

CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES (CPS)

Child maltreatment is a serious problem that has grave and costly consequences for the child, his or her family and the community at-large. A child who has experienced abuse and neglect is more likely to have social, emotional and physical health problems and perform poorly in school.

Indicator

Child Abuse and Neglect Reports

Total reported incidents of suspected child abuse and neglect through the ChildLine Registry. (Number and rate per 1,000 children age 0-17)

	2011		2012		2013		2014		2015		Rural % Change 2011 to 2015	State % Change 2011 to 2015
	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State		
	2,246	24,378	2,590	26,664	2,575	26,944	2,892	29,273	3,995	40,590	77.9%	66.5%
	10.6	8.7	12.2	9.5	12.1	9.6	13.6	10.5	18.8	14.5		

Child Abuse and Neglect Substantiations

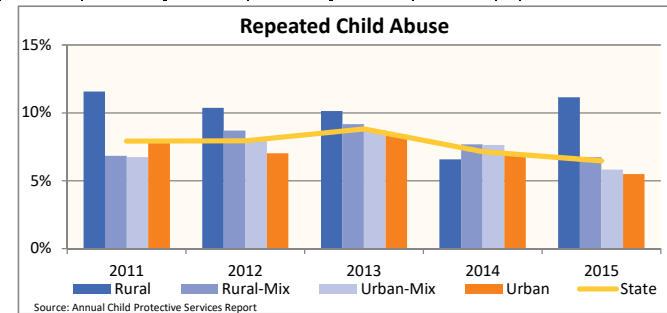
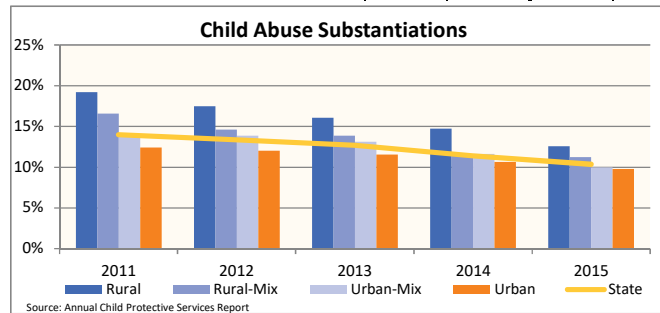
Founded or indicated reports of child abuse and/or neglect.

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Rural % Change 2011 to 2015	State % Change 2011 to 2015
	19.2%	14.0%	17.5%	13.4%	16.1%	-34.7%	-25.9%

Repeated Child Abuse and Neglect

Children with another substantiated incident of abuse and/or neglect following the first reported incident. (Data may be overstated.)

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Rural % Change 2011 to 2015	State % Change 2011 to 2015
	11.6%	7.9%	10.4%	7.9%	10.1%	-3.6%	-18.3%
	1 in 9	1 in 13	1 in 10	1 in 13	1 in 10		



GENERAL PROTECTIVE SERVICES (GPS)

Pennsylvania has a differential response system in that reports not alleging abuse of a child are categorized as general protective services (GPS) reports. Addressing concerns related to child safety and well-being before allegations of child abuse or severe neglect are made enables children to remain safely in their own homes while services are provided to the family to mitigate the risk of potential maltreatment.

Indicator

GPS Reports

Total reported concerns of general neglect, not alleging child abuse. General neglect concerns may include parental substance abuse, inadequate shelter or supervision, parent-child conflict or truancy concerns.

	2011		2012		2013		2014		2015		Rural % Change 2011 to 2015	State % Change 2011 to 2015
	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State		
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15,186	131,953	-	-

Valid Reports

Reports of general neglect in which the allegations were found to have merit. Includes reports accepted for in-home services and reports referred out to community agencies for services.

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Rural % Change 2011 to 2015	State % Change 2011 to 2015
	-	-	-	-	22.4%	-	-
	-	-	-	-	12.1%		

Unduplicated Number of Children Served

Children who received in-home services along with parents to address concerns related to child safety and well-being.

	2012		2013		2014		2015		2016		% Change 2012 to 2016	% Change 2012 to 2016
	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State		
	21,306	164,842	20,283	172,807	22,048	167,582	22,743	181,371	24,517	190,413	15.1%	15.5%

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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 homelessness 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)

	2012		2013		2014		2015		2016		Rural % Change 2012 to 2016	State % Change 2012 to 2016
	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State		
	1,615	22,000	1,462	21,416	1,535	22,510	1,574	22,980	1,695	24,543	5.0%	11.6%
	6.1	6.5	5.6	6.4	5.8	6.7	6.0	6.8	6.5	7.3		

By Age

Age Group	2012 Rural	2012 State	2013 Rural	2013 State	2014 Rural	2014 State	2015 Rural	2015 State	2016 Rural	2016 State	Rural % Change 2012 to 2016	State % Change 2012 to 2016
0-2	16.9%	18.9%	18.5%	19.2%	20.6%	19.4%	22.7%	19.9%	22.0%	20.2%	30.2%	6.9%
3-5	16.6%	15.6%	15.7%	15.9%	15.0%	16.8%	15.9%	17.1%	16.1%	17.0%	-2.9%	8.9%
6-8	10.5%	10.8%	11.7%	11.5%	12.6%	12.3%	11.5%	12.9%	12.4%	13.0%	17.7%	20.8%
9-11	9.7%	8.9%	8.8%	8.9%	8.9%	9.5%	9.5%	10.0%	11.2%	11.0%	14.7%	23.5%
12-14	13.9%	12.0%	13.2%	11.4%	12.4%	10.9%	12.7%	11.4%	11.3%	11.2%	-19.1%	-6.1%
15-17	24.8%	23.3%	23.6%	22.3%	24.0%	21.4%	22.4%	20.4%	22.7%	19.6%	-8.3%	-15.9%
18-20	7.6%	10.5%	8.5%	10.7%	6.6%	9.8%	5.2%	8.3%	4.4%	7.9%	-42.2%	-24.5%
Infants (age 0-1)	11.4%	12.2%	12.4%	11.9%	14.2%	12.5%	15.9%	12.8%	14.9%	12.8%	31.0%	5.0%
Youth (age 13+)	42.5%	42.4%	42.2%	41.5%	39.1%	38.9%	36.7%	36.7%	34.8%	35.5%	-18.1%	-16.2%

