

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)

County	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	
	4,828	14,089	25,342	4,765	13,513	24,615	4,566	13,167	24,378	4,537	14,080	26,664	4,546	14,114	26,944	-5.8%
	14.0	8.7	9.1	13.9	8.4	8.8	13.3	8.2	8.7	13.2	8.7	9.5	13.2	8.7	9.6	

Child Abuse Substantiations

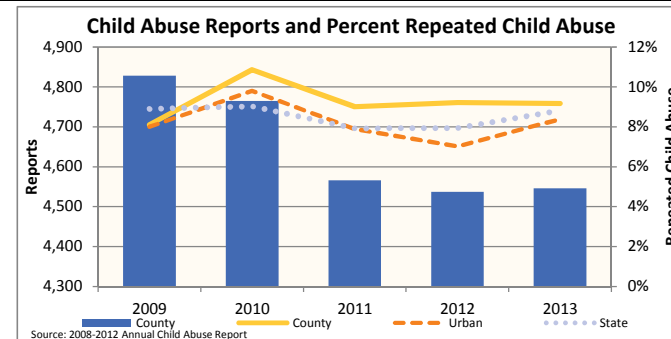
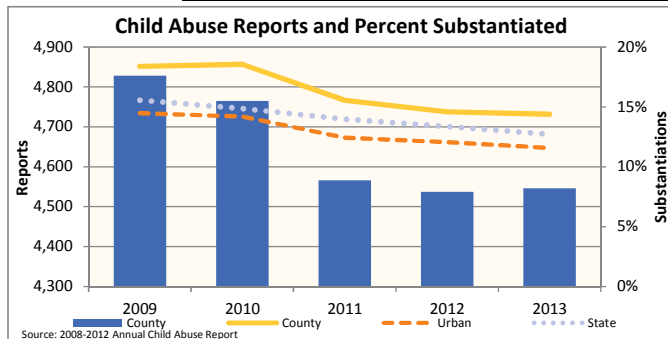
Founded or indicated reports of child abuse. Does not include the number of children determined to need General Protective Services.

County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County % Change 2009 to 2013
18.4%	14.5%	15.6%	18.6%	14.2%	14.9%	15.5%	12.4%	14.0%	14.6%	12.0%	13.4%	14.4%	11.6%	12.7%	-21.8%

Repeated Child Abuse

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

County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County % Change 2009 to 2013
8.1%	8.0%	8.9%	10.9%	9.8%	9.0%	9.0%	7.9%	7.9%	9.2%	7.0%	7.9%	9.2%	8.4%	8.8%	13.1%
1 in 12	1 in 13	1 in 11	1 in 9	1 in 10	1 in 11	1 in 11	1 in 13	1 in 13	1 in 11	1 in 14	1 in 13	1 in 11	1 in 12	1 in 11	



IN-HOME SERVICES

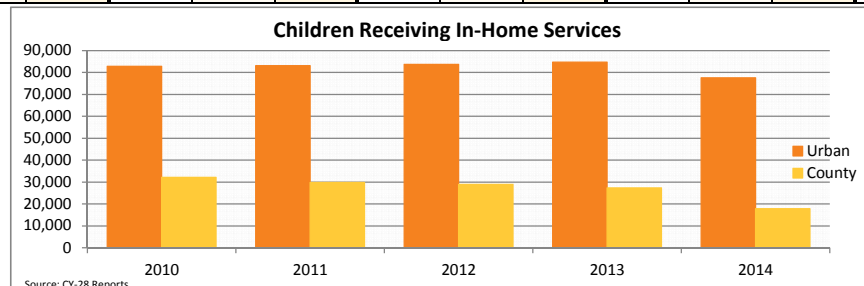
In-home services are designed to strengthen families by addressing the root causes of abuse and neglect. The provision of in-home services helps a child to remain safely in his or her home.

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.

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	
	32,098	82,860	164,099	29,871	83,198	168,821	28,939	83,662	164,842	27,391	84,755	172,807	17,761	77,509	167,582	-44.7%



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	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	
Unduplicated Number of Children Served All Children in Foster Care During the Year (Rate per 1,000 children age 0-20)	8,080	16,868	25,917	6,609	14,624	22,750	5,988	13,647	22,000	6,036	13,441	21,416	6,510	14,249	22,510	-19.4%

