

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

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 Reports

Reported incidents of suspected child abuse through the ChildLine and Abuse Registry. Does not include General Protective Services reports, which include less severe general neglect reports. (Number and rate per 1,000 children age 0-17)

	2009			2010			2011			2012			2013			County % Change 2009 to 2013
	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	
Number of Reports	570	14,089	25,342	506	13,513	24,615	511	13,167	24,378	550	14,080	26,664	647	14,114	26,944	13.5%
Rate per 1,000 children	8.8	8.7	9.1	7.8	8.4	8.8	7.9	8.2	8.7	8.5	8.7	9.5	10.0	8.7	9.6	

Child Abuse Substantiations

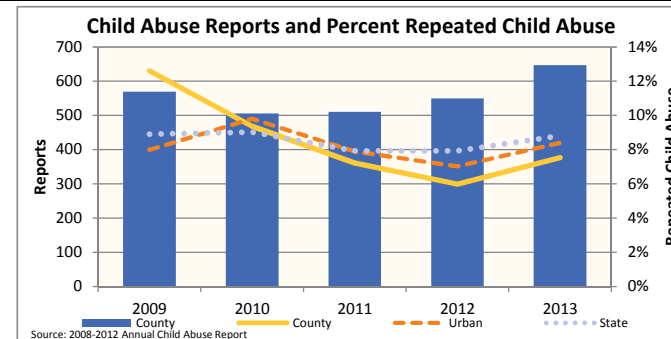
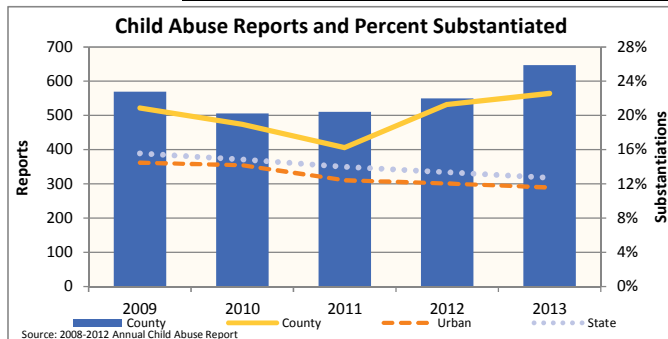
Founded or indicated reports of child abuse. Does not include the number of children determined to need General Protective Services.

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	County % Change 2009 to 2013
Percent Substantiated	20.9%	14.5%	15.6%	19.0%	14.2%	14.9%	16.2%	12.4%	14.0%	21.3%	12.0%	13.4%	22.6%	11.6%	12.7%	8.1%

Repeated Child Abuse

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

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	County % Change 2009 to 2013
Percent Repeated Abuse	12.6%	8.0%	8.9%	9.4%	9.8%	9.0%	7.2%	7.9%	7.9%	6.0%	7.0%	7.9%	7.5%	8.4%	8.8%	-40.2%
Number of Children	1 in 8	1 in 13	1 in 11	1 in 11	1 in 10	1 in 11	1 in 14	1 in 13	1 in 13	1 in 17	1 in 14	1 in 13	1 in 13	1 in 12	1 in 11	



IN-HOME SERVICES

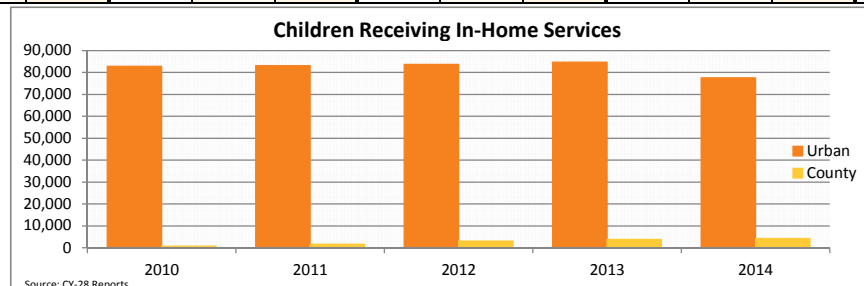
In-home services are designed to strengthen families by addressing the root causes of abuse and neglect. The provision of in-home services helps a child to remain safely in his or her home.

Indicator

Unduplicated Number of Children Served

Children whose families received services in their homes to address concerns related to child safety and well-being during the year.

	2010			2011			2012			2013			2014			County % Change 2010 to 2014
	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	
Number of Children Served	713	82,860	164,099	1,552	83,198	168,821	3,095	83,662	164,842	3,831	84,755	172,807	4,187	77,509	167,582	487.2%



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

Indicator

Unduplicated Number of Children Served

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

Indicator	2010			2011			2012			2013			2014			County % Change 2010 to 2014
	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	
All Children in Foster Care During the Year (Rate per 1,000 children age 0-20)	927	16,868	25,917	808	14,624	22,750	700	13,647	22,000	760	13,441	21,416	941	14,249	22,510	1.5%

By Age

Age Group	2010 County	2010 Urban	2010 State	2011 County	2011 Urban	2011 State	2012 County	2012 Urban	2012 State	2013 County	2013 Urban	2013 State	2014 County	2014 Urban	2014 State	% Change
0-2	26.9%	16.0%	16.8%	26.7%	17.7%	18.2%	27.1%	18.5%	18.9%	27.9%	18.6%	19.2%	25.7%	18.7%	19.4%	-4.3%
3-5	17.5%	13.8%	13.9%	19.1%	14.8%	15.1%	20.0%	15.3%	15.6%	19.1%	15.4%	15.9%	20.1%	16.9%	16.8%	14.9%
6-8	14.9%	10.4%	10.3%	14.5%	10.6%	10.5%	11.9%	10.8%	10.8%	13.9%	11.5%	11.5%	12.6%	12.0%	12.3%	-15.1%
9-11	10.5%	8.9%	8.9%	9.4%	9.1%	8.9%	8.0%	9.0%	8.9%	8.3%	9.2%	8.9%	11.4%	9.6%	9.5%	8.7%
12-14	10.4%	11.7%	11.9%	8.5%	11.8%	12.1%	9.7%	11.8%	12.0%	10.1%	11.4%	11.4%	10.3%	10.8%	10.9%	-0.5%
15-17	13.5%	27.2%	27.6%	14.4%	23.9%	24.8%	15.6%	22.7%	23.3%	12.9%	22.0%	22.3%	12.9%	20.7%	21.4%	-4.6%
18-20	6.5%	12.0%	10.5%	7.4%	12.1%	10.4%	7.7%	12.0%	10.5%	7.8%	12.0%	10.7%	7.0%	11.1%	9.8%	8.4%
Infants (age 0-1)	17.9%	9.8%	10.5%	17.0%	11.1%	11.7%	18.0%	11.6%	12.2%	18.8%	11.3%	11.9%	17.9%	11.9%	12.5%	-0.3%
Youth (age 13+)	27.1%	47.7%	46.9%	27.8%	44.8%	44.2%	30.7%	43.5%	42.7%	27.5%	42.3%	41.5%	27.4%	39.5%	38.9%	1.3%

