



## FOSTER CARE - SERVED

Foster care is meant to be a temporary intervention to assure the safety and well-being of a child. A child who spends long periods in foster care is more likely than other children to drop out of school, have mental health challenges, and experience unemployment and/or homeless as an adult. The following shows the past five years of data regarding children served in foster care during each federal fiscal year.

### Indicator

#### Unduplicated Number of Children Served

All Children in Foster Care During the Year  
(Rate per 1,000 children age 0-20)

Indicator	2012			2013			2014			2015			2016			County % Change 2012 to 2016
	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	
Unduplicated Number of Children Served	63	1,615	22,000	55	1,462	21,416	94	1,535	22,510	128	1,574	22,980	138	1,695	24,543	119.0%
(Rate per 1,000 children age 0-20)	5.5	6.1	6.5	4.8	5.6	6.4	8.1	5.8	6.7	11.1	6.0	6.8	12.0	6.5	7.3	

#### By Age

Age Group	2012 County	2012 Rural	2012 State	2013 County	2013 Rural	2013 State	2014 County	2014 Rural	2014 State	2015 County	2015 Rural	2015 State	2016 County	2016 Rural	2016 State	County % Change 2012 to 2016
0-2	9.5%	16.9%	18.9%	16.4%	18.5%	19.2%	27.7%	20.6%	19.4%	26.6%	22.7%	19.9%	21.0%	22.0%	20.2%	120.7%
3-5	14.3%	16.6%	15.6%	10.9%	15.7%	15.9%	16.0%	15.0%	16.8%	16.4%	15.9%	17.1%	16.7%	16.1%	17.0%	16.7%
6-8	7.9%	10.5%	10.8%	16.4%	11.7%	11.5%	6.4%	12.6%	12.3%	10.2%	11.5%	12.9%	10.1%	12.4%	13.0%	27.8%
9-11	11.1%	9.7%	8.9%	1.8%	8.8%	8.9%	8.5%	8.9%	9.5%	8.6%	9.5%	10.0%	8.7%	11.2%	11.0%	-21.7%
12-14	15.9%	13.9%	12.0%	21.8%	13.2%	11.4%	16.0%	12.4%	10.9%	12.5%	12.7%	11.4%	10.1%	11.3%	11.2%	-36.1%
15-17	34.9%	24.8%	23.3%	29.1%	23.6%	22.3%	20.2%	24.0%	21.4%	21.1%	22.4%	20.4%	29.7%	22.7%	19.6%	-14.9%
18-20	6.3%	7.6%	10.5%	3.6%	8.5%	10.7%	5.3%	6.6%	9.8%	4.7%	5.2%	8.3%	3.6%	4.4%	7.9%	-42.9%
Infants (age 0-1)	4.8%	11.4%	12.2%	10.9%	12.4%	11.9%	20.2%	14.2%	12.5%	15.6%	15.9%	12.8%	16.7%	14.9%	12.8%	250.0%
Youth (age 13+)	54.0%	42.5%	42.4%	49.1%	42.2%	41.5%	37.2%	39.1%	38.9%	35.9%	36.7%	36.7%	39.1%	34.8%	35.5%	-27.5%

#### By Race and Ethnicity

Race/Ethnicity	2012 County	2012 Rural	2012 State	2013 County	2013 Rural	2013 State	2014 County	2014 Rural	2014 State	2015 County	2015 Rural	2015 State	2016 County	2016 Rural	2016 State	County % Change 2012 to 2016
Non-Hispanic White	95.2%	89.0%	43.3%	94.5%	89.5%	41.8%	90.4%	89.9%	42.3%	92.2%	87.0%	40.9%	94.9%	88.0%	42.5%	-0.3%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	1.6%	4.6%	34.9%	1.8%	3.7%	34.8%	1.1%	2.5%	35.2%	0.8%	3.6%	34.6%	0.7%	3.1%	35.3%	-54.3%
Non-Hispanic Other Race	1.6%	1.6%	6.5%	0.0%	0.8%	7.0%	0.0%	0.7%	4.4%	0.8%	1.1%	5.9%	0.0%	0.9%	3.3%	-100.0%
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	0.0%	1.9%	3.2%	0.0%	3.3%	3.9%	1.1%	4.0%	4.9%	2.3%	5.3%	2.2%	4.9%	5.4%	5.4%	-
Hispanic or Latino	1.6%	2.8%	12.0%	3.6%	2.8%	12.5%	7.4%	2.8%	13.1%	3.9%	3.0%	13.4%	2.2%	3.1%	13.4%	37.0%

#### By Gender

Gender	2012 County	2012 Rural	2012 State	2013 County	2013 Rural	2013 State	2014 County	2014 Rural	2014 State	2015 County	2015 Rural	2015 State	2016 County	2016 Rural	2016 State	County % Change 2012 to 2016
Male	42.9%	53.4%	50.5%	49.1%	52.9%	50.8%	50.0%	53.4%	50.8%	52.3%	53.4%	51.0%	49.3%	53.4%	51.2%	15.0%
Female	57.1%	46.6%	49.5%	50.9%	47.1%	49.2%	50.0%	46.6%	49.2%	47.7%	46.6%	49.0%	50.7%	46.6%	48.8%	-11.2%

