

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)

State				
2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
26,664	26,944	29,273	40,590	44,359
9.5	9.6	10.5	14.5	15.9

% Change 2012 to 2016
66.4%

Child Abuse and Neglect Substantiations

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

13.4%	12.7%	11.4%	10.4%	10.4%
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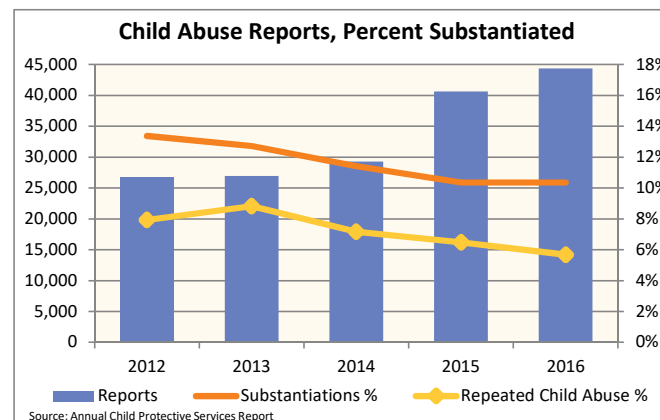
-22.5%

Repeated Child Abuse and Neglect

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

7.9%	8.8%	7.2%	6.5%	5.7%
1 in 13	1 in 11	1 in 14	1 in 15	1 in 18

-28.5%



GENERAL PROTECTIVE SERVICES (GPS)

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.

State				
2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
-	-	-	131,953	151,087

% Change 2012 to 2016
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Valid GPS Reports

Reports 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.

-	-	-	18.4%	20.9%
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Children with Valid Allegations

Number of children with a valid GPS allegation by valid report. Children may be counted more than once if more than one report was found to have merit.

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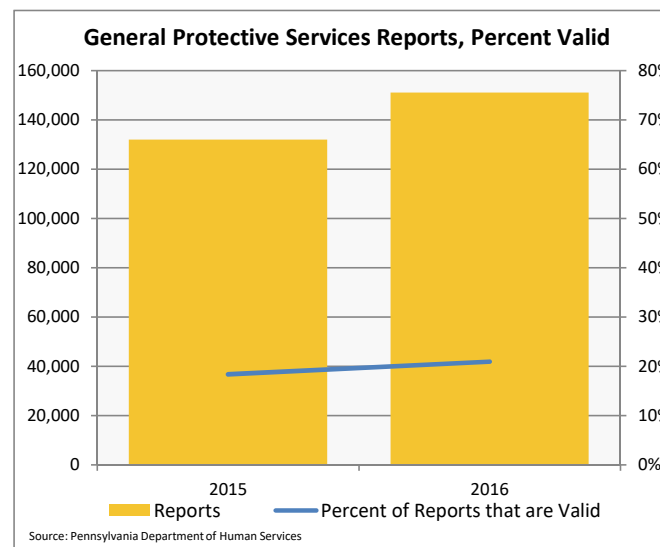
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Unduplicated Number of Children Served

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

State				
2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
172,807	167,582	181,371	190,413	186,855

% Change 2013 to 2017
8.1%



Statewide Findings

- Reports of suspected child abuse has increased in 2016 - the highest number of reports recorded to date.
- In 2016, more than 1 in 5 reports of general protective services were found to be valid, and subsequently received services by the county children and youth agency or other community partners. (Refer to source notes for explanation on GPS reporting change in 2016.)
- In-home services aimed at preventing the need for foster care were provided to over 14,000 more children in 2017 than in 2013.

FOSTER CARE - SERVED

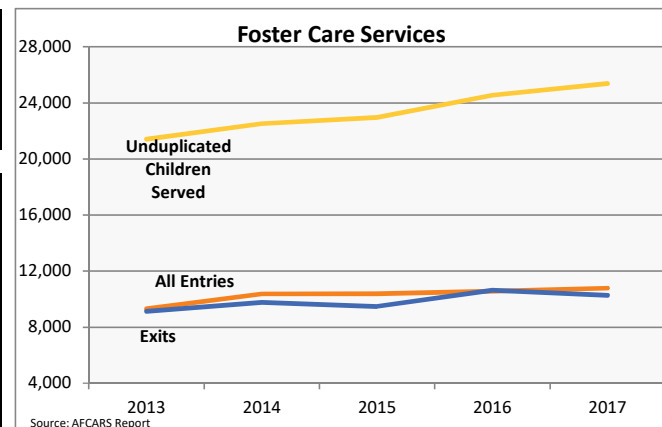
Foster care is meant to be a temporary intervention to assure the safety and well-being of a child. A child who spends long periods in foster care is more likely than other children to drop out of school, have mental health challenges, and experience unemployment and/or homeless as an adult. The following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

