

Foster Care & Adoptions

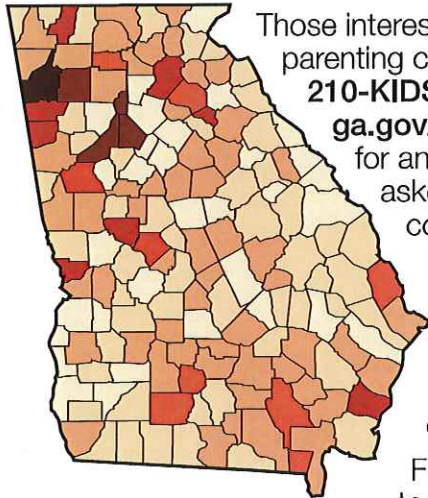
Reasons for Entry

Top 5 reasons children entered DFCS custody (SFY2015):

NEGLECT	4,525
DRUG ABUSE	2,892
INADEQUATE HOUSING	1,906
ABANDONMENT	1,011
INCARCERATION	1,004

Greatest Need for Foster Homes

By county. Darkest red = greatest need.



Those interested in foster parenting can call **1-877-210-KIDS** or visit dfcs.dhs.ga.gov/generalinformation for answers to frequently asked questions concerning foster parenting, links to related sites and upcoming events for the foster care and adoption communities.

From inquiry to approval, the

process can take from five to 10 months due to safety screenings, pre-service training, required documentation and home evaluations.

After calling the 1-877-210-KIDS inquiry line, prospective parents are assigned to a resource development case manager from the local DFCS office to begin the process.

11,551

approximate number of children in DFCS custody as of 9/30/15.

SFY2015 Adoptions

843 children transitioned from state custody into adoptive families in 2015.

FINALIZED ADOPTIONS BY COUNTY

Atkinson	1	Evans	1	Muscogee	3
Baldwin	5	Fannin	9	Newton	4
Banks	6	Fayette	3	Paulding	8
Barrow	13	Floyd	32	Peach	3
Bartow	37	Forsyth	9	Pickens	10
Berrien	5	Franklin	1	Pierce	1
Bibb	39	Fulton	50	Pike	6
Brantley	1	Gilmer	10	Polk	4
Brooks	9	Glynn	28	Putnam	2
Bulloch	13	Gordon	8	Rabun	4
Butts	4	Grady	3	Randolph	3
Camden	10	Greene	3	Richmond	19
Candler	2	Gwinnett	13	Rockdale	6
Carroll	12	Habersham	5	Schley	1
Catoosa	6	Hall	23	Spalding	12
Chatham	16	Haralson	5	Stephens	6
Chattooga	7	Hart	2	Sumter	3
Cherokee	26	Henry	3	Taylor	1
Clarke	12	Houston	3	Terrell	4
Clayton	15	Jackson	8	Thomas	3
Cobb	42	Jasper	1	Tift	9
Coffee	4	Jeff Davis	1	Toombs	2
Colquitt	11	Jefferson	1	Towns	3
Cook	5	Jones	5	Troup	3
Coweta	8	Lamar	6	Turner	1
Crawford	7	Lanier	2	Union	1
Crisp	1	Liberty	1	Upson	10
Dade	3	Lowndes	10	Walker	4
Decatur	1	Macon	4	Walton	12
DeKalb	33	Madison	9	Ware	1
Dodge	2	Meriwether	3	Washington	1
Douglas	6	Monroe	11	White	5
Effingham	13	Morgan	2	Whitfield	24
Elbert	3	Murray	11		



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