By Race and Ethnicity

Race/Ethnicity	2010 County	2010 Urban	2010 State	2011 County	2011 Urban	2011 State	2012 County	2012 Urban	2012 State	2013 County	2013 Urban	2013 State	2014 County	2014 Urban	2014 State	% Change
White	75.8%	33.3%	49.3%	79.3%	36.6%	52.8%	82.3%	39.8%	56.4%	82.6%	40.8%	57.1%	82.3%	42.7%	58.4%	8.5%
Black or African American	25.8%	61.8%	47.4%	24.0%	61.4%	46.5%	23.4%	59.5%	44.1%	24.6%	60.2%	45.0%	27.2%	59.6%	44.8%	5.5%
Other	0.4%	6.0%	4.4%	0.2%	3.4%	2.6%	0.3%	3.9%	2.9%	0.3%	2.6%	2.0%	0.2%	2.6%	2.0%	-50.7%
Hispanic or Latino	10.6%	11.2%	11.3%	14.5%	12.0%	11.6%	14.0%	12.7%	12.0%	15.3%	13.0%	12.5%	14.0%	13.8%	13.1%	32.7%

By Gender

Gender	2010 County	2010 Urban	2010 State	2011 County	2011 Urban	2011 State	2012 County	2012 Urban	2012 State	2013 County	2013 Urban	2013 State	2014 County	2014 Urban	2014 State	% Change
Male	50.9%	52.9%	53.1%	51.0%	50.1%	50.7%	50.6%	50.0%	50.5%	49.3%	50.1%	50.8%	50.5%	50.2%	50.8%	-0.9%
Female	49.1%	47.1%	46.9%	49.0%	49.9%	49.3%	49.4%	50.0%	49.5%	50.7%	49.9%	49.2%	49.5%	49.8%	49.2%	0.9%

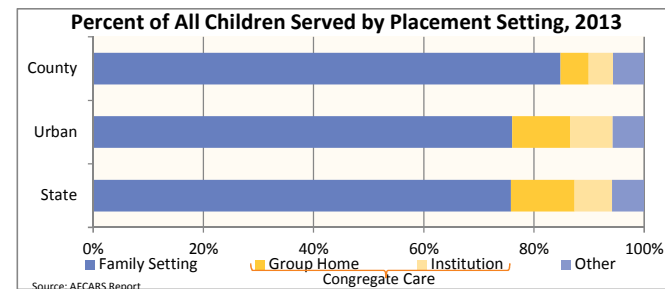
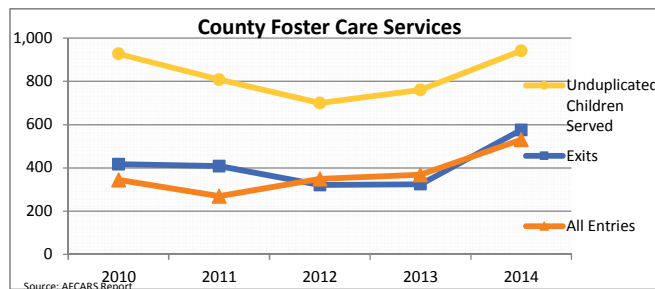
By First Placement Setting

Placement Setting	2010 County	2010 Urban	2010 State	2011 County	2011 Urban	2011 State	2012 County	2012 Urban	2012 State	2013 County	2013 Urban	2013 State	2014 County	2014 Urban	2014 State	% Change
Family Setting	87.1%	69.0%	69.2%	84.9%	71.7%	72.0%	81.4%	72.4%	72.8%	83.7%	72.9%	73.4%	84.8%	76.1%	75.8%	-2.6%
Pre-adoptive Home	9.0%	3.9%	4.3%	17.3%	4.2%	3.9%	12.1%	3.3%	3.2%	10.8%	3.9%	3.4%	10.3%	4.1%	3.5%	15.1%
Foster Family Home – Relative	23.7%	24.8%	22.2%	23.3%	25.9%	23.5%	26.1%	26.3%	24.4%	31.4%	26.5%	24.8%	43.0%	32.9%	29.6%	81.4%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	54.4%	40.2%	42.7%	44.3%	41.5%	44.5%	43.1%	42.8%	45.2%	41.4%	42.5%	45.2%	31.5%	39.1%	42.7%	-42.1%
Congregate Care	9.2%	24.2%	24.0%	10.9%	20.5%	20.6%	13.4%	21.1%	20.6%	10.3%	20.2%	19.6%	9.6%	18.2%	18.3%	4.3%
Group Home	5.1%	10.5%	12.2%	6.1%	10.4%	11.7%	7.9%	11.8%	12.5%	4.6%	11.4%	12.1%	5.1%	10.5%	11.6%	0.6%
Institution	4.1%	13.7%	11.9%	4.8%	10.1%	8.9%	5.6%	9.3%	8.0%	5.7%	8.8%	7.5%	4.5%	7.7%	6.8%	8.9%
Supervised Independent Living	1.2%	2.6%	2.0%	0.7%	3.0%	2.2%	0.3%	2.3%	1.8%	1.1%	2.6%	2.0%	1.0%	2.4%	1.9%	-19.4%
Runaway	0.2%	2.8%	2.1%	0.1%	2.8%	2.0%	1.1%	1.9%	1.4%	0.8%	2.4%	1.8%	1.0%	1.4%	1.2%	343.3%
Trial Home Visit	2.4%	1.4%	2.7%	3.3%	2.0%	3.1%	3.7%	2.3%	3.4%	4.2%	1.9%	3.2%	3.7%	1.9%	2.8%	56.7%