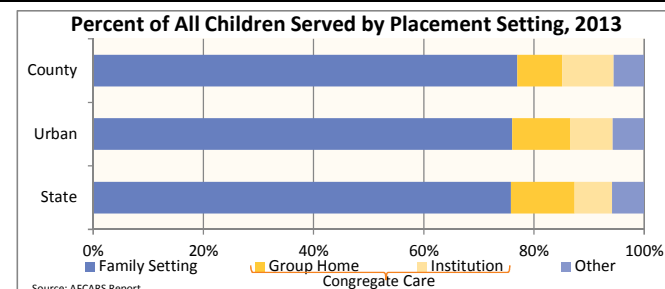
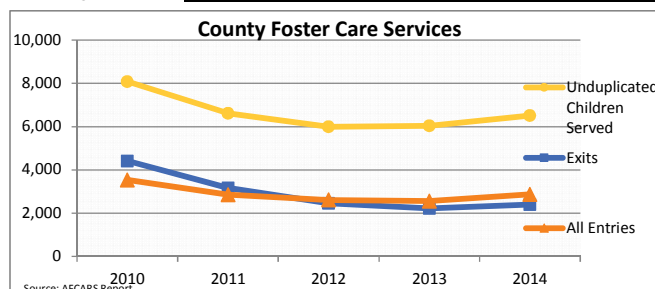
By Age		2010			2011			2012			2013			2014			County % Change 2010 to 2014
		County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	
0-2		13.7%	16.0%	16.8%	16.1%	17.7%	18.2%	16.8%	18.5%	18.9%	16.9%	18.6%	19.2%	17.2%	18.7%	19.4%	26.0%
3-5		12.6%	13.8%	13.9%	13.8%	14.8%	15.1%	13.9%	15.3%	15.6%	14.3%	15.4%	15.9%	16.1%	16.9%	16.8%	27.3%
6-8		9.4%	10.4%	10.3%	9.5%	10.6%	10.5%	9.7%	10.8%	10.8%	11.1%	11.5%	11.5%	12.0%	12.0%	12.3%	27.6%
9-11		7.9%	8.9%	8.9%	8.3%	9.1%	8.9%	8.3%	9.0%	8.9%	8.5%	9.2%	8.9%	9.9%	9.6%	9.5%	24.1%
12-14		11.3%	11.7%	11.9%	11.8%	11.8%	12.1%	11.9%	11.8%	12.0%	11.5%	11.4%	11.4%	10.7%	10.8%	10.9%	-6.0%
15-17		30.2%	27.2%	27.6%	26.2%	23.9%	24.8%	24.2%	22.7%	23.3%	23.7%	22.0%	22.3%	21.9%	20.7%	21.4%	-27.5%
18-20		14.8%	12.0%	10.5%	14.3%	12.1%	10.4%	15.2%	12.0%	10.5%	14.0%	12.0%	10.7%	12.3%	11.1%	9.8%	-16.8%
Infants (age 0-1)		8.3%	9.8%	10.5%	10.4%	11.1%	11.7%	10.4%	11.6%	12.2%	9.8%	11.3%	11.9%	10.7%	11.9%	12.5%	28.5%
Youth (age 13+)		53.6%	47.7%	46.9%	49.3%	44.8%	44.2%	48.4%	43.5%	42.7%	46.3%	42.3%	41.5%	41.8%	39.5%	38.9%	-22.1%

By Race and Ethnicity		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	
White		12.0%	33.3%	49.3%	15.6%	36.6%	52.8%	19.8%	39.8%	56.4%	20.6%	40.8%	57.1%	23.3%	42.7%	58.4%	94.2%
Black or African American		77.3%	61.8%	47.4%	78.8%	61.4%	46.5%	79.8%	59.5%	44.1%	80.1%	60.2%	45.0%	78.4%	59.6%	44.8%	1.5%
Other		10.7%	6.0%	4.4%	5.7%	3.4%	2.6%	2.5%	3.9%	2.9%	1.3%	2.6%	2.0%	0.7%	2.6%	2.0%	-93.7%
Hispanic or Latino		10.4%	11.2%	11.3%	12.0%	12.0%	11.6%	13.7%	12.7%	12.0%	14.3%	13.0%	12.5%	15.5%	13.8%	13.1%	49.9%

By Gender		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	
Male		52.5%	52.9%	53.1%	48.4%	50.1%	50.7%	48.4%	50.0%	50.5%	49.1%	50.1%	50.8%	50.0%	50.2%	50.8%	-4.7%
Female		47.5%	47.1%	46.9%	51.6%	49.9%	49.3%	51.6%	50.0%	49.5%	50.9%	49.9%	49.2%	50.0%	49.8%	49.2%	5.2%

By First Placement Setting		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	
Family Setting		63.5%	69.0%	69.2%	68.4%	71.7%	72.0%	69.1%	72.4%	72.8%	71.3%	72.9%	73.4%	77.0%	76.1%	75.8%	21.2%
Pre-adoptive Home		5.5%	3.9%	4.3%	5.4%	4.2%	3.9%	4.7%	3.3%	3.2%	5.7%	3.9%	3.4%	6.3%	4.1%	3.5%	16.1%
Foster Family Home – Relative		24.0%	24.8%	22.2%	26.9%	25.9%	23.5%	28.0%	26.3%	24.4%	26.7%	26.5%	24.8%	31.0%	32.9%	29.6%	29.1%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative		34.0%	40.2%	42.7%	36.0%	41.5%	44.5%	36.3%	42.8%	45.2%	38.9%	42.5%	45.2%	39.6%	39.1%	42.7%	16.4%
Congregate Care		28.6%	24.2%	24.0%	23.5%	20.5%	20.6%	23.4%	21.1%	20.6%	20.4%	20.2%	19.6%	17.5%	18.2%	18.3%	-38.9%
Group Home		10.9%	10.5%	12.2%	10.9%	10.4%	11.7%	11.1%	11.8%	12.5%	9.3%	11.4%	12.1%	8.1%	10.5%	11.6%	-25.7%
Institution		17.7%	13.7%	11.9%	12.6%	10.1%	8.9%	12.4%	9.3%	8.0%	11.1%	8.8%	7.5%	9.4%	7.7%	6.8%	-47.0%
Supervised Independent Living		3.3%	2.6%	2.0%	3.6%	3.0%	2.2%	4.0%	2.3%	1.8%	3.9%	2.6%	2.0%	3.0%	2.4%	1.9%	-8.7%
Runaway		4.5%	2.8%	2.1%	4.5%	2.8%	2.0%	3.5%	1.9%	1.4%	4.4%	2.4%	1.8%	2.5%	1.4%	1.2%	-44.6%
Trial Home Visit		0.0%	1.4%	2.7%	0.0%	2.0%	3.1%	0.0%	2.3%	3.4%	0.0%	1.9%	3.2%	0.0%	1.9%	2.8%	-