Indicator

Unduplicated Number of Children Served

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

State					% Change 2013 to 2017
2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	
21,416	22,510	22,980	24,543	25,381	18.5%
6.4	6.7	6.8	7.3	7.5	



By Age

Age Group	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	% Change 2013 to 2017
0-2	19.2%	19.4%	19.9%	20.2%	20.3%	5.6%
3-5	15.9%	16.8%	17.1%	17.0%	17.4%	9.7%
6-8	11.5%	12.3%	12.9%	13.0%	13.3%	15.2%
9-11	8.9%	9.5%	10.0%	11.0%	11.4%	27.9%
12-14	11.4%	10.9%	11.4%	11.2%	11.6%	1.8%
15-17	22.3%	21.4%	20.4%	19.6%	18.6%	-16.8%
18-20	10.7%	9.8%	8.3%	7.9%	7.4%	-31.1%
Infants (age 0-1)	11.9%	12.5%	12.8%	12.8%	12.7%	6.8%
Youth (age 13+)	41.5%	38.9%	36.7%	35.5%	34.0%	-18.0%

By Race and Ethnicity

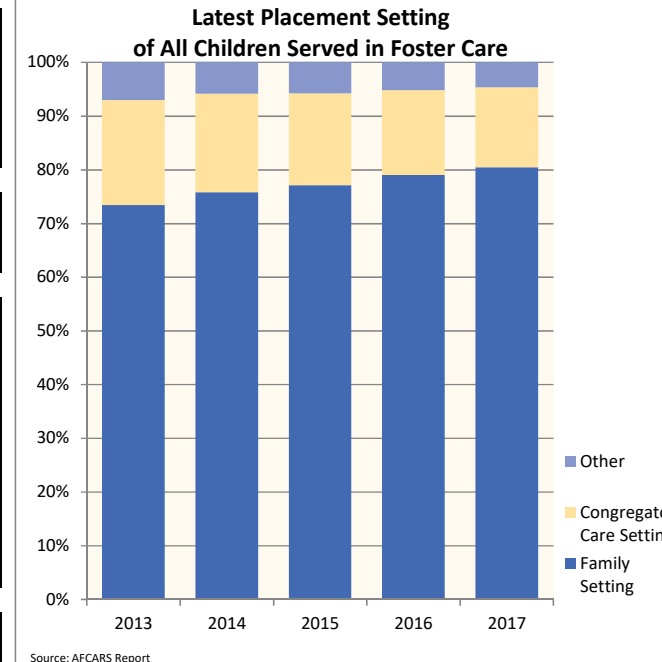
Race/Ethnicity	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	% Change 2013 to 2017
Non-Hispanic White	41.8%	42.3%	40.9%	42.5%	42.9%	2.6%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	34.8%	35.2%	34.6%	35.3%	34.9%	0.1%
Non-Hispanic Other Race	7.0%	4.4%	5.9%	3.3%	2.9%	-59.3%
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	3.9%	4.9%	5.3%	5.4%	6.2%	61.1%
Hispanic or Latino	12.5%	13.1%	13.4%	13.4%	13.2%	5.6%

By Gender

Gender	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	% Change 2013 to 2017
Male	50.8%	50.8%	51.0%	51.2%	51.0%	0.4%
Female	49.2%	49.2%	49.0%	48.8%	49.0%	-0.5%

By Latest Placement Setting

Placement Setting	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	% Change 2013 to 2017
Family Setting	73.4%	75.8%	77.1%	79.0%	80.5%	9.6%
Pre-adoptive Home	3.4%	3.5%	3.1%	4.5%	4.0%	17.2%
Foster Family Home – Relative	24.8%	29.6%	31.5%	34.1%	36.4%	46.7%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	45.2%	42.7%	42.5%	40.5%	40.1%	-11.3%
Congregate Care Setting	19.6%	18.3%	17.1%	15.8%	14.9%	-23.9%
Group Home	12.1%	11.6%	10.5%	9.1%	8.8%	-27.1%
Institution	7.5%	6.8%	6.6%	6.8%	6.1%	-18.8%
Supervised Independent Living	2.0%	1.9%	1.7%	1.6%	1.5%	-24.5%
Runaway	1.8%	1.2%	1.3%	1.4%	1.4%	-25.0%
Trial Home Visit	3.2%	2.8%	2.9%	2.2%	1.7%	-45.2%