By Race and Ethnicity

Race/Ethnicity	2012 Rural	2012 State	2013 Rural	2013 State	2014 Rural	2014 State	2015 Rural	2015 State	2016 Rural	2016 State	Rural % Change 2012 to 2016	State % Change 2012 to 2016
Non-Hispanic White	89.0%	43.3%	89.5%	41.8%	89.9%	42.3%	87.0%	40.9%	88.0%	42.5%	-1.1%	-2.0%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	4.6%	34.9%	3.7%	34.8%	2.5%	35.2%	3.6%	34.6%	3.1%	35.3%	-33.9%	1.1%
Non-Hispanic Other Race	1.6%	6.5%	0.8%	7.0%	0.7%	4.4%	1.1%	5.9%	0.9%	3.3%	-45.0%	-48.7%
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	1.9%	3.2%	3.3%	3.9%	4.0%	4.9%	5.3%	5.3%	4.9%	5.4%	155.1%	68.0%
Hispanic or Latino	2.8%	12.0%	2.8%	12.5%	2.8%	13.1%	3.0%	13.4%	3.1%	13.4%	9.8%	12.1%

By Gender

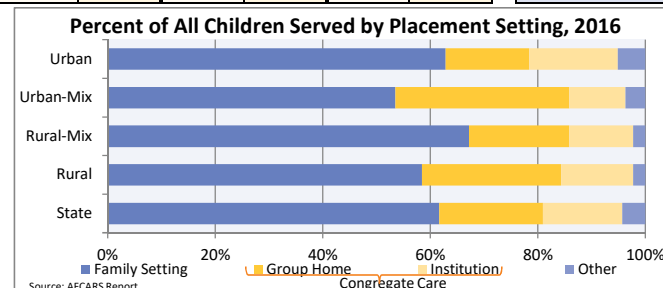
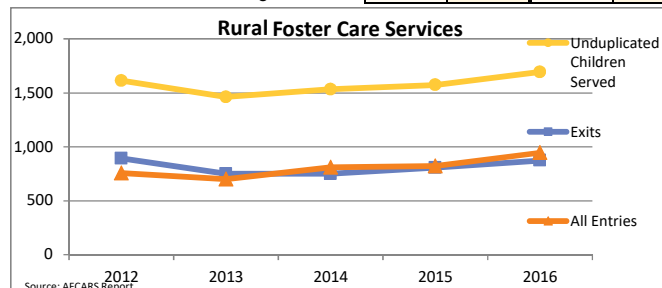
Gender	2012 Rural	2012 State	2013 Rural	2013 State	2014 Rural	2014 State	2015 Rural	2015 State	2016 Rural	2016 State	Rural % Change 2012 to 2016	State % Change 2012 to 2016
Male	53.4%	50.5%	52.9%	50.8%	53.4%	50.8%	53.4%	51.0%	53.4%	51.2%	0.0%	1.4%
Female	46.6%	49.5%	47.1%	49.2%	46.6%	49.2%	46.6%	49.0%	46.6%	48.8%	0.0%	-1.4%

By First Placement Setting

Placement Setting	2012 Rural	2012 State	2013 Rural	2013 State	2014 Rural	2014 State	2015 Rural	2015 State	2016 Rural	2016 State	Rural % Change 2012 to 2016	State % Change 2012 to 2016
Family Setting	75.7%	72.8%	73.8%	73.4%	75.2%	75.8%	75.0%	77.1%	75.6%	79.0%	-0.1%	8.5%
Pre-adoptive Home	3.0%	3.2%	4.2%	3.4%	4.0%	3.5%	4.3%	3.1%	3.4%	4.5%	15.1%	41.8%
Foster Family Home – Relative	23.1%	24.4%	22.0%	24.8%	26.6%	29.6%	26.9%	31.5%	28.8%	34.1%	24.9%	39.7%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	49.7%	45.2%	47.6%	45.2%	44.7%	42.7%	43.8%	42.5%	43.4%	40.5%	-12.7%	-10.6%
Congregate Care Setting	19.9%	20.6%	20.0%	19.6%	18.6%	18.3%	18.4%	17.1%	18.4%	15.8%	-7.7%	-22.9%
Group Home	14.7%	12.5%	14.2%	12.1%	13.9%	11.6%	14.5%	10.5%	14.5%	9.1%	-1.9%	-27.7%
Institution	5.2%	8.0%	5.7%	7.5%	4.7%	6.8%	3.9%	6.6%	4.0%	6.8%	-24.0%	-15.6%
Supervised Independent Living	1.1%	1.8%	1.4%	2.0%	0.8%	1.9%	1.1%	1.7%	0.8%	1.6%	-21.5%	-12.3%
Runaway	0.1%	1.4%	0.2%	1.8%	0.3%	1.2%	0.0%	1.3%	0.2%	1.4%	185.8%	-4.3%
Trial Home Visit	3.2%	3.4%	4.6%	3.2%	5.0%	2.8%	5.5%	2.9%	5.0%	2.2%	53.9%	-35.3%

Children Entering Foster Care

All Entries into Foster Care During the Year	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Rural % Change 2012 to 2016	State % Change 2012 to 2016					
	757	9,793	700	9,306	811	10,364	821	10,387	945	10,567	24.8%	7.9%



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		Rural % Change 2012 to 2016	State % Change 2012 to 2016
	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State		
First Time Entries During the Year (Rate per 1,000 children age 0-20)	568	7,018	546	6,698	658	7,592	646	7,843	721	8,082	26.9%	15.2%
First Time Entries as Percent of All Entries	75.0%	71.7%	78.0%	72.0%	81.1%	73.3%	78.7%	75.5%	76.3%	76.5%	1.7%	6.7%