Children Entering Foster Care	2010			2011			2012			2013			2014			County % Change 2010 to 2014
All Entries into Foster Care During the Year	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	
	3,537	6,852	10,898	2,860	5,910	9,849	2,613	5,756	9,793	2,560	5,577	9,306	2,870	6,295	10,364	-18.9%



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																
First Time Entries During the Year	1,760	4,161	7,083	1,691	4,015	6,979	1,543	3,953	7,018	1,540	3,887	6,698	1,826	4,465	7,592	3.8%
(Rate per 1,000 children age 0-20)	4.1	2.1	2.1	3.9	2.1	2.1	3.6	2.0	2.1	3.6	2.0	2.0	4.2	2.3	2.3	
First Time Entries as Percent of All Entries	49.8%	60.7%	65.0%	59.1%	67.9%	70.9%	59.1%	68.7%	71.7%	60.2%	69.7%	72.0%	63.6%	70.9%	73.3%	

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	2011	2012	2013	2014	% Change
0-2	31.7%	32.1%	32.3%	33.0%	34.4%	8.5%
3-5	11.1%	13.9%	12.4%	13.7%	14.2%	27.4%
6-8	8.4%	9.8%	10.0%	10.1%	11.6%	43.9%
9-11	8.2%	8.1%	8.6%	8.1%	9.4%	12.3%
12-14	16.5%	14.0%	14.4%	12.9%	12.8%	-22.6%
15-17	24.0%	22.2%	20.4%	20.3%	17.3%	-28.1%
18-20	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	-3.6%
Infants (age 0-1)	25.9%	27.3%	26.5%	27.1%	27.8%	7.2%
Youth (age 13+)	37.2%	33.7%	30.4%	30.2%	26.2%	-28.7%

By Race and Ethnicity

White
Black or African American
Other
Hispanic or Latino

Race/Ethnicity	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	% Change
White	15.7%	42.3%	44.7%	45.5%	47.9%	76.4%
Black or African American	74.9%	56.6%	53.6%	54.1%	39.0%	0.0%
Other	9.4%	2.9%	1.7%	3.7%	2.3%	-93.0%
Hispanic or Latino	12.8%	13.6%	11.7%	14.3%	13.9%	39.0%

By Gender

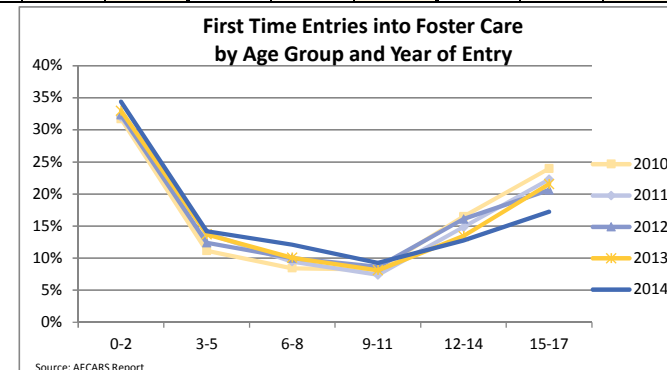
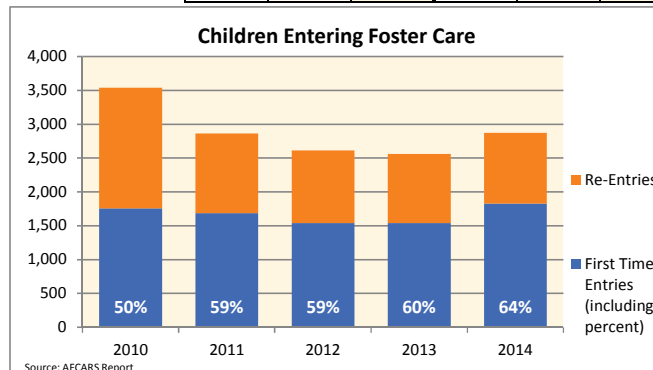
Male
Female

Gender	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	% Change
Male	48.2%	48.6%	49.2%	49.5%	50.2%	7.4%
Female	51.8%	51.4%	50.8%	50.5%	49.8%	-6.9%

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	2011	2012	2013	2014	% Change
Family Setting	72.3%	75.6%	76.4%	80.4%	85.5%	18.1%
Pre-adoptive Home	0.1%	0.2%	0.2%	0.1%	0.3%	-49.2%
Foster Family Home – Relative	30.3%	27.9%	27.9%	32.9%	36.7%	21.0%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	41.9%	47.6%	45.8%	47.5%	44.8%	16.2%
Congregate Care	25.2%	21.4%	21.1%	17.7%	13.3%	-47.2%
Group Home	12.8%	12.2%	14.0%	8.6%	6.1%	-52.3%
Institution	12.3%	9.2%	7.7%	9.1%	7.2%	-41.9%
Supervised Independent Living	0.3%	0.4%	0.3%	0.2%	0.1%	-83.1%
Runaway	2.2%	1.1%	0.4%	1.9%	0.5%	-43.8%
Trial Home Visit	0.0%	1.4%	1.7%	0.0%	0.9%	-



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	
Re-Entries During the Year	1,777	2,691	3,815	1,169	1,895	2,870	1,070	1,803	2,775	1,020	1,690	2,608	1,044	1,830	2,772	-41.2%
Re-Entries as Percent of All Entries	50.2%	39.3%	35.0%	40.9%	32.1%	29.1%	40.9%	31.3%	28.3%	39.8%	30.3%	28.0%	36.4%	29.1%	26.7%	-27.6%