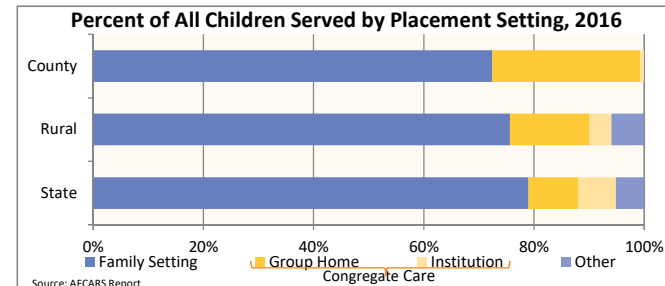
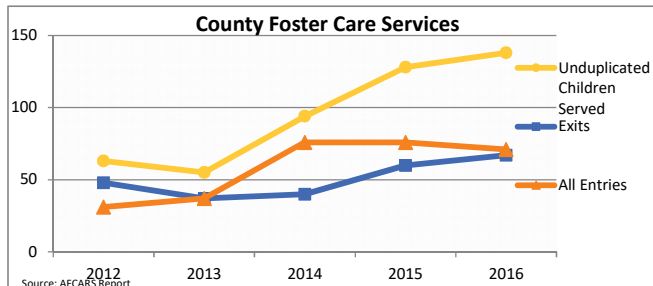
#### By First Placement Setting

Placement Setting	2012 County	2012 Rural	2012 State	2013 County	2013 Rural	2013 State	2014 County	2014 Rural	2014 State	2015 County	2015 Rural	2015 State	2016 County	2016 Rural	2016 State	County % Change 2012 to 2016
<b>Family Setting</b>	<b>69.8%</b>	<b>75.7%</b>	<b>72.8%</b>	<b>76.4%</b>	<b>73.8%</b>	<b>73.4%</b>	<b>77.7%</b>	<b>75.2%</b>	<b>75.8%</b>	<b>77.3%</b>	<b>75.0%</b>	<b>77.1%</b>	<b>72.5%</b>	<b>75.6%</b>	<b>79.0%</b>	<b>3.8%</b>
Pre-adoptive Home	0.0%	3.0%	3.2%	0.0%	4.2%	3.4%	0.0%	4.0%	3.5%	0.0%	4.3%	3.1%	0.7%	3.4%	4.5%	-
Foster Family Home – Relative	25.4%	23.1%	24.4%	21.8%	22.0%	24.8%	38.3%	26.6%	29.6%	31.3%	26.9%	31.5%	28.3%	28.8%	34.1%	11.3%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	44.4%	49.7%	45.2%	54.5%	47.6%	45.2%	39.4%	44.7%	42.7%	46.1%	43.8%	42.5%	43.5%	43.4%	40.5%	-2.2%
<b>Congregate Care Setting</b>	<b>30.2%</b>	<b>19.9%</b>	<b>20.6%</b>	<b>23.6%</b>	<b>20.0%</b>	<b>19.6%</b>	<b>22.3%</b>	<b>18.6%</b>	<b>18.3%</b>	<b>22.7%</b>	<b>18.4%</b>	<b>17.1%</b>	<b>27.5%</b>	<b>18.4%</b>	<b>15.8%</b>	<b>-8.7%</b>
Group Home	25.4%	14.7%	12.5%	21.8%	14.2%	12.1%	21.3%	13.9%	11.6%	21.9%	14.5%	10.5%	26.8%	14.5%	9.1%	5.6%
Institution	4.8%	5.2%	8.0%	1.8%	5.7%	7.5%	1.1%	4.7%	6.8%	0.8%	3.9%	6.6%	0.7%	4.0%	6.8%	-84.8%
<b>Supervised Independent Living</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>1.1%</b>	<b>1.8%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>1.4%</b>	<b>2.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.8%</b>	<b>1.9%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>1.1%</b>	<b>1.7%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.8%</b>	<b>1.6%</b>	<b>-</b>
Runaway	0.0%	0.1%	1.4%	0.0%	0.2%	1.8%	0.0%	0.3%	1.2%	0.0%	0.0%	1.3%	0.0%	0.2%	1.4%	-
Trial Home Visit	0.0%	3.2%	3.4%	0.0%	4.6%	3.2%	0.0%	5.0%	2.8%	0.0%	5.5%	2.9%	0.0%	5.0%	2.2%	-

#### Children Entering Foster Care

All Entries into Foster Care During the Year

Year	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County % Change 2012 to 2016
2012	31	757	9,793	37	700	9,306	76	811	10,364	76	821	10,387	71	945	10,567	129.0%



## FOSTER CARE - FIRST TIME ENTRIES

Data on first time entries provides information on children who have just begun their foster care experience during the past federal fiscal year. How the child welfare system is serving them may say something about current system practice and decision making.