Children Entering Foster Care

All Entries into Foster Care During the Year

Year	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	% Change
2010	345	6,852	10,898	269	5,910	9,849	349	5,756	9,793	368	5,577	9,306	531	6,295	10,364	53.9%



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	2010			2011			2012			2013			2014			County % Change 2010 to 2014
	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	
Children Entering for the First Time	260	4,161	7,083	215	4,015	6,979	260	3,953	7,018	291	3,887	6,698	444	4,465	7,592	70.8%
First Time Entries During the Year (Rate per 1,000 children age 0-20)	3.3	2.1	2.1	2.7	2.1	2.1	3.3	2.0	2.1	3.7	2.0	2.0	5.6	2.3	2.3	
First Time Entries as Percent of All Entries	75.4%	60.7%	65.0%	79.9%	67.9%	70.9%	74.5%	68.7%	71.7%	79.1%	69.7%	72.0%	83.6%	70.9%	73.3%	11.0%

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	2010 County	2010 Urban	2010 State	2011 County	2011 Urban	2011 State	2012 County	2012 Urban	2012 State	2013 County	2013 Urban	2013 State	2014 County	2014 Urban	2014 State	% Change
0-2	46.2%	32.5%	30.9%	46.0%	33.1%	31.7%	41.9%	32.8%	32.2%	40.2%	33.3%	32.8%	33.1%	33.6%	32.7%	-28.3%
3-5	13.8%	12.3%	12.6%	18.1%	14.1%	14.1%	18.1%	14.4%	14.2%	18.9%	14.8%	14.6%	18.9%	15.9%	15.7%	36.6%
6-8	10.4%	8.9%	8.6%	9.3%	9.8%	9.3%	8.8%	10.2%	10.1%	12.0%	10.1%	10.0%	11.7%	11.6%	11.5%	12.8%
9-11	8.5%	8.3%	7.8%	6.0%	8.1%	7.9%	7.3%	8.5%	8.6%	8.6%	8.5%	8.2%	13.5%	9.4%	9.2%	59.7%
12-14	9.6%	14.9%	15.3%	7.0%	14.0%	14.7%	11.9%	14.4%	14.4%	11.7%	12.9%	13.5%	9.7%	12.3%	12.7%	0.7%
15-17	11.5%	22.8%	24.8%	13.5%	20.8%	22.2%	11.9%	19.7%	20.4%	8.6%	20.3%	20.8%	12.8%	17.0%	18.0%	11.3%
18-20	0.0%	0.2%	0.2%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.2%	0.2%	0.1%	-
Infants (age 0-1)	39.2%	26.5%	25.1%	34.4%	27.3%	25.7%	35.8%	27.1%	26.2%	34.7%	27.1%	26.4%	26.1%	27.1%	26.3%	-33.4%
Youth (age 13+)	18.8%	34.6%	36.8%	17.7%	31.6%	33.8%	20.4%	30.4%	31.2%	16.2%	30.2%	31.4%	19.8%	26.2%	27.6%	5.2%

By Race and Ethnicity

White
Black or African American
Other
Hispanic or Latino

Race/Ethnicity	2010 County	2010 Urban	2010 State	2011 County	2011 Urban	2011 State	2012 County	2012 Urban	2012 State	2013 County	2013 Urban	2013 State	2014 County	2014 Urban	2014 State	% Change
White	80.8%	39.5%	56.2%	79.5%	42.3%	59.2%	80.4%	44.7%	62.0%	85.2%	45.5%	62.1%	80.9%	47.9%	64.0%	0.1%
Black or African American	23.8%	56.5%	41.3%	24.7%	56.6%	40.4%	25.8%	53.6%	37.7%	21.3%	54.1%	39.2%	30.0%	54.4%	39.0%	25.6%
Other	0.4%	5.7%	4.0%	0.5%	2.9%	2.3%	0.0%	4.6%	3.4%	0.0%	3.7%	2.6%	0.0%	3.1%	2.3%	-100.0%
Hispanic or Latino	15.0%	13.1%	12.8%	21.9%	13.6%	12.4%	14.2%	12.5%	11.7%	18.9%	14.3%	13.0%	14.9%	15.7%	13.9%	-0.9%

By Gender

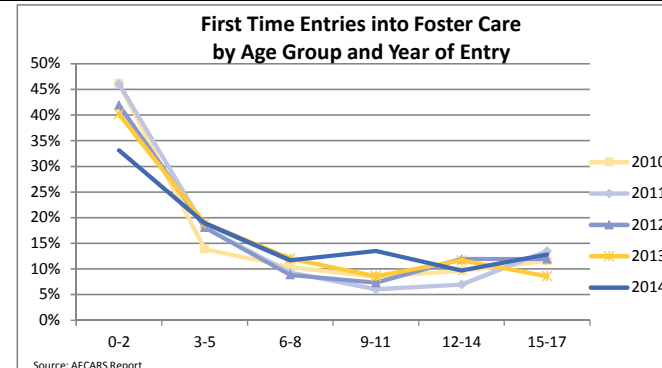
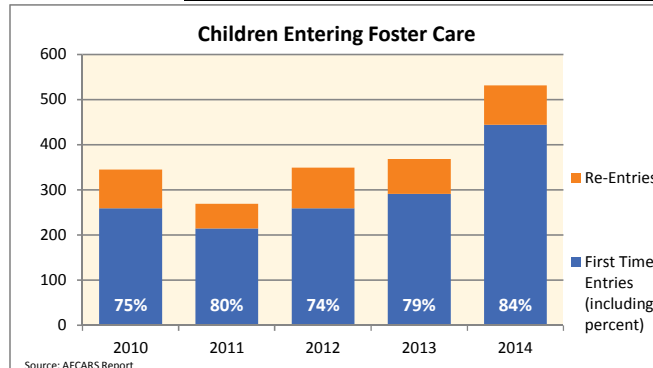
Male
Female

