

## 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)

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		
Child Abuse and Neglect Reports	2,590	26,664	2,575	26,944	2,892	29,273	3,995	40,590	4,671	44,359	80.3%	66.4%
	12.2	9.5	12.1	9.6	13.6	10.5	18.8	14.5	22.0	15.9		

#### Child Abuse and Neglect Substantiations

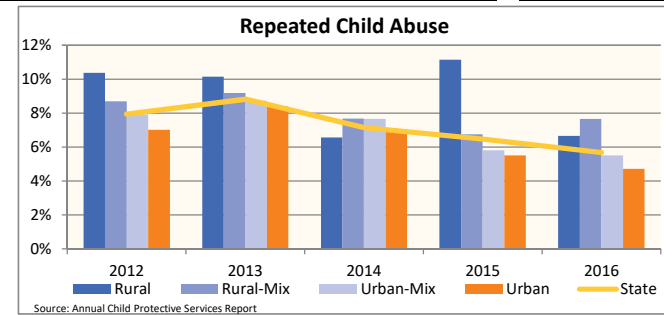
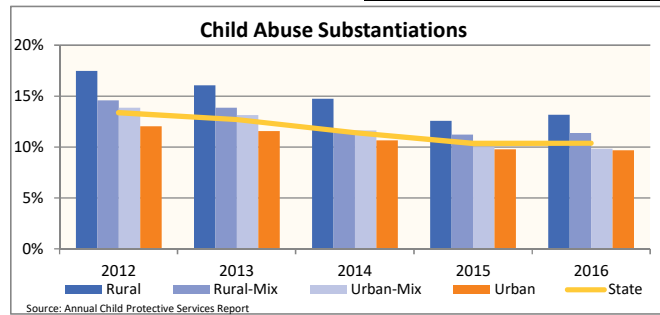
Founded or indicated reports of child abuse and/or neglect.

Indicator	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Rural % Change 2012 to 2016	State % Change 2012 to 2016
Child Abuse and Neglect Substantiations	17.5%	13.4%	16.1%	12.7%	14.7%	-24.6%	-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.)

Indicator	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Rural % Change 2012 to 2016	State % Change 2012 to 2016
Repeated Child Abuse and Neglect	10.4%	7.9%	10.1%	8.8%	6.6%	-35.8%	-28.5%
	1 in 10	1 in 13	1 in 10	1 in 11	1 in 15		



## 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.

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		
GPS Reports	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,569	131,953	15,186	151,087	-	-

#### 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.

#### 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.

Indicator	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Rural % Change 2012 to 2016	State % Change 2012 to 2016	
Valid GPS Reports	-	-	-	-	22.4%	18.4%	25.6%	20.9%
Children with Valid Allegations	-	-	-	-	4,569	32,364	5,807	43,702

#### Unduplicated Number of Children Served

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

Indicator	2013		2014		2015		2016		2017		% Change 2013 to 2017	% Change 2013 to 2017
	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State		
Unduplicated Number of Children Served	20,283	172,807	22,048	167,582	22,743	181,371	24,517	190,413	28,231	186,855	39.2%	8.1%

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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)

	2013		2014		2015		2016		2017		Rural % Change 2013 to 2017	State % Change 2013 to 2017
	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State		
	1,462	21,416	1,535	22,510	1,574	22,980	1,695	24,543	1,812	25,381	23.9%	18.5%
	5.6	6.4	5.8	6.7	6.0	6.8	6.5	7.3	6.9	7.5		

### By Age

Age Group	2013 Rural	2013 State	2014 Rural	2014 State	2015 Rural	2015 State	2016 Rural	2016 State	2017 Rural	2017 State	Rural % Change	State % Change
0-2	18.5%	19.2%	20.6%	19.4%	22.7%	19.9%	22.0%	20.2%	20.7%	20.3%	12.1%	5.6%
3-5	15.7%	15.9%	15.0%	16.8%	15.9%	17.1%	16.1%	17.0%	16.4%	17.4%	5.0%	9.7%
6-8	11.7%	11.5%	12.6%	12.3%	11.5%	12.9%	12.4%	13.0%	11.9%	13.3%	1.9%	15.2%
9-11	8.8%	8.9%	8.9%	9.5%	9.5%	10.0%	11.2%	11.0%	11.9%	11.4%	34.5%	27.9%
12-14	13.2%	11.4%	12.4%	10.9%	12.7%	11.4%	11.3%	11.2%	12.9%	11.6%	-2.6%	1.8%
15-17	23.6%	22.3%	24.0%	21.4%	22.4%	20.4%	22.7%	19.6%	20.6%	18.6%	-12.8%	-16.8%
18-20	8.5%	10.7%	6.6%	9.8%	5.2%	8.3%	4.4%	7.9%	5.6%	7.4%	-34.2%	-31.1%
Infants (age 0-1)	12.4%	11.9%	14.2%	12.5%	15.9%	12.8%	14.9%	12.8%	13.5%	12.7%	8.6%	6.8%
Youth (age 13+)	42.2%	41.5%	39.1%	38.9%	36.7%	36.7%	34.8%	35.5%	34.8%	34.0%	-17.6%	-18.0%

### By Race and Ethnicity

Race/Ethnicity	2013 Rural	2013 State	2014 Rural	2014 State	2015 Rural	2015 State	2016 Rural	2016 State	2017 Rural	2017 State	Rural % Change	State % Change
Non-Hispanic White	89.5%	41.8%	89.9%	42.3%	87.0%	40.9%	88.0%	42.5%	86.6%	42.9%	-3.2%	2.6%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	3.7%	34.8%	2.5%	35.2%	3.6%	34.6%	3.1%	35.3%	3.5%	34.9%	-5.9%	0.1%
Non-Hispanic Other Race	0.8%	7.0%	0.7%	4.4%	1.1%	5.9%	0.9%	3.3%	1.2%	2.9%	61.4%	-59.3%
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	3.3%	3.9%	4.0%	4.9%	5.3%	5.3%	4.9%	5.4%	4.9%	6.2%	49.6%	61.1%
Hispanic or Latino	2.8%	12.5%	2.8%	13.1%	3.0%	13.4%	3.1%	13.4%	3.8%	13.2%	35.8%	5.6%

