

# Foster Care Statistics

There are over

**4,800**  
children

in foster care  
in Virginia (VDSS)

**60%**  
of children  
in Virginia  
foster care  
are Caucasian

**28%**  
are African-  
American and

**11%**  
are Hispanic

**1700+** foster children  
in Virginia are waiting for adoptive families

**30%**  
of children in Virginia foster care are adopted,  
many times by their foster parents

**48%**  
of the children in  
foster care are  
13 years and older  
(VDSS)

The average stay  
in foster care is  
**21 months**  
(VDSS)

**18%** of children who exit Virginia  
foster care each year age out at 18.

Virginia ranks as one of the  
worst states in the USA

**20%**  
of teens who age out  
of foster care will  
**become instantly homeless**  
(National Foster Youth Institute)

**70%**  
of the young women  
who age out of foster care  
**become pregnant before 21**  
(National Foster Youth Institute)