By Age

Age Group	2012 Rural	2012 State	2013 Rural	2013 State	2014 Rural	2014 State	2015 Rural	2015 State	2016 Rural	2016 State	Rural % Change 2012 to 2016	State % Change 2012 to 2016
0-2	28.0%	32.2%	30.2%	32.8%	31.9%	32.7%	34.8%	32.7%	29.5%	33.3%	5.5%	3.4%
3-5	14.3%	14.2%	13.9%	14.6%	16.0%	15.7%	12.2%	14.6%	15.4%	14.7%	8.0%	3.4%
6-8	9.7%	10.1%	10.8%	10.0%	13.1%	11.5%	10.8%	11.9%	13.9%	12.5%	43.2%	23.7%
9-11	9.3%	8.6%	8.8%	8.2%	8.8%	9.2%	10.4%	9.8%	11.2%	9.6%	20.4%	11.2%
12-14	15.1%	14.4%	15.6%	13.5%	10.9%	12.7%	14.7%	13.4%	11.5%	12.6%	-24.0%	-13.1%
15-17	23.6%	20.4%	20.5%	20.8%	19.0%	18.0%	17.0%	17.4%	18.4%	17.2%	-21.8%	-15.5%
18-20	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.1%	0.3%	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%	-	334.2%
Infants (age 0-1)	21.5%	26.2%	24.5%	26.4%	24.2%	26.3%	28.0%	26.2%	23.6%	26.3%	9.8%	0.5%
Youth (age 13+)	35.4%	31.2%	32.2%	31.4%	27.4%	27.6%	28.9%	27.5%	26.8%	26.6%	-24.4%	-14.9%

By Race and Ethnicity

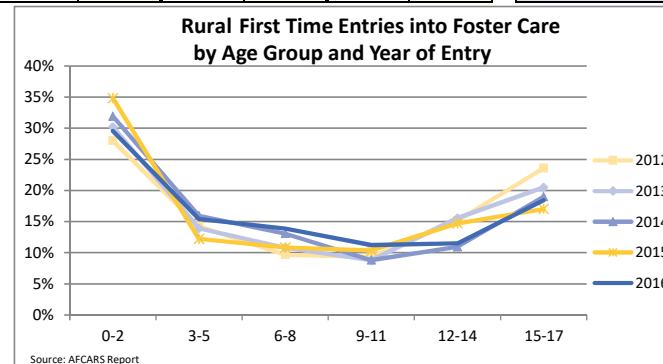
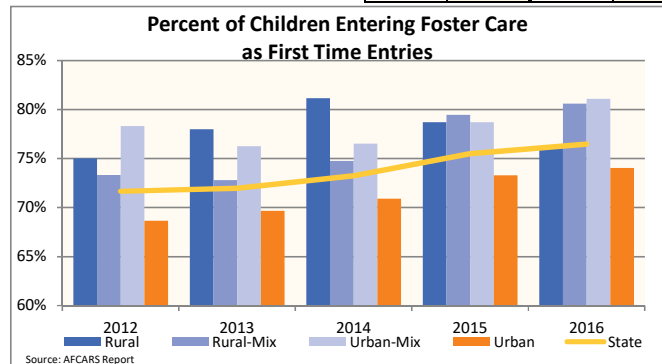
Race/Ethnicity	2012 Rural	2012 State	2013 Rural	2013 State	2014 Rural	2014 State	2015 Rural	2015 State	2016 Rural	2016 State	Rural % Change 2012 to 2016	State % Change 2012 to 2016
Non-Hispanic White	89.8%	49.3%	89.4%	45.7%	89.2%	46.9%	85.0%	42.7%	89.5%	49.4%	-0.4%	0.3%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	5.5%	31.9%	3.8%	29.6%	2.3%	29.2%	4.6%	29.1%	2.5%	28.6%	-54.3%	-10.5%
Non-Hispanic Other Race	1.4%	4.1%	0.9%	7.9%	0.9%	5.1%	1.9%	8.7%	0.8%	4.1%	-40.9%	-1.8%
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	1.6%	3.0%	2.9%	3.9%	4.3%	4.9%	4.8%	5.6%	4.0%	5.4%	153.8%	79.9%
Hispanic or Latino	1.8%	11.7%	2.9%	13.0%	3.3%	13.9%	3.7%	14.0%	3.2%	12.6%	81.2%	7.8%

By Gender

Gender	2012 Rural	2012 State	2013 Rural	2013 State	2014 Rural	2014 State	2015 Rural	2015 State	2016 Rural	2016 State	Rural % Change 2012 to 2016	State % Change 2012 to 2016
Male	49.8%	49.9%	49.5%	50.2%	53.3%	51.0%	52.3%	50.8%	53.5%	50.8%	7.5%	1.9%
Female	50.2%	50.1%	50.5%	49.8%	46.7%	49.0%	47.7%	49.2%	46.5%	49.2%	-7.4%	-1.9%

By First Placement Setting

Placement Setting	2012 Rural	2012 State	2013 Rural	2013 State	2014 Rural	2014 State	2015 Rural	2015 State	2016 Rural	2016 State	Rural % Change 2012 to 2016	State % Change 2012 to 2016
Family Setting	77.8%	76.4%	77.5%	76.7%	79.9%	80.7%	79.1%	80.9%	81.0%	82.3%	4.1%	7.7%
Pre-adoptive Home	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.3%	0.3%	0.2%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.2%	-100.0%	45.9%
Foster Family Home – Relative	27.8%	25.8%	25.8%	27.2%	33.6%	33.1%	32.7%	33.6%	35.0%	37.5%	25.6%	45.1%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	49.8%	50.4%	51.5%	49.3%	46.0%	47.5%	46.4%	47.2%	46.0%	44.6%	-7.6%	-11.5%
Congregate Care Setting	21.1%	21.1%	21.2%	21.0%	16.6%	17.5%	18.0%	17.0%	16.2%	15.9%	-23.2%	-24.5%
Group Home	18.3%	14.7%	16.1%	15.0%	13.8%	12.1%	14.9%	10.7%	12.8%	9.7%	-30.3%	-33.9%
Institution	2.8%	6.4%	5.1%	6.0%	2.7%	5.4%	3.1%	6.3%	3.5%	6.2%	23.1%	-2.9%
Supervised Independent Living	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.1%	0.2%	0.1%	0.2%	0.2%	0.0%	0.2%	-100.0%	11.4%
Runaway	0.0%	0.4%	0.4%	0.6%	0.3%	0.4%	0.0%	0.4%	0.1%	0.6%	-	31.3%
Trial Home Visit	0.9%	1.9%	0.7%	1.5%	3.0%	1.2%	2.8%	1.5%	2.6%	1.0%	199.4%	-46.6%