### By Gender

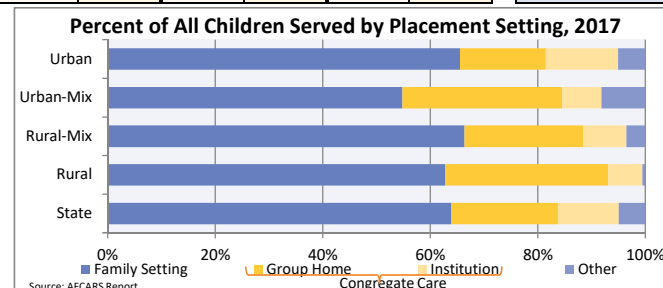
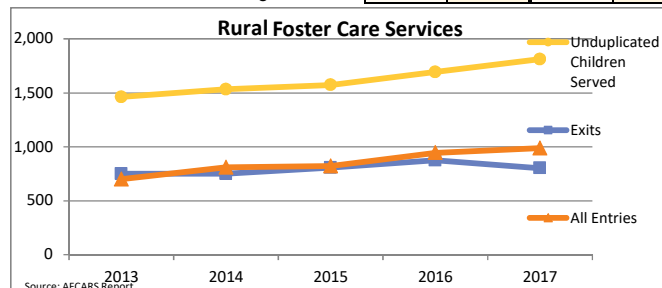
Gender	2013 Rural	2013 State	2014 Rural	2014 State	2015 Rural	2015 State	2016 Rural	2016 State	2017 Rural	2017 State	Rural % Change	State % Change
Male	52.9%	50.8%	53.4%	50.8%	53.4%	51.0%	53.4%	51.2%	52.2%	51.0%	-1.5%	0.4%
Female	47.1%	49.2%	46.6%	49.2%	46.6%	49.0%	46.6%	48.8%	47.8%	49.0%	1.7%	-0.5%

### By First Placement Setting

Placement Setting	2013 Rural	2013 State	2014 Rural	2014 State	2015 Rural	2015 State	2016 Rural	2016 State	2017 Rural	2017 State	Rural % Change	State % Change
<b>Family Setting</b>	<b>73.8%</b>	<b>73.4%</b>	<b>75.2%</b>	<b>75.8%</b>	<b>75.0%</b>	<b>77.1%</b>	<b>75.6%</b>	<b>79.0%</b>	<b>77.4%</b>	<b>80.5%</b>	<b>4.8%</b>	<b>9.6%</b>
Pre-adoptive Home	4.2%	3.4%	4.0%	3.5%	4.3%	3.1%	3.4%	4.5%	2.3%	4.0%	-45.3%	17.2%
Foster Family Home – Relative	22.0%	24.8%	26.6%	29.6%	26.9%	31.5%	28.8%	34.1%	30.0%	36.4%	36.7%	46.7%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	47.6%	45.2%	44.7%	42.7%	43.8%	42.5%	43.4%	40.5%	45.0%	40.1%	-5.4%	-11.3%
<b>Congregate Care Setting</b>	<b>20.0%</b>	<b>19.6%</b>	<b>18.6%</b>	<b>18.3%</b>	<b>18.4%</b>	<b>17.1%</b>	<b>18.4%</b>	<b>15.8%</b>	<b>18.4%</b>	<b>14.9%</b>	<b>-7.7%</b>	<b>-23.9%</b>
Group Home	14.2%	12.1%	13.9%	11.6%	14.5%	10.5%	14.5%	9.1%	14.7%	8.8%	3.6%	-27.1%
Institution	5.7%	7.5%	4.7%	6.8%	3.9%	6.6%	4.0%	6.8%	3.7%	6.1%	-35.6%	-18.8%
<b>Supervised Independent Living</b>	<b>1.4%</b>	<b>2.0%</b>	<b>0.8%</b>	<b>1.9%</b>	<b>1.1%</b>	<b>1.7%</b>	<b>0.8%</b>	<b>1.6%</b>	<b>0.7%</b>	<b>1.5%</b>	<b>-50.1%</b>	<b>-24.5%</b>
Runaway	0.2%	1.8%	0.3%	1.2%	0.0%	1.3%	0.2%	1.4%	0.1%	1.4%	-46.2%	-25.0%
Trial Home Visit	4.6%	3.2%	5.0%	2.8%	5.5%	2.9%	5.0%	2.2%	3.4%	1.7%	-26.5%	-45.2%

### Children Entering Foster Care

All Entries into Foster Care During the Year	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Rural % Change	State % Change					
	700	9,306	811	10,364	821	10,387	945	10,567	987	10,781	41.0%	15.8%



## 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	2013		2014		2015		2016		2017		Rural % Change 2013 to 2017	State % Change 2013 to 2017
	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State		
First Time Entries During the Year (Rate per 1,000 children age 0-20)	546	6,698	658	7,592	646	7,843	721	8,082	799	8,438	46.3%	26.0%
First Time Entries as Percent of All Entries	78.0%	72.0%	81.1%	73.3%	78.7%	75.5%	76.3%	76.5%	81.0%	78.3%	3.8%	8.7%

#### By Age

Age Group	2013 Rural	2013 State	2014 Rural	2014 State	2015 Rural	2015 State	2016 Rural	2016 State	2017 Rural	2017 State	Rural % Change 2013 to 2017	State % Change 2013 to 2017
0-2	30.2%	32.8%	31.9%	32.7%	34.8%	32.7%	29.5%	33.3%	29.8%	33.2%	-1.4%	1.3%
3-5	13.9%	14.6%	16.0%	15.7%	12.2%	14.6%	15.4%	14.7%	14.6%	15.3%	5.2%	4.5%
6-8	10.8%	10.0%	13.1%	11.5%	10.8%	11.9%	13.9%	12.5%	11.1%	11.9%	3.1%	18.5%
9-11	8.8%	8.2%	8.8%	9.2%	10.4%	9.8%	11.2%	9.6%	10.8%	10.1%	22.4%	22.1%
12-14	15.6%	13.5%	10.9%	12.7%	14.7%	13.4%	11.5%	12.6%	14.6%	13.1%	-5.9%	-2.5%
15-17	20.5%	20.8%	19.0%	18.0%	17.0%	17.4%	18.4%	17.2%	18.9%	16.3%	-7.9%	-21.6%
18-20	0.2%	0.1%	0.3%	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	-31.7%	90.5%
Infants (age 0-1)	24.5%	26.4%	24.2%	26.3%	28.0%	26.2%	23.6%	26.3%	23.0%	26.5%	-6.2%	0.7%
Youth (age 13+)	32.2%	31.4%	27.4%	27.6%	28.9%	27.5%	26.8%	26.6%	30.0%	26.0%	-6.8%	-17.4%