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	5.1%	7.4%	8.4%	5.8%	7.1%	8.8%	4.0%	8.0%	8.5%	3.8%	6.4%	6.6%	5.4%	7.9%	8.2%	5.9%
3-5	3.4%	6.2%	6.9%	3.2%	6.8%	7.9%	4.8%	7.2%	9.5%	4.2%	7.0%	7.8%	5.1%	8.4%	9.2%	47.9%
6-8	4.2%	5.9%	6.4%	4.9%	6.9%	7.5%	3.2%	5.5%	6.5%	5.2%	7.2%	7.4%	7.0%	8.3%	8.8%	67.9%
9-11	5.7%	6.8%	6.9%	5.7%	6.0%	6.5%	6.9%	7.2%	7.4%	6.3%	6.6%	6.3%	5.8%	6.8%	7.5%	1.8%
12-14	18.7%	18.2%	18.3%	19.7%	20.5%	19.7%	24.3%	22.4%	21.7%	20.3%	18.3%	18.4%	19.4%	17.5%	17.1%	3.8%
15-17	57.2%	51.5%	49.6%	55.8%	49.1%	46.9%	52.1%	46.5%	44.1%	53.8%	47.8%	46.3%	51.2%	45.1%	43.7%	-10.5%
18-20	5.6%	3.9%	3.3%	5.0%	3.7%	2.6%	4.7%	3.3%	2.5%	6.4%	6.7%	7.1%	6.0%	6.1%	5.7%	7.2%
Infants (age 0-1)	3.2%	4.6%	5.1%	4.4%	4.6%	5.6%	2.4%	4.8%	4.9%	2.0%	3.6%	3.8%	3.2%	5.2%	5.2%	-1.5%
Youth (age 13+)	78.6%	70.3%	68.3%	76.4%	68.9%	65.2%	76.2%	68.1%	64.3%	77.1%	69.5%	68.6%	73.5%	65.6%	63.5%	-6.5%

By Race and Ethnicity

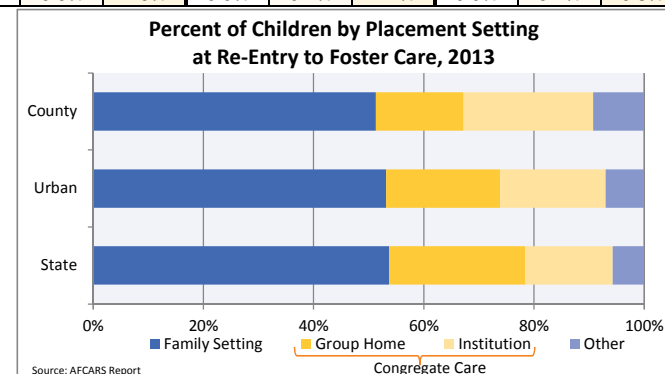
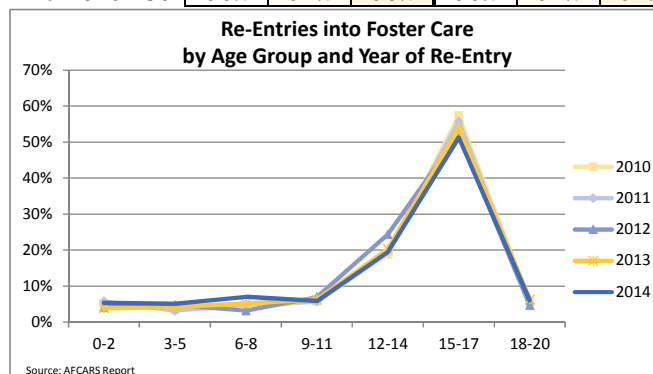
Race/Ethnicity	2010 County	2010 Urban	2010 State	2011 County	2011 Urban	2011 State	2012 County	2012 Urban	2012 State	2013 County	2013 Urban	2013 State	2014 County	2014 Urban	2014 State	% Change
White	8.8%	22.0%	37.6%	13.9%	27.8%	45.3%	17.3%	29.4%	47.4%	16.1%	29.3%	47.3%	20.8%	34.0%	50.5%	135.3%
Black or African American	81.6%	72.4%	58.3%	82.0%	70.7%	54.0%	83.0%	70.7%	53.7%	84.7%	71.8%	54.7%	81.0%	67.7%	52.3%	-0.7%
Other	9.6%	6.7%	5.1%	4.1%	2.6%	2.2%	1.2%	2.9%	2.2%	0.4%	2.0%	1.6%	0.3%	2.2%	1.8%	-97.0%
Hispanic or Latino	11.9%	12.1%	11.4%	11.7%	11.0%	10.7%	15.3%	12.3%	11.3%	12.8%	11.7%	11.4%	14.1%	12.8%	12.2%	18.6%

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	52.4%	52.9%	53.8%	44.3%	45.8%	47.0%	42.5%	44.3%	47.6%	42.7%	45.7%	48.1%	48.1%	49.0%	50.6%	-8.3%
Female	47.6%	47.1%	46.2%	55.7%	54.2%	53.0%	57.5%	55.7%	52.4%	57.3%	54.3%	51.9%	51.9%	51.0%	49.4%	9.2%

