

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		Urban % Change 2012 to 2016	State % Change 2012 to 2016
	Urban	State	Urban	State	Urban	State	Urban	State	Urban	State		
Child Abuse and Neglect Reports	14,080	26,664	14,114	26,944	15,108	29,273	20,971	40,590	22,768	44,359	61.7%	66.4%
	8.7	9.5	8.7	9.6	9.4	10.5	13.0	14.5	14.1	15.9		

Child Abuse and Neglect Substantiations

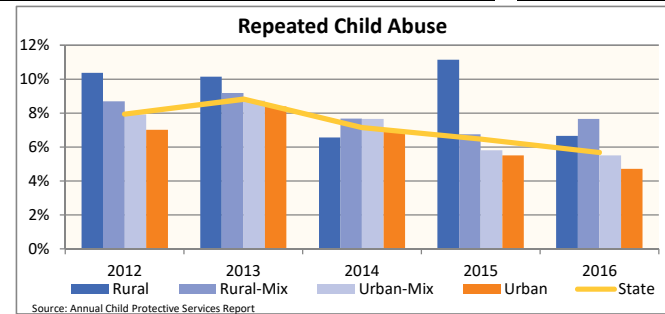
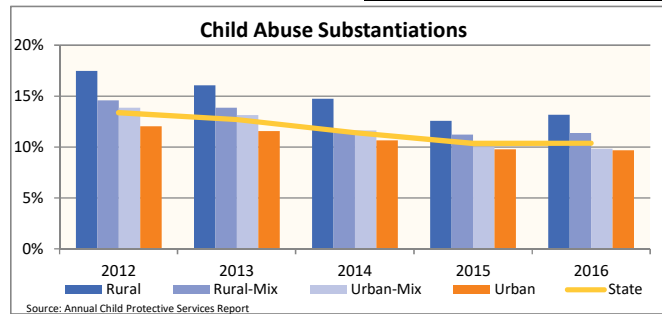
Founded or indicated reports of child abuse and/or neglect.

Indicator	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Urban % Change 2012 to 2016	State % Change 2012 to 2016
Child Abuse and Neglect Substantiations	12.0%	13.4%	11.6%	12.7%	10.6%	-19.7%	-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	Urban % Change 2012 to 2016	State % Change 2012 to 2016
Repeated Child Abuse and Neglect	7.0%	7.9%	8.4%	8.8%	6.9%	-32.7%	-28.5%
	1 in 14	1 in 13	1 in 12	1 in 11	1 in 14		



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		Urban % Change 2012 to 2016	State % Change 2012 to 2016
	Urban	State	Urban	State	Urban	State	Urban	State	Urban	State		
GPS Reports	-	-	-	-	-	-	14,913	131,953	63,101	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	Urban % Change 2012 to 2016	State % Change 2012 to 2016			
Valid GPS Reports	-	-	-	-	17.8%	18.4%	18.9%	20.9%	-	-
Children with Valid Allegations	-	-	-	-	14,913	32,364	19,147	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
	Urban	State	Urban	State	Urban	State	Urban	State	Urban	State		
Unduplicated Number of Children Served	84,755	172,807	77,509	167,582	88,106	181,371	90,893	190,413	81,260	186,855	-4.1%	8.1%

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Urban

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		Urban % Change 2013 to 2017	State % Change 2013 to 2017
	Urban	State	Urban	State	Urban	State	Urban	State	Urban	State		
	13,441	21,416	14,249	22,510	14,577	22,980	15,584	24,543	15,999	25,381	19.0%	18.5%
	6.9	6.4	7.4	6.7	7.5	6.8	8.0	7.3	8.3	7.5		

By Age

Age Group	2013 Urban	2013 State	2014 Urban	2014 State	2015 Urban	2015 State	2016 Urban	2016 State	2017 Urban	2017 State	Urban % Change	State % Change
0-2	18.6%	19.2%	18.7%	19.4%	19.1%	19.9%	18.8%	20.2%	19.1%	20.3%	2.4%	5.6%
3-5	15.4%	15.9%	16.9%	16.8%	17.2%	17.1%	17.1%	17.0%	17.4%	17.4%	12.8%	9.7%
6-8	11.5%	11.5%	12.0%	12.3%	12.9%	12.9%	13.3%	13.0%	13.6%	13.3%	18.8%	15.2%
9-11	9.2%	8.9%	9.6%	9.5%	10.3%	10.0%	11.3%	11.0%	11.7%	11.4%	27.1%	27.9%
12-14	11.4%	11.4%	10.8%	10.9%	11.2%	11.4%	11.2%	11.2%	11.9%	11.6%	5.0%	1.8%
15-17	22.0%	22.3%	20.7%	21.4%	19.9%	20.4%	19.2%	19.6%	18.3%	18.6%	-16.7%	-16.8%
18-20	12.0%	10.7%	11.1%	9.8%	9.3%	8.3%	9.1%	7.9%	8.0%	7.4%	-33.0%	-31.1%
Infants (age 0-1)	11.3%	11.9%	11.9%	12.5%	12.0%	12.8%	11.5%	12.8%	11.8%	12.7%	4.9%	6.8%
Youth (age 13+)	42.3%	41.5%	39.5%	38.9%	37.1%	36.7%	36.2%	35.5%	34.6%	34.0%	-18.2%	-18.0%