Children Entering Foster Care

All Entries into Foster Care During the Year

Year	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	% Change 2013 to 2017
All Entries	9,306	10,364	10,387	10,567	10,781	15.8%

Statewide Findings

- The unduplicated number of children served in foster care continues to rise.
- The population of children served in foster care is young. In 2017, more than 3 in 5 children served in foster care were under 12 years.
- The number of children entering foster care has outpaced the number of children exiting foster care.

FOSTER CARE - FIRST TIME ENTRIES

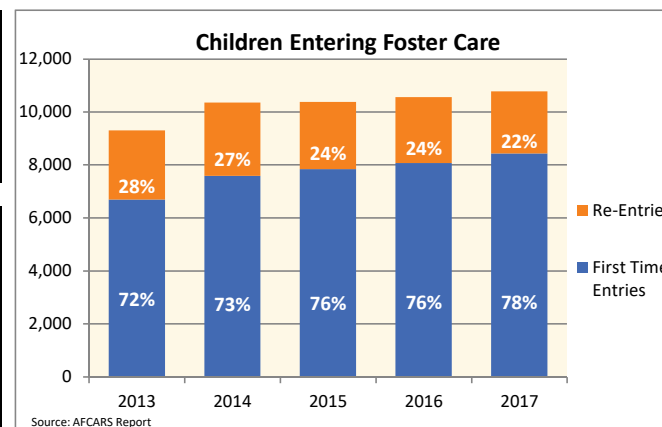
Data on first time entries provides information on children who have just begun their foster care experience during the past federal fiscal year. How the child welfare system is serving them may say something about current system practice and decision making.

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

State					% Change 2013 to 2017
2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	
6,698	7,592	7,843	8,082	8,438	26.0%
2.0	2.3	2.3	2.4	2.5	8.7%
72.0%	73.3%	75.5%	76.5%	78.3%	



By Age

Age Group	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	% Change 2013 to 2017
0-2	32.8%	32.7%	32.7%	33.3%	33.2%	1.3%
3-5	14.6%	15.7%	14.6%	14.7%	15.3%	4.5%
6-8	10.0%	11.5%	11.9%	12.5%	11.9%	18.5%
9-11	8.2%	9.2%	9.8%	9.6%	10.1%	22.1%
12-14	13.5%	12.7%	13.4%	12.6%	13.1%	-2.5%
15-17	20.8%	18.0%	17.4%	17.2%	16.3%	-21.6%
18-20	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	90.5%
Infants (age 0-1)	26.4%	26.3%	26.2%	26.3%	26.5%	0.7%
Youth (age 13+)	31.4%	27.6%	27.5%	26.6%	26.0%	-17.4%

By Race and Ethnicity

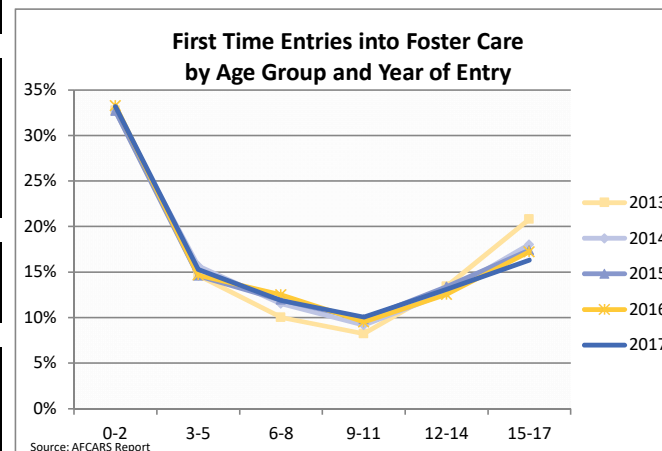
Race/Ethnicity	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	% Change 2013 to 2017
Non-Hispanic White	45.7%	46.9%	42.7%	49.4%	47.6%	4.3%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	29.6%	29.2%	29.1%	28.6%	29.7%	0.3%
Non-Hispanic Other Race	7.9%	5.1%	8.7%	4.1%	3.4%	-56.9%
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	3.9%	4.9%	5.6%	5.4%	6.3%	62.7%
Hispanic or Latino	13.0%	13.9%	14.0%	12.6%	13.0%	0.0%

