

# Arizona

# Department of Child Safety

Demographics and Educational  
Overview



TYPE OF OUT-OF-PLACEMENT, CATEGORIZED BY AGE (20D)

as of 06/30/2020

|            | RELATIVE | FAMILY FOSTER | GROUP HOME | INSTITUTION / RESIDENTIAL <sup>11</sup> | INDEPENDENT LIVING | RUNAWAY <sup>12</sup> | MISSING CHILD <sup>12</sup> | TRIAL HOME VISIT | NO IDENTIFIED PLACEMENT <sup>13</sup> | TOTAL  | % OF TOTAL |
|------------|----------|---------------|------------|---|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------------|--------|------------|
| UNDER 1    | 651      | 641           | 1          | 5                                       | 0                  | 0                     | 9                           | 0                | 2                                     | 1,309  | 9.2%       |
| 1          | 621      | 591           | 4          | 1                                       | 0                  | 0                     | 1                           | 0                | 0                                     | 1,218  | 8.6%       |
| 2          | 487      | 469           | 1          | 1                                       | 0                  | 0                     | 3                           | 0                | 3                                     | 964    | 6.8%       |
| 3          | 433      | 413           | 3          | 3                                       | 0                  | 0                     | 5                           | 0                | 1                                     | 858    | 6.1%       |
| 4          | 357      | 383           | 11         | 6                                       | 0                  | 0                     | 3                           | 0                | 0                                     | 760    | 5.4%       |
| 5          | 359      | 334           | 28         | 1                                       | 0                  | 0                     | 4                           | 0                | 0                                     | 726    | 5.1%       |
| 6          | 332      | 279           | 27         | 1                                       | 0                  | 0                     | 2                           | 0                | 0                                     | 641    | 4.5%       |
| 7          | 295      | 245           | 58         | 3                                       | 0                  | 0                     | 4                           | 0                | 0                                     | 605    | 4.3%       |
| 8          | 293      | 243           | 47         | 2                                       | 0                  | 0                     | 0                           | 0                | 0                                     | 585    | 4.1%       |
| 9          | 246      | 205           | 69         | 1                                       | 0                  | 0                     | 1                           | 0                | 3                                     | 525    | 3.7%       |
| 10         | 252      | 206           | 76         | 14                                      | 0                  | 0                     | 2                           | 1                | 2                                     | 553    | 3.9%       |
| 11         | 238      | 187           | 107        | 9                                       | 0                  | 0                     | 1                           | 0                | 2                                     | 544    | 3.8%       |
| 12         | 254      | 184           | 119        | 24                                      | 0                  | 1                     | 2                           | 0                | 1                                     | 585    | 4.1%       |
| 13         | 234      | 141           | 148        | 37                                      | 0                  | 7                     | 2                           | 0                | 1                                     | 570    | 4.0%       |
| 14         | 225      | 152           | 180        | 40                                      | 0                  | 23                    | 2                           | 0                | 2                                     | 624    | 4.4%       |
| 15         | 202      | 134           | 192        | 86                                      | 0                  | 42                    | 1                           | 0                | 2                                     | 659    | 4.7%       |
| 16         | 179      | 114           | 220        | 97                                      | 0                  | 56                    | 0                           | 1                | 1                                     | 668    | 4.7%       |
| 17         | 179      | 90            | 293        | 93                                      | 1                  | 113                   | 0                           | 0                | 2                                     | 771    | 5.4%       |
| 18 & Older | 32       | 82            | 209        | 25                                      | 627                | 8                     | 0                           | 0                | 4                                     | 987    | 7.0%       |
| TOTAL      | 5,869    | 5,093         | 1,793      | 449                                     | 628                | 250                   | 42                          | 2                | 26                                    | 14,152 | 100%       |
| % of TOTAL | 41.5%    | 36.0%         | 12.7%      | 3.2%                                    | 4.4%               | 1.8%                  | 0.3%                        | 0.0%             | 0.2%                                  | 100%   |            |



# Demographics of Children in Out of Home Care

<https://dcs.az.gov/news-reports/dcs-reports>

Semi-Annual Child Welfare Report Sept 2020

Data for children from January 01, 2020 through June 30, 2020



# Number of children in care with 504 plans or IEPs

- Based on data from a document shared from ADE to DCS to support children during COVID, there were approximately XXX youth who ADE identified as having Special Education services.
- DCS launches a new CWIS data system, called Guardian, on February 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - DCS and ADE have completed data sharing agreements that allow ADE's electronic system to share data to Guardian on the following:
    - School and District child is enrolled in
    - Current grade child is enrolled in
    - Yes/No if child has an IEP
- DCS shares when a mutual child enters and exits foster care