#### By Race and Ethnicity

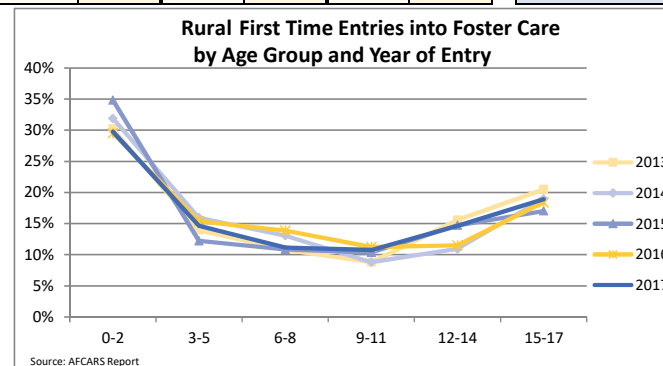
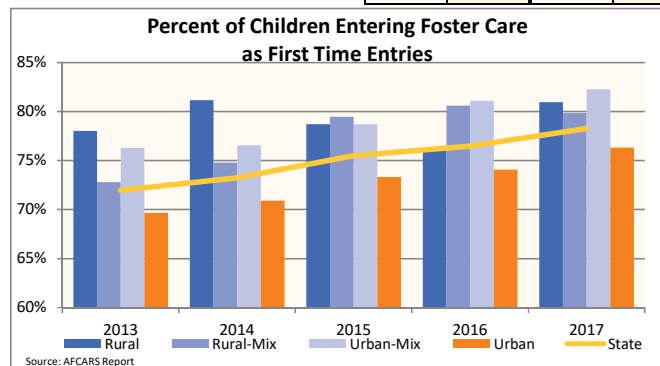
Race/Ethnicity	2013 Rural	2013 State	2014 Rural	2014 State	2015 Rural	2015 State	2016 Rural	2016 State	2017 Rural	2017 State	Rural % Change 2013 to 2017	State % Change 2013 to 2017
Non-Hispanic White	89.4%	45.7%	89.2%	46.9%	85.0%	42.7%	89.5%	49.4%	87.1%	47.6%	-2.5%	4.3%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	3.8%	29.6%	2.3%	29.2%	4.6%	29.1%	2.5%	28.6%	3.9%	29.7%	0.9%	0.3%
Non-Hispanic Other Race	0.9%	7.9%	0.9%	5.1%	1.9%	8.7%	0.8%	4.1%	1.3%	3.4%	36.7%	-56.9%
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	2.9%	3.9%	4.3%	4.9%	4.8%	5.6%	4.0%	5.4%	4.1%	6.3%	40.9%	62.7%
Hispanic or Latino	2.9%	13.0%	3.3%	13.9%	3.7%	14.0%	3.2%	12.6%	3.6%	13.0%	23.9%	0.0%

#### By Gender

Gender	2013 Rural	2013 State	2014 Rural	2014 State	2015 Rural	2015 State	2016 Rural	2016 State	2017 Rural	2017 State	Rural % Change 2013 to 2017	State % Change 2013 to 2017
Male	49.5%	50.2%	53.3%	51.0%	52.3%	50.8%	53.5%	50.8%	49.8%	51.0%	0.7%	1.6%
Female	50.5%	49.8%	46.7%	49.0%	47.7%	49.2%	46.5%	49.2%	50.2%	49.0%	-0.7%	-1.6%

#### By First Placement Setting

Placement Setting	2013 Rural	2013 State	2014 Rural	2014 State	2015 Rural	2015 State	2016 Rural	2016 State	2017 Rural	2017 State	Rural % Change 2013 to 2017	State % Change 2013 to 2017
<b>Family Setting</b>	<b>77.5%</b>	<b>76.7%</b>	<b>79.9%</b>	<b>80.7%</b>	<b>79.1%</b>	<b>80.9%</b>	<b>81.0%</b>	<b>82.3%</b>	<b>81.6%</b>	<b>83.6%</b>	<b>5.3%</b>	<b>9.0%</b>
Pre-adoptive Home	0.2%	0.3%	0.3%	0.2%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.2%	0.3%	0.3%	36.7%	-1.2%
Foster Family Home – Relative	25.8%	27.2%	33.6%	33.1%	32.7%	33.6%	35.0%	37.5%	33.3%	39.1%	28.9%	43.8%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	51.5%	49.3%	46.0%	47.5%	46.4%	47.2%	46.0%	44.6%	48.1%	44.2%	-6.6%	-10.3%
<b>Congregate Care Setting</b>	<b>21.2%</b>	<b>21.0%</b>	<b>16.6%</b>	<b>17.5%</b>	<b>18.0%</b>	<b>17.0%</b>	<b>16.2%</b>	<b>15.9%</b>	<b>17.5%</b>	<b>15.0%</b>	<b>-17.5%</b>	<b>-28.8%</b>
Group Home	16.1%	15.0%	13.8%	12.1%	14.9%	10.7%	12.8%	9.7%	15.1%	9.1%	-6.0%	-39.5%
Institution	5.1%	6.0%	2.7%	5.4%	3.1%	6.3%	3.5%	6.2%	2.4%	5.9%	-53.6%	-2.0%
<b>Supervised Independent Living</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>-100.0%</b>	<b>51.1%</b>
Runaway	0.4%	0.6%	0.3%	0.4%	0.0%	0.4%	0.1%	0.6%	0.0%	0.5%	-100.0%	-24.0%
Trial Home Visit	0.7%	1.5%	3.0%	1.2%	2.8%	1.5%	2.6%	1.0%	0.9%	0.8%	19.6%	-48.8%



