

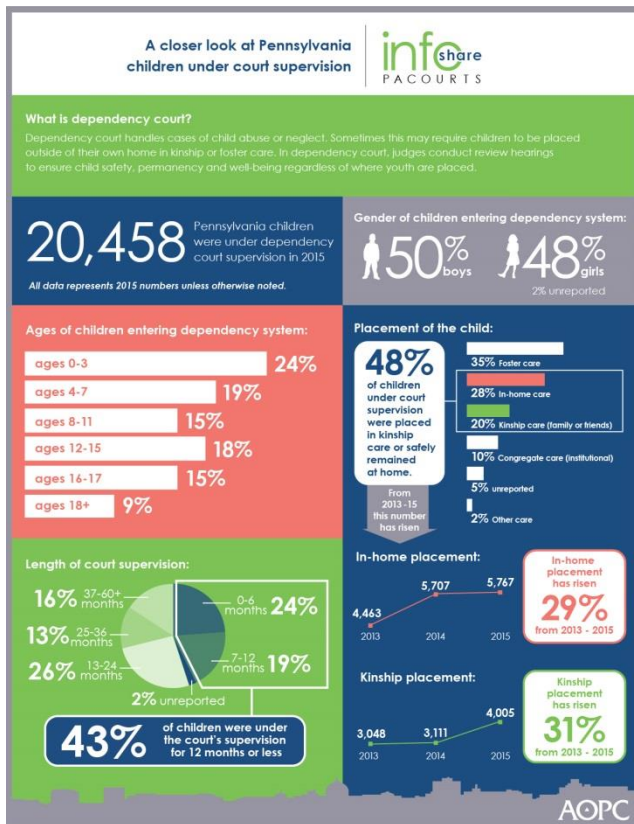
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**A closer look at abused and neglected children in Pennsylvania under dependency court supervision**

**HARRISBURG** — Pennsylvania court data shows that **20,458** children were under supervision of dependency court in 2015, with **43 percent** of those children under court supervision for **12 months or less**, and **48 percent** placed in kinship care with family or friends or in-home care.

Dependency often results from a parent’s inability to provide for the child through neglect or abuse. If a judge finds that there are safety or other serious concerns, the child can be declared “**dependent.**” These children receive regular reviews by a judge to ensure their safety and care regardless of where the court placed them – for example, with family, friends or in foster care. 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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