



# Foster Care Statistics

## Cuyahoga County

### Ohio

**The Overcoming Hurdles in Ohio Youth Advisory Board** is a statewide organization of young people, ages 14-24, who have experienced foster care. The OHIO YAB exists to be the knowledgeable statewide voice that influences policies and practices that impact youth who have or will experience out of home care, including foster care, kinship care, adoption, group homes and residential facilities.

#### Cuyahoga County Foster Care Statistics:

- In 2024, Cuyahoga County Children Services had custody of 2,145 youth.
- 443 were reunified.
- 12 were placed in legal guardianship.
- 182 were in the custody of a relative.
- 178 were adopted.
- 811 were waiting to be adopted.
- 124 aged out.
- 395 were in a foster care or group home placement.



#### Cuyahoga County Child Abuse Screenings:

- In 2024, Cuyahoga County Children Services screened 10,228 reports.
- 36% of the allegations were for physical abuse
- 26% were for neglect.
- CDJFS utilized traditional response for 88% of abuse and neglect cases.

#### Ohio Foster Care Statistics:

- ***Cuyahoga County has lost 300 residential treatment beds over the last decade, and there have been multiple news articles about youth spending nights in offices.***
- In the state of Ohio, 1,002 youth aged out of foster care in 2024.
- 1,121 young adults (between 18-21 years old) enrolled in the Bridges program.
- 4,036 were adopted and 3,321 were waiting to be adopted.
- 2,450 were entrusted to the care of relatives, and 292 were placed in legal guardianship.
- Every one of these young people matters, as does their safety and well-being.

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