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	36.7%	43.3%	45.6%	41.4%	47.2%	50.9%	40.7%	48.0%	50.5%	40.7%	46.9%	48.5%	51.3%	53.1%	53.7%	39.5%
Pre-adoptive Home	0.3%	0.3%	0.2%	0.4%	0.3%	0.3%	0.7%	0.6%	0.4%	0.2%	0.3%	0.2%	0.3%	0.2%	0.2%	4.9%
Foster Family Home – Relative	17.8%	18.8%	16.6%	18.4%	19.2%	17.2%	17.8%	17.7%	16.5%	16.7%	17.9%	14.9%	20.7%	22.6%	20.2%	15.9%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	18.6%	24.2%	28.8%	22.6%	27.7%	33.3%	22.1%	29.7%	33.5%	23.8%	28.7%	33.3%	30.3%	30.3%	33.3%	62.7%
Congregate Care	53.5%	48.5%	47.9%	48.8%	44.3%	42.7%	52.7%	46.9%	45.3%	47.5%	45.0%	44.4%	39.5%	39.9%	40.6%	-26.3%
Group Home	19.4%	20.6%	24.0%	18.2%	21.1%	23.8%	21.9%	23.5%	26.0%	21.7%	23.9%	26.7%	15.9%	20.8%	24.8%	-17.6%
Institution	34.2%	27.9%	23.9%	30.5%	23.2%	18.9%	30.8%	23.5%	19.2%	25.9%	21.1%	17.7%	23.5%	19.1%	15.9%	-31.1%
Supervised Independent Living	1.9%	1.7%	1.3%	1.2%	2.1%	1.6%	1.5%	1.1%	0.8%	1.8%	1.5%	1.6%	1.5%	2.1%	1.6%	-20.5%
Runaway	7.9%	5.9%	4.4%	8.6%	6.1%	4.2%	5.1%	3.4%	2.5%	10.0%	6.2%	4.3%	7.8%	4.7%	3.3%	-1.3%
Trial Home Visit	0.0%	0.7%	0.9%	0.0%	0.4%	0.7%	0.0%	0.6%	1.0%	0.0%	0.4%	1.2%	0.0%	0.2%	0.8%	-



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.

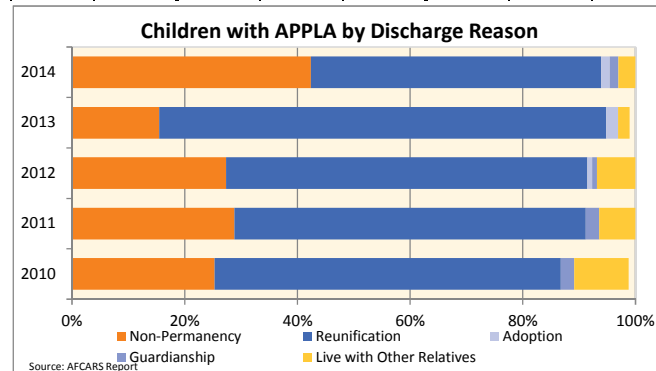
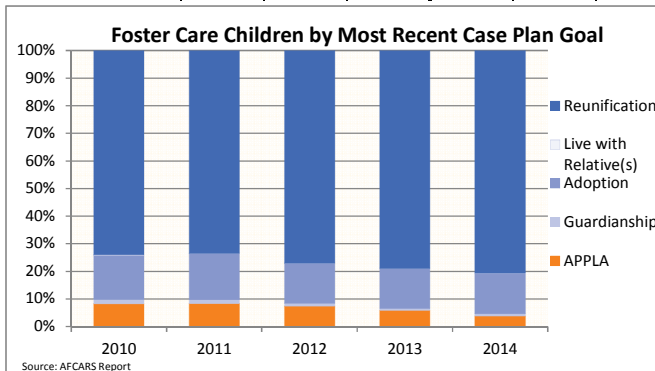
Indicator	2010			2011			2012			2013			2014			County % Change 2010 to 2014
	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	
Percent of Children by Case Plan Goal																
Permanency Goals	91.7%	91.4%	90.9%	91.6%	91.4%	91.0%	92.5%	91.0%	90.9%	94.1%	93.8%	92.8%	96.1%	94.1%	93.6%	4.8%
Reunify With Parent(s) or Principal Caretaker(s)	74.0%	68.4%	66.6%	73.4%	69.4%	68.0%	77.0%	71.7%	69.6%	78.9%	73.5%	70.5%	80.6%	75.3%	72.6%	9.0%
Adoption	16.1%	18.0%	18.5%	16.7%	17.2%	17.6%	14.4%	15.8%	16.6%	14.5%	15.4%	16.7%	14.4%	14.8%	16.1%	-10.4%
Guardianship	1.5%	2.5%	3.1%	1.3%	2.3%	2.8%	1.0%	2.5%	3.1%	0.7%	3.1%	3.6%	0.8%	2.4%	3.1%	-49.4%
Live with Relative(s)	0.1%	2.5%	2.7%	0.1%	2.4%	2.7%	0.1%	0.9%	1.6%	0.1%	1.8%	2.1%	0.3%	1.7%	1.8%	160.6%
Another Planned Permanent Living Arrangement (APPLA)	8.3%	8.6%	9.1%	8.4%	8.6%	9.0%	7.5%	9.0%	9.1%	5.9%	6.2%	7.2%	3.9%	5.9%	6.4%	-53.0%
Long Term Foster Care	0.0%	2.0%	3.2%	0.0%	2.5%	3.4%	0.0%	2.1%	3.2%	0.0%	0.8%	2.1%	0.0%	1.0%	1.8%	-
Emancipation	8.3%	6.6%	5.9%	8.4%	6.2%	5.5%	7.5%	6.8%	5.9%	5.9%	5.4%	5.1%	3.9%	4.9%	4.6%	-53.0%

APPLA By Age

Age Group	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	County % Change 2010 to 2014
0-15	1.9%	1.5%	1.6%	1.2%	0.8%	-75.8%
16-20	18.8%	22.0%	25.2%	20.2%	23.1%	-32.9%