By Gender

Gender	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	% Change 2013 to 2017
Male	50.2%	51.0%	50.8%	50.8%	51.0%	1.6%
Female	49.8%	49.0%	49.2%	49.2%	49.0%	-1.6%

By First Placement Setting

Placement Setting	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	% Change 2013 to 2017
Family Setting	76.7%	80.7%	80.9%	82.3%	83.6%	9.0%
Pre-adoptive Home	0.3%	0.2%	0.1%	0.2%	0.3%	-1.2%
Foster Family Home – Relative	27.2%	33.1%	33.6%	37.5%	39.1%	43.8%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	49.3%	47.5%	47.2%	44.6%	44.2%	-10.3%
Congregate Care Setting	21.0%	17.5%	17.0%	15.9%	15.0%	-28.8%
Group Home	15.0%	12.1%	10.7%	9.7%	9.1%	-39.5%
Institution	6.0%	5.4%	6.3%	6.2%	5.9%	-2.0%
Supervised Independent Living	0.1%	0.1%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	51.1%
Runaway	0.6%	0.4%	0.4%	0.6%	0.5%	-24.0%
Trial Home Visit	1.5%	1.2%	1.5%	1.0%	0.8%	-48.8%



Statewide Findings

- The proportion of children entering foster care as first time entries continues to increase. More than 3 in 4 entries are first time entries.
- In 2017, 1 in 3 children entering foster care as first time entries are in the 0-2 age group. The proportion of children entering foster care as first time entries has increased over the past five years for children under 12 years.
- More than 5 in 6 children entering foster care as first time entries were placed in family settings. Of those children, over 46 percent were placed with a relative.

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.

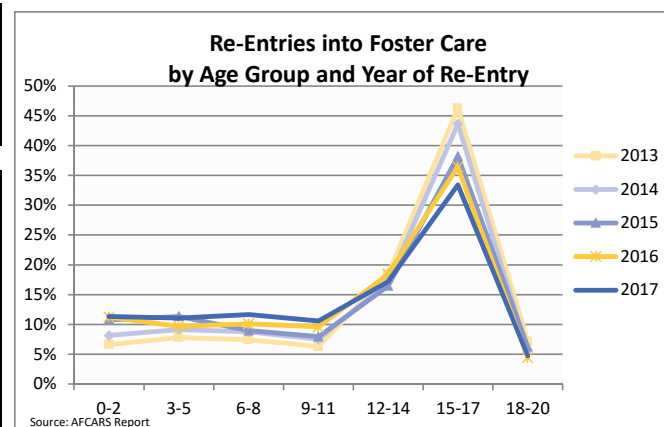
Indicator

Children Re-Entering Foster Care

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

State				
2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
2,608	2,772	2,544	2,485	2,343
28.0%	26.7%	24.5%	23.5%	21.7%

% Change 2013 to 2017
-10.2%
-22.5%



By Age

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

2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
6.6%	8.2%	10.8%	11.2%	11.4%
7.8%	9.2%	11.4%	9.7%	11.1%
7.4%	8.8%	9.0%	10.1%	11.7%
6.3%	7.5%	7.9%	9.6%	10.6%
18.4%	17.1%	16.5%	18.5%	17.2%
46.3%	43.7%	38.2%	36.4%	33.4%
7.1%	5.7%	6.3%	4.5%	4.7%
3.8%	5.2%	6.5%	7.4%	6.6%
68.6%	63.5%	57.9%	55.3%	51.1%

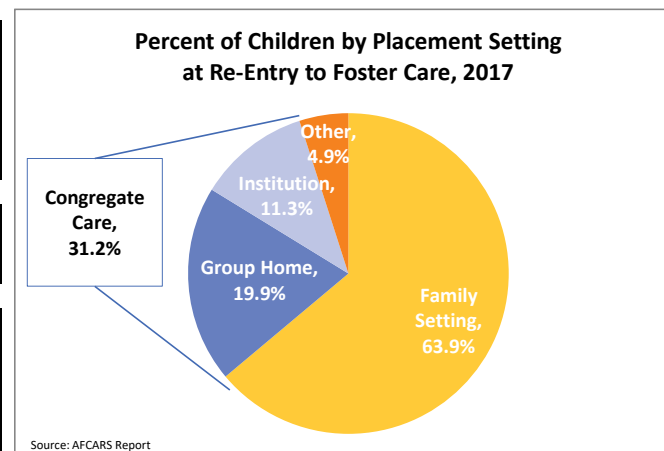
71.1%
41.3%
56.6%
67.3%
-6.4%
-27.8%
-33.6%
72.5%
-25.5%