By Race and Ethnicity

Race/Ethnicity	2013 Urban	2013 State	2014 Urban	2014 State	2015 Urban	2015 State	2016 Urban	2016 State	2017 Urban	2017 State	Urban % Change	State % Change
Non-Hispanic White	25.7%	41.8%	26.8%	42.3%	25.5%	40.9%	27.1%	42.5%	28.0%	42.9%	9.0%	2.6%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	47.9%	34.8%	48.7%	35.2%	47.6%	34.6%	49.8%	35.3%	49.2%	34.9%	2.7%	0.1%
Non-Hispanic Other Race	10.1%	7.0%	5.9%	4.4%	8.0%	5.9%	4.2%	3.3%	3.5%	2.9%	-65.9%	-59.3%
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	3.2%	3.9%	4.7%	4.9%	4.3%	5.3%	4.3%	5.4%	5.5%	6.2%	68.2%	61.1%
Hispanic or Latino	13.0%	12.5%	13.8%	13.1%	14.7%	13.4%	14.6%	13.4%	13.9%	13.2%	6.6%	5.6%

By Gender

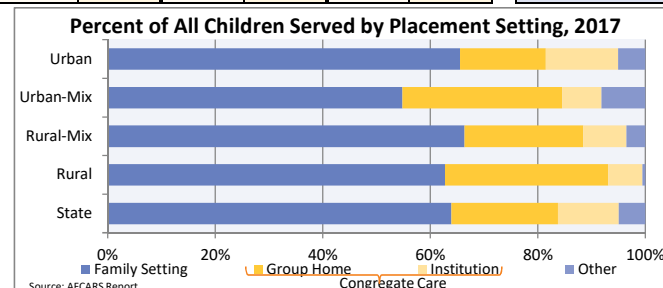
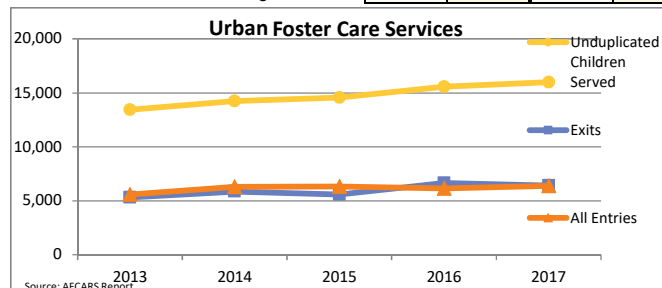
Gender	2013 Urban	2013 State	2014 Urban	2014 State	2015 Urban	2015 State	2016 Urban	2016 State	2017 Urban	2017 State	Urban % Change	State % Change
Male	50.1%	50.8%	50.2%	50.8%	50.4%	51.0%	50.3%	51.2%	50.1%	51.0%	-0.2%	0.4%
Female	49.9%	49.2%	49.8%	49.2%	49.6%	49.0%	49.7%	48.8%	49.9%	49.0%	0.2%	-0.5%

By First Placement Setting

Placement Setting	2013 Urban	2013 State	2014 Urban	2014 State	2015 Urban	2015 State	2016 Urban	2016 State	2017 Urban	2017 State	Urban % Change	State % Change
Family Setting	72.9%	73.4%	76.1%	75.8%	78.1%	77.1%	79.9%	79.0%	81.7%	80.5%	12.0%	9.6%
Pre-adoptive Home	3.9%	3.4%	4.1%	3.5%	3.6%	3.1%	6.0%	4.5%	5.5%	4.0%	41.2%	17.2%
Foster Family Home – Relative	26.5%	24.8%	32.9%	29.6%	35.8%	31.5%	37.7%	34.1%	40.0%	36.4%	50.8%	46.7%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	42.5%	45.2%	39.1%	42.7%	38.7%	42.5%	36.2%	40.5%	36.2%	40.1%	-14.9%	-11.3%
Congregate Care Setting	20.2%	19.6%	18.2%	18.3%	16.4%	17.1%	15.2%	15.8%	14.0%	14.9%	-30.9%	-23.9%
Group Home	11.4%	12.1%	10.5%	11.6%	9.1%	10.5%	7.5%	9.1%	7.2%	8.8%	-37.0%	-27.1%
Institution	8.8%	7.5%	7.7%	6.8%	7.4%	6.6%	7.7%	6.8%	6.8%	6.1%	-23.0%	-18.8%
Supervised Independent Living	2.6%	2.0%	2.4%	1.9%	2.0%	1.7%	1.9%	1.6%	1.7%	1.5%	-32.6%	-24.5%
Runaway	2.4%	1.8%	1.4%	1.2%	1.7%	1.3%	1.9%	1.4%	1.9%	1.4%	-18.5%	-25.0%
Trial Home Visit	1.9%	3.2%	1.9%	2.8%	1.9%	2.9%	1.1%	2.2%	0.7%	1.7%	-65.7%	-45.2%