APPLA By Discharge Reason

Discharge Reason	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	County % Change 2010 to 2014										
Exit to Permanent Arrangements	73.5%	31.0%	28.2%	71.2%	37.0%	28.8%	72.6%	38.7%	34.1%	83.5%	37.6%	28.9%	57.6%	22.2%	19.4%	-21.7%
Reunification	61.4%	24.1%	21.3%	62.4%	30.7%	23.9%	64.1%	35.1%	29.6%	79.4%	33.2%	22.8%	51.5%	17.1%	14.5%	-16.2%
(number of months until reunification)	31.8	63.9	32.5	42.4	34.4	36.2	27.2	46.2	37.2	30.3	26.0	27.8	37.1	63.7	36.2	16.8%
Adoption	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.9%	0.2%	0.1%	2.1%	1.1%	0.5%	1.5%	0.3%	0.3%	-
(number of months until adoption)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	76.0	76.0	76.0	47.4	44.3	41.1	194.3	194.3	149.3	-
Guardianship	2.4%	2.8%	3.2%	2.4%	2.6%	2.1%	0.9%	1.0%	1.7%	0.0%	1.5%	3.4%	1.5%	2.3%	2.5%	-37.1%
(number of month until guardianship)	49.4	34.7	41.0	16.3	50.0	38.7	6.7	32.0	35.3	0.0	37.8	32.0	54.4	35.1	27.8	10.0%
Live with Other Relatives	9.6%	4.0%	3.7%	6.4%	3.8%	2.8%	6.8%	2.3%	2.6%	2.1%	1.8%	2.2%	3.0%	2.6%	2.1%	-68.6%
(number of months until living with relatives)	51.0	70.4	47.7	28.0	34.4	30.8	37.1	58.7	25.8	53.7	61.4	30.6	4.1	20.8	15.9	-92.0%
Exit to Non-Permanent Arrangements	25.3%	68.6%	71.4%	28.8%	63.0%	71.0%	27.4%	61.1%	65.8%	15.5%	61.6%	70.8%	42.4%	77.8%	80.4%	67.7%
Emancipation	16.9%	61.5%	63.9%	24.0%	56.1%	63.8%	14.5%	55.3%	60.5%	12.4%	55.4%	64.2%	33.3%	69.2%	73.0%	97.6%
(number of months until emancipation)	62.6	45.8	37.5	58.7	47.5	40.4	72.6	50.7	40.6	43.7	36.6	33.1	54.2	40.7	33.5	-13.4%
Transfer to Another Agency	7.8%	4.0%	4.6%	4.8%	4.0%	4.4%	10.3%	4.2%	3.6%	3.1%	3.3%	3.6%	6.1%	7.1%	5.5%	-22.6%
(number of months until transfer)	20.5	45.7	20.5	58.7	70.1	80.7	74.0	48.0	51.5	8.1	83.8	46.4	26.7	61.1	13.0	30.1%
Runaway	0.6%	3.0%	2.9%	0.0%	2.8%	2.8%	2.6%	1.7%	1.6%	0.0%	3.0%	3.1%	3.0%	1.4%	1.9%	403.0%
(number of months until running away)	8.9	23.2	27.2	0.0	37.0	37.9	4.4	21.6	8.9	0.0	16.7	26.5	12.0	39.7	16.3	34.6%
Death of Child	1.2%	0.4%	0.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.2%	0.1%	1.0%	0.7%	0.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	-100.0%
(number of months until death of a child)	25.6	25.6	29.7	0.0	0.0	142.5	0.0	42.8	42.8	123.1	92.4	92.4	0.0	0.0	129.8	-100.0%



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

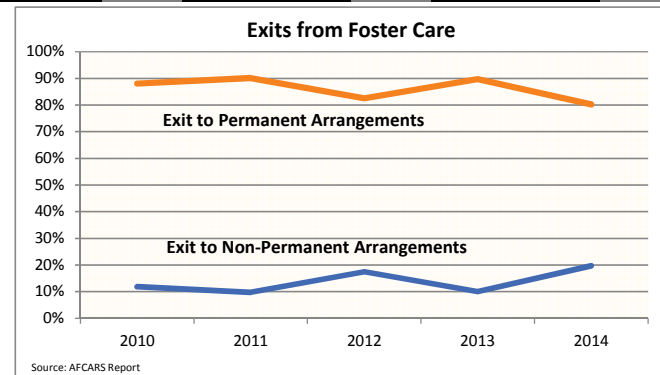
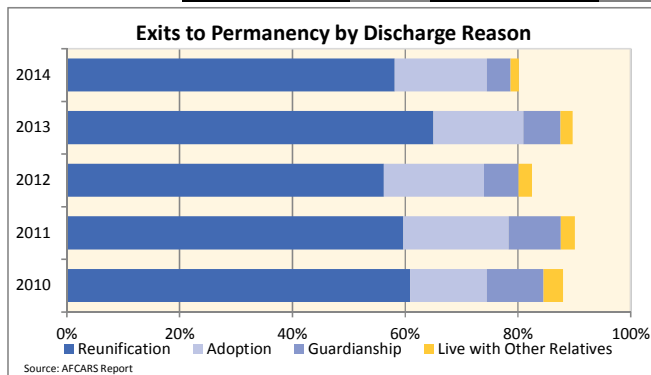
Total Children Leaving Foster Care
Percent of Children Leaving Foster Care
(number of months until leaving)

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	4,413	8,268	13,119	3,166	6,654	10,630	2,463	5,966	10,098	2,218	5,302	9,123	2,397	5,863	9,769	-45.7%
Percent of Children Leaving Foster Care	54.6%	49.0%	50.6%	47.9%	45.5%	46.7%	41.1%	43.7%	45.9%	36.7%	39.4%	42.6%	36.8%	41.1%	43.4%	-32.6%
(number of months until leaving)	12.3	13.4	11.5	14.1	15.2	11.7	13.3	13.4	11.9	12.7	14.2	11.9	11.9	12.9	10.7	-2.9%

