

FOSTER CARE FACT SHEET

March 2009

Number of Children in Care:

At the end of this quarter the total abuse/neglect caseload was 17,115.

At the end of FY 2008, the total abuse/neglect caseload was 18,048 with 16,067 in out-of-home care. In comparison, at the end of FY 2007, the total abuse/neglect caseload was 19,071 with 16,784 in out-of-home care, which is defined as children not living in their own parent's home.

The number of children in relative placements was 7,195 (38%) at the end of the FY 2007 and 6,796 (38%) at the end of FY 2008, and the number of children placed with unrelated caregivers was 324 at the end of FY 2007 and 316 at the end of FY 2008.

Placements of Abuse/Neglect Children:

	<u>Mar 09</u>
• Own Parent Home(in and out-of-state)	1,806
• Relatives (in and out-of-state)	6,278
• Unrelated Caregiver	211
• Legal Guardians	19
• Foster Care Families(in and out-of-state)	6,215
• Institutions, Including Shelters	1,217
• Out of State Facilities	20
• Detention, Jail and Court Treatment	70
• Independent Living	958
• Mental Health Hospital	14
• AWOL	199
• Other	108

Legal Status of Abuse/Neglect Children:

• Permanent Court Neglect Wards	27
• Temporary Neglect Court Wards	11,061
• MCI State Neglect Wards	5,578
• Other (OTI, Non-Wards)	449

Age, Sex and Race of Abuse/Neglect Children:

<u>Age</u>	<u>Mar 09</u>
0-6	7,233
7-11	3,385
12 +	6,497

<u>Race</u>	<u>Mar 09</u>
White	8,200
African American	7,564
American Indian	191
Asian	26
Multi-Racial	1,038
Other & Unknown	97

(Includes Native Hawaiian, Undetermined & No Data)

<u>Sex</u>	
Male	8,510***
Female	8,472***

Source of Information:

SV reports from SWSS FAJ data warehouse

***DHS Data Warehouse as of 3/31/09