

# Median Length of Stay for Youth Age 13 and Over in Foster Care on 9/30/2008 and Number of Placements for Youth in Care Between 12 and 24 Months

County	Median Length of Stay for Those In Care 9/30/2008 (Months)		Youth In Care 12-24 Months		
			Total	Three or More Placements	
<b>Pennsylvania</b>	<b>8,507</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>2,755</b>	<b>1,269</b>	<b>46.1%</b>
Adams (Rural)	53	14	15	8	53.3%
Allegheny (Urban)	1,010	25	303	151	49.8%
Armstrong (Rural-Mix)	28	15	11	2	18.2%
Beaver (Urban-Mix)	43	10	13	3	23.1%
Bedford (Rural)	18	14	9	2	22.2%
Berks (Urban-Mix)	281	17	82	46	56.1%
Blair (Urban-Mix)	69	26	24	13	54.2%
Bradford (Rural)	75	21	25	14	56.0%
Bucks (Urban)	151	28	27	13	48.1%
Butler (Rural-Mix)	51	8	16	7	43.8%
Cambria (Rural-Mix)	54	14	18	10	55.6%
Cameron (Rural)	1	7			
Carbon (Rural-Mix)	37	14	9	2	22.2%
Centre (Urban-Mix)	52	37	16	8	50.0%
Chester (Urban)	97	13	39	20	51.3%
Clarion (Rural)	19	6	6	3	50.0%
Clearfield (Rural)	28	23	9	4	44.4%
Clinton (Rural)	24	5	4	3	75.0%
Columbia (Rural)	40	17	18	8	44.4%
Crawford (Rural)	86	19	20	15	75.0%
Cumberland (Urban-Mix)	62	22	13	6	46.2%
Dauphin (Urban)	160	17	58	38	65.5%
Delaware (Urban)	207	23	64	22	34.4%
Elk (Rural)	3	7	2	1	50.0%
Erie (Urban-Mix)	196	13	65	40	61.5%
Fayette (Rural-Mix)	54	15	24	14	58.3%
Forest (Rural)	4	12	2	2	100.0%
Franklin (Rural-Mix)	46	11	25	16	64.0%
Fulton (Rural)	6	12	4	0	0.0%
Greene (Rural)	18	19	6	4	66.7%
Huntingdon (Rural)	19	9	8	3	37.5%
Indiana (Rural)	40	14	18	8	44.4%
Jefferson (Rural)	26	8	10	3	30.0%
Juniata (Rural)	4	2	1	0	0.0%
Lackawanna (Urban)	113	14	40	25	62.5%
Lancaster (Urban-Mix)	210	20	44	23	52.3%
Lawrence (Rural-Mix)	80	10	29	14	48.3%
Lebanon (Urban-Mix)	67	20	22	16	72.7%

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Lehigh (Urban)	115	28	27	16	59.3%
Luzerne (Urban)	194	22	43	23	53.5%
Lycoming (Rural-Mix)	54	10	26	13	50.0%
McKean (Rural)	35	11	9	3	33.3%
Mercer (Rural-Mix)	60	12	30	18	60.0%
Mifflin (Rural)	22	14	13	5	38.5%
Monroe (Rural)	91	16	35	16	45.7%
Montgomery (Urban)	128	15	51	23	45.1%
Montour (Rural)	2	35			
Northampton (Urban)	122	19	35	22	62.9%
Northumberland (Rural)	36	18	18	9	50.0%
Perry (Rural-Mix)	15	52	2	1	50.0%
Philadelphia (Urban)	3,171	15	1,087	387	35.6%
Pike (Rural)	20	8	4	1	25.0%
Potter (Rural)	0		1	1	
Schuylkill (Rural-Mix)	143	18	37	22	59.5%
Snyder (Rural)	5	8	3	1	33.3%
Somerset (Rural-Mix)	46	12	15	7	46.7%
Sullivan (Rural)	5	5	2	1	
Susquehanna (Rural-Mix)	22	13	2	0	0.0%
Tioga (Rural)	39	13	14	4	28.6%
Union (Rural)	17	24	8	5	62.5%
Venango (Rural)	25	14	10	4	40.0%
Warren (Rural)	29	7	5	2	40.0%
Washington (Urban-Mix)	141	9	43	29	67.4%
Wayne (Rural-Mix)	23	17	1	0	0.0%
Westmoreland (Urban-Mix)	132	14	32	17	53.1%
Wyoming (Rural-Mix)	18	11	3	1	33.3%
York (Urban-Mix)	265	20	100	71	71.0%

SOURCE: Statewide Data Package: Outcome Measures and Performance Indicators, April 1, 2003 - September 30, 2008

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Children enter foster care placement as a result of child abuse, neglect and/or other issues of dependency such as lack of proper parental care, control & supervision, truancy, etc.