

Summary of child welfare and adoption statistics

CHILD WELFARE STATISTICS

Year	Report	What is described?	Finding	Disproportionately high?
1960	Division of child welfare report Citation: <i>State of Maine Division of Child Welfare (1960)</i>	Children in foster care	4% of children in foster care (about 41 total) were non-white. Report indicated most were American Indian.	Yes. Four percent (or close to it since all non-white children were grouped together) is a greater proportion than the percentage of the total population that was American Indian at that time (according to the 1960 US Census, only 0.2% of Maine's population was Indian.)
1961	Characteristics of public child welfare Citations: <i>State of Maine Department of Health and Welfare (1961, 1962, 1965, 1966, 1968, 1969, 1970)</i> <i>State of Maine Division of Child Welfare (1964)</i>	Children receiving child welfare services -- estimate of the percent of total American Indian child population in the child welfare system	10.6% of all American Indian children in Maine were receiving child welfare services. (1.9% of the children in the child welfare system were American Indian.)	Yes, for all of these years, an extremely high percentage of Native children (from a low of 10% to a high of 12%) were in the child welfare system. By comparison, for 1961 and 1962, the state reported that "less than 1 percent" and 1 percent (respectively) of the total population under age 21 was in the child welfare system. In addition, the percentage of children in the child welfare system who were American Indian (between 1.9% and 3.2%) was disproportionately high
1962			10.6% of all American Indian children in Maine were receiving child welfare services. (2.0% of the children in the child welfare system were American Indian.)	
1964			11% of all American Indian children in Maine were receiving child welfare services. (2.4% of the children were American Indian.)	
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			(2.4% of the children were American Indian.)	compared to the percentage of the total Maine population that was American Indian (according to the 1960 and 1970 US Census, only 0.2% of Maine’s population was American Indian.)
1968			10% of all American Indian children in Maine were receiving child welfare services. (2.3% of the children were American Indian.)	
1969			10% of all American Indian children in Maine were receiving child welfare services. (2.5% of the children were American Indian.)	
1970			12% of all American Indian children in Maine were receiving child welfare services. (3.2% of the children were American Indian.)	
1969	American Indian Policy Review Commission report	Children in foster care	82 Indian children were in foster homes, or 1 out of 13.2 Indian children in Maine.	Yes, in 1969, 14.3 times higher rate for Indian vs. non-Indian children
1972	Citation: <i>American Indian Policy Review Commission (Task Force Four) (1976)</i>		136 Indian children were in foster homes, or 1 out of 8 Indian children in Maine.	Yes, in 1972, statewide, 25.8 times higher rate for Indian vs. non-Indian children.
1972 Aroostook County			73 Indian children from Aroostook County were in foster homes, or <u>1 out of 3.3 Indian children in Aroostook County.</u>	Yes. In Aroostook County alone, 62.4 times higher rate for Indian children than statewide rate for non-Indian children.
1973			104 Indian children were in foster homes, or 1 out of 10.4 Indian children in Maine.	Yes, in 1973, 20.4 times higher rate for Indian children vs. non-Indian children.
1975			82 Indian children were in foster homes, or 1 out of 13.2 Indian children in Maine.	Yes, in 1975, 19 times higher rate for Indian children vs. non-Indian children.
1982	Child welfare research notes #7 (1984) Citation:		Maine had a rate of 189 (meaning 189 out of 10,000 Indian children were in foster care), and was in the fifth (or highest) quintile for foster	Yes. Indian children were in foster care at a rate 3.3 times higher (189 compared to 57) than the rate for the total child population in Maine.

	<i>U.S. Children's Bureau (1984)</i>		care placement of Indian children.	
1982	VCIS (Voluntary Cooperative Information System) survey (state reports for federal government) Citations: <i>State of Maine Department of Human Services (1983, 1984, 1985, 1986)</i>	Children legally free for adoption with permanency plan but awaiting placement.	0 American Indian children.	No, not for this question on the survey. However, race was only reported in response to one question in the survey.
1984		Children residing in substitute care.	32 children were American Indian/Alaska Native, or 1.7 percent of all children in substitute care.	Yes. (Race was only reported in response to one question in the survey.) 1980 US Census reported that 0.4% of Maine population was American Indian.
1985		Children residing in substitute care.	29 children were American Indian/Alaska Native, or 1.5 percent of all children in substitute care.	Yes. (Race reported for 5 of 7 race-related questions.) 1980 US Census reported that 0.4% of Maine population was American Indian.
1986		Children residing in substitute care.	32 children were American Indian/Alaska Native, or 1.7 percent of all children in substitute care.	Yes. (Race reported for 6 of 7 race-related questions.) 1980 US Census reported that 0.4% of Maine population was American Indian.
1986	Generic characteristics of public child welfare reports Citations: <u>1986 to 1991 data:</u> <i>State of Maine Department of Human Services (1991)</i> <u>1992 to 1993 data:</u> <i>State of Maine Department of Human Services, Bureau of Child and Family Services (1994)</i> <u>1994 data:</u> <i>State of Maine Department of Human Services (1994)</i> <u>2000 data:</u> <i>State of Maine Department of Human Services. (2000).</i>	Children currently open in care or custody of DHS.	1.8% of children were American Indian.	Yes. 1980 US Census reported that 0.4% of Maine population was American Indian.
1987			1.5% of children were American Indian.	
1988			1.4% of children were American Indian.	
1989			1.8% of children were American Indian.	
1990			1.7% of children were American Indian.	Yes. 1990 US Census reported that 0.5% of Maine population was American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut.
1991			1.6% of children were American Indian.	
1992			1.4% of children were American Indian.	
1993			1.4% of children were American Indian.	
1994			1.0% of children were American Indian.	
2000			1.2% of children were American Indian.	Yes, only 0.6% of total Maine population in 2000 was AI/AN.

