.
- 3,875 full assessments were completed. During the assessment process, some assessments are terminated because of new information related to the case or a change in jurisdiction.
- To illustrate the trend in the number of full assessments, compared to 2000 when 4,145 full assessments were completed, a decrease of 6.5% was seen in 2010 (n=3,874).
- A decision of "Services Required" was made in 584 (15.1%) of the 3,875 full assessments. These 584 assessments represent 1,134 children who were victims of child abuse and neglect and 761 caregivers who were the subjects of these assessments.

**Adoptions (FFY 2010):**

- There were 159 finalized agency adoptions (special needs, infant/regular, and international).
  - 106 (66.7%) of the 159 finalized adoptions were special needs adoptions.
  - 75 (70.8%) of the 106 special needs adoptions involved family foster parents.
  - 8.5% (9) of adopted children with special needs were Native American.
  - 56.6% (60) of adopted children with special needs were under the age of 7.

**Permanency Outcomes (Point-in-Time data):**

- 47 subsidized guardianships were in place (with 6 pending court orders) in October 2010.
- As of September 30, 2010, there were 162 children with mother and father parental rights terminated that were in the custody of the Department of Human Services.

**Chafee Foster Care Independence Program (October 1, 2009 – September 30, 2010):**

- In 2010, 362 youth participants were served in the Chafee Foster Care Independence Program.
  - 52% (n=188) of participants were current foster care youth.
  - 48% (n=174) of participants were Foster Care Alumni, youth who had exited or aged out of foster care.
- 58 participants received an Education and Training Voucher to financially assist in furthering their education.