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## CHILD WELFARE STATS

### OUR VISION: SERVING EVERY CHILD



**Only 1 in 6 Arizona children in foster care has a CASA Volunteer.**

### YOU CAN HELP

## Child Welfare Statistics

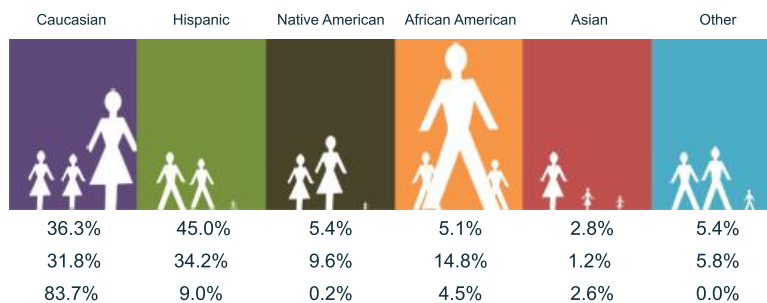
### Child Abuse in Arizona (6 month period)<sup>1</sup>

- Child Abuse Hotline received 21,317 calls that met the statutory criteria for a DCS report.
- Number of children in out-of-home care decreased from 12,546 to 11,696.
- Majority of children in out-of-home care are from ages 1 to 5 years (4,596 or 39.3%)
- Ethnicity majority of children in out-of-home care are Hispanic (34.2%) & Caucasian (31.8%)
- African American children represent 5.2% of population yet 17.4% are in out-of-home care.
- Children with an adoption case plan spend on average 25 months in out-of-home care.
- 30% of children leaving foster care spent over 12 month in care.
- Average number of placements was 2.7.

<sup>1</sup>Arizona Department of Child Safety, "Child Welfare Reporting Requirements Semi-Annual Report for the Period of July 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022"; 2020 Kids Count Data Center.

### Comparative Ratio by Ethnicity in Arizona

(Child Population<sup>1</sup>, Children in Care<sup>2</sup>, CASA Volunteers<sup>3</sup>)

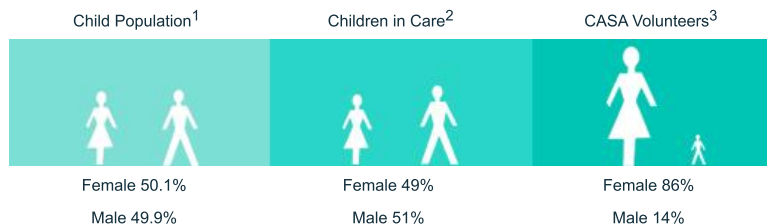


<sup>1</sup> 2021 ACS 1-Year Estimates Survey

<sup>2</sup> Arizona Department of Child Safety Security, "Child Welfare Reporting Requirements Semi-Annual Report for the Period of July 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022"

<sup>3</sup> 2023 DCATS Statistical Report, CASA of Arizona

### Comparative Ratio by Gender in Arizona

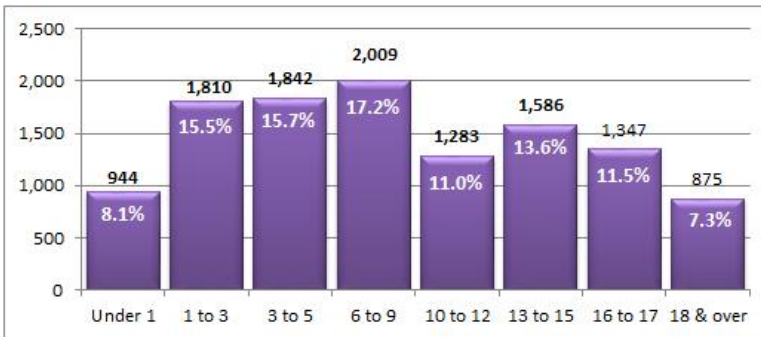


<sup>1</sup> 2021: ACS 1-Year Estimates Survey U.S. Census Estimate

<sup>2</sup> 2020 Kids Count Data Center

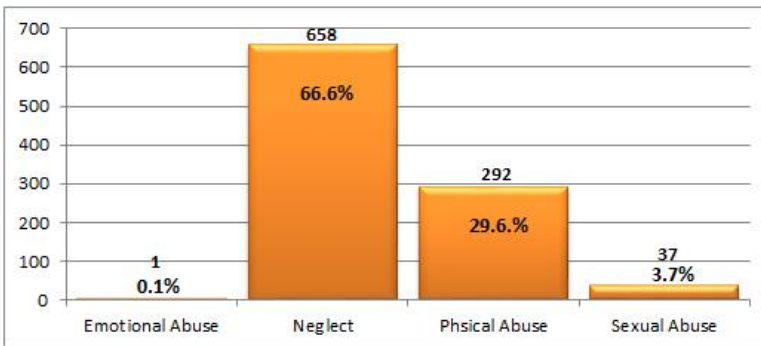
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**Age Comparison of Children in Care in Arizona**