### Indicator

#### Children Entering for the First Time

First Time Entries During the Year  
(Rate per 1,000 children age 0-20)  
First Time Entries as Percent of All Entries

Indicator	2012			2013			2014			2015			2016			County % Change 2012 to 2016
	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	
Children Entering for the First Time	20	568	7,018	28	546	6,698	67	658	7,592	63	646	7,843	53	721	8,082	165.0%
First Time Entries During the Year (Rate per 1,000 children age 0-20)	1.7	2.2	2.1	2.4	2.1	2.0	5.8	2.5	2.3	5.5	2.5	2.3	4.6	2.7	2.4	
First Time Entries as Percent of All Entries	64.5%	75.0%	71.7%	75.7%	78.0%	72.0%	88.2%	81.1%	73.3%	82.9%	78.7%	75.5%	74.6%	76.3%	76.5%	15.7%

#### By Age

0-2  
3-5  
6-8  
9-11  
12-14  
15-17  
18-20  
Infants (age 0-1)  
Youth (age 13+)

Age Group	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	County % Change 2012 to 2016
0-2	20.0%	28.6%	30.2%	28.6%	33.3%	50.9%
3-5	5.0%	10.7%	13.9%	12.7%	14.7%	50.9%
6-8	10.0%	10.7%	10.0%	11.1%	12.5%	-43.4%
9-11	10.0%	8.8%	8.2%	9.2%	9.6%	32.1%
12-14	20.0%	17.9%	15.6%	19.0%	12.6%	-24.5%
15-17	35.0%	28.6%	20.8%	18.0%	17.2%	-19.1%
18-20	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	-
Infants (age 0-1)	15.0%	26.4%	24.5%	27.0%	26.3%	76.1%
Youth (age 13+)	50.0%	42.9%	32.2%	31.7%	26.6%	-17.0%

#### By Race and Ethnicity

Non-Hispanic White  
Non-Hispanic Black or African American  
Non-Hispanic Other Race  
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races  
Hispanic or Latino

Race/Ethnicity	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	County % Change 2012 to 2016
Non-Hispanic White	95.0%	89.3%	89.4%	93.7%	49.4%	-0.7%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	5.0%	3.6%	3.8%	0.0%	28.6%	-100.0%
Non-Hispanic Other Race	0.0%	0.0%	0.9%	1.6%	4.1%	-
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	0.0%	0.0%	2.9%	3.2%	5.4%	-
Hispanic or Latino	0.0%	7.1%	2.9%	1.6%	12.6%	-

#### By Gender

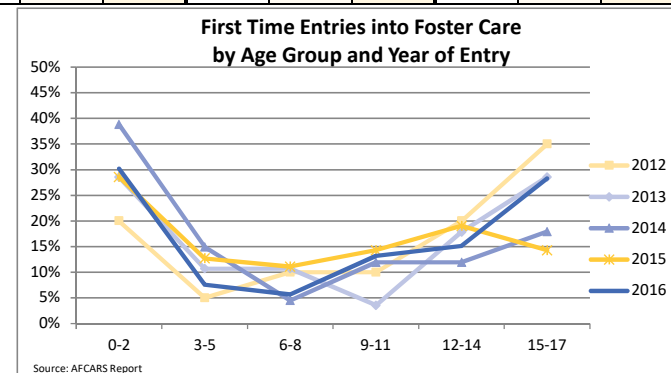
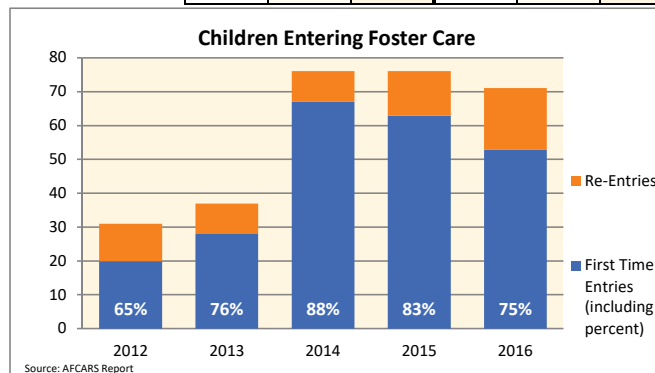
Male  
Female

Gender	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	County % Change 2012 to 2016
Male	50.0%	53.6%	49.5%	49.2%	50.8%	-1.9%
Female	50.0%	46.4%	50.5%	50.8%	49.2%	1.9%

#### By First Placement Setting

**Family Setting**  
Pre-adoptive Home  
Foster Family Home – Relative  
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative  
**Congregate Care Setting**  
Group Home  
Institution  
**Supervised Independent Living**  
Runaway  
Trial Home Visit

Placement Setting	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	County % Change 2012 to 2016
Family Setting	70.0%	82.1%	77.5%	83.6%	82.3%	5.1%
Pre-adoptive Home	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.0%	0.2%	-
Foster Family Home – Relative	20.0%	21.4%	25.8%	33.6%	37.5%	32.1%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	50.0%	60.7%	49.3%	46.0%	44.6%	-5.7%
Congregate Care Setting	30.0%	17.9%	21.0%	16.6%	16.2%	-11.9%
Group Home	30.0%	17.9%	15.0%	13.8%	12.8%	-18.2%
Institution	0.0%	0.0%	6.0%	2.7%	6.2%	-
Supervised Independent Living	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	-
Runaway	0.0%	0.0%	0.4%	0.0%	0.6%	-
Trial Home Visit	0.0%	0.0%	0.7%	0.0%	1.0%	-



## FOSTER CARE - RE-ENTRIES

Data on re-entries provides information on children who come back into foster care because of new or continuing challenges at home. Some children experience numerous foster care episodes or cycle in and out of the system. Others can experience large spans of time between foster care episodes, which is why the age of children who re-enter is typically older.

