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# WHO'S IN AMERICA'S FOSTER CARE SYSTEM? 

427,910
now in foster care

269,509
enter in a given year

10 top reasons kids enter care:
61\% Neglect
$32 \%$ Parental drug abuse
$14 \%$ Caretaker inability to cope
13\% Physical abuse
$11 \%$ Unable to manage child behavior
10\% Inadequate housing
8\% Parent Incarceration
6\% Parent alcohol abuse
5\% Abandonment
4\% Sexual abuse

$35 \%$ of children experience two or more placements
average age

$52 \%$ boys $48 \%$ girls


## 20.4 months

average time spent in care

$63 \%$ stay in care less than 18 months
$9 \% \longrightarrow 20,789$ youth age out each year
age out (emancipate or get too old for foster care services)


111,820 children and youth waiting to be adopted