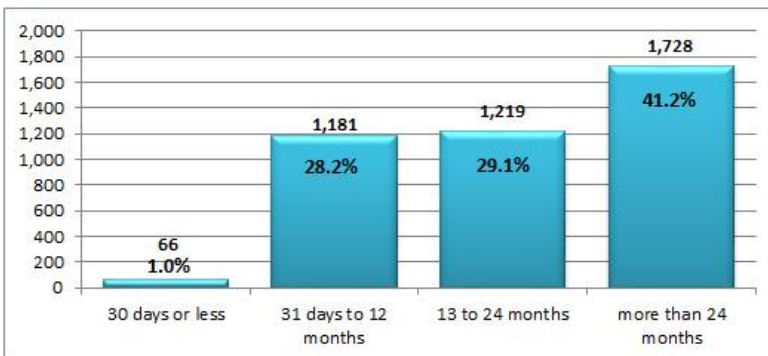
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**Reason for Children in Care in Arizona**



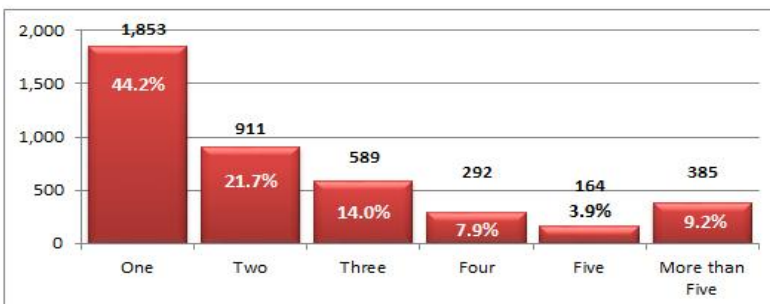
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**Length of Time in Out of Home Care in Arizona**



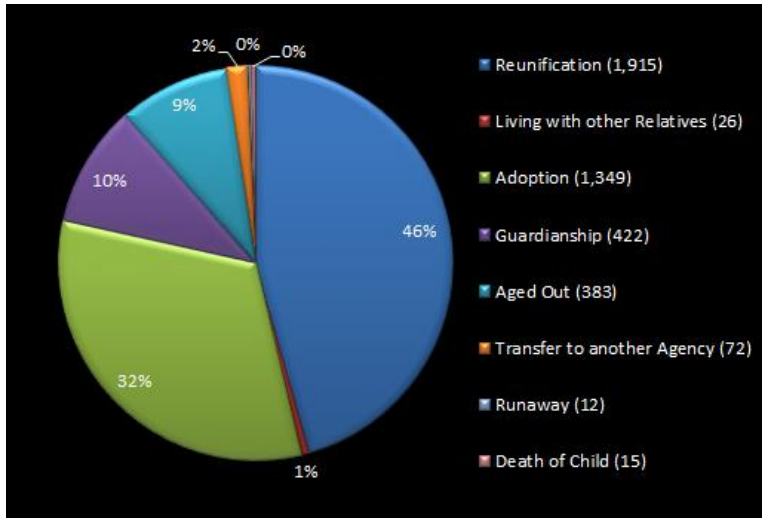
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**Number of Placements Prior to Leaving DCS Custody in Arizona**



Arizona Department of Child Safety, "Child Welfare Reporting Requirements Semi-Annual Report for the Period of July 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022"

**Reasons Children Left DES Custody in Arizona**



Arizona Department of Child Safety, "Child Welfare Reporting Requirements Semi-Annual Report for the Period of July 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022"

**Child Deaths in Arizona**

"In 2021, 863 children under 18 years of age died in Arizona. This is an increase from 2020 when 838 children died."

- 176 child deaths involved drugs/alcohol
- 206 children died as a result of prematurity
- 128 children died as a result of abuse/neglect
- 72 children died while in motor vehicle crash
- 65 babies died in unsafe sleep environments
- 47 children were victims of homicide
- 44 children took their own lives
- 44 children died by drowning
- 56 children died by firearms

<sup>1</sup> "Arizona Child Fatality Review Program, Twenty-Nine Annual Report, November 2022"

**Data References**

- [Child Deaths in Arizona](#)
- [DCS Child Welfare Report](#)
- [2020 KIDS COUNT Data Center](#)
- [U.S. Census Fact Finder](#)

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