2002	MACWIS (Maine Child Welfare Information System) report Citation: <i>State of Maine Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Child and Family Services (2015a)</i>	Children entering DHHS custody	3.4% of children were Native American.	Yes, only 0.6% of total Maine population in 2000 was AI/AN.
2003			3.4% of children were Native American.	
2004			2.1% of children were Native American.	
2005			3.2% of children were Native American.	
2006			4.6% of children were Native American.	
2007			4.3% of children were Native American.	
2008			5.2% of children were Native American.	
2009			3.8% of children were Native American.	
2010			4.7% of children were Native American.	Yes, only 0.6% of total Maine population in 2010 was AI/AN.
2011			2.8% of children were Native American.	
2012			4.7% of children were Native American.	
2013			2.9% of children were Native American.	Yes, only 0.7% of total Maine population in 2013 was AI/AN.
2014			2.2% of children were Native American.	

ADOPTION STATISTICS

Summary of adoption statistics 1950-1984 Citation: *State of Maine. (1950-1984).*

State-generated records of adoption statistics from 1950 to 1984 were located at the archives. These records included public, private and independent adoptions in Maine, and so reflected a much greater number of children adopted than state-managed public adoptions only. From 1950 to 1973, Native children would have been included in the “other” race category. During this time period, Native children accounted for 0 percent of adopted children (no Native children reported as adopted) to 1.15 percent of children adopted, or an average percentage of 0.4. Although this is still two times higher than the percentage of the total Maine population that was American Indian according to the 1970 US Census, it is LESS disproportionately high than most other figures that have been located through archival and other report-based research. From 1974 to 1984, Native children were categorized as a distinct group. During this time period, Native children accounted for 0 percent to 0.6

percent of adopted children, or an average of 0.17 percent. These numbers reflect a roughly proportionate representation of Native children adopted compared to the percentage of Native people in the overall Maine population.

Summary of adoption statistics 2000-2014

Year	Report	What is described?	Finding	Disproportionately high?
2000	Adoption and Foster Care Analysis Reporting System (AFCARS) reports on public agency adoptions Citation: <i>U.S. Children's Bureau. (2014).</i>	Race/ethnicity of public agency children adopted in Maine	2% of children adopted were American Indian/Alaska Native.	Yes, only 0.6% of total Maine population in 2000 was AI/AN.
2001			1% of children adopted were American Indian/Alaska Native.	
2002			3% of children adopted were American Indian/Alaska Native.	
2003			2% of children adopted were American Indian/Alaska Native.	
2004			1% of children adopted were American Indian/Alaska Native.	
2005			3% of children adopted were American Indian/Alaska Native.	
2006			2% of children adopted were American Indian/Alaska Native.	
2007			.9% of children adopted were American Indian/Alaska Native.	
2008			1.6% of children adopted were American Indian/Alaska Native.	
2009			1.2% of children adopted were American Indian/Alaska Native.	
2010			1.4% of children adopted were American Indian/Alaska Native.	Yes, only 0.6% of total Maine population in 2010 was AI/AN.
2011			0.7% of children adopted were American Indian/Alaska Native.	
2012			1.7% of children adopted were American Indian/Alaska Native.	
2013			1.9% of children adopted were American Indian/Alaska Native.	Yes, only 0.7% of total Maine population in 2013 was AI/AN.

US Census citations:

Year	Source
2013	http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/23000.html
2010	http://factfinder.census.gov/faces/tableservices/jsf/pages/productview.xhtml?src=bkmk
2000	http://factfinder.census.gov/faces/tableservices/jsf/pages/productview.xhtml?src=bkmk
1990	ftp://ftp2.census.gov/library/publications/1992/dec/cp-1-21.pdf
1980	(1980 Census of Population and Housing, Table 58) http://www.census.gov/prod/www/decennial.html
1970	(1970 Census of Population and Housing, Table 17) http://www.census.gov/prod/www/decennial.html
1960	(1960 Census of Population and Housing, Table 15) http://www.census.gov/prod/www/decennial.html