By Race and Ethnicity

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

2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
34.3%	35.8%	34.7%	39.5%	40.6%
44.2%	43.3%	40.4%	40.1%	39.4%
6.7%	4.1%	7.8%	3.1%	1.7%
3.4%	4.5%	4.9%	5.8%	6.3%
11.4%	12.2%	12.2%	11.6%	11.9%

18.4%
-10.8%
-73.9%
87.2%
4.2%



By Gender

Male
Female

2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
48.1%	50.6%	50.5%	50.3%	49.6%
51.9%	49.4%	49.5%	49.7%	50.4%

3.0%
-2.8%

By Placement Setting at Re-Entry

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

2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
48.5%	53.7%	58.0%	61.7%	63.9%
0.2%	0.2%	0.6%	0.7%	0.6%
14.9%	20.2%	24.3%	26.3%	30.7%
33.3%	33.3%	33.1%	34.6%	32.6%
44.4%	40.6%	37.1%	34.0%	31.2%
26.7%	24.8%	22.3%	19.3%	19.9%
17.7%	15.9%	14.8%	14.8%	11.3%
1.6%	1.6%	1.7%	1.3%	1.8%
4.3%	3.3%	2.4%	2.5%	2.5%
1.2%	0.8%	0.8%	0.5%	0.7%

31.9%
161.2%
106.0%
-2.2%
-29.8%
-25.6%
-36.1%
6.7%
-42.5%
-40.3%

Statewide Findings

- The proportion of children re-entering foster care has decreased over the past five years.
- The majority of re-entries are youth age 12-20, specifically children age 15-17.
- In 2017, over 5 in 8 children re-entering foster care were placed in family settings. Of those children, 51 percent were placed in a non-relative foster home.

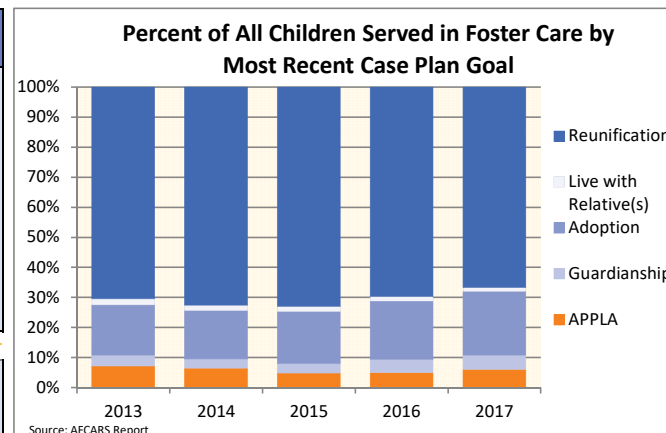
FOSTER CARE - GOALS

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

Indicator	State					% Change 2013 to 2017
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	
Family-Based Permanency Goals	92.8%	93.6%	95.2%	95.0%	94.0%	1.3%
Reunify With Parent(s) or Principal Caretaker(s)	70.5%	72.6%	73.1%	69.8%	66.7%	-5.3%
Adoption	16.7%	16.1%	17.4%	19.5%	21.2%	27.2%
Guardianship	3.6%	3.1%	3.0%	4.3%	4.8%	31.5%
Live with Relative(s)	2.1%	1.8%	1.7%	1.5%	1.3%	-36.8%
Another Planned Permanent Arrangement (APPLA)	7.2%	6.4%	4.8%	5.0%	6.0%	-16.3%
Long Term Foster Care	2.1%	1.8%	1.2%	1.0%	0.7%	-63.6%
Emancipation	5.1%	4.6%	3.6%	4.0%	5.3%	2.7%