### Indicator

#### Children Re-Entering Foster Care

Re-Entries During the Year  
Re-Entries as Percent of All Entries

County	2012			2013			2014			2015			2016			County % Change 2012 to 2016
	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State		
11	189	2,775	9	154	2,608	9	153	2,772	13	175	2,544	18	224	2,485	63.6%	
35.5%	25.0%	28.3%	24.3%	22.0%	28.0%	11.8%	18.9%	26.7%	17.1%	21.3%	24.5%	25.4%	23.7%	23.5%	-28.6%	

### By Age

Age Group	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	% Change
0-2	9.1%	0.0%	11.1%	7.7%	11.1%	22.2%
3-5	0.0%	0.0%	11.1%	7.7%	11.1%	-
6-8	9.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-100.0%
9-11	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	23.1%	0.0%	-
12-14	9.1%	55.6%	33.3%	17.1%	16.5%	83.3%
15-17	72.7%	20.1%	44.4%	41.2%	66.7%	-8.3%
18-20	0.0%	11.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-
Infants (age 0-1)	0.0%	0.0%	11.1%	0.0%	5.6%	-
Youth (age 13+)	81.8%	88.9%	77.8%	61.5%	83.3%	1.9%

### By Race and Ethnicity

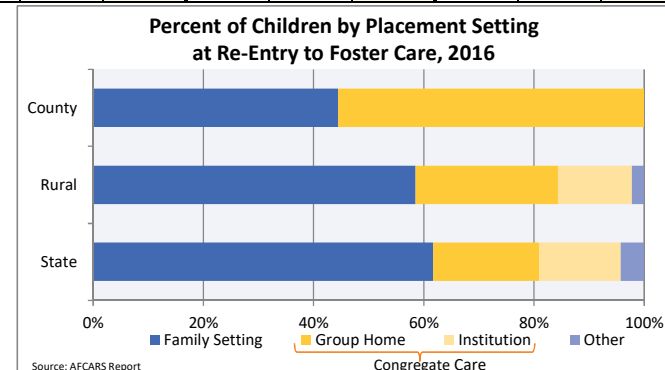
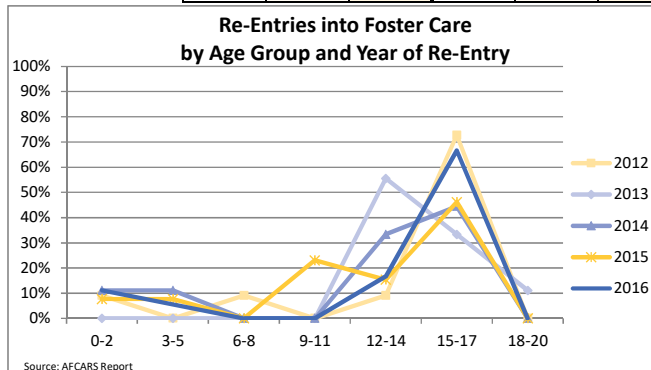
Race/Ethnicity	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	% Change
Non-Hispanic White	100.0%	90.9%	88.9%	84.6%	94.4%	-5.6%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	0.0%	3.2%	0.0%	0.0%	5.6%	-
Non-Hispanic Other Race	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	0.0%	3.9%	0.0%	0.0%	4.9%	-
Hispanic or Latino	0.0%	1.9%	11.1%	15.4%	2.7%	-

### By Gender

Gender	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	% Change
Male	27.3%	50.0%	55.6%	61.5%	44.4%	63.0%
Female	72.7%	50.0%	44.4%	38.5%	55.6%	-23.6%

### By Placement Setting at Re-Entry

Placement Setting	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	% Change
Family Setting	45.5%	52.6%	33.3%	53.8%	44.4%	-2.2%
Pre-adoptive Home	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-
Foster Family Home - Relative	27.3%	14.9%	22.2%	20.2%	27.8%	1.9%
Foster Family Home - Non-Relative	18.2%	33.3%	11.1%	33.3%	16.7%	-8.3%
Congregate Care Setting	54.5%	44.4%	66.7%	40.6%	55.6%	1.9%
Group Home	54.5%	35.7%	66.7%	24.8%	55.6%	1.9%
Institution	0.0%	9.7%	0.0%	15.9%	0.0%	-
Supervised Independent Living	0.0%	1.3%	0.0%	1.6%	0.0%	-
Runaway	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	3.3%	0.0%	-
Trial Home Visit	0.0%	0.6%	0.0%	0.7%	0.0%	-