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## 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	2013		2014		2015		2016		2017		Rural % Change 2013 to 2017	State % Change 2013 to 2017
	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State		
Children Re-Entering Foster Care	154	2,608	153	2,772	175	2,544	224	2,485	188	2,343	22.1%	-10.2%
	22.0%	28.0%	18.9%	26.7%	21.3%	24.5%	23.7%	23.5%	19.0%	21.7%	-13.4%	-22.5%

### By Age

Age Group	2013 Rural	2013 State	2014 Rural	2014 State	2015 Rural	2015 State	2016 Rural	2016 State	2017 Rural	2017 State	Rural % Change 2013 to 2017	State % Change 2013 to 2017
0-2	5.2%	6.6%	9.2%	8.2%	10.3%	10.8%	9.4%	11.2%	11.7%	11.4%	125.3%	71.1%
3-5	9.1%	7.8%	7.2%	9.2%	16.0%	11.4%	11.2%	9.7%	12.8%	11.1%	40.4%	41.3%
6-8	7.8%	7.4%	8.5%	8.8%	8.0%	9.0%	10.3%	10.1%	9.0%	11.7%	16.0%	56.6%
9-11	5.8%	6.3%	9.8%	7.5%	5.7%	7.9%	12.1%	9.6%	12.2%	10.6%	109.3%	67.3%
12-14	20.1%	18.4%	19.6%	17.1%	17.7%	16.5%	15.2%	18.5%	18.6%	17.2%	-7.5%	-6.4%
15-17	45.5%	46.3%	41.2%	43.7%	38.3%	38.2%	39.7%	36.4%	33.0%	33.4%	-27.4%	-27.8%
18-20	6.5%	7.1%	4.6%	5.7%	4.0%	6.3%	2.2%	4.5%	2.7%	4.7%	-59.0%	-33.6%
Infants (age 0-1)	2.6%	3.8%	5.9%	5.2%	5.7%	6.5%	6.3%	7.4%	6.9%	6.6%	166.2%	72.5%
Youth (age 13+)	68.2%	68.6%	63.4%	63.5%	55.4%	57.9%	55.4%	55.3%	47.9%	51.1%	-29.8%	-25.5%

### By Race and Ethnicity

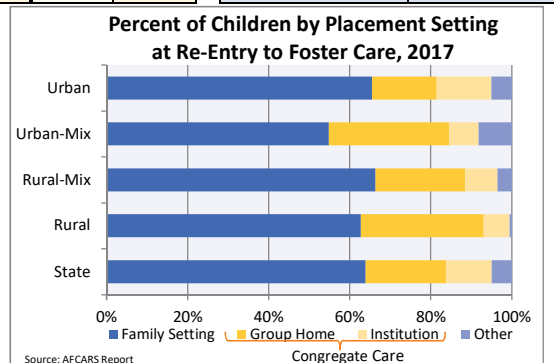
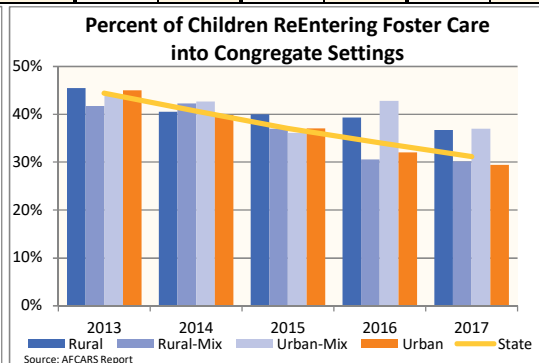
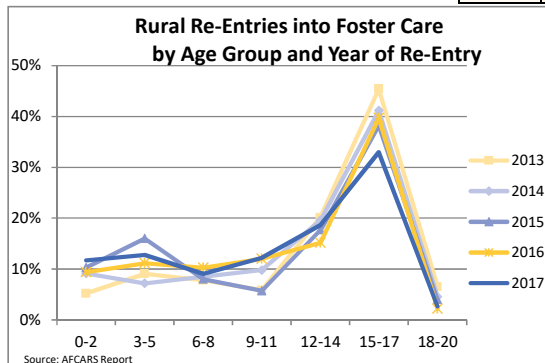
Race/Ethnicity	2013 Rural	2013 State	2014 Rural	2014 State	2015 Rural	2015 State	2016 Rural	2016 State	2017 Rural	2017 State	Rural % Change 2013 to 2017	State % Change 2013 to 2017
Non-Hispanic White	90.9%	34.3%	94.1%	35.8%	86.3%	34.7%	87.5%	39.5%	91.5%	40.6%	0.6%	18.4%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	3.2%	44.2%	2.0%	43.3%	4.0%	40.4%	4.0%	40.1%	1.6%	39.4%	-50.9%	-10.8%
Non-Hispanic Other Race	0.0%	6.7%	0.7%	4.1%	2.3%	7.8%	0.9%	3.1%	0.0%	1.7%	-	-73.9%
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	3.9%	3.4%	0.7%	4.5%	5.7%	4.9%	4.9%	5.8%	4.3%	6.3%	9.2%	87.2%
Hispanic or Latino	1.9%	11.4%	2.6%	12.2%	1.7%	12.2%	2.7%	11.6%	2.7%	11.9%	36.5%	4.2%

### By Gender

Gender	2013 Rural	2013 State	2014 Rural	2014 State	2015 Rural	2015 State	2016 Rural	2016 State	2017 Rural	2017 State	Rural % Change 2013 to 2017	State % Change 2013 to 2017
Male	50.0%	48.1%	53.6%	50.6%	57.7%	50.5%	57.6%	50.3%	56.4%	49.6%	12.8%	3.0%
Female	50.0%	51.9%	46.4%	49.4%	42.3%	49.5%	42.4%	49.7%	43.6%	50.4%	-12.8%	-2.8%