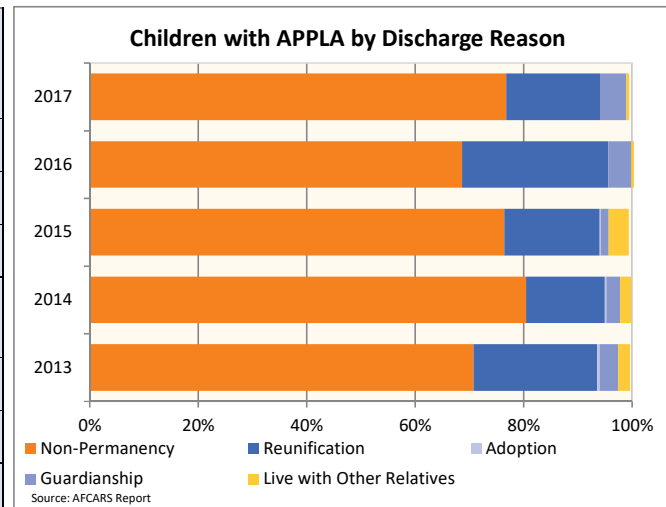


APPLA By Age as % of Age Group Served

Age Group	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	% Change
0-15	1.1%	0.8%	0.4%	0.2%	1.0%	-4.7%
16-20	23.6%	23.1%	19.4%	21.6%	25.1%	6.2%

APPLA By Discharge Reason

Exit Reason	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	% Change
Exit to Permanent Arrangements	28.9%	19.4%	23.0%	32.1%	22.7%	-21.4%
Reunification	22.8%	14.5%	17.6%	27.0%	17.3%	-24.1%
(number of months until reunification)	27.8	36.2	27.5	30.4	11.8	-57.4%
Adoption	0.5%	0.3%	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	-100.0%
(number of months until adoption)	41.1	149.3	31.2	0.0	0.0	-100.0%
Guardianship	3.4%	2.5%	1.4%	4.2%	4.9%	43.1%
(number of month until guardianship)	32.0	27.8	18.0	32.0	23.6	-26.2%
Live with Other Relatives	2.2%	2.1%	3.7%	0.9%	0.5%	-75.5%
(number of months until living with relatives)	30.6	15.9	37.1	39.8	21.4	-30.1%
Exit to Non-Permanent Arrangements	70.8%	80.4%	76.4%	68.6%	76.8%	8.5%
Emancipation	64.2%	73.0%	71.7%	62.2%	66.7%	3.9%
(number of months until emancipation)	33.1	33.5	34.3	30.6	26.2	-21.0%
Transfer to Another Agency	3.6%	5.5%	2.7%	5.0%	8.2%	130.9%
(number of months until transfer)	46.4	13.0	40.7	27.6	3.7	-92.0%
Runaway	3.1%	1.9%	2.0%	1.4%	1.9%	-38.2%
(number of months until running away)	26.5	16.3	23.4	14.1	32.0	21.0%
Death of Child	0.3%	0.2%	0.6%	0.2%	0.5%	59.0%
(number of months until death of a child)	92.4	129.8	9.0	143.7	62.6	-32.2%



Statewide Findings

- Far too often the permanency goal of APPLA results in youth leaving foster care without a permanent family to rely on – more than 76 percent of the time.
- In 2017, over 25 percent of older youth had the goal of APPLA.

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

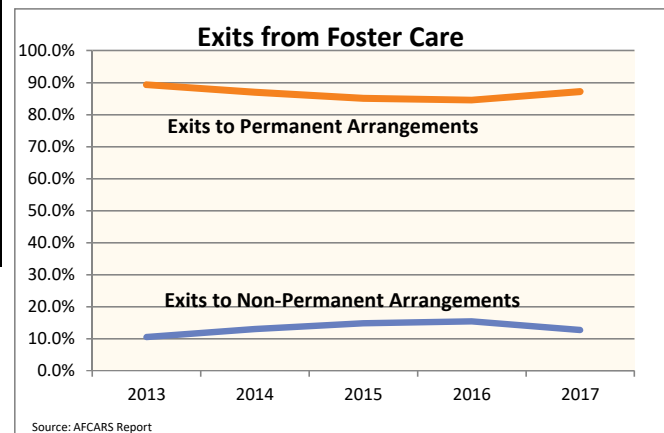
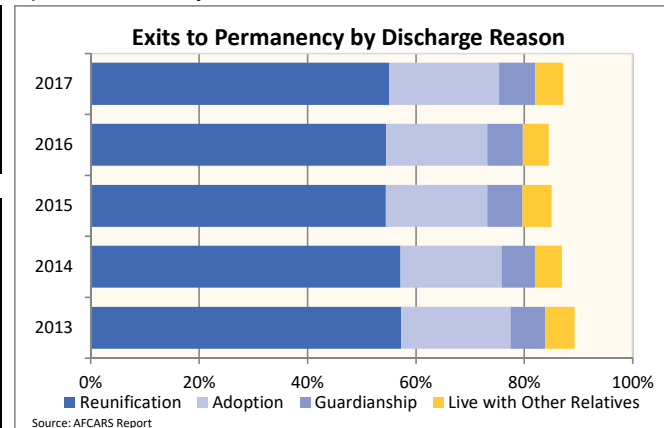
Indicator	State				
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Total Children Leaving Foster Care	9,123	9,769	9,471	10,635	10,276
Percent of Children Leaving Foster Care	42.6%	43.4%	41.2%	43.3%	40.5%
(number of months until leaving)	11.9	10.7	11.4	11.7	11.9

