



SUTTER COUNTY CHILDREN'S SERVICES ARCHIVE

CHILD WELFARE SIBLING PLACEMENT FROM CWS/CMS

The number of siblings in child welfare supervised foster care who are placed together in the same out-of-home placement is derived from a point-in-time dataset drawn from the second quarter, 2003 CWS/CMS extract. Siblings include all whole, half, and step brothers and sisters.

July 1, 2003 All Children with Siblings in Child Welfare Supervised Foster Care (C-CFSR Measure)

- Of the 136 children with siblings in child welfare supervised foster care on July 1, 2003, 65 (48%) children were placed with all of their siblings.
- Of the 136 children with siblings in child welfare supervised foster care on July 1, 2003, 95 (70%) children were placed with all or some of their siblings.
- Of the 136 children with siblings in child welfare supervised foster care on July 1, 2003, 41 (30%) children were placed with none of their siblings.

Sibling Placement by Sibling Group

- On July 1, 2003, there were 207 children in child welfare supervised foster care. Of these, 136 (66%) had at least one sibling in out-of-home care.

Proportion of children placed with siblings in care, by Sibling Group size, were:

	Children	All Siblings	Some	None
* 2 siblings:	67	66%	0%	34%
* 3 siblings:	38	45%	11%	44%
* 4 siblings:	20	20%	60%	20%
* 5 siblings:	11	0%	91%	9%
* 6+ siblings:	0	0%	0%	0%

Sibling Placement by Placement Type

- Children placed in Guardian homes on July 1, 2003 were more likely than any other placement type to be placed with all of their siblings.

Proportions of children placed with siblings in care, by Placement Type, were:

	Children	All Siblings	Some	None
* Kinship:	35	63%	20%	17%
* Foster:	7	57%	29%	14%
* FFA:	68	35%	29%	36%
* Court Specified:	0	0%	6%	0%
* Group:	1	0%	0%	0%
* Shelter:	0	0%	0%	0%
* Guardian:	18	67%	11%	22%
* All Others*:	7	43%	0%	57%

Sibling Placement by Ethnicity

- Native American children were less likely to be placed with all of their siblings (33%) than were children of other ethnicities.

Proportion of children placed with siblings in care, by Ethnicity, were:

	Children	All Siblings	Some	None
* Black:	4	50%	0%	50%
* White:	108	49%	20%	31%
* Hispanic:	18	39%	39%	22%
* Asian/Other:	3	67%	0%	33%
* Native American:	3	33%	33%	34%
* Missing:	0	0%	0%	0%

For further information please see our website:

<http://cssr.berkeley.edu/cwscmsreports/pointintime/fostercare/childwel/siblings.asp>

NOTE: *The category 'All Others' includes: Pre-adoption, Missing, Runaway, Transfer Home Visit, and Other

1) The sibling group size consists of siblings in care at the same point in time.

2) There may be some instances where a FFA central office address was used rather than actual child residence. Thus, numbers relating to FFA homes may be overestimates.