### By Placement Setting at Re-Entry

Placement Setting	2013 Rural	2013 State	2014 Rural	2014 State	2015 Rural	2015 State	2016 Rural	2016 State	2017 Rural	2017 State	Rural % Change 2013 to 2017	State % Change 2013 to 2017
<b>Family Setting</b>	<b>52.6%</b>	<b>48.5%</b>	<b>57.5%</b>	<b>53.7%</b>	<b>57.7%</b>	<b>58.0%</b>	<b>58.5%</b>	<b>61.7%</b>	<b>62.8%</b>	<b>63.9%</b>	<b>19.3%</b>	<b>31.9%</b>
Pre-adoptive Home	0.0%	0.2%	0.0%	0.2%	0.0%	0.6%	0.0%	0.7%	0.0%	0.6%	-	161.2%
Foster Family Home – Relative	11.0%	14.9%	19.0%	20.2%	16.0%	24.3%	17.9%	26.3%	25.0%	30.7%	126.5%	106.0%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	41.6%	33.3%	38.6%	33.3%	41.7%	33.1%	40.6%	34.6%	37.8%	32.6%	-9.1%	-2.2%
<b>Congregate Care Setting</b>	<b>45.5%</b>	<b>44.4%</b>	<b>40.5%</b>	<b>40.6%</b>	<b>40.0%</b>	<b>37.1%</b>	<b>39.3%</b>	<b>34.0%</b>	<b>36.7%</b>	<b>31.2%</b>	<b>-19.3%</b>	<b>-29.8%</b>
Group Home	35.7%	26.7%	32.7%	24.8%	31.4%	22.3%	25.9%	19.3%	30.3%	19.9%	-15.1%	-25.6%
Institution	9.7%	17.7%	7.8%	15.9%	8.6%	14.8%	13.4%	14.8%	6.4%	11.3%	-34.5%	-36.1%
<b>Supervised Independent Living</b>	<b>1.3%</b>	<b>1.6%</b>	<b>1.3%</b>	<b>1.6%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>1.7%</b>	<b>0.4%</b>	<b>1.3%</b>	<b>0.5%</b>	<b>1.8%</b>	<b>-59.0%</b>	<b>6.7%</b>
Runaway	0.0%	4.3%	0.0%	3.3%	0.0%	2.4%	0.0%	2.5%	0.0%	2.5%	-	-42.5%
Trial Home Visit	0.6%	1.2%	0.7%	0.8%	2.3%	0.8%	1.8%	0.5%	0.0%	0.7%	-100.0%	-40.3%



## 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

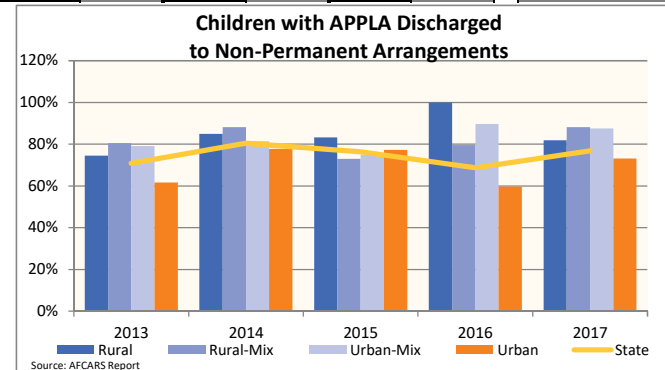
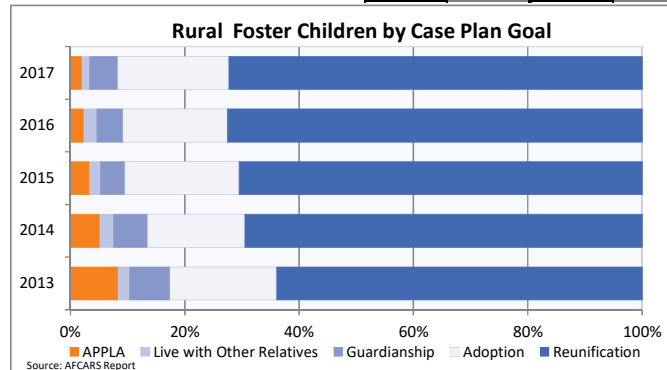
Indicator	2013		2014		2015		2016		2017		Rural % Change 2013 to 2017	State % Change 2013 to 2017
	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State		
<b>Family-Based Permanency Goals</b>	<b>91.7%</b>	<b>92.8%</b>	<b>94.9%</b>	<b>93.6%</b>	<b>96.7%</b>	<b>95.2%</b>	<b>97.7%</b>	<b>95.0%</b>	<b>98.0%</b>	<b>94.0%</b>		
Reunify With Parent(s) or Principal Caretaker(s)	64.0%	70.5%	69.5%	72.6%	70.5%	73.1%	72.6%	69.8%	72.3%	66.7%	6.9%	1.3%
Adoption	18.6%	16.7%	17.0%	16.1%	20.0%	17.4%	18.3%	19.5%	19.5%	21.2%	13.0%	-5.3%
Guardianship	7.1%	3.6%	6.0%	3.1%	4.3%	3.0%	4.6%	4.3%	5.0%	4.8%	4.5%	27.2%
Live with Relative(s)	1.9%	2.1%	2.4%	1.8%	1.9%	1.7%	2.2%	1.5%	1.3%	1.3%	-30.0%	31.5%
<b>Another Planned Permanent Living Arrangement (APPLA)</b>	<b>8.3%</b>	<b>7.2%</b>	<b>5.1%</b>	<b>6.4%</b>	<b>3.3%</b>	<b>4.8%</b>	<b>2.3%</b>	<b>5.0%</b>	<b>2.0%</b>	<b>6.0%</b>	<b>-76.0%</b>	<b>-16.3%</b>
Long Term Foster Care	3.3%	2.1%	1.3%	1.8%	0.7%	1.2%	0.4%	1.0%	0.4%	0.7%	-87.9%	-63.6%
Emancipation	5.0%	5.1%	3.8%	4.6%	2.7%	3.6%	2.0%	4.0%	1.6%	5.3%	-35.1%	-36.8%

#### APPLA By Age as % of Age Group Served

Age Group	2013 Rural	2013 State	2014 Rural	2014 State	2015 Rural	2015 State	2016 Rural	2016 State	2017 Rural	2017 State	Rural % Change 2013 to 2017	State % Change 2013 to 2017
0-15	2.7%	1.1%	2.1%	0.8%	0.7%	0.4%	0.1%	0.2%	0.1%	1.0%	-94.9%	-4.7%
16-20	24.6%	23.6%	25.8%	23.1%	18.4%	19.4%	14.7%	21.6%	9.3%	25.1%	-62.0%	6.2%