% Change 2013 to 2017
12.6%
-5.0%
0.6%

By Discharge Reason

Discharge Reason	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Exit to Permanent Arrangements	89.3%	86.9%	85.0%	84.5%	87.2%
Reunification (number of months until reunification)	57.3% 6.0	57.2% 5.5	54.5% 5.7	54.5% 6.7	55.1% 6.6
Adoption (number of months until adoption)	20.2% 26.7	18.6% 27.4	18.7% 28.3	18.7% 28.7	20.2% 29.2
Guardianship (number of month until guardianship)	6.4% 21.2	6.1% 20.8	6.5% 21.1	6.6% 19.4	6.7% 20.1
Live with Other Relatives (number of months until living with relatives)	5.5% 2.6	5.0% 1.0	5.4% 3.0	4.7% 2.2	5.1% 2.2
Exit to Non-Permanent Arrangements	10.5%	13.0%	14.8%	15.4%	12.7%
Emancipation (number of months until emancipation)	8.1% 31.4	7.7% 29.6	7.8% 28.1	6.8% 23.4	7.9% 22.0
Transfer to Another Agency (number of months until transfer)	2.0% 6.0	4.3% 5.0	5.8% 6.7	7.9% 7.6	4.3% 6.9
Runaway (number of months until running away)	0.5% 14.9	1.1% 13.2	1.3% 15.5	0.7% 11.2	0.5% 19.4
Death of Child (number of months until death of a child)	0.2% 11.9	0.1% 30.9	0.1% 4.9	0.1% 13.2	0.1% 18.8

-2.4%
-3.7%
10.4%
0.0%
9.4%
5.1%
-5.1%
-5.9%
-17.0%
21.0%
-2.3%
-29.9%
121.9%
14.8%
1.5%
30.5%
-35.9%
58.3%



Statewide Findings

- On average, children will remain in foster care 11.9 months from their entry into the system.
- Reunification and adoption remain the two most common reasons for children exiting foster care.

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)

State					% Change 2013 to 2017
2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	
13,697	14,162	14,859	15,382	16,381	19.6%
13.1	12.6	12.5	13.2	13.4	2.3%

By Age

Age Group	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	% Change 2013 to 2017
0-2	19.9%	20.0%	21.0%	21.3%	21.5%	7.7%
3-5	15.6%	16.7%	16.7%	17.0%	17.5%	12.1%
6-8	11.6%	12.4%	12.9%	13.2%	13.7%	18.3%
9-11	9.1%	9.6%	10.7%	11.6%	11.8%	29.2%
12-14	11.7%	11.5%	11.7%	12.0%	12.1%	3.1%
15-17	22.6%	21.1%	20.2%	19.6%	18.2%	-19.3%
18-20	9.5%	8.4%	6.8%	5.3%	5.3%	-44.3%
Infants (age 0-1)	12.7%	13.2%	13.9%	13.8%	13.8%	9.0%
Youth (age 13+)	40.7%	37.8%	35.2%	33.5%	31.9%	-21.6%

By Race and Ethnicity

Race/Ethnicity	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	% Change 2013 to 2017
Non-Hispanic White	38.7%	40.1%	37.9%	41.0%	42.1%	8.8%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	37.1%	38.3%	36.9%	37.0%	35.8%	-3.3%
Non-Hispanic Other Race	7.8%	3.9%	6.0%	2.9%	2.7%	-64.9%
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	3.7%	4.7%	4.9%	5.5%	6.1%	65.1%
Hispanic or Latino	12.7%	13.0%	14.3%	13.6%	13.2%	3.5%