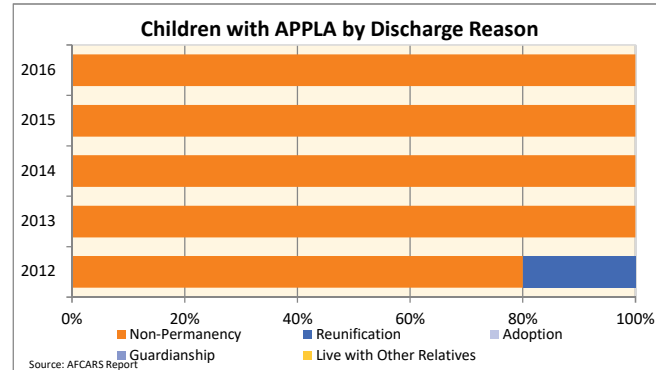
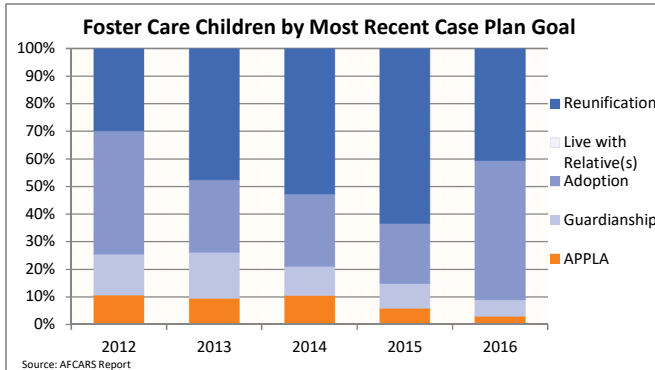
## FOSTER CARE - GOALS

All children in foster care have a court-ordered permanency goal, which directs the efforts of the child welfare agency toward a certain family outcome for each child. In addition to the court-ordered 'primary' goal, a 'concurrent' goal is put in place to ensure permanency is achieved if for some reason the primary goal cannot be met. This data provides information on the most recent primary goal for every child served in foster care during the federal fiscal year.

Indicator	2012			2013			2014			2015			2016			County % Change 2012 to 2016
	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	
<b>Percent of Children by Case Plan Goal</b>																
<b>Family-Based Permanency Goals</b>	<b>89.4%</b>	<b>91.2%</b>	<b>90.9%</b>	<b>90.5%</b>	<b>91.7%</b>	<b>92.8%</b>	<b>89.5%</b>	<b>94.9%</b>	<b>93.6%</b>	<b>94.1%</b>	<b>96.7%</b>	<b>95.2%</b>	<b>97.0%</b>	<b>97.7%</b>	<b>95.0%</b>	<b>8.6%</b>
Reunify With Parent(s) or Principal Caretaker(s)	29.8%	65.9%	69.6%	47.6%	64.0%	70.5%	52.6%	69.5%	72.6%	63.4%	70.5%	73.1%	40.6%	72.6%	69.8%	36.3%
Adoption	44.7%	17.1%	16.6%	26.2%	18.6%	16.7%	26.3%	17.0%	16.1%	21.8%	20.0%	17.4%	50.5%	18.3%	19.5%	13.0%
Guardianship	14.9%	2.6%	3.1%	16.7%	7.1%	3.6%	10.5%	6.0%	3.1%	8.9%	4.3%	3.0%	5.9%	4.6%	4.3%	-60.1%
Live with Relative(s)	0.0%	5.6%	1.6%	0.0%	1.9%	2.1%	0.0%	2.4%	1.8%	0.0%	1.9%	1.7%	0.0%	2.2%	1.5%	-
<b>Another Planned Permanent Living Arrangement (APPLA)</b>	<b>10.6%</b>	<b>8.8%</b>	<b>9.1%</b>	<b>9.5%</b>	<b>8.3%</b>	<b>7.2%</b>	<b>10.5%</b>	<b>5.1%</b>	<b>6.4%</b>	<b>5.9%</b>	<b>3.3%</b>	<b>4.8%</b>	<b>3.0%</b>	<b>2.3%</b>	<b>5.0%</b>	<b>-72.1%</b>
Long Term Foster Care	4.3%	4.8%	3.2%	9.5%	3.3%	2.1%	3.5%	1.3%	1.8%	1.0%	0.7%	1.2%	0.0%	0.4%	1.0%	-100.0%
Emancipation	6.4%	4.0%	5.9%	0.0%	5.0%	5.1%	7.0%	3.8%	4.6%	5.0%	2.7%	3.6%	3.0%	2.0%	4.0%	-53.5%

APPLA By Age as % of Age Group Served	2012			2013			2014			2015			2016			County % Change 2012 to 2016
	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	
0-15	2.4%	2.7%	1.7%	2.6%	2.1%	1.1%	0.0%	0.7%	0.8%	0.0%	0.1%	0.4%	0.0%	0.4%	0.2%	-100.0%
16-20	18.2%	24.6%	28.4%	18.8%	25.8%	23.6%	35.3%	18.4%	23.1%	26.1%	14.7%	19.4%	8.3%	9.6%	21.6%	-54.2%