# Number of children with IEP or 504

Source: <http://foster-ed.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/FosterEd-AZ-Year-2-Evaluation-of-Statewide-Expansion-Final-Report.pdf>



# Average number of moves

|                              | LENGTH OF TIME IN CARE (20E) |       |        |       |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|-------|--------|-------|
| 1 to 30 Days                 | 691                          | 4.9%  | 661    | 4.7%  |
| 31 Days to 12 Months         | 6,405                        | 45.3% | 6,814  | 48.2% |
| 13 to 24 Months              | 3,935                        | 27.8% | 3,589  | 25.4% |
| More Than 24 Months          | 3,121                        | 22.1% | 3,078  | 21.8% |
| TOTAL OOH                    | 14,152                       | 100%  | 14,142 | 100%  |
| Average Number of Placements | 3.1                          |       | 3.0    |       |
| Median                       | 2                            |       | 2      |       |
| Minimum Range                | 1                            |       | 1      |       |
| Maximum Range <sup>8</sup>   | 64                           |       | 62     |       |



# IDEA parent:

<https://sites.ed.gov/idea/regs/b/a/300.30>

- **Sec. 300.30 Parent**
- [Statute/Regs Main](#) » [Regulations](#) » [Part B](#) » [Subpart A](#) » Section 300.30
- 300.30 Parent.
- [\(a\)](#) Parent means—
- [\(1\)](#) A biological or adoptive parent of a child;
- [\(2\)](#) A foster parent, unless State law, regulations, or contractual obligations with a State or local entity prohibit a foster parent from acting as a parent;
- [\(3\)](#) A guardian generally authorized to act as the child's parent, or authorized to make educational decisions for the child (but not the State if the child is a ward of the State);
- [\(4\)](#) An individual acting in the place of a biological or adoptive parent (including a grandparent, stepparent, or other relative) with whom the child lives, or an individual who is legally responsible for the child's welfare; or
- [\(5\)](#) A surrogate parent who has been appointed in accordance with §300.519 or section 639(a)(5) of the Act.
- [\(b\)](#) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (b)(2) of this section, the biological or adoptive parent, when attempting to act as the parent under this part and when more than one party is qualified under paragraph (a) of this section to act as a parent, must be presumed to be the parent for purposes of this section unless the biological or adoptive parent does not have legal authority to make educational decisions for the child.
- [\(2\)](#) If a judicial decree or order identifies a specific person or persons under paragraphs (a)(1) through (4) of this section to act as the “parent” of a child or to make educational decisions on behalf of a child, then such person or persons shall be determined to be the “parent” for purposes of this section.



# Surrogate parent

<https://sites.ed.gov/idea/regs/b/e/300.519>

- **Sec. 300.519 Surrogate parents**
- [Statute/Regs Main](#) » [Regulations](#) » [Part B](#) » [Subpart E](#) » Section 300.519
- 300.519 Surrogate parents.
- [\(a\)](#) General. Each public agency must ensure that the rights of a child are protected when—
- [\(1\)](#) No parent (as defined in §300.30) can be identified;
- [\(2\)](#) The public agency, after reasonable efforts, cannot locate a parent;
- [\(3\)](#) The child is a ward of the State under the laws of that State; or
- [\(4\)](#) The child is an unaccompanied homeless youth as defined in section 725(6) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11434a(6)).





# ESSA and Best Interest Determination Meetings

- <https://azdcs.sharepoint.com/PJH62QDM/NHR43KAC/DCS%20Digital/CSO-1348A.pdf>
- When a child is placed in out-of-home care or is moved to a new out-of-home living arrangement, the child shall remain enrolled in the school of origin unless a determination is made that it is not in the child's best interest to attend the school of origin. The determination shall be based on all factors relating to the child's best interest, including consideration of the appropriateness of the current educational setting and the child's current proximity to the school in which the child is enrolled at the time of placement.
- When a determination is made that it is not in a child's best interest to remain in the school of origin, the child shall be immediately enrolled in a new school, even if the records normally required for enrollment cannot be provided. The enrolling school shall immediately contact the school last attended by the child to obtain relevant academic and other records.



# Thank You!

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