#### APPLA By Discharge Reason

Discharge Reason	2013 Rural	2013 State	2014 Rural	2014 State	2015 Rural	2015 State	2016 Rural	2016 State	2017 Rural	2017 State	Rural % Change 2013 to 2017	State % Change 2013 to 2017
<b>Exit to Permanent Arrangements</b>	<b>25.4%</b>	<b>28.9%</b>	<b>15.0%</b>	<b>19.4%</b>	<b>16.7%</b>	<b>23.0%</b>	<b>17.9%</b>	<b>32.1%</b>	<b>18.2%</b>	<b>22.7%</b>	<b>-28.5%</b>	<b>-21.4%</b>
Reunification	6.8%	22.8%	10.0%	14.5%	16.7%	17.6%	10.7%	27.0%	9.1%	17.3%	34.1%	-24.1%
(number of months until reunification)	16.5	27.8	33.4	36.2	46.8	27.5	50.0	30.4	17.3	11.8	4.9%	-57.4%
Adoption	0.0%	0.5%	0.0%	0.3%	0.0%	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-	-100.0%
(number of months until adoption)	0.0	41.1	0.0	149.3	0.0	31.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-	-100.0%
Guardianship	16.9%	3.4%	5.0%	2.5%	0.0%	1.4%	7.1%	4.2%	9.1%	4.9%	-46.4%	43.1%
(number of month until guardianship)	23.6	32.0	17.8	27.8	0.0	18.0	129.1	32.0	22.5	23.6	-4.5%	-26.2%
Live with Other Relatives	1.7%	2.2%	0.0%	2.1%	0.0%	3.7%	0.0%	0.9%	0.0%	0.5%	-100.0%	-75.5%
(number of months until living with relatives)	11.3	30.6	0.0	15.9	0.0	37.1	0.0	39.8	0.0	21.4	-100.0%	-30.1%
<b>Exit to Non-Permanent Arrangements</b>	<b>74.6%</b>	<b>70.8%</b>	<b>85.0%</b>	<b>80.4%</b>	<b>83.3%</b>	<b>76.4%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>68.6%</b>	<b>81.8%</b>	<b>76.8%</b>	<b>9.7%</b>	<b>8.5%</b>
Emancipation	71.2%	64.2%	82.5%	73.0%	80.0%	71.7%	100.0%	62.2%	77.3%	66.7%	8.5%	3.9%
(number of months until emancipation)	43.5	33.1	44.3	33.5	40.6	34.3	29.8	30.6	27.2	26.2	-37.5%	-21.0%
Transfer to Another Agency	3.4%	3.6%	2.5%	5.5%	3.3%	2.7%	0.0%	5.0%	0.0%	8.2%	-100.0%	130.9%
(number of months until transfer)	41.6	46.4	20.2	13.0	84.3	40.7	0.0	27.6	0.0	3.7	-100.0%	-92.0%
Runaway	0.0%	3.1%	0.0%	1.9%	0.0%	2.0%	0.0%	1.4%	4.5%	1.9%	-	-38.2%
(number of months until running away)	0.0	26.5	0.0	16.3	0.0	23.4	0.0	14.1	34.3	32.0	-	21.0%
<b>Death of Child</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.3%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.6%</b>	<b>3.6%</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.5%</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>59.0%</b>
(number of months until death of a child)	0.0	92.4	0.0	129.8	0.0	9.0	143.7	143.7	0.0	62.6	-	-32.2%



## 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

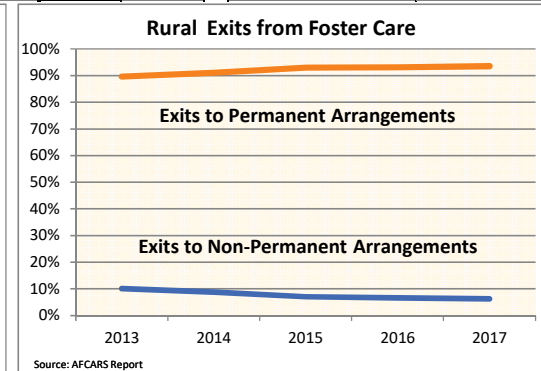
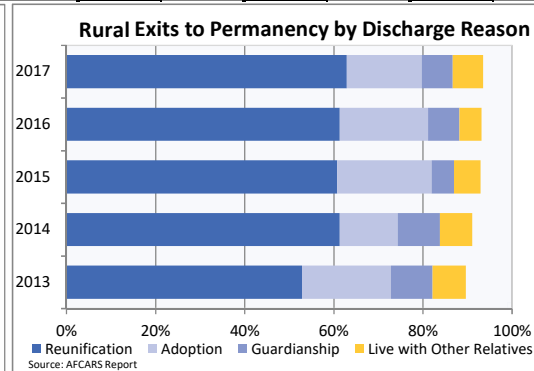
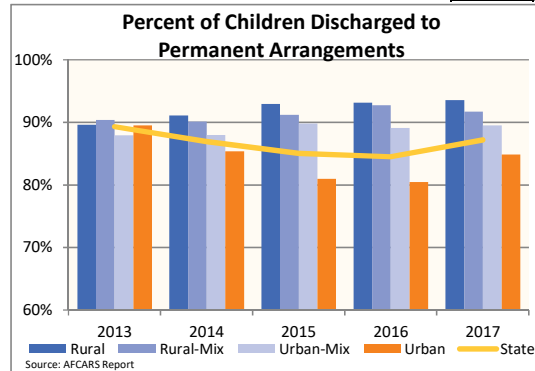
#### Children Exiting Foster Care

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

	2013		2014		2015		2016		2017		Rural % Change 2013 to 2017	State % Change 2013 to 2017
	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State		
Total Children Leaving Foster Care	751	9,123	752	9,769	807	9,471	874	10,635	803	10,276	6.9%	12.6%
Percent of Children Leaving Foster Care	48.9%	42.6%	47.8%	43.4%	47.6%	41.2%	48.2%	43.3%	44.3%	40.5%	-9.4%	-5.0%
(number of months until leaving)	10.6	11.9	9.1	10.7	11.1	11.4	12.1	11.7	8.2	11.9	-22.7%	0.6%