By Discharge Reason

Exit to Permanent Arrangements
Reunification
(number of months until reunification)
Adoption
(number of months until adoption)
Guardianship
(number of month until guardianship)
Live with Other Relatives
(number of months until living with relatives)
Exit to Non-Permanent Arrangements
Emancipation
(number of months until emancipation)
Transfer to Another Agency
(number of months until transfer)
Runaway
(number of months until running away)
Death of Child
(number of months until death of a child)

Discharge Reason	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	County % Change 2010 to 2014										
Exit to Permanent Arrangements	88.0%	87.4%	88.0%	90.1%	89.1%	89.5%	82.5%	86.3%	87.9%	89.7%	89.5%	89.3%	80.2%	85.3%	86.9%	-8.9%
Reunification	60.9%	56.5%	56.9%	59.7%	58.4%	59.3%	56.2%	59.3%	60.1%	65.0%	58.7%	57.3%	58.2%	58.2%	57.2%	-4.5%
(number of months until reunification)	9.1	6.9	6.1	8.3	8.2	5.9	8.2	7.9	6.1	7.9	6.0	6.0	7.8	5.7	5.5	-14.1%
Adoption	13.6%	17.2%	17.9%	18.7%	19.6%	18.8%	17.8%	18.3%	18.0%	16.0%	20.0%	20.2%	16.4%	17.4%	18.6%	19.9%
(number of months until adoption)	34.6	33.2	31.1	30.0	32.0	29.6	27.6	31.5	27.6	27.8	30.8	26.7	32.6	33.3	27.4	-5.8%
Guardianship	10.0%	8.1%	7.4%	9.2%	6.4%	6.0%	6.1%	5.5%	5.4%	6.6%	6.6%	6.4%	4.2%	5.9%	6.1%	-58.4%
(number of month until guardianship)	23.3	27.8	23.3	19.6	31.4	22.2	20.4	29.0	20.4	22.9	29.7	21.2	26.8	25.7	20.8	15.4%
Live with Other Relatives	3.5%	5.6%	5.8%	2.5%	4.7%	5.4%	2.4%	3.2%	4.4%	2.1%	4.1%	5.5%	1.5%	3.8%	5.0%	-56.7%
(number of months until living with relatives)	10.7	6.5	3.6	10.2	5.2	2.7	11.7	6.6	2.7	7.0	4.3	2.6	2.7	8.3	1.0	-74.9%
Exit to Non-Permanent Arrangements	11.8%	12.5%	11.9%	9.8%	10.8%	10.4%	17.5%	13.6%	12.0%	10.1%	10.3%	10.5%	19.7%	14.6%	13.0%	66.8%
Emancipation	4.6%	6.5%	6.7%	7.0%	7.9%	7.8%	6.7%	8.0%	8.0%	6.3%	7.7%	8.1%	4.7%	7.0%	7.7%	1.5%
(number of months until emancipation)	41.7	34.7	33.6	36.4	40.3	36.8	46.6	38.9	37.4	37.8	34.4	31.4	41.0	35.2	29.6	-1.7%
Transfer to Another Agency	5.9%	4.5%	4.1%	2.8%	2.4%	2.2%	2.8%	1.7%	1.6%	3.7%	2.2%	2.0%	12.8%	6.0%	4.3%	115.0%
(number of months until transfer)	5.2	6.7	4.4	6.5	33.1	5.9	10.7	19.4	5.3	6.1	27.1	6.0	5.0	22.0	5.0	-3.5%
Runaway	1.2%	1.5%	1.1%	0.0%	0.5%	0.5%	7.9%	3.9%	2.4%	0.0%	0.4%	0.5%	2.3%	1.6%	1.1%	80.8%
(number of months until running away)	5.5	13.4	9.6	9.2	24.1	18.6	3.4	16.3	4.8	0.0	14.7	14.9	5.1	35.2	13.2	-7.2%
Death of Child	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.3%	0.3%	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	-47.4%
(number of months until death of a child)	4.7	14.7	4.7	1.3	1.3	12.7	61.5	22.4	4.7	50.8	23.5	11.9	64.5	59.1	30.9	1272.4%



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	
	4,892	10,204	14,826	4,264	9,109	13,701	4,256	8,907	13,566	4,465	9,121	13,697	4,746	9,409	14,162	-3.0%
	13.0	16.3	14.2	12.7	15.2	13.6	13.1	15.8	13.0	13.8	13.9	13.1	14.0	13.2	12.6	8.1%

By Age

Age Group	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	County % Change 2010 to 2014
0-2	15.1%	16.9%	17.9%	16.9%	18.4%	15.9%
3-5	11.9%	13.5%	13.7%	12.2%	13.9%	36.6%
6-8	8.7%	10.4%	10.5%	9.0%	10.2%	44.6%
9-11	8.0%	9.0%	9.1%	7.6%	8.8%	24.7%
12-14	12.4%	12.6%	12.5%	12.3%	12.6%	-7.0%
15-17	29.9%	26.8%	27.1%	27.4%	24.9%	-29.9%
18-20	14.0%	10.8%	9.1%	14.5%	11.3%	-20.0%
Infants (age 0-1)	9.8%	10.9%	11.7%	11.4%	12.1%	15.4%
Youth (age 13+)	53.2%	46.6%	45.3%	51.2%	45.6%	-24.4%

