

Characteristics of Waiting Children Federal Fiscal Year 2005

| Characteristics | Number of Children Waiting | Percentage of Children Waiting |
|------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Age | | |
| 0-1 years | 211 | 8.1% |
| 2-5 years | 541 | 20.7% |
| 6-9 years | 475 | 18.2% |
| 10-13 years | 634 | 24.3% |
| 14-17 years | 706 | 27.0% |
| 18-20 years | 45 | 1.7% |
| Sex | | |
| Male | 1486 | 56.9% |
| Female | 1126 | 43.1% |
| Race | | |
| White | 1330 | 50.9% |
| African American | 1240 | 47.5% |
| Asian/Pacific Islander | 3 | 0.1% |
| Native American | 5 | 0.2% |
| Unknown | 34 | 1.3% |
| Ethnicity | | |
| Hispanic | 102 | 3.9% |
| Non Hispanic | 2498 | 95.6% |
| Unknown | 12 | 0.5% |
| Total* | 2612 | 100.0% |

From ODJFS Website <http://jfs.ohio.gov/oapl/publications.htm>

Notes:

- Ohio's waiting children are disproportionately African American – 48% vs 11% in the general population
- Children of Color wait longer for adoptive homes
- Older children also wait longer for adoptive homes (53% of Ohio's waiting children are 10 or older)