CHILDREN ON THE MAYFLOWER

How many children were on the Mayflower? This seems like an easy question but it is hard to answer!

Let’s say we wanted to count every passenger on the ship who was 18 years of age or younger. To figure out how old a person was in 1620, when the Mayflower voyage took place, you would need to know their date of birth. In some cases, though, there just isn’t enough information!

On this list, we’ve included passengers who were probably or possibly age 18 or less. Some children were traveling with their families. Others came over as servants or apprentices. Still others were wards, or children in the care of guardians. There are 35 young people on the list. Some of them may have been very close to adulthood, like the servant Dorothy (last name unknown), who was married in the early years of Plymouth Colony. The list also includes Will Butten. He was a youth who died during the voyage and never arrived to see land.

This list includes very young children and even some babies! Oceanus Hopkins was born during the Mayflower’s voyage across the Atlantic. The baby was given his unusual name as a result. Another boy, Peregrine White, was born aboard the ship while it was anchored at Cape Cod harbor - his name means traveler or “pilgrim.”

A good source for more information on Mayflower passengers is Caleb Johnson’s http://mayflowerhistory.com/mayflower-passenger-list.
MAYFLOWER KIDS BY AGE IN 1620*

OCEANUS HOPKINS, AGE NEWBORN
PEREGRINE WHITE, AGE NEWBORN
SAMUEL EATON, AGE 1*
HUMILITY COOPER, AGE 1
DAMARIS HOPKINS, AGE 2*
DESIRE MINTER, AGE 3,* SERVANT
MARY ALLERTON, AGE 4*
MARY MORE, AGE 4, WARD
RESOLVED WHITE, AGE 5*
REMEMBER ALLERTON, AGE 6*
WRESTLING BREWSTER, AGE 6*
RICHARD MORE, AGE 6, WARD
BARTHOLOMEW ALLERTON, AGE 7*
JASPER MORE, AGE 7, WARD
[BOY UNKNOWN 1ST NAME] TURNER, AGE 7*
ELLEN MORE, AGE 8, WARD
LOVE BREWSTER, AGE 9*
[BOY UNKNOWN 1ST NAME] TINKER, AGE 10*
WILLIAM LATHAM, AGE 11,* SERVANT
SAMUEL FULLER, AGE 12*
GILES HOPKINS, AGE 12
MARY CHILTON, AGE 13
JOHN COOKE, JR., AGE 13
JOHN HOOKE, AGE 13,* APPRENTICE
ELIZABETH TILLEY, AGE 13
FRANCIS BILLINGTON, AGE 14*
CONSTANCE HOPKINS, AGE 14
WILLIAM BUTTON, AGE 15,* SERVANT (DIED AT SEA)
JOHN BILLINGTON, JR., AGE 16*
HENRY SAMPSON, AGE 16
JOSEPH ROGERS, AGE 17
PRISCILLA MULLINS, AGE 17*
JOSEPH MULLINS, AGE 18*
JOHN CRACKSTON, JR., AGE 18*
DOROTHY (NO LAST NAME), AGE 18,* SERVANT

*We don’t know the specific date of birth for every *Mayflower* passenger. This age is *estimated*, based on currently available information.
MAYFLOWER KIDS BY LAST NAME WITH AGE IN 1620*

ALLERTON, BARTHOLOMEW, AGE 7*

ALLERTON, MARY, AGE 4*

ALLERTON, REMEMBER, AGE 6*

BILLINGTON, FRANCIS, AGE 14*

BILLINGTON, JOHN JR., AGE 16*

BREWSTER, LOVE, AGE 9*

BREWSTER, WRESTLING, AGE 6*

BUTTON, WILLIAM, AGE 15,* SERVANT (DIED AT SEA)

CHILTON, MARY, AGE 13

COOKE, JOHN JR., AGE 13

COOPER, HUMILITY, AGE 1

CRACKSTON, JOHN JR., AGE 18*

DOROTHY (NO LAST NAME), AGE 18,* SERVANT

EATON, SAMUEL, AGE 1*

FULLER, SAMUEL, AGE 12*

HOOKE, JOHN, AGE 13,* APPRENTICE

HOPKINS, CONSTANCE, AGE 14

HOPKINS, DAMARIS, AGE 2*

HOPKINS, GILES, AGE 12

HOPKINS, OCEANUS, AGE NEWBORN

LATHAM, WILLIAM, AGE 11,* SERVANT

MINTER, DESIRE, AGE 3,* SERVANT
MORE, ELLEN, AGE 8, WARD
MORE, JASPER, AGE 7, WARD
MORE, MARY, AGE 4, WARD
MORE, RICHARD, AGE 6, WARD
MULLINS, PRISCILLA, AGE 17*
MULLINS, JOSEPH, AGE 18*
ROGERS, JOSEPH, AGE 17
SAMPSON, HENRY, AGE 16
TILLEY, ELIZABETH, AGE 13
TINKER, [BOY UNKNOWN 1ST NAME], AGE 10*
TURNER, [BOY UNKNOWN 1ST NAME], AGE 7*
WHITE, PEREGRINE, AGE NEWBORN
WHITE, RESOLVED, AGE 5*

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