APPLA By Discharge Reason	2012			2013			2014			2015			2016			County % Change 2012 to 2016
	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	
<b>Exit to Permanent Arrangements</b>	<b>20.0%</b>	<b>28.6%</b>	<b>34.1%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>25.4%</b>	<b>28.9%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>15.0%</b>	<b>19.4%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>16.7%</b>	<b>23.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>17.9%</b>	<b>32.1%</b>	<b>-100.0%</b>
Reunification	20.0%	20.6%	29.6%	0.0%	6.8%	22.8%	0.0%	10.0%	14.5%	0.0%	16.7%	17.6%	0.0%	10.7%	27.0%	-100.0%
(number of months until reunification)	3.6	54.0	37.2	0.0	16.5	27.8	0.0	33.4	36.2	0.0	46.8	27.5	0.0	50.0	30.4	-100.0%
Adoption	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-
(number of months until adoption)	0.0	0.0	76.0	0.0	0.0	41.1	0.0	0.0	149.3	0.0	0.0	31.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	-
Guardianship	0.0%	6.3%	1.7%	0.0%	16.9%	3.4%	0.0%	5.0%	2.5%	0.0%	0.0%	1.4%	0.0%	7.1%	4.2%	-
(number of month until guardianship)	0.0	21.7	35.3	0.0	23.6	32.0	0.0	17.8	27.8	0.0	0.0	18.0	0.0	129.1	32.0	-
Live with Other Relatives	0.0%	1.6%	2.6%	0.0%	1.7%	2.2%	0.0%	0.0%	2.1%	0.0%	0.0%	3.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.9%	-
(number of months until living with relatives)	0.0	19.8	25.8	0.0	11.3	30.6	0.0	0.0	15.9	0.0	0.0	37.1	0.0	0.0	39.8	-
<b>Exit to Non-Permanent Arrangements</b>	<b>80.0%</b>	<b>71.4%</b>	<b>65.8%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>74.6%</b>	<b>70.8%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>85.0%</b>	<b>80.4%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>83.3%</b>	<b>76.4%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>68.6%</b>	<b>25.0%</b>
Emancipation	80.0%	69.8%	60.5%	100.0%	71.2%	64.2%	100.0%	82.5%	73.0%	100.0%	80.0%	71.7%	100.0%	100.0%	62.2%	25.0%
(number of months until emancipation)	5.0	35.1	40.6	46.7	43.5	33.1	25.3	44.3	33.5	16.2	40.6	34.3	25.1	29.8	30.6	398.4%
Transfer to Another Agency	0.0%	1.6%	3.6%	0.0%	3.4%	3.6%	0.0%	2.5%	5.5%	0.0%	3.3%	2.7%	0.0%	0.0%	5.0%	-
(number of months until transfer)	0.0	98.6	51.5	0.0	41.6	46.4	0.0	20.2	13.0	0.0	84.3	40.7	0.0	0.0	27.6	-
Runaway	0.0%	0.0%	1.6%	0.0%	0.0%	3.1%	0.0%	0.0%	1.9%	0.0%	0.0%	2.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.4%	-
(number of months until running away)	0.0	0.0	8.9	0.0	0.0	26.5	0.0	0.0	16.3	0.0	0.0	23.4	0.0	0.0	14.1	-
<b>Death of Child</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.3%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.6%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>3.6%</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>-</b>
(number of months until death of a child)	0.0	0.0	42.8	0.0	0.0	92.4	0.0	0.0	129.8	0.0	0.0	9.0	0.0	143.7	143.7	-



## FOSTER CARE - EXITS

Data on foster care exits provides information on children who left foster care during the federal fiscal year, where they went when they left and how long their most recent episode of foster care was. A paramount goal of the foster care system is to ensure every child has the lifelong support of a permanent family.

### Indicator

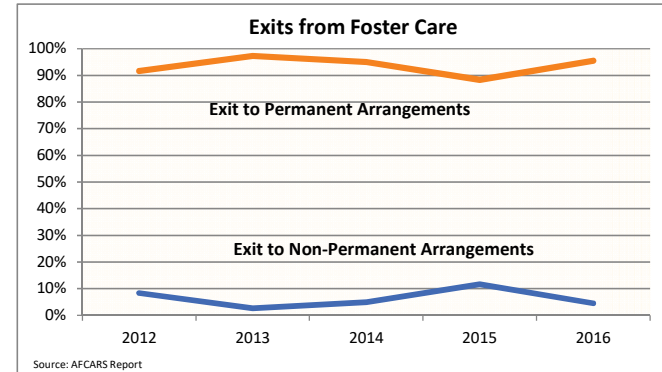
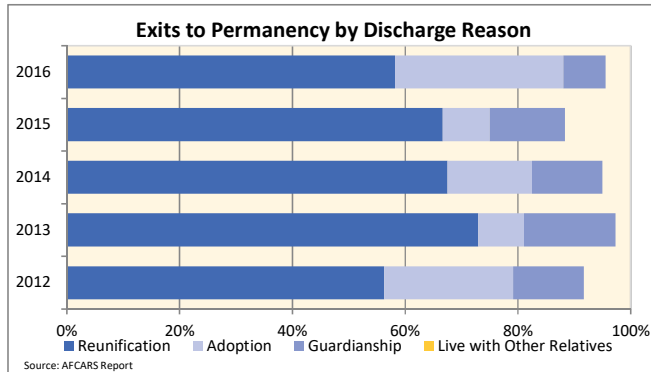
#### Children Exiting Foster Care