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

Indicator	2012		2013		2014		2015		2016		Rural % Change 2012 to 2016	State % Change 2012 to 2016
	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State		
Children Re-Entering Foster Care	189	2,775	154	2,608	153	2,772	175	2,544	224	2,485	18.5%	-10.5%
	25.0%	28.3%	22.0%	28.0%	18.9%	26.7%	21.3%	24.5%	23.7%	23.5%	-5.1%	-17.0%

By Age

Age Group	2012 Rural	2012 State	2013 Rural	2013 State	2014 Rural	2014 State	2015 Rural	2015 State	2016 Rural	2016 State	Rural % Change 2012 to 2016	State % Change 2012 to 2016
0-2	11.1%	8.5%	5.2%	6.6%	9.2%	8.2%	10.3%	10.8%	9.4%	11.2%	-15.6%	32.6%
3-5	16.4%	9.5%	9.1%	7.8%	7.2%	9.2%	16.0%	11.4%	11.2%	9.7%	-32.0%	1.9%
6-8	6.9%	6.5%	7.8%	7.4%	8.5%	8.8%	8.0%	9.0%	10.3%	10.1%	49.3%	56.6%
9-11	5.8%	7.4%	5.8%	6.3%	9.8%	7.5%	5.7%	7.9%	12.1%	9.6%	107.1%	30.8%
12-14	17.5%	21.7%	20.1%	18.4%	19.6%	17.1%	17.7%	16.5%	15.2%	18.5%	-13.1%	-14.7%
15-17	41.8%	44.1%	45.5%	46.3%	41.2%	43.7%	38.3%	38.2%	39.7%	36.4%	-4.9%	-17.4%
18-20	0.5%	2.5%	6.5%	7.1%	4.6%	5.7%	4.0%	6.3%	2.2%	4.5%	321.9%	79.6%
Infants (age 0-1)	4.8%	4.9%	2.6%	3.8%	5.9%	5.2%	5.7%	6.5%	6.3%	7.4%	31.3%	53.0%
Youth (age 13+)	55.6%	64.3%	68.2%	68.6%	63.4%	63.5%	55.4%	57.9%	55.4%	55.3%	-0.4%	-13.9%

By Race and Ethnicity

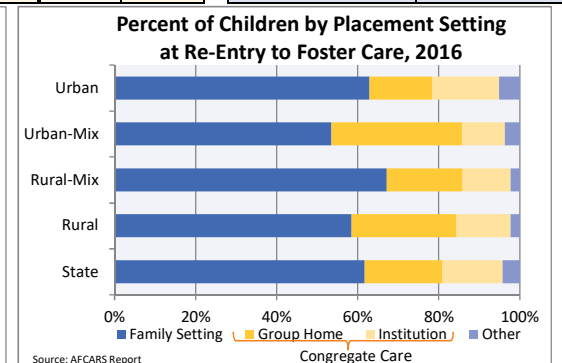
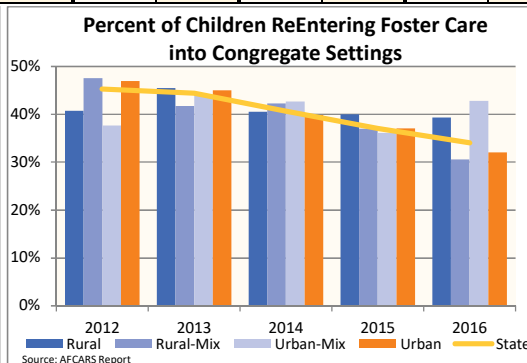
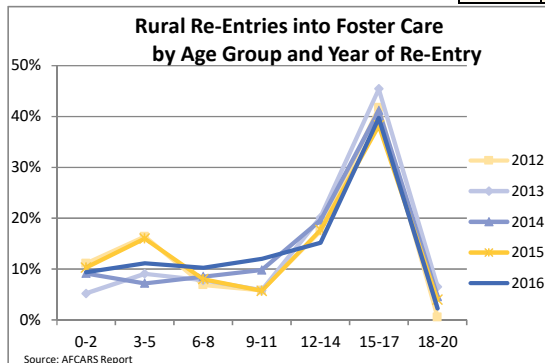
Race/Ethnicity	2012 Rural	2012 State	2013 Rural	2013 State	2014 Rural	2014 State	2015 Rural	2015 State	2016 Rural	2016 State	Rural % Change 2012 to 2016	State % Change 2012 to 2016
Non-Hispanic White	93.1%	35.7%	90.9%	34.3%	94.1%	35.8%	86.3%	34.7%	87.5%	39.5%	-6.0%	10.4%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	2.6%	45.5%	3.2%	44.2%	2.0%	43.3%	4.0%	40.4%	4.0%	40.1%	51.9%	-11.9%
Non-Hispanic Other Race	0.0%	4.1%	0.0%	6.7%	0.7%	4.1%	2.3%	7.8%	0.9%	3.1%	-	-25.2%
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	1.1%	3.3%	3.9%	3.4%	0.7%	4.5%	5.7%	4.9%	4.9%	5.8%	364.1%	73.6%
Hispanic or Latino	3.2%	11.3%	1.9%	11.4%	2.6%	12.2%	1.7%	12.2%	2.7%	11.6%	-15.6%	2.4%

