

Psychiatric Medication for Youth in Foster Care as of December 31, 2025

	Number	% of Foster Care Population ¹
Prescribed a Psychiatric Medication		
Total	708	13%
Age Group		
<7 years old	116	5%
7-12 years old	309	20%
13-17 years old	283	19%
Gender		
Female	324	12%
Male	384	15%
ADHD Medication		
Total	533	10%
Age Group		
<7 years old	86	3%
7-12 years old	279	18%
13-17 years old	168	11%
Gender		
Female	213	8%
Male	320	12%
Antidepressant Medication		
Total	181	3%
Age Group		
<7 years old	*	*
7-12 years old	*	^
13-17 years old	114	8%
Gender		
Female	115	4%
Male	66	3%
Antipsychotic Medication		
Total	239	4%
Age Group		
<7 years old	18	1%
7-12 years old	92	6%
13-17 years old	129	9%
Gender		
Female	98	4%
Male	141	5%

Psychiatric Medication for Youth in Foster Care, Third Quarter FY 2026

	Number	% of Foster Care Population ¹
Anxiolytic or Hypnotic Medication		
Total	88	2%
Age Group		
<7 years old	33	1%
7-12 years old	23	1%
13-17 years old	32	2%
Gender		
Female	52	2%
Male	36	1%
Long Acting Antipsychotic Medication		
Total	10	0%
Age Group		
<7 years old	0	0%
7-12 years old	*	*
13-17 years old	*	*
Gender		
Female	*	*
Male	*	*
Mood Stabilizer Medication		
Total	60	1%
Age Group		
<7 years old	8	0%
7-12 years old	14	1%
13-17 years old	28	2%
Gender		
Female	22	1%
Male	28	1%
3 or More Medications		
Total	83	1%
Age Group		
<7 years old	*	*
7-12 years old	45	3%
13-17 years old	*	*
Gender		
Female	26	1%
Male	57	2%

Psychiatric Medication for Youth in Foster Care, Third Quarter FY 2026

	Number	% of Foster Care Population ¹
2 or More Antipsychotics		
Total	6	0%
Age Group		
<7 years old	*	*
7-12 years old	*	*
13-17 years old	*	*
Gender		
Female	*	*
Male	*	*
2 or More Antidepressants		
Total	0	0%
Age Group		
<7 years old	0	0%
7-12 years old	0	0%
13-17 years old	0	0%
Gender		
Female	0	0%
Male	0	0%

Data sources: PSYCKES, CCRS and SSPS

¹Foster Care population includes children less than 18 years old only

*cells with 1-5 youth are not shown to protect anonymity.

Requests for Override of Parental Consent, October 1 - December 31, 2025

	Number	% of Foster Care Population¹
Requests Made		
Total	19	0.3%
Age Group		
<7 years old	*	*
7-12 years old	11	0.5%
13-17 years old	*	*
Gender		
Female	10	0.3%
Male	9	0.3%
Requests Granted		
Total	17	0.1%
Age Group		
<7 years old	*	*
7-12 years old	10	0.5%
13-17 years old	*	*
Gender		
Female	9	0.3%
Male	8	0.2%

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