Total Children Leaving Foster Care  
Percent of Children Leaving Foster Care  
(number of months until leaving)

Indicator	2012			2013			2014			2015			2016			County % Change 2012 to 2016
	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	
Total Children Leaving Foster Care	48	893	10,098	37	751	9,123	40	752	9,769	60	807	9,471	67	874	10,635	39.6%
Percent of Children Leaving Foster Care	76.2%	55.3%	45.9%	67.3%	51.4%	42.6%	42.6%	49.0%	43.4%	46.9%	51.3%	41.2%	48.6%	51.6%	43.3%	-36.3%
(number of months until leaving)	4.7	11.0	11.9	5.3	10.6	11.9	3.0	9.1	10.7	5.8	11.1	11.4	9.3	12.1	11.7	97.9%

#### By Discharge Reason

Discharge Reason	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	County % Change 2012 to 2016
<b>Exit to Permanent Arrangements</b>	<b>91.7%</b>	<b>90.5%</b>	<b>87.9%</b>	<b>97.3%</b>	<b>89.6%</b>	<b>89.3%</b>
Reunification	56.3%	60.4%	60.1%	73.0%	52.9%	57.3%
(number of months until reunification)	1.7	5.8	6.1	1.6	4.8	6.0
Adoption	22.9%	17.4%	18.0%	8.1%	20.0%	20.2%
(number of months until adoption)	28.3	31.5	27.6	27.1	28.2	26.7
Guardianship	12.5%	7.3%	5.4%	16.2%	9.3%	6.4%
(number of month until guardianship)	16.9	17.8	20.4	7.6	18.7	21.2
Live with Other Relatives	0.0%	5.5%	4.4%	0.0%	7.5%	5.5%
(number of months until living with relatives)	0.0	4.3	2.7	0.0	4.7	2.6
<b>Exit to Non-Permanent Arrangements</b>	<b>8.3%</b>	<b>9.5%</b>	<b>12.0%</b>	<b>2.7%</b>	<b>10.1%</b>	<b>10.5%</b>
Emancipation	8.3%	8.5%	8.0%	2.7%	7.7%	8.1%
(number of months until emancipation)	5.0	32.3	37.4	46.7	36.2	31.4
Transfer to Another Agency	0.0%	1.0%	1.6%	0.0%	2.1%	2.0%
(number of months until transfer)	0.0	11.0	5.3	0.0	10.4	6.0
Runaway	0.0%	0.0%	2.4%	0.0%	0.3%	0.5%
(number of months until running away)	0.0	0.0	4.8	0.0	41.6	14.9
<b>Death of Child</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.3%</b>	<b>0.2%</b>
(number of months until death of a child)	0.0	0.0	4.7	0.0	5.1	11.9



## FOSTER CARE - REMAINING IN CARE

Data on children remaining in foster care provides information on children who did not leave foster care during the year but are still in foster care on the last day of the federal fiscal year. This data includes all children in foster care on September 30. Some of these children may have just entered foster care days prior to the end of the fiscal year and others may have been in foster care for many years.

### Indicator

#### Children Remaining in Foster Care

Children in Foster Care on Last Day  
(number of months children have been in care)

Indicator	2012			2013			2014			2015			2016			County % Change 2012 to 2016
	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	
Children in Foster Care on Last Day (number of months children have been in care)	20	816	13,566	21	774	13,697	57	840	14,162	76	849	14,859	80	918	15,382	300.0%
	19.6	12.7	13.0	11.4	12.6	13.1	5.6	12.4	12.6	7.6	10.6	12.5	11.0	9.7	13.2	-43.7%

### By Age

Age Group	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	% Change
0-2	10.0%	17.6%	19.5%	19.0%	20.0%	62.5%
3-5	15.0%	16.7%	15.3%	4.8%	13.8%	25.0%
6-8	25.0%	10.4%	10.9%	4.8%	10.2%	-35.0%
9-11	10.0%	10.5%	9.2%	4.8%	9.7%	-12.5%
12-14	15.0%	14.2%	12.4%	38.1%	15.6%	-58.3%
15-17	25.0%	24.9%	23.4%	19.0%	23.6%	30.0%
18-20	0.0%	5.6%	9.4%	9.5%	7.0%	-
Infants (age 0-1)	5.0%	11.9%	13.2%	19.0%	14.3%	200.0%
Youth (age 13+)	35.0%	41.1%	41.9%	52.4%	41.7%	7.1%