Gender	2010 County	2010 Urban	2010 State	2011 County	2011 Urban	2011 State	2012 County	2012 Urban	2012 State	2013 County	2013 Urban	2013 State	2014 County	2014 Urban	2014 State	% Change
Male	48.8%	51.2%	51.4%	50.2%	48.6%	49.6%	47.7%	49.2%	49.9%	43.0%	49.5%	50.1%	50.7%	50.2%	50.9%	3.7%
Female	51.2%	48.8%	48.6%	49.8%	51.4%	50.4%	52.3%	50.8%	50.1%	57.0%	50.5%	49.9%	49.3%	49.8%	49.1%	-3.6%

By First Placement Setting

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

Placement Setting	2010 County	2010 Urban	2010 State	2011 County	2011 Urban	2011 State	2012 County	2012 Urban	2012 State	2013 County	2013 Urban	2013 State	2014 County	2014 Urban	2014 State	% Change
Family Setting	89.6%	73.0%	71.6%	84.2%	75.6%	74.8%	83.5%	75.7%	76.4%	93.1%	77.9%	76.7%	90.5%	82.5%	80.7%	1.0%
Pre-adoptive Home	0.4%	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%	0.2%	0.2%	1.5%	0.2%	0.2%	0.3%	0.1%	0.3%	1.1%	0.2%	0.2%	192.8%
Foster Family Home – Relative	37.7%	27.3%	24.1%	35.3%	27.9%	25.0%	38.1%	27.9%	25.8%	46.0%	30.7%	27.2%	59.5%	37.5%	33.1%	57.7%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	51.5%	45.6%	47.3%	48.8%	47.6%	49.5%	43.8%	47.6%	50.4%	46.7%	47.1%	49.3%	30.0%	44.8%	47.5%	-41.9%
Congregate Care	8.1%	24.5%	26.2%	11.2%	21.4%	22.4%	11.2%	21.7%	21.1%	5.2%	20.0%	21.0%	7.9%	15.8%	17.5%	-2.4%
Group Home	5.0%	13.6%	16.3%	6.5%	12.2%	14.8%	5.0%	14.0%	14.7%	1.7%	13.0%	15.0%	4.7%	9.6%	12.1%	-5.4%
Institution	3.1%	10.9%	9.9%	4.7%	9.2%	7.6%	6.2%	7.7%	6.4%	3.4%	7.0%	6.0%	3.2%	6.2%	5.4%	2.5%
Supervised Independent Living	0.8%	0.5%	0.3%	0.0%	0.4%	0.3%	0.0%	0.3%	0.2%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%	0.2%	0.1%	-100.0%
Runaway	0.0%	1.2%	0.8%	0.0%	1.1%	0.7%	0.4%	0.6%	0.4%	0.3%	0.8%	0.6%	0.2%	0.5%	0.4%	-
Trial Home Visit	1.5%	0.8%	1.1%	4.7%	1.4%	1.9%	5.0%	1.7%	1.9%	1.4%	1.2%	1.5%	1.4%	0.9%	1.2%	-12.2%



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 an out of the system. Others can experience large spans of time between foster care episodes, which is why the age of children who typically re-enter is older.

Indicator

Children Re-Entering Foster Care

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

Indicator	2010			2011			2012			2013			2014			County % Change 2010 to 2014
	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	
Children Re-Entering Foster Care	85	2,691	3,815	54	1,895	2,870	89	1,803	2,775	77	1,690	2,608	87	1,830	2,772	2.4%
Re-Entries as Percent of All Entries	24.6%	39.3%	35.0%	20.1%	32.1%	29.1%	25.5%	31.3%	28.3%	20.9%	30.3%	28.0%	16.4%	29.1%	26.7%	-33.5%

By Age

Age Group	2010 County	2010 Urban	2010 State	2011 County	2011 Urban	2011 State	2012 County	2012 Urban	2012 State	2013 County	2013 Urban	2013 State	2014 County	2014 Urban	2014 State	% Change
0-2	16.5%	7.4%	8.4%	20.4%	7.1%	8.8%	18.0%	8.0%	8.5%	13.0%	6.4%	6.6%	11.5%	7.9%	8.2%	-30.2%
3-5	18.8%	6.2%	6.9%	25.9%	6.8%	7.9%	19.1%	7.2%	9.5%	20.8%	7.0%	7.8%	14.9%	8.4%	9.2%	-20.6%
6-8	15.3%	5.9%	6.4%	11.1%	6.9%	7.5%	10.1%	5.5%	6.5%	15.6%	7.2%	7.4%	10.3%	8.3%	8.8%	-32.4%
9-11	10.6%	6.8%	6.9%	5.6%	6.0%	6.5%	6.7%	7.2%	7.4%	9.1%	6.6%	6.3%	12.6%	6.8%	7.5%	19.4%
12-14	12.9%	18.2%	18.3%	11.1%	20.5%	19.7%	19.1%	22.4%	21.7%	10.4%	18.3%	18.4%	14.9%	17.5%	17.1%	15.5%
15-17	24.7%	51.5%	49.6%	24.1%	49.1%	46.9%	27.0%	46.5%	44.1%	27.3%	47.8%	46.3%	31.0%	45.1%	43.7%	25.6%
18-20	1.2%	3.9%	3.3%	1.9%	3.7%	2.6%	0.0%	3.3%	2.5%	3.9%	6.7%	7.1%	4.6%	6.1%	5.7%	290.8%
Infants (age 0-1)	8.2%	4.6%	5.1%	16.7%	4.6%	5.6%	12.4%	4.8%	4.9%	3.9%	3.6%	3.8%	6.9%	5.2%	5.2%	-16.3%
Youth (age 13+)	35.3%	70.3%	68.3%	35.2%	68.9%	65.2%	41.6%	68.1%	64.3%	39.0%	69.5%	68.6%	47.1%	65.6%	63.5%	33.5%