By Gender

Gender	2012 Rural	2012 State	2013 Rural	2013 State	2014 Rural	2014 State	2015 Rural	2015 State	2016 Rural	2016 State	Rural % Change 2012 to 2016	State % Change 2012 to 2016
Male	55.6%	47.6%	50.0%	48.1%	53.6%	50.6%	57.7%	50.5%	57.6%	50.3%	3.7%	5.8%
Female	44.4%	52.4%	50.0%	51.9%	46.4%	49.4%	42.3%	49.5%	42.4%	49.7%	-4.6%	-5.2%

By Placement Setting at Re-Entry

Placement Setting	2012 Rural	2012 State	2013 Rural	2013 State	2014 Rural	2014 State	2015 Rural	2015 State	2016 Rural	2016 State	Rural % Change 2012 to 2016	State % Change 2012 to 2016
Family Setting	58.7%	50.5%	52.6%	48.5%	57.5%	53.7%	57.7%	58.0%	58.5%	61.7%	-0.4%	22.3%
Pre-adoptive Home	0.0%	0.4%	0.0%	0.2%	0.0%	0.2%	0.0%	0.6%	0.0%	0.7%	-	60.1%
Foster Family Home – Relative	18.0%	16.5%	11.0%	14.9%	19.0%	20.2%	16.0%	24.3%	17.9%	26.3%	-0.7%	60.0%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	40.7%	33.5%	41.6%	33.3%	38.6%	33.3%	41.7%	33.1%	40.6%	34.6%	-0.3%	3.3%
Congregate Care Setting	40.7%	45.3%	45.4%	44.4%	40.5%	40.6%	40.0%	37.1%	39.3%	34.0%	-3.6%	-24.8%
Group Home	34.4%	26.0%	35.7%	26.7%	32.7%	24.8%	31.4%	22.3%	25.9%	19.3%	-24.7%	-26.0%
Institution	6.3%	19.2%	9.7%	17.7%	7.8%	15.9%	8.6%	14.8%	13.4%	14.8%	110.9%	-23.2%
Supervised Independent Living	0.5%	0.8%	1.3%	1.6%	1.3%	1.6%	0.0%	1.7%	0.4%	1.3%	-15.6%	52.3%
Runaway	0.0%	2.5%	0.0%	4.3%	0.0%	3.3%	0.0%	2.4%	0.0%	2.5%	-	-0.1%
Trial Home Visit	0.0%	1.0%	0.6%	1.2%	0.7%	0.8%	2.3%	0.8%	1.8%	0.5%	-	-45.6%



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

Percent of Children by Case Plan Goal

Family-Based Permanency Goals

- Reunify With Parent(s) or Principal Caretaker(s)
- Adoption
- Guardianship
- Live with Relative(s)

Another Planned Permanent Living Arrangement (APPLA)

- Long Term Foster Care
- Emancipation

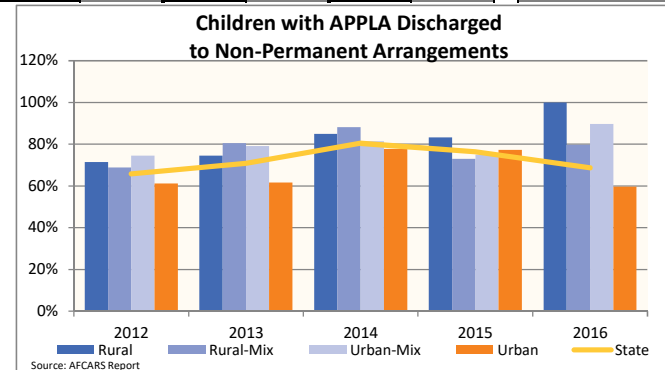
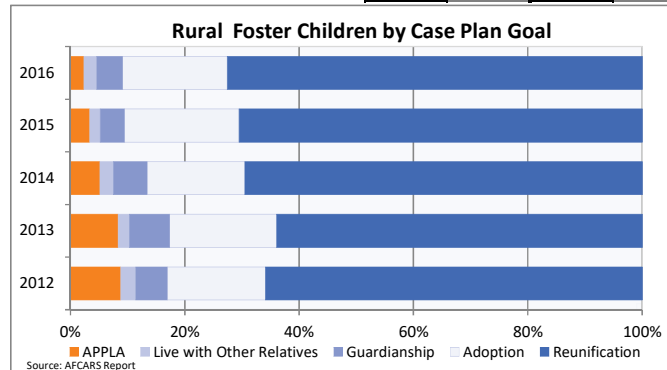
Indicator	2012		2013		2014		2015		2016		Rural % Change 2012 to 2016	State % Change 2012 to 2016
	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State		
Family-Based Permanency Goals	91.2%	90.9%	91.7%	92.8%	94.9%	93.6%	96.7%	95.2%	97.7%	95.0%		
Reunify With Parent(s) or Principal Caretaker(s)	65.9%	69.6%	64.0%	70.5%	69.5%	72.6%	70.5%	73.1%	72.6%	69.8%	10.1%	0.2%
Adoption	17.1%	16.6%	18.6%	16.7%	17.0%	16.1%	20.0%	17.4%	18.3%	19.5%	7.0%	17.7%
Guardianship	5.6%	3.1%	7.1%	3.6%	6.0%	3.1%	4.3%	3.0%	4.6%	4.3%	-17.7%	39.0%
Live with Relative(s)	2.6%	1.6%	1.9%	2.1%	2.4%	1.8%	1.9%	1.7%	2.2%	1.5%	-15.0%	-5.0%
Another Planned Permanent Living Arrangement (APPLA)	8.8%	9.1%	8.3%	7.2%	5.1%	6.4%	3.3%	4.8%	2.3%	5.0%	-73.4%	-45.7%
Long Term Foster Care	4.8%	3.2%	3.3%	2.1%	1.3%	1.8%	0.7%	1.2%	0.4%	1.0%	-92.2%	-69.6%
Emancipation	4.0%	5.9%	5.0%	5.1%	3.8%	4.6%	2.7%	3.6%	2.0%	4.0%	-51.3%	-32.5%