### By Race and Ethnicity

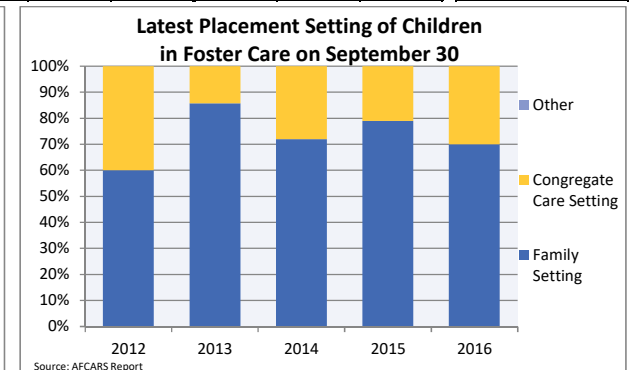
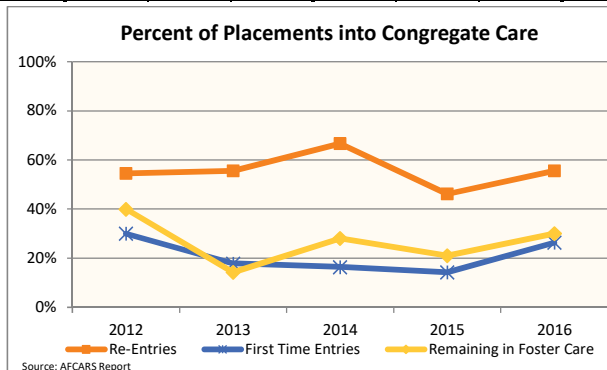
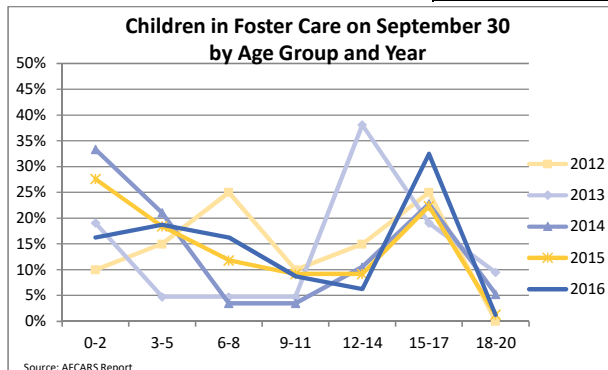
Race/Ethnicity	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	% Change
Non-Hispanic White	100.0%	89.6%	40.9%	95.2%	90.1%	-2.5%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	0.0%	4.4%	37.5%	0.0%	3.5%	-
Non-Hispanic Other Race	0.0%	1.2%	6.0%	0.0%	0.4%	-
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	0.0%	2.5%	3.3%	0.0%	3.5%	-
Hispanic or Latino	0.0%	2.3%	12.2%	4.8%	2.6%	-

### By Gender

Gender	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	% Change
Male	50.0%	56.0%	50.8%	61.9%	52.7%	0.0%
Female	50.0%	44.0%	49.2%	38.1%	47.3%	0.0%

### By Latest Placement Setting

Placement Setting	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	% Change
Family Setting	60.0%	79.2%	76.1%	85.7%	77.8%	16.7%
Pre-adoptive Home	0.0%	2.3%	3.0%	0.0%	1.9%	-
Foster Family Home – Relative	15.0%	22.3%	25.2%	23.8%	22.5%	8.3%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	45.0%	54.5%	47.9%	61.9%	53.4%	16.7%
Congregate Care Setting	40.0%	18.8%	19.2%	14.3%	19.4%	-25.0%
Group Home	30.0%	12.5%	11.0%	9.5%	12.8%	0.0%
Institution	10.0%	6.3%	8.2%	4.8%	6.6%	-100.0%
Supervised Independent Living	0.0%	1.2%	1.9%	0.0%	1.4%	-
Runaway	0.0%	0.0%	1.8%	0.0%	0.1%	-
Trial Home Visit	0.0%	0.9%	1.1%	0.0%	1.3%	-



## FOSTER CARE - STABILITY

Every time a child moves, the trauma caused by separation and lack of continuity grows. A child who faces multiple placements struggles to build and maintain healthy relationships and confront academic challenges due to school changes.

### Indicator

#### Foster Care Placement Stability

Children who were in foster care for 12 to 23 months and had three or more placement settings.

2012			2013			2014			2015			2016			County % Change 2012 to 2016
County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	
73.3%	36.7%	36.9%	87.5%	37.4%	34.1%	53.8%	33.7%	32.7%	26.2%	34.0%	32.8%	22.8%	29.0%	33.6%	-68.9%

## FOSTER CARE - TIMELY REUNIFICATION

A child's separation from his or her parents or relatives is traumatic for all involved. Minimizing the time a child spends in foster care without compromising safety is key to healthy child development.

### Indicator

#### Timely Reunification with Parents or Relatives

Children who entered foster care for the first time who were reunified with their parents or discharged to relatives within the next 12 months.

2012			2013			2014			2015			2016			County % Change 2012 to 2016
County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	
75.0%	56.0%	44.6%	70.6%	52.1%	41.3%	52.0%	44.2%	39.7%	42.4%	48.4%	39.0%	41.7%	52.2%	36.0%	-44.4%

## FOSTER CARE - FAILED REUNIFICATION

A child re-entering foster care following a return to his or her family signals a breakdown in the family and a potential failure on the part of the child welfare system to appropriately address family needs.

### Indicator

#### Failed 1-Year Reunification (Re-entry)

Children who re-entered foster care in fewer than 12 months following reunification with parents or relatives.

2012			2013			2014			2015			2016			County % Change 2012 to 2016
County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	
16.7%	19.7%	26.3%	25.0%	20.3%	26.4%	18.5%	20.9%	26.9%	15.4%	15.8%	24.1%	26.3%	19.5%	24.8%	57.9%

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