

## Who are Foster Youth Students in California Schools?

A “child in foster care” is typically known to mean a child who has been ordered by a dependency court to be removed from their home and placed in the care of a foster parent. Still, the child welfare system includes many more children than those placed by the court “in foster care,” as seen below. For the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF), the California Education Code defines a broader, but not comprehensive, set of child welfare involved youth as “foster youth,” for the purposes of funding and identification through CALPADS.