APPLA By Age as % of Age Group Served

Age Group	2012 Rural	2012 State	2013 Rural	2013 State	2014 Rural	2014 State	2015 Rural	2015 State	2016 Rural	2016 State	Rural % Change	State % Change
0-15	2.7%	1.7%	2.1%	1.1%	0.7%	0.8%	0.1%	0.4%	0.4%	0.2%	-86.2%	-88.5%
16-20	24.6%	28.4%	25.8%	23.6%	18.4%	23.1%	14.7%	19.4%	9.6%	21.6%	-61.1%	-24.0%

APPLA By Discharge Reason

Discharge Reason	2012 Rural	2012 State	2013 Rural	2013 State	2014 Rural	2014 State	2015 Rural	2015 State	2016 Rural	2016 State	Rural % Change	State % Change
Exit to Permanent Arrangements	28.6%	34.1%	25.4%	28.9%	15.0%	19.4%	16.7%	23.0%	17.9%	32.1%	-37.5%	-5.8%
Reunification	20.6%	29.6%	6.8%	22.8%	10.0%	14.5%	16.7%	17.6%	10.7%	27.0%	-48.1%	-8.9%
(number of months until reunification)	54.0	37.2	16.5	27.8	33.4	36.2	46.8	27.5	50.0	30.4	-7.3%	-18.1%
Adoption	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.5%	0.0%	0.3%	0.0%	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	-	-100.0%
(number of months until adoption)	0.0	76.0	0.0	41.1	0.0	149.3	0.0	31.2	0.0	0.0	-	-100.0%
Guardianship	6.3%	1.7%	16.9%	3.4%	5.0%	2.5%	0.0%	1.4%	7.1%	4.2%	12.5%	141.6%
(number of month until guardianship)	21.7	35.3	23.6	32.0	17.8	27.8	0.0	18.0	129.1	32.0	493.5%	-9.1%
Live with Other Relatives	1.6%	2.6%	1.7%	2.2%	0.0%	2.1%	0.0%	3.7%	0.0%	0.9%	-100.0%	-64.2%
(number of months until living with relatives)	19.8	25.8	11.3	30.6	0.0	15.9	0.0	37.1	0.0	39.8	-100.0%	54.1%
Exit to Non-Permanent Arrangements	71.4%	65.8%	74.6%	70.8%	85.0%	80.4%	83.3%	76.4%	100.0%	68.6%	40.0%	4.4%
Emancipation	69.8%	60.5%	71.2%	64.2%	82.5%	73.0%	80.0%	71.7%	100.0%	62.2%	43.2%	2.8%
(number of months until emancipation)	35.1	40.6	43.5	33.1	44.3	33.5	40.6	34.3	29.8	30.6	-15.2%	-24.6%
Transfer to Another Agency	1.6%	3.6%	3.4%	3.6%	2.5%	5.5%	3.3%	2.7%	0.0%	5.0%	-100.0%	38.2%
(number of months until transfer)	98.6	51.5	41.6	46.4	20.2	13.0	84.3	40.7	0.0	27.6	-100.0%	-46.3%
Runaway	0.0%	1.6%	0.0%	3.1%	0.0%	1.9%	0.0%	2.0%	0.0%	1.4%	-	-13.3%
(number of months until running away)	0.0	8.9	0.0	26.5	0.0	16.3	0.0	23.4	0.0	14.1	-	58.9%
Death of Child	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.3%	0.0%	0.2%	0.0%	0.6%	3.6%	0.2%	-	25.3%
(number of months until death of a child)	0.0	42.8	0.0	92.4	0.0	129.8	0.0	9.0	143.7	143.7	-	235.5%



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

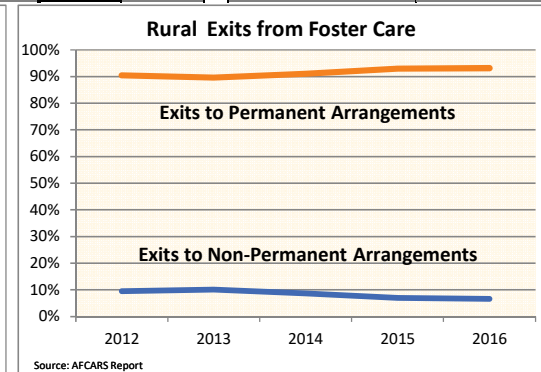
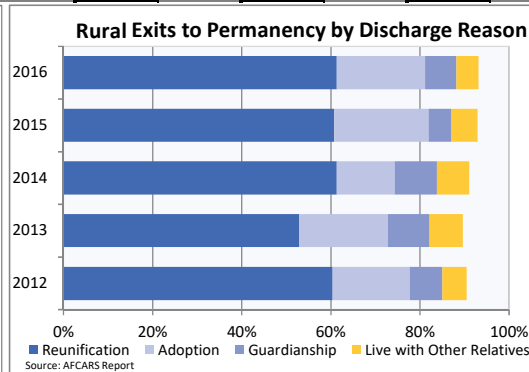
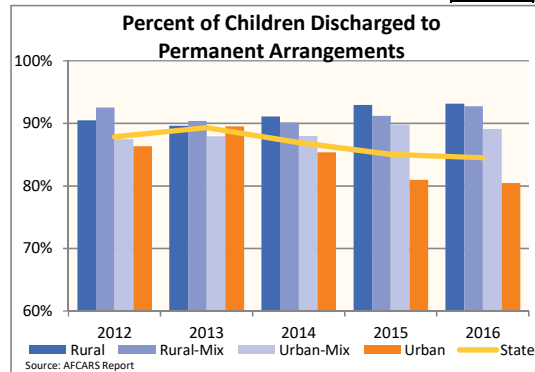
Children Exiting Foster Care