### By Discharge Reason

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Rural % Change 2013 to 2017	State % Change 2013 to 2017
<b>Exit to Permanent Arrangements</b>	<b>89.6%</b>	<b>89.3%</b>	<b>91.1%</b>	<b>86.9%</b>	<b>92.9%</b>	<b>85.0%</b>	<b>93.1%</b>	<b>84.5%</b>	<b>93.5%</b>	<b>87.2%</b>	<b>4.4%</b>	<b>-2.4%</b>
Reunification	52.9%	57.3%	61.3%	57.2%	60.7%	54.5%	61.3%	54.5%	62.9%	55.1%	19.0%	-3.7%
Adoption	20.0%	20.2%	13.0%	18.6%	21.2%	18.7%	19.8%	18.7%	16.8%	20.2%	-15.8%	0.0%
Guardianship	9.3%	6.4%	9.4%	6.1%	5.1%	6.5%	7.1%	6.6%	7.0%	6.7%	-25.2%	5.1%
Live with Other Relatives	7.5%	5.5%	7.3%	5.0%	5.9%	5.4%	4.9%	4.7%	6.8%	5.1%	-8.1%	-5.9%
(number of months until reunification)	4.8	6.0	5.6	5.5	7.0	5.7	5.6	6.7	4.8	6.6	-0.9%	10.4%
(number of months until adoption)	28.2	26.7	27.3	27.4	26.3	28.3	29.6	28.7	21.1	29.2	-25.0%	9.4%
(number of month until guardianship)	18.7	21.2	21.4	20.8	18.4	21.1	18.9	19.4	12.9	20.1	-31.0%	-5.1%
(number of months until living with relatives)	4.7	2.6	10.7	1.0	8.6	3.0	4.4	2.2	3.6	2.2	-23.3%	-17.0%
<b>Exit to Non-Permanent Arrangements</b>	<b>10.1%</b>	<b>10.5%</b>	<b>8.8%</b>	<b>13.0%</b>	<b>7.1%</b>	<b>14.8%</b>	<b>6.6%</b>	<b>15.4%</b>	<b>6.2%</b>	<b>12.7%</b>	<b>-38.5%</b>	<b>21.0%</b>
Emancipation	7.7%	8.1%	7.3%	7.7%	6.2%	7.8%	6.1%	6.8%	5.4%	7.9%	-30.7%	-2.3%
Transfer to Another Agency	2.1%	2.0%	1.2%	4.3%	0.7%	5.8%	0.6%	7.9%	0.6%	4.3%	-70.8%	121.9%
Runaway	0.3%	0.5%	0.3%	1.1%	0.1%	1.3%	0.0%	0.7%	0.2%	0.5%	-6.5%	1.5%
Death of Child	0.3%	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%	0.2%	0.1%	0.2%	0.1%	-6.5%	-35.9%
(number of months until emancipation)	36.2	31.4	31.4	29.6	21.6	28.1	24.9	23.4	20.8	22.0	-42.5%	-29.9%
(number of months until transfer)	10.4	6.0	10.3	5.0	26.3	6.7	17.7	7.6	2.9	6.9	-71.8%	14.8%
(number of months until running away)	41.6	14.9	25.2	13.2	25.7	15.5	0.0	11.2	24.4	19.4	-41.2%	30.5%
(number of months until death of a child)	5.1	11.9	13.7	30.9	0.0	4.9	76.1	13.2	6.5	18.8	26.2%	58.3%





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## 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)

	2013		2014		2015		2016		2017		Rural % Change 2013 to 2017	State % Change 2013 to 2017
	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State		
	774	13,697	840	14,162	849	14,859	918	15,382	1,097	16,381	41.7%	19.6%
	12.6	13.1	12.4	12.6	10.6	12.5	9.7	13.2	9.9	13.4	-21.8%	2.3%

### By Age

Age Group	2013 Rural	2013 State	2014 Rural	2014 State	2015 Rural	2015 State	2016 Rural	2016 State	2017 Rural	2017 State	Rural % Change	State % Change
0-2	20.0%	19.9%	22.5%	20.0%	24.3%	21.0%	21.7%	21.3%	21.7%	21.5%	8.3%	7.7%
3-5	13.8%	15.6%	14.9%	16.7%	14.5%	16.7%	16.4%	17.0%	15.6%	17.5%	12.8%	12.1%
6-8	10.2%	11.6%	12.6%	12.4%	11.8%	12.9%	12.4%	13.2%	13.7%	13.7%	34.0%	18.3%
9-11	9.7%	9.1%	9.6%	9.6%	9.5%	10.7%	12.0%	11.6%	12.4%	11.8%	27.9%	29.2%
12-14	15.6%	11.7%	12.3%	11.5%	13.2%	11.7%	11.7%	12.0%	13.9%	12.1%	-11.4%	3.1%
15-17	23.6%	22.6%	24.3%	21.1%	22.9%	20.2%	23.4%	19.6%	19.1%	18.2%	-19.0%	-19.3%
18-20	7.0%	9.5%	3.8%	8.4%	3.9%	6.8%	2.4%	5.3%	3.6%	5.3%	-47.7%	-44.3%
Infants (age 0-1)	14.3%	12.7%	15.5%	13.2%	16.8%	13.9%	15.3%	13.8%	13.9%	13.8%	-2.7%	9.0%
Youth (age 13+)	41.7%	40.7%	37.0%	37.8%	36.4%	35.2%	33.9%	33.5%	32.0%	31.9%	-23.3%	-21.6%

