

Psychiatric Medication for Youth in Foster Care as of March 31, 2026

	Number	% of Foster Care Population ¹
Prescribed a Psychiatric Medication		
Total	789	14%
Age Group		
<7 years old	117	5%
7-12 years old	342	21%
13-17 years old	330	22%
Gender		
Female	375	13%
Male	414	15%
ADHD Medication		
Total	587	10%
Age Group		
<7 years old	87	4%
7-12 years old	311	19%
13-17 years old	189	12%
Gender		
Female	237	9%
Male	350	12%
Antidepressant Medication		
Total	212	4%
Age Group		
<7 years old	*	*
7-12 years old	*	*
13-17 years old	144	9%
Gender		
Female	140	5%
Male	72	3%
Antipsychotic Medication		
Total	264	5%
Age Group		
<7 years old	17	1%
7-12 years old	97	6%
13-17 years old	150	10%
Gender		
Female	119	4%
Male	119	4%

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

	Number	% of Foster Care Population ¹
Anxiolytic or Hypnotic Medication		
Total	102	2%
Age Group		
<7 years old	34	1%
7-12 years old	27	2%
13-17 years old	41	3%
Gender		
Female	57	2%
Male	45	2%
Long Acting Antipsychotic Medication		
Total	7	0%
Age Group		
<7 years old	0	0%
7-12 years old	*	*
13-17 years old	*	*
Gender		
Female	*	*
Male	*	*
Mood Stabilizer Medication		
Total	69	1%
Age Group		
<7 years old	9	0%
7-12 years old	17	1%
13-17 years old	44	3%
Gender		
Female	29	1%
Male	40	1%
3 or More Medications		
Total	69	1%
Age Group		
<7 years old	8	0%
7-12 years old	17	1%
13-17 years old	44	3%
Gender		
Female	29	1%
Male	40	1%

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

	Number	% of Foster Care Population ¹
2 or More Antipsychotics		
Total	*	*
Age Group		
<7 years old	*	*
7-12 years old	*	*
13-17 years old	*	*
Gender		
Female	*	*
Male	*	*
2 or More Antidepressants		
Total	*	*
Age Group		
<7 years old	0	0%
7-12 years old	0	0%
13-17 years old	*	*
Gender		
Female	*	*
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, January 1 - March 31, 2026

	Number	% of Foster Care Population¹
Requests Made		
Total	27	0.4%
Age Group		
<7 years old	9	0.3%
7-12 years old	10	0.5%
13-17 years old	8	0.4%
Gender		
Female	11	0.3%
Male	16	0.5%
Requests Granted		
Total	18	0.3%
Age Group		
<7 years old	*	*
7-12 years old	8	0.4%
13-17 years old	*	*
Gender		
Female	6	0.2%
Male	12	0.4%

Data sources: ACS Office of Child and Family Health and CCRS

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