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

	2012		2013		2014		2015		2016		Rural % Change 2012 to 2016	State % Change 2012 to 2016
	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State		
Total Children Leaving Foster Care	893	10,098	751	9,123	752	9,769	807	9,471	874	10,635	-2.1%	5.3%
Percent of Children Leaving Foster Care	55.3%	45.9%	51.4%	42.6%	49.0%	43.4%	51.3%	41.2%	51.6%	43.3%	-6.7%	-5.6%
(number of months until leaving)	11.0	11.9	10.6	11.9	9.1	10.7	11.1	11.4	12.1	11.7	10.0%	-1.7%

By Discharge Reason

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Rural % Change 2012 to 2016	State % Change 2012 to 2016
Exit to Permanent Arrangements	90.5%	87.9%	89.6%	89.3%	91.1%	86.9%	92.9%	85.0%	93.1%	84.5%	2.9%	-3.8%
Reunification	60.4%	60.1%	52.9%	57.3%	61.3%	57.2%	60.7%	54.5%	61.3%	54.5%	1.6%	-9.2%
Adoption	17.4%	18.0%	20.0%	20.2%	13.0%	18.6%	21.2%	18.7%	19.8%	18.7%	14.0%	3.4%
Guardianship	7.3%	5.4%	9.3%	6.4%	9.4%	6.1%	5.1%	6.5%	7.1%	6.6%	-2.5%	22.8%
Live with Other Relatives	5.5%	4.4%	7.5%	5.5%	7.3%	5.0%	5.9%	5.4%	4.9%	4.7%	-10.3%	8.3%
(number of months until reunification)	5.8	6.1	4.8	6.0	5.6	5.5	7.0	5.7	5.6	6.7	-4.1%	8.6%
(number of months until adoption)	31.5	27.6	28.2	26.7	27.3	27.4	26.3	28.3	29.6	28.7	-5.9%	4.2%
(number of month until guardianship)	17.8	20.4	18.7	21.2	21.4	20.8	18.4	21.1	18.9	19.4	5.8%	-4.8%
(number of months until living with relatives)	4.3	2.7	4.7	2.6	10.7	1.0	8.6	3.0	4.4	2.2	2.6%	-21.1%
Exit to Non-Permanent Arrangements	9.5%	12.0%	10.1%	10.5%	8.8%	13.0%	7.1%	14.8%	6.6%	15.4%	-30.3%	28.0%
Emancipation	8.5%	8.0%	7.7%	8.1%	7.3%	7.7%	6.2%	7.8%	6.1%	6.8%	-28.7%	-15.8%
Transfer to Another Agency	1.0%	1.6%	2.1%	2.0%	1.2%	4.3%	0.7%	5.8%	0.6%	7.9%	-43.2%	399.7%
Runaway	0.0%	2.4%	0.3%	0.5%	0.3%	1.1%	0.1%	1.3%	0.0%	0.7%	-	-71.0%
Death of Child	0.0%	0.1%	0.3%	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%	0.2%	0.1%	-	-5.0%
(number of months until emancipation)	32.3	37.4	36.2	31.4	31.4	29.6	21.6	28.1	24.9	23.4	-22.8%	-37.3%
(number of months until transfer)	11.0	5.3	10.4	6.0	10.3	5.0	26.3	6.7	17.7	7.6	61.1%	44.2%
(number of months until running away)	0.0	4.8	41.6	14.9	25.2	13.2	25.7	15.5	0.0	11.2	-	132.5%
(number of months until death of a child)	0.0	4.7	5.1	11.9	13.7	30.9	0.0	4.9	76.1	13.2	-	180.8%



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)

	2012		2013		2014		2015		2016		Rural % Change 2012 to 2016	State % Change 2012 to 2016
	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State		
Children in Foster Care on Last Day	816	13,566	774	13,697	840	14,162	849	14,859	918	15,382	12.5%	13.4%
(number of months children have been in care)	12.7	13.0	12.6	13.1	12.4	12.6	10.6	12.5	9.7	13.2	-23.1%	1.8%

By Age

Age Group	2012 Rural	2012 State	2013 Rural	2013 State	2014 Rural	2014 State	2015 Rural	2015 State	2016 Rural	2016 State	Rural % Change	State % Change
0-2	17.6%	19.5%	20.0%	19.9%	22.5%	20.0%	24.3%	21.0%	21.7%	21.3%	22.8%	9.1%
3-5	16.7%	15.3%	13.8%	15.6%	14.9%	16.7%	14.5%	16.7%	16.4%	17.0%	-1.3%	11.6%
6-8	10.4%	10.9%	10.2%	11.6%	12.6%	12.4%	11.8%	12.9%	12.4%	13.2%	19.2%	21.8%
9-11	10.5%	9.2%	9.7%	9.1%	9.6%	9.6%	9.5%	10.7%	12.0%	11.6%	13.7%	26.9%
12-14	14.2%	12.4%	15.6%	11.7%	12.3%	11.5%	13.2%	11.7%	11.7%	12.0%	-18.0%	-3.3%
15-17	24.9%	23.4%	23.6%	22.6%	24.3%	21.1%	22.9%	20.2%	23.4%	19.6%	-5.9%	-16.5%
18-20	5.6%	9.4%	7.0%	9.5%	3.8%	8.4%	3.9%	6.8%	2.4%	5.3%	-57.5%	-43.7%
Infants (age 0-1)	11.9%	13.2%	14.3%	12.7%	15.5%	13.2%	16.8%	13.9%	15.3%	13.8%	28.3%	4.4%
Youth (age 13+)	41.1%	41.9%	41.7%	40.7%	37.0%	37.8%	36.4%	35.2%	33.9%	33.5%	-17.5%	-20.2%