By Race and Ethnicity

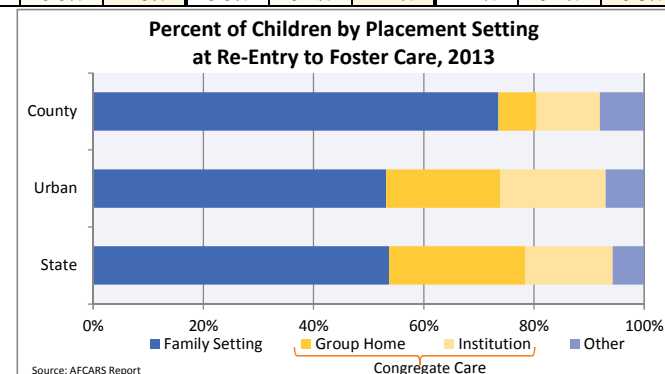
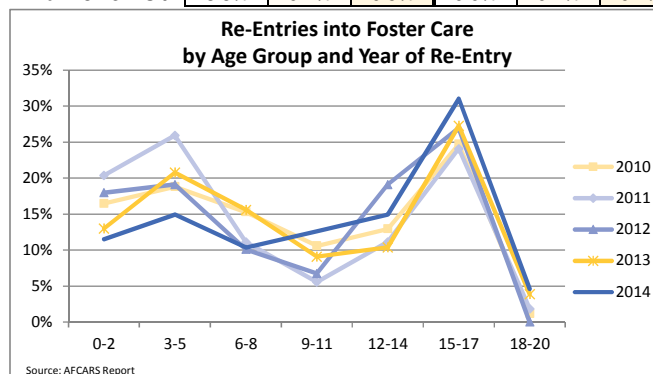
Race/Ethnicity	2010 County	2010 Urban	2010 State	2011 County	2011 Urban	2011 State	2012 County	2012 Urban	2012 State	2013 County	2013 Urban	2013 State	2014 County	2014 Urban	2014 State	% Change
White	77.6%	22.0%	37.6%	83.3%	27.8%	45.3%	88.8%	29.4%	47.4%	87.0%	29.3%	47.3%	83.9%	34.0%	50.5%	8.1%
Black or African American	25.9%	72.4%	58.3%	22.2%	70.7%	54.0%	21.3%	70.7%	53.7%	26.0%	71.8%	54.7%	26.4%	67.7%	52.3%	2.1%
Other	0.0%	6.7%	5.1%	0.0%	2.6%	2.2%	0.0%	2.9%	2.2%	0.0%	2.0%	1.6%	0.0%	2.2%	1.8%	-
Hispanic or Latino	9.4%	12.1%	11.4%	11.1%	11.0%	10.7%	15.7%	12.3%	11.3%	13.0%	11.7%	11.4%	10.3%	12.8%	12.2%	9.9%

By Gender

Gender	2010 County	2010 Urban	2010 State	2011 County	2011 Urban	2011 State	2012 County	2012 Urban	2012 State	2013 County	2013 Urban	2013 State	2014 County	2014 Urban	2014 State	% Change
Male	50.6%	52.9%	53.8%	53.7%	45.8%	47.0%	42.7%	44.3%	47.6%	57.1%	45.7%	48.1%	50.6%	49.0%	50.6%	0.0%
Female	49.4%	47.1%	46.2%	46.3%	54.2%	53.0%	57.3%	55.7%	52.4%	42.9%	54.3%	51.9%	49.4%	51.0%	49.4%	0.0%

By Placement Setting at Re-Entry

Placement Setting	2010 County	2010 Urban	2010 State	2011 County	2011 Urban	2011 State	2012 County	2012 Urban	2012 State	2013 County	2013 Urban	2013 State	2014 County	2014 Urban	2014 State	% Change
Family Setting	72.9%	43.3%	45.6%	87.0%	47.2%	50.9%	73.0%	48.0%	50.5%	77.9%	46.9%	48.5%	73.6%	53.1%	53.7%	0.9%
Pre-adoptive Home	2.4%	0.3%	0.2%	1.9%	0.3%	0.3%	1.1%	0.6%	0.4%	0.0%	0.3%	0.2%	0.0%	0.2%	0.2%	-100.0%
Foster Family Home – Relative	20.0%	18.8%	16.6%	42.6%	19.2%	17.2%	22.5%	17.7%	16.5%	33.8%	17.9%	14.9%	37.9%	22.6%	20.2%	89.7%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	50.6%	24.2%	28.8%	42.6%	27.7%	33.3%	49.4%	29.7%	33.5%	44.2%	28.7%	33.3%	35.6%	30.3%	33.3%	-29.6%
Congregate Care	23.5%	48.5%	47.9%	13.0%	44.3%	42.7%	27.0%	46.9%	45.3%	19.5%	45.0%	44.4%	18.4%	39.9%	40.6%	-21.8%
Group Home	15.3%	20.6%	24.0%	11.1%	21.1%	23.8%	15.7%	23.5%	26.0%	5.2%	23.9%	26.7%	6.9%	20.8%	24.8%	-54.9%
Institution	8.2%	27.9%	23.9%	1.9%	23.2%	18.9%	11.2%	23.5%	19.2%	14.3%	21.1%	17.7%	11.5%	19.1%	15.9%	39.6%
Supervised Independent Living	0.0%	1.7%	1.3%	0.0%	2.1%	1.6%	0.0%	1.1%	0.8%	1.3%	1.5%	1.6%	3.4%	2.1%	1.6%	-
Runaway	0.0%	5.9%	4.4%	0.0%	6.1%	4.2%	0.0%	3.4%	2.5%	1.3%	6.2%	4.3%	3.4%	4.7%	3.3%	-
Trial Home Visit	3.5%	0.7%	0.9%	0.0%	0.4%	0.7%	0.0%	0.6%	1.0%	0.0%	0.4%	1.2%	1.1%	0.2%	0.8%	-67.4%



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. This data provides information on the most recent goal for every child served in foster care during the federal fiscal year.

