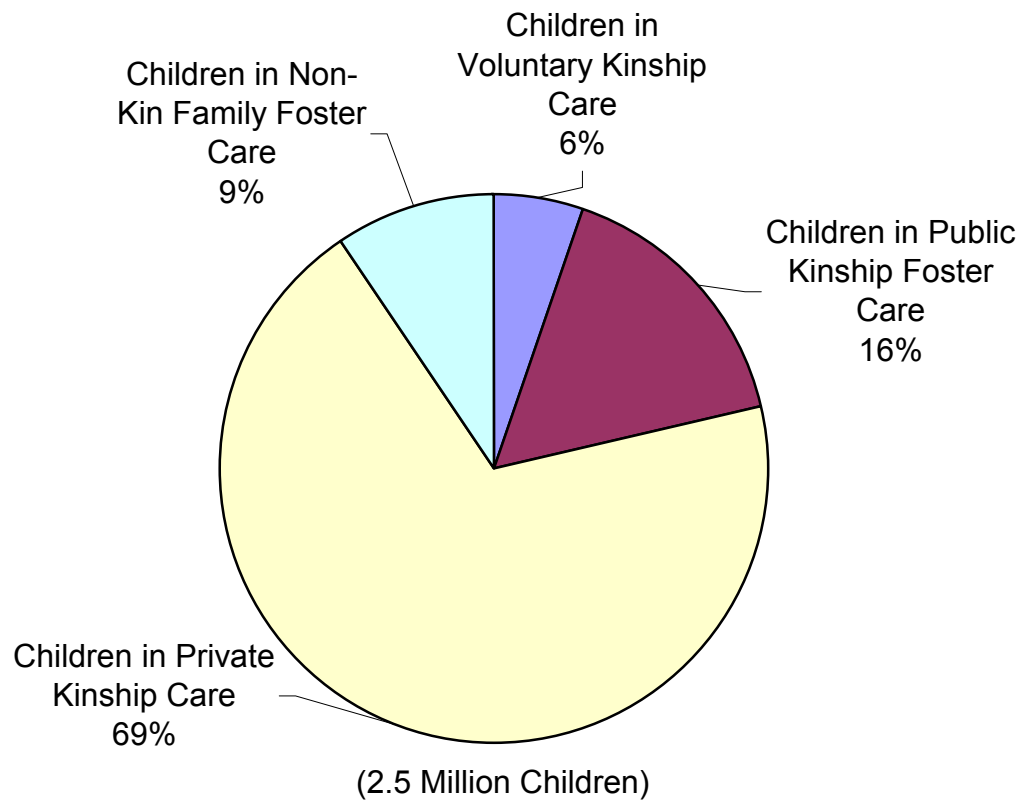




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Who Takes Care of Children When Their Parents Can't?



Source: 2002 National Survey of America's Families

In 2002, 2.5 million children lived in families where their parents were not present. Of these, fewer than 250,000 lived with non-kin foster families.

About 2.3 million children lived in kinship care. This included all children living with relatives without a parent present. There are three types of kinship care arrangements:

- *Private Kinship Care* (1,760,000 children). The family made this arrangement privately, without the involvement of a social service agency.
- *Kinship Foster Care* (400,000 children). Social services helped place the child with the relative and a court made the relative responsible for the child's care.
- *Voluntary Kinship Care* (140,000 children). Social services helped place the child with the relative, but the courts were not involved.