2018 ARIZONA PROFILE
TRANSITION-AGE YOUTH IN FOSTER CARE

The transition from adolescence to adulthood is a pivotal developmental stage as young people learn the skills needed to be healthy and productive adults. This process can be complicated for youth with foster care experience. Here’s what we know about the experiences of these youth in Arizona.

171,162 or 25% of United States’ foster care population is ages 14+
5,913 or 20% of Arizona’s foster care population is ages 14+

Above charts are based on the three largest racial and ethnic groups in this state for foster care. For additional data, please visit the KIDS COUNT Data Center, http://datacenter.kidscount.org.

* Sex is based on gender at birth.
Reasons for Leaving Foster Care

Lingering in foster care, experiencing unstable placement settings while in foster care and leaving foster care without a permanent, legal connection to family are important indicators of how youth in Arizona are faring.

Percentage of Youth Who Emancipated by Race – Arizona

Number of Young People in Care on Their 18th and 19th Birthdays

Percentage Still in Care on Their 19th Birthday