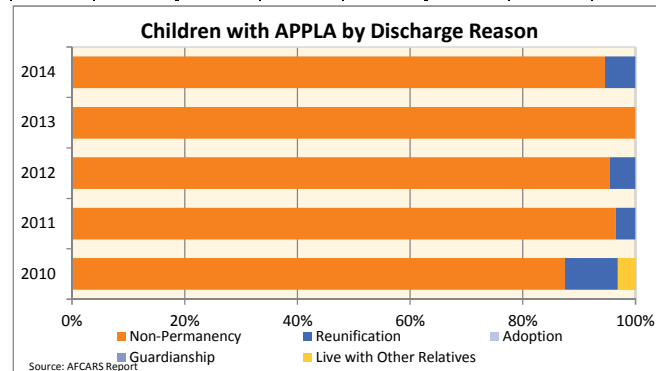
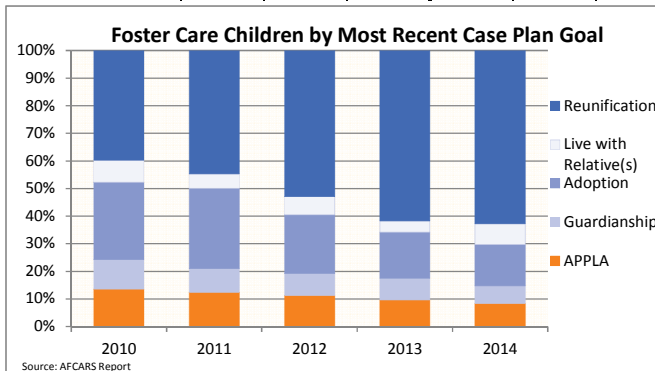
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	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	
Percent of Children by Case Plan Goal																
Permanency Goals	86.4%	91.4%	90.9%	87.6%	91.4%	91.0%	88.7%	91.0%	90.9%	90.4%	93.8%	92.8%	91.6%	94.1%	93.6%	6.0%
Reunify With Parent(s) or Principal Caretaker(s)	39.7%	68.4%	66.6%	44.7%	69.4%	68.0%	52.9%	71.7%	69.6%	61.7%	73.5%	70.5%	62.8%	75.3%	72.6%	58.2%
Adoption	28.0%	18.0%	18.5%	29.1%	17.2%	17.6%	21.1%	15.8%	16.6%	16.7%	15.4%	16.7%	15.0%	14.8%	16.1%	-46.6%
Guardianship	10.7%	2.5%	3.1%	8.7%	2.3%	2.8%	8.0%	2.5%	3.1%	7.9%	3.1%	3.6%	6.4%	2.4%	3.1%	-40.3%
Live with Relative(s)	8.0%	2.5%	2.7%	5.2%	2.4%	2.7%	6.7%	0.9%	1.6%	4.1%	1.8%	2.1%	7.4%	1.7%	1.8%	-6.8%
Another Planned Permanent Living Arrangement (APPLA)	13.6%	8.6%	9.1%	12.4%	8.6%	9.0%	11.3%	9.0%	9.1%	9.6%	6.2%	7.2%	8.4%	5.9%	6.4%	-38.2%
Long Term Foster Care	5.2%	2.0%	3.2%	3.5%	2.5%	3.4%	2.7%	2.1%	3.2%	2.4%	0.8%	2.1%	1.4%	1.0%	1.8%	-73.3%
Emancipation	8.4%	6.6%	5.9%	8.9%	6.2%	5.5%	8.6%	6.8%	5.9%	7.2%	5.4%	5.1%	7.0%	4.9%	4.6%	-16.6%

APPLA By Age

Age Group	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	County % Change 2010 to 2014
0-15	3.9%	2.0%	2.0%	2.2%	1.6%	-74.0%
16-20	63.2%	22.2%	24.4%	61.2%	25.2%	-22.5%

APPLA By Discharge Reason

Discharge Reason	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	County % Change 2010 to 2014										
Exit to Permanent Arrangements	12.5%	31.0%	28.2%	3.4%	37.0%	28.8%	4.5%	38.7%	34.1%	0.0%	37.6%	28.9%	5.4%	22.2%	19.4%	-56.8%
Reunification	9.4%	24.1%	21.3%	3.4%	30.7%	23.9%	4.5%	35.1%	29.6%	0.0%	33.2%	22.8%	5.4%	17.1%	14.5%	-42.3%
(number of months until reunification)	0.6	63.9	32.5	40.1	34.4	36.2	22.0	46.2	37.2	0.0	26.0	27.8	182.8	63.7	36.2	32621.9%
Adoption	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.1%	0.0%	1.1%	0.5%	0.0%	0.3%	0.3%	-
(number of months until adoption)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	76.0	76.0	0.0	44.3	41.1	0.0	194.3	149.3	-
Guardianship	0.0%	2.8%	3.2%	0.0%	2.6%	2.1%	0.0%	1.0%	1.7%	0.0%	1.5%	3.4%	0.0%	2.3%	2.5%	-
(number of month until guardianship)	0.0	34.7	41.0	0.0	50.0	38.7	0.0	32.0	35.3	0.0	37.8	32.0	0.0	35.1	27.8	-
Live with Other Relatives	3.1%	4.0%	3.7%	0.0%	3.8%	2.8%	0.0%	2.3%	2.6%	0.0%	1.8%	2.2%	0.0%	2.6%	2.1%	-100.0%
(number of months until living with relatives)	105.1	70.4	47.7	0.0	34.4	30.8	0.0	58.7	25.8	0.0	61.4	30.6	0.0	20.8	15.9	-100.0%
Exit to Non-Permanent Arrangements	87.5%	68.6%	71.4%	96.6%	63.0%	71.0%	95.5%	61.1%	65.8%	100.0%	61.6%	70.8%	94.6%	77.8%	80.4%	8.1%
Emancipation	84.4%	61.5%	63.9%	86.2%	56.1%	63.8%	95.5%	55.3%	60.5%	95.7%	55.4%	64.2%	91.9%	69.2%	73.0%	8.9%
(number of months until emancipation)	19.6	45.8	37.5	32.6	47.5	40.4	44.1	50.7	40.6	27.1	36.6	33.1	18.9	40.7	33.5	-3.4%
Transfer to Another Agency	0.0%	4.0%	4.6%	6.9%	4.0%	4.4%	0.0%	4.2%	3.6%	0.0%	3.3%	3.6%	2.7%	7.1%	5.5%	-
(number of months until transfer)	0.0	45.7	20.5	72.3	70.1	80.7	0.0	48.0	51.5	0.0	83.8	46.4	99.9	61.1	13.0	-
Runaway	3.1%	3.0%	2.9%	3.4%	2.8%	2.8%	0.0%	1.7%	1.6%	4.3%	3.0%	3.1%	0.0%	1.4%	1.9%	-100.0%
(number of months until running away)	0.5	23.2	27.2	24.4	37.0	37.9	0.0	21.6	8.9	2.8	16.7	26.5	0.0	39.7	16.3	-100.0%
Death of Child	0.0%	0.4%	0.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.2%	0.1%	0.0%	0.7%	0.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	-
(number of months until death of a child)	0.0	25.6	29.7	0.0	0.0	142.5	0.0	42.8	42.8	0.0	92.4	92.4	0.0	0.0	129.8	-



