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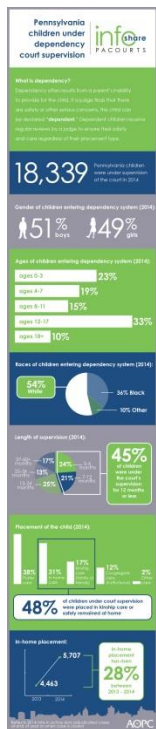
Pennsylvania children under dependency court supervision

HARRISBURG — Pennsylvania court data shows that **18,339** children were under supervision of dependency court in 2014, with **45 percent** of those children under court supervision for **12 months or less**.

Dependency often results from a parent’s inability to provide for the child. If a judge finds that there are concerns for the child’s safety or other serious concerns, the child can be declared “**dependent.**” Dependent children receive regular reviews by a judge to ensure their safety and care regardless of their placement type.

Of those children under court supervision, **38 percent** were placed in traditional foster care, and **48 percent** were placed in kinship care (family and friends) or were able to safely remain at home. Sometimes, the judge determines it’s in the best interest of the child to remain in the home while the family addresses the court’s concerns.

The infographic below highlights some demographics and trends in Pennsylvania regarding dependent children in the courts. [Download a high-resolution version](#) of the graphic.



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