By Race and Ethnicity

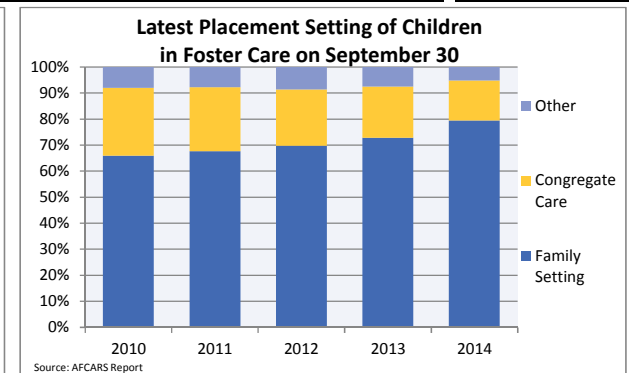
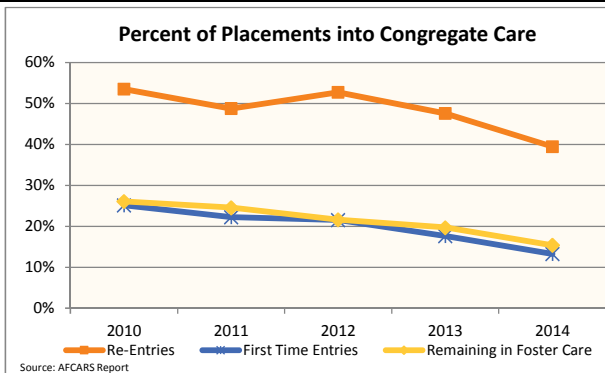
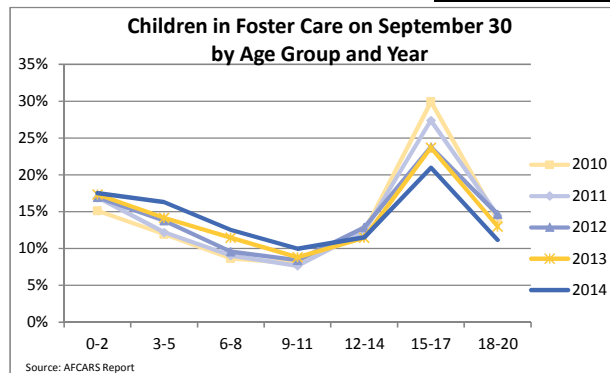
Race/Ethnicity	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	County % Change 2010 to 2014
White	13.1%	33.6%	48.3%	15.9%	36.1%	74.7%
Black or African American	76.9%	62.0%	48.9%	79.6%	62.4%	2.3%
Other	9.9%	5.6%	4.2%	4.5%	3.0%	-93.4%
Hispanic or Latino	10.8%	11.3%	11.2%	11.8%	11.7%	35.5%

By Gender

Gender	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	County % Change 2010 to 2014
Male	50.2%	51.5%	52.0%	48.1%	50.2%	-0.7%
Female	49.8%	48.5%	48.0%	51.9%	49.8%	0.7%

By Latest Placement Setting

Placement Setting	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	County % Change 2010 to 2014										
Family Setting	65.9%	72.8%	74.2%	67.6%	73.0%	74.4%	69.7%	74.2%	76.1%	72.8%	75.0%	76.8%	79.5%	78.9%	79.0%	20.6%
Pre-adoptive Home	8.5%	4.7%	3.9%	8.2%	4.4%	3.5%	6.6%	3.6%	3.0%	7.3%	4.2%	3.2%	8.3%	4.8%	3.9%	-2.0%
Foster Family Home – Relative	23.5%	25.4%	23.0%	25.4%	25.4%	23.6%	26.7%	26.3%	25.2%	26.1%	26.9%	25.7%	30.9%	32.7%	30.0%	31.1%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	33.9%	42.7%	47.4%	34.1%	43.3%	47.3%	36.5%	44.3%	47.9%	39.5%	43.9%	47.9%	40.3%	41.4%	45.1%	19.0%
Congregate Care	26.1%	21.7%	21.0%	24.6%	20.8%	20.3%	21.6%	20.2%	19.2%	19.7%	20.0%	18.7%	15.4%	16.9%	17.3%	-41.2%
Group Home	11.1%	9.8%	10.6%	11.0%	10.1%	10.7%	9.9%	10.8%	11.0%	8.9%	10.9%	10.8%	7.1%	9.7%	10.6%	-36.0%
Institution	15.0%	11.9%	10.5%	13.6%	10.7%	9.5%	11.7%	9.4%	8.2%	10.8%	9.1%	7.8%	8.3%	7.3%	6.7%	-45.0%
Supervised Independent Living	3.6%	2.6%	2.0%	3.5%	3.0%	2.2%	3.7%	2.3%	1.9%	3.9%	2.7%	2.1%	2.2%	2.2%	1.7%	-37.0%
Runaway	4.4%	2.6%	1.9%	4.3%	2.6%	1.8%	5.0%	2.5%	1.8%	3.5%	1.9%	1.4%	2.9%	1.5%	1.1%	-34.2%
Trial Home Visit	0.0%	0.3%	0.9%	0.0%	0.7%	1.2%	0.0%	0.7%	1.1%	0.0%	0.4%	1.0%	0.0%	0.4%	0.8%	-



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	
36.1%	36.2%	37.4%	33.5%	35.5%	36.1%	34.1%	35.9%	36.9%	30.1%	32.0%	34.1%	28.7%	30.8%	32.7%	-20.5%

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	
40.9%	42.3%	46.8%	44.0%	45.3%	48.2%	37.6%	42.5%	44.6%	35.2%	38.7%	41.3%	31.7%	37.8%	39.7%	-22.4%

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.

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	
42.3%	29.8%	25.8%	45.5%	33.2%	27.7%	43.8%	29.1%	26.3%	45.4%	29.8%	26.4%	46.6%	30.1%	26.9%	10.1%



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