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 assure every child has the lifelong support of a permanent family.

Indicator

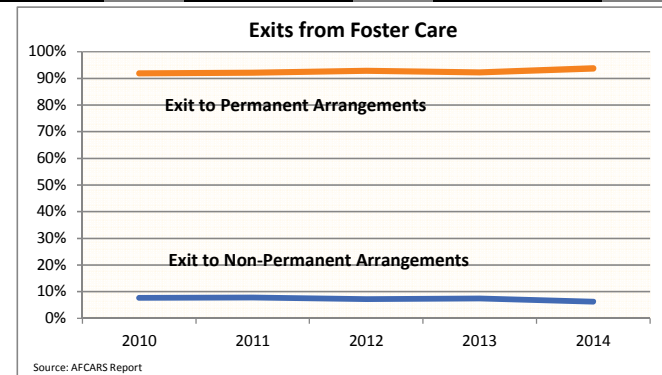
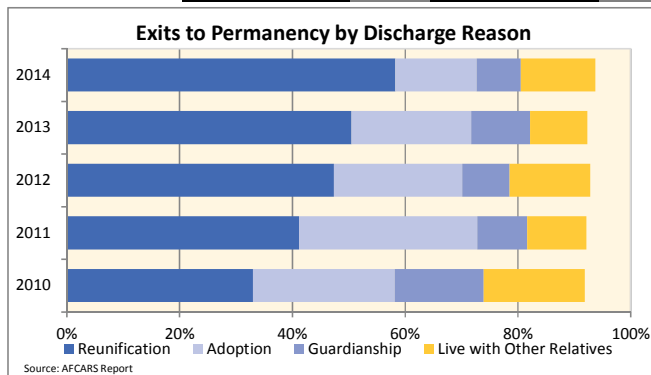
Children Exiting Foster Care

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

Indicator	2010			2011			2012			2013			2014			County % Change 2010 to 2014
	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	
Total Children Leaving Foster Care	418	8,268	13,119	408	6,654	10,630	321	5,966	10,098	325	5,302	9,123	575	5,863	9,769	37.6%
Percent of Children Leaving Foster Care	45.1%	49.0%	50.6%	50.5%	45.5%	46.7%	45.9%	43.7%	45.9%	42.8%	39.4%	42.6%	61.1%	41.1%	43.4%	35.5%
(number of months until leaving)	13.6	13.4	11.5	13.4	15.2	11.7	8.5	13.4	11.9	7.9	14.2	11.9	4.9	12.9	10.7	-63.9%

By Discharge Reason

Discharge Reason	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	County % Change 2010 to 2014
Exit to Permanent Arrangements	91.9%	87.4%	88.0%	92.3%	89.3%	2.0%
Reunification	33.0%	56.5%	56.9%	50.5%	57.3%	76.5%
(number of months until reunification)	4.1	6.9	6.1	3.8	6.0	-34.1%
Adoption	25.1%	17.2%	17.9%	21.2%	20.2%	-42.5%
(number of months until adoption)	33.8	33.2	31.1	23.5	26.7	-19.0%
Guardianship	15.8%	8.1%	7.4%	10.5%	6.4%	-50.4%
(number of month until guardianship)	18.4	27.8	23.3	14.6	21.2	-31.7%
Live with Other Relatives	17.9%	5.6%	5.8%	10.2%	5.5%	-26.3%
(number of months until living with relatives)	0.7	6.5	3.6	1.8	2.6	-36.4%
Exit to Non-Permanent Arrangements	7.7%	12.5%	11.9%	7.4%	10.5%	-18.2%
Emancipation	6.5%	6.5%	6.7%	6.8%	7.7%	-8.5%
(number of months until emancipation)	19.6	34.7	33.6	27.1	31.4	-3.4%
Transfer to Another Agency	0.7%	4.5%	4.1%	0.0%	2.0%	-75.8%
(number of months until transfer)	2.0	6.7	4.4	0.0	6.0	4886.9%
Runaway	0.5%	1.5%	1.1%	0.6%	0.5%	-63.7%
(number of months until running away)	3.5	13.4	9.6	4.4	14.9	-29.6%
Death of Child	0.5%	0.1%	0.1%	0.3%	0.2%	-100.0%
(number of months until death of a child)	1.6	14.7	4.7	0.1	11.9	-100.0%