### By Race and Ethnicity

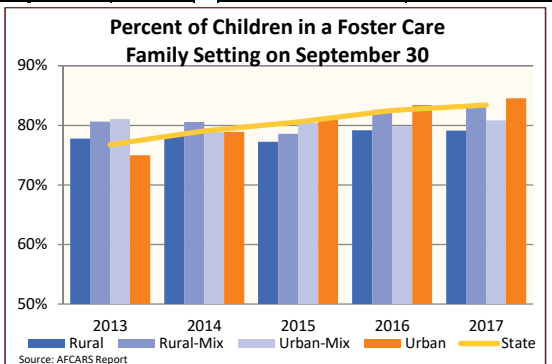
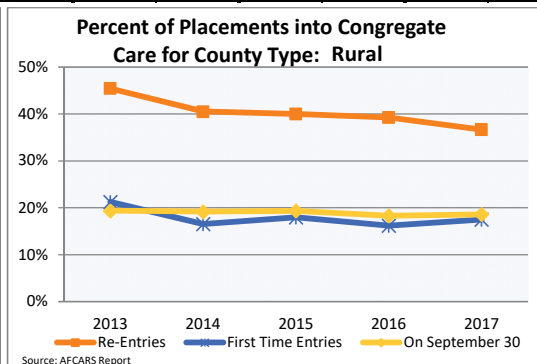
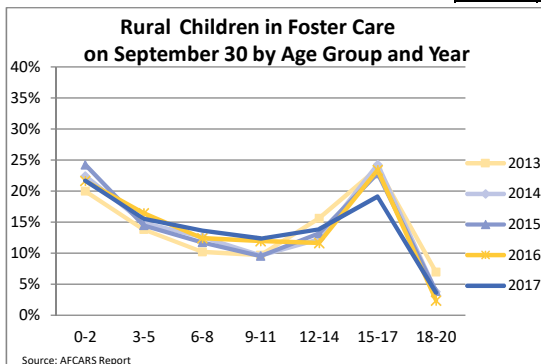
Race/Ethnicity	2013 Rural	2013 State	2014 Rural	2014 State	2015 Rural	2015 State	2016 Rural	2016 State	2017 Rural	2017 State	Rural % Change	State % Change
Non-Hispanic White	90.1%	38.7%	89.2%	40.1%	86.3%	37.9%	86.5%	41.0%	87.0%	42.1%	-3.4%	8.8%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	3.5%	37.1%	2.7%	38.3%	4.0%	36.9%	3.3%	37.0%	3.2%	35.8%	-8.5%	-3.3%
Non-Hispanic Other Race	0.4%	7.8%	0.6%	3.9%	1.2%	6.0%	1.1%	2.9%	1.4%	2.7%	252.8%	-64.9%
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	3.5%	3.7%	5.1%	4.7%	5.5%	4.9%	5.0%	5.5%	4.3%	6.1%	22.8%	65.1%
Hispanic or Latino	2.6%	12.7%	2.4%	13.0%	2.9%	14.3%	4.1%	13.6%	4.2%	13.2%	62.3%	3.5%

### By Gender

Gender	2013 Rural	2013 State	2014 Rural	2014 State	2015 Rural	2015 State	2016 Rural	2016 State	2017 Rural	2017 State	Rural % Change	State % Change
Male	52.7%	50.7%	53.7%	50.9%	54.1%	51.3%	54.8%	51.2%	52.8%	51.2%	0.1%	0.9%
Female	47.3%	49.3%	46.3%	49.1%	45.9%	48.7%	45.2%	48.8%	47.2%	48.8%	-0.1%	-0.9%

### By Latest Placement Setting

Placement Setting	2013 Rural	2013 State	2014 Rural	2014 State	2015 Rural	2015 State	2016 Rural	2016 State	2017 Rural	2017 State	Rural % Change	State % Change
<b>Family Setting</b>	<b>77.8%</b>	<b>76.8%</b>	<b>78.2%</b>	<b>79.0%</b>	<b>77.3%</b>	<b>80.6%</b>	<b>79.2%</b>	<b>82.5%</b>	<b>79.1%</b>	<b>83.4%</b>	<b>1.7%</b>	<b>8.7%</b>
Pre-adoptive Home	1.9%	3.2%	3.7%	3.9%	2.7%	3.2%	1.4%	5.3%	1.5%	4.1%	-24.7%	26.3%
Foster Family Home – Relative	22.5%	25.7%	25.8%	30.0%	25.4%	32.8%	28.5%	35.1%	30.6%	37.9%	36.2%	47.6%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	53.4%	47.9%	48.7%	45.1%	49.1%	44.5%	49.2%	42.1%	47.0%	41.4%	-11.8%	-13.4%
<b>Congregate Care Setting</b>	<b>19.4%</b>	<b>18.7%</b>	<b>19.2%</b>	<b>17.3%</b>	<b>19.3%</b>	<b>16.0%</b>	<b>18.3%</b>	<b>14.7%</b>	<b>18.6%</b>	<b>13.7%</b>	<b>-4.0%</b>	<b>-26.5%</b>
Group Home	12.8%	10.8%	13.8%	10.6%	14.6%	9.0%	14.9%	8.4%	14.2%	8.2%	11.2%	-24.2%
Institution	6.6%	7.8%	5.4%	6.7%	4.7%	7.0%	3.4%	6.3%	4.4%	5.5%	-33.6%	-29.7%
<b>Supervised Independent Living</b>	<b>1.4%</b>	<b>2.1%</b>	<b>0.8%</b>	<b>1.7%</b>	<b>0.9%</b>	<b>1.4%</b>	<b>0.8%</b>	<b>1.3%</b>	<b>0.5%</b>	<b>1.5%</b>	<b>-67.9%</b>	<b>-30.8%</b>
Runaway	0.1%	1.4%	0.0%	1.1%	0.0%	1.1%	0.3%	0.7%	0.0%	0.8%	-100.0%	-43.2%
Trial Home Visit	1.3%	1.0%	1.8%	0.8%	2.5%	1.0%	1.4%	0.7%	1.8%	0.6%	41.1%	-42.4%



## 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.

2013		2014		2015		2016		2017		Rural % Change 2013 to 2017	State % Change 2013 to 2017
Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State		
37.4%	34.1%	33.7%	32.7%	34.0%	32.8%	29.0%	33.6%	30.8%	32.2%	-17.8%	-5.8%

## 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.

2013		2014		2015		2016		2017		Rural % Change 2013 to 2017	State % Change 2013 to 2017
Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State		
52.1%	41.3%	44.2%	39.7%	48.4%	39.0%	52.2%	36.0%	48.3%	39.2%	-7.4%	-5.2%

## 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.

2013		2014		2015		2016		2017		Rural % Change 2013 to 2017	State % Change 2013 to 2017
Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State		
20.3%	26.4%	20.9%	26.9%	15.8%	24.1%	19.5%	24.8%	19.5%	23.0%	-3.7%	-13.2%

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