

The Disproportionate Removal of Minority Children In Nebraska

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Black children placed in foster care in Nebraska Number of Black Children in out-of-home care:	914
Total number children in out-of-home care	4,320
Ratio of Black children to total children:	21.1%

The ratio of Blacks to the total population of Nebraska: http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/31000.html	4.7%
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The disproportionality index is 21.1 / 4.7 or In other words, the ratio of Black children removed from home is about 4.5 times higher than would be expected from the size of the total Black population in the state.	4.5
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In 2010, the disproportionality index for the nation as a whole for Black children was (see http://www.ncjfcj.org/sites/default/files/Disproportionality%20Rates%20for%20Children%20of%20Color%202010.pdf)	2.0
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This is an unwelcome concomitant to the fact that Nebraska removes about twice as many children of all races and ethnicities from their homes as the national average.

The disproportionality figures for Nebraska Native Americans are: Number of Native American Children in out-of-home care	245
Total Nebraska children in out-of-home care:	4,320
Ratio of Native American children to total children: (12/31/2011 figures from Foster Care Review Office)	5.7%

The ratio of Nebraska Native American children

to the Nebraska child population:

<http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/31000.html>

1%

The disproportionality index is 5.7 / 1.3 or

4.4

In 2010, the disproportionality index for the nation as a whole for Native American children was

1.5

(see <http://www.ncjfcj.org/sites/default/files/Disproportionality%20Rates%20for%20Children%20of%20Color%202010.pdf>)

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