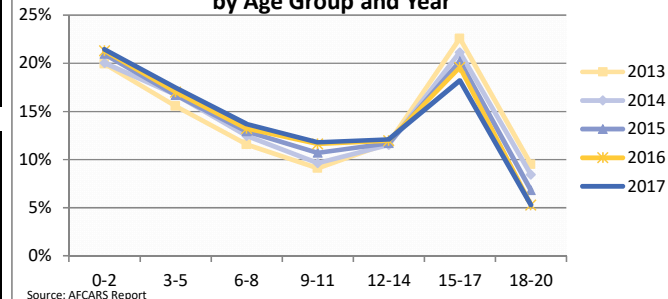
By Gender

Gender	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	% Change 2013 to 2017
Male	50.7%	50.9%	51.3%	51.2%	51.2%	0.9%
Female	49.3%	49.1%	48.7%	48.8%	48.8%	-0.9%

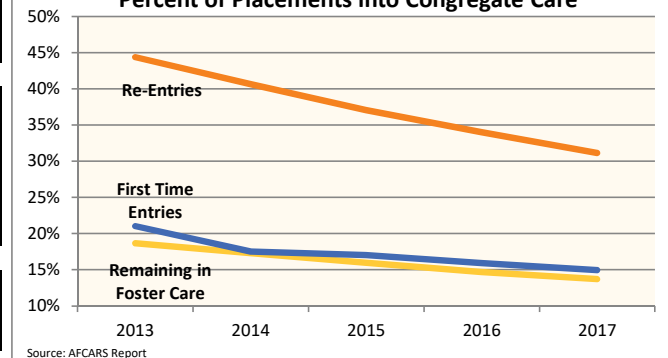
By Latest Placement Setting

Placement Setting	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	% Change 2013 to 2017
Family Setting	76.8%	79.0%	80.6%	82.5%	83.4%	8.7%
Pre-adoptive Home	3.2%	3.9%	3.2%	5.3%	4.1%	26.3%
Foster Family Home – Relative	25.7%	30.0%	32.8%	35.1%	37.9%	47.6%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	47.9%	45.1%	44.5%	42.1%	41.4%	-13.4%
Congregate Care Setting	18.7%	17.3%	16.0%	14.7%	13.7%	-26.5%
Group Home	10.8%	10.6%	9.0%	8.4%	8.2%	-24.2%
Institution	7.8%	6.7%	7.0%	6.3%	5.5%	-29.7%
Supervised Independent Living	2.1%	1.7%	1.4%	1.3%	1.5%	-30.8%
Runaway	1.4%	1.1%	1.1%	0.7%	0.8%	-43.2%
Trial Home Visit	1.0%	0.8%	1.0%	0.7%	0.6%	-42.4%

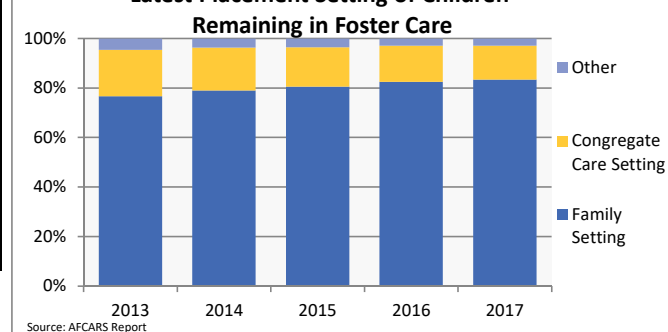
Children in Foster Care on September 30 by Age Group and Year



Percent of Placements into Congregate Care



Latest Placement Setting of Children Remaining in Foster Care



Statewide Findings

- The majority of children remaining in foster care are less than 9 years old.
- The majority of children remaining in foster care are placed in a non-relative foster family home.
- The proportion of children remaining in foster care within a congregative care setting continues to decrease.

FOSTER CARE - STABILITY

Every time a child moves, the trauma caused by separation and lack of continuity grows. A child who faces multiple placements may struggle 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.

State					% Change 2013 to 2017
2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	
34.1%	32.7%	32.8%	33.6%	32.2%	-5.8%

Statewide Findings

The stability rate for children in foster is the best it has been over the past five years.

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.

State					% Change 2013 to 2017
2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	
41.3%	39.7%	39.0%	36.0%	39.2%	-5.2%

Statewide Findings

The percentage of children reunified with their parents or relatives within 12 months of entering foster care improved in 2017.

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. (Data may be overstated.)

State					% Change 2013 to 2017
2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	
26.4%	26.9%	24.1%	24.8%	23.0%	-13.2%

Statewide Findings

The rate of failed reunification is the lowest recorded to date.

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