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

Indicator

Children Remaining in Foster Care

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

County	2010			2011			2012			2013			2014			County % Change 2010 to 2014
	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	
Luzerne	543	10,204	14,826	418	9,109	13,701	416	8,907	13,566	454	9,121	13,697	403	9,409	14,162	-25.8%
	19.4	16.3	14.2	15.9	15.2	13.6	13.4	15.8	13.0	12.0	13.9	13.1	11.5	13.2	12.6	-40.4%

By Age

Age Group	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	County % Change 2010 to 2014
0-2	25.2%	16.9%	17.9%	26.8%	18.4%	11.1%
3-5	16.9%	13.5%	13.7%	17.9%	13.9%	5.4%
6-8	16.2%	10.4%	10.5%	11.5%	10.2%	-34.2%
9-11	8.7%	9.0%	9.1%	8.8%	8.7%	20.4%
12-14	11.4%	12.6%	12.5%	9.1%	12.6%	-2.2%
15-17	15.5%	26.8%	27.1%	17.2%	24.9%	-7.0%
18-20	6.1%	10.8%	9.1%	8.4%	11.3%	22.5%
Infants (age 0-1)	16.9%	10.9%	11.7%	18.9%	12.1%	12.8%
Youth (age 13+)	29.5%	46.6%	45.3%	32.3%	44.4%	-0.6%

By Race and Ethnicity

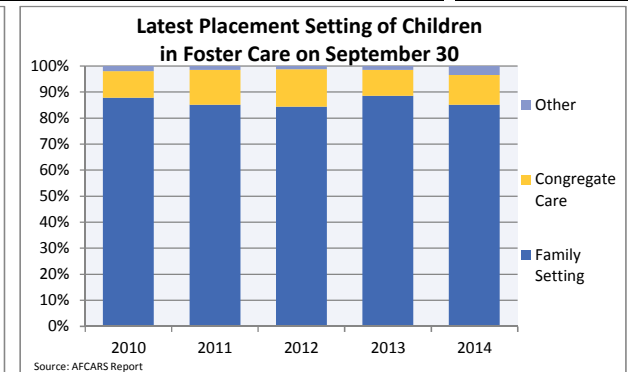
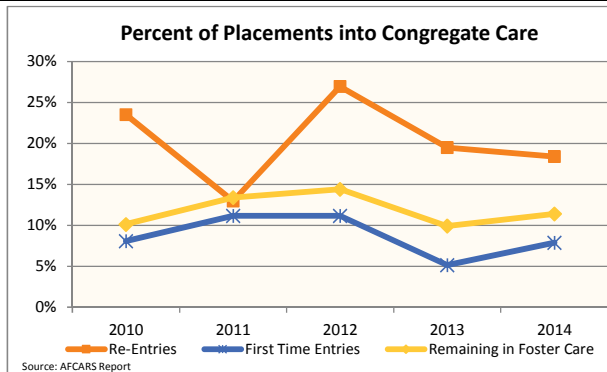
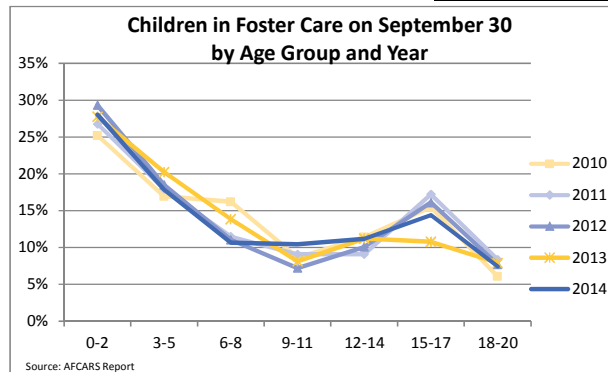
Race/Ethnicity	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	County % Change 2010 to 2014
White	78.5%	33.6%	48.3%	83.5%	36.1%	9.4%
Black or African American	23.8%	62.0%	48.9%	20.1%	62.4%	0.3%
Other	0.4%	5.6%	4.2%	0.5%	2.3%	-32.6%
Hispanic or Latino	9.6%	11.3%	11.2%	13.2%	11.7%	71.0%

By Gender

Gender	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	County % Change 2010 to 2014
Male	51.4%	51.5%	52.0%	52.6%	50.2%	-2.0%
Female	48.6%	48.5%	48.0%	47.4%	49.8%	2.1%

By Latest Placement Setting

Placement Setting	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	County % Change 2010 to 2014
Family Setting	87.8%	72.8%	74.2%	85.2%	73.0%	-3.1%
Pre-adoptive Home	3.3%	4.7%	3.9%	3.3%	4.4%	12.3%
Foster Family Home – Relative	19.7%	25.4%	23.0%	22.5%	25.4%	95.2%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	64.8%	42.7%	47.4%	59.3%	43.3%	-33.8%
Congregate Care	10.1%	21.7%	21.0%	13.4%	20.8%	12.7%
Group Home	4.8%	9.8%	10.6%	8.6%	10.1%	34.7%
Institution	5.3%	11.9%	10.5%	4.8%	10.7%	-7.1%
Supervised Independent Living	1.3%	2.6%	2.0%	1.0%	3.0%	54.0%
Runaway	0.4%	2.6%	1.9%	0.0%	2.6%	102.1%
Trial Home Visit	0.4%	0.3%	0.9%	0.5%	0.7%	102.1%



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 faces 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.

2010			2011			2012			2013			2014			County % Change 2010 to 2014
County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	
33.5%	36.2%	37.4%	33.8%	35.5%	36.1%	39.4%	35.9%	36.9%	29.8%	32.0%	34.1%	34.1%	30.8%	32.7%	1.9%

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.

2010			2011			2012			2013			2014			County % Change 2010 to 2014
County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	
44.0%	42.3%	46.8%	50.2%	45.3%	48.2%	43.9%	42.5%	44.6%	42.2%	38.7%	41.3%	52.4%	37.8%	39.7%	19.2%

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.

2010			2011			2012			2013			2014			County % Change 2010 to 2014
County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	
15.6%	29.8%	25.8%	18.5%	33.2%	27.7%	14.6%	29.1%	26.3%	27.7%	29.8%	26.4%	17.1%	30.1%	26.9%	9.9%



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