By Race and Ethnicity

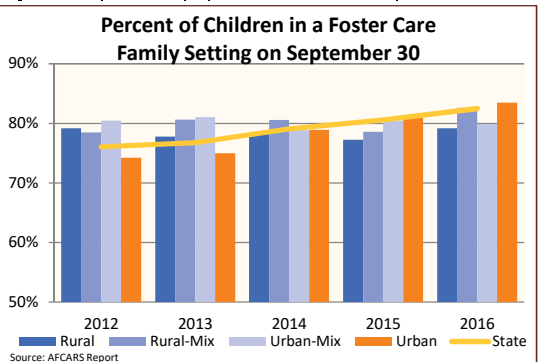
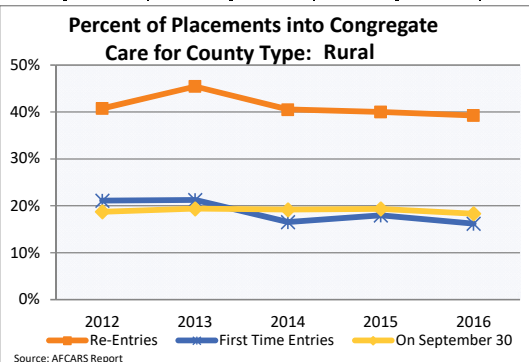
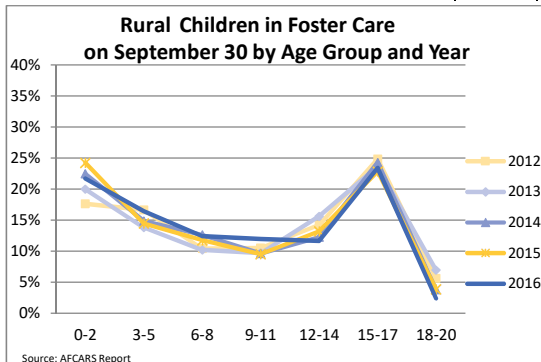
Race/Ethnicity	2012 Rural	2012 State	2013 Rural	2013 State	2014 Rural	2014 State	2015 Rural	2015 State	2016 Rural	2016 State	Rural % Change	State % Change
Non-Hispanic White	89.6%	40.9%	90.1%	38.7%	89.2%	40.1%	86.3%	37.9%	86.5%	41.0%	-3.5%	0.2%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	4.4%	37.5%	3.5%	37.1%	2.7%	38.3%	4.0%	36.9%	3.3%	37.0%	-25.9%	-1.4%
Non-Hispanic Other Race	1.2%	6.0%	0.4%	7.8%	0.6%	3.9%	1.2%	6.0%	1.1%	2.9%	-11.1%	-51.7%
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	2.5%	3.3%	3.5%	3.7%	5.1%	4.7%	5.5%	4.9%	5.0%	5.5%	104.4%	68.3%
Hispanic or Latino	2.3%	12.2%	2.6%	12.7%	2.4%	13.0%	2.9%	14.3%	4.1%	13.6%	77.8%	10.8%

By Gender

Gender	2012 Rural	2012 State	2013 Rural	2013 State	2014 Rural	2014 State	2015 Rural	2015 State	2016 Rural	2016 State	Rural % Change	State % Change
Male	56.0%	50.8%	52.7%	50.7%	53.7%	50.9%	54.1%	51.3%	54.8%	51.2%	-2.2%	0.7%
Female	44.0%	49.2%	47.3%	49.3%	46.3%	49.1%	45.9%	48.7%	45.2%	48.8%	2.8%	-0.7%

By Latest Placement Setting

Placement Setting	2012 Rural	2012 State	2013 Rural	2013 State	2014 Rural	2014 State	2015 Rural	2015 State	2016 Rural	2016 State	Rural % Change	State % Change
Family Setting	79.2%	76.1%	77.8%	76.8%	78.2%	79.0%	77.3%	80.6%	79.2%	82.5%	0.0%	8.4%
Pre-adoptive Home	2.3%	3.0%	1.9%	3.2%	3.7%	3.9%	2.7%	3.2%	1.4%	5.3%	-39.2%	76.6%
Foster Family Home – Relative	22.3%	25.2%	22.5%	25.7%	25.8%	30.0%	25.4%	32.8%	28.5%	35.1%	28.0%	39.3%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	54.5%	47.9%	53.4%	47.9%	48.7%	45.1%	49.1%	44.5%	49.2%	42.1%	-9.7%	-12.1%
Congregate Care Setting	18.8%	19.2%	19.4%	18.7%	19.2%	17.3%	19.3%	16.0%	18.3%	14.7%	-2.4%	-23.4%
Group Home	12.5%	11.0%	12.8%	10.8%	13.8%	10.6%	14.6%	9.0%	14.9%	8.4%	19.4%	-23.8%
Institution	6.3%	8.2%	6.6%	7.8%	5.4%	6.7%	4.7%	7.0%	3.4%	6.3%	-46.0%	-22.9%
Supervised Independent Living	1.2%	1.9%	1.4%	2.1%	0.8%	1.7%	0.9%	1.4%	0.8%	1.3%	-37.8%	-27.1%
Runaway	0.0%	1.8%	0.1%	1.4%	0.0%	1.1%	0.0%	1.1%	0.3%	0.7%	-	-57.8%
Trial Home Visit	0.9%	1.1%	1.3%	1.0%	1.8%	0.8%	2.5%	1.0%	1.4%	0.7%	65.1%	-36.3%



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		Rural % Change 2012 to 2016	State % Change 2012 to 2016
Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State		
36.7%	36.9%	37.4%	34.1%	33.7%	32.7%	34.0%	32.8%	29.0%	33.6%	-21.0%	-9.0%

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		Rural % Change 2012 to 2016	State % Change 2012 to 2016
Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State		
56.0%	44.6%	52.1%	41.3%	44.2%	39.7%	48.4%	39.0%	52.2%	36.0%	-6.8%	-19.3%

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		Rural % Change 2012 to 2016	State % Change 2012 to 2016
Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State		
19.7%	26.3%	20.3%	26.4%	20.9%	26.9%	15.8%	24.1%	19.5%	24.8%	-1.1%	-5.7%



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