Children Entering Foster Care

All Entries into Foster Care During the Year	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Urban % Change	State % Change					
	5,577	9,306	6,295	10,364	6,327	10,387	6,153	10,567	6,387	10,781	14.5%	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		Urban % Change 2013 to 2017	State % Change 2013 to 2017
	Urban	State	Urban	State	Urban	State	Urban	State	Urban	State		
First Time Entries During the Year (Rate per 1,000 children age 0-20)	3,887	6,698	4,465	7,592	4,638	7,843	4,556	8,082	4,874	8,438	25.4%	26.0%
First Time Entries as Percent of All Entries	69.7%	72.0%	70.9%	73.3%	73.3%	75.5%	74.0%	76.5%	76.3%	78.3%	9.5%	8.7%

By Age

Age Group	2013 Urban	2013 State	2014 Urban	2014 State	2015 Urban	2015 State	2016 Urban	2016 State	2017 Urban	2017 State	Urban % Change 2013 to 2017	State % Change 2013 to 2017
0-2	33.3%	32.8%	33.6%	32.7%	33.2%	32.7%	32.5%	33.3%	33.4%	33.2%	0.3%	1.3%
3-5	14.8%	14.6%	15.9%	15.7%	14.3%	14.6%	14.6%	14.7%	14.6%	15.3%	-1.3%	4.5%
6-8	10.1%	10.0%	11.6%	11.5%	12.0%	11.9%	12.8%	12.5%	12.1%	11.9%	19.9%	18.5%
9-11	8.5%	8.2%	9.4%	9.2%	10.2%	9.8%	10.1%	9.6%	10.0%	10.1%	17.6%	22.1%
12-14	12.9%	13.5%	12.3%	12.7%	12.7%	13.4%	12.7%	12.6%	13.4%	13.1%	4.3%	-2.5%
15-17	20.3%	20.8%	17.0%	18.0%	17.4%	17.4%	17.1%	17.2%	16.3%	16.3%	-19.7%	-21.6%
18-20	0.1%	0.1%	0.2%	0.1%	0.2%	0.1%	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	19.6%	90.5%
Infants (age 0-1)	27.1%	26.4%	27.1%	26.3%	26.5%	26.2%	25.5%	26.3%	26.9%	26.5%	-0.6%	0.7%
Youth (age 13+)	30.2%	31.4%	26.2%	27.6%	26.8%	27.5%	26.4%	26.6%	26.1%	26.0%	-13.3%	-17.4%

By Race and Ethnicity

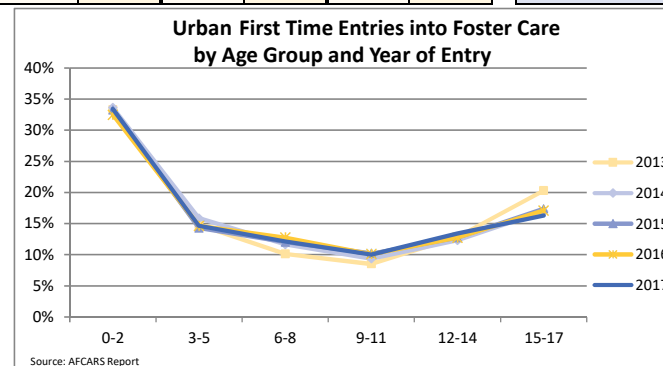
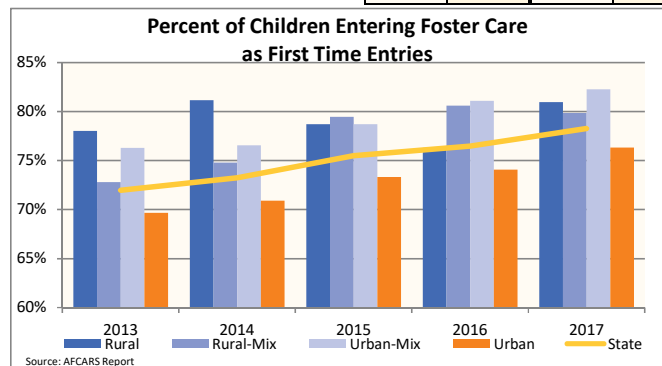
Race/Ethnicity	2013 Urban	2013 State	2014 Urban	2014 State	2015 Urban	2015 State	2016 Urban	2016 State	2017 Urban	2017 State	Urban % Change 2013 to 2017	State % Change 2013 to 2017
Non-Hispanic White	28.2%	45.7%	29.9%	46.9%	25.6%	42.7%	32.0%	49.4%	32.2%	47.6%	14.1%	4.3%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	42.5%	29.6%	42.5%	29.2%	41.5%	29.1%	44.2%	28.6%	43.3%	29.7%	1.8%	0.3%
Non-Hispanic Other Races	11.9%	7.9%	7.1%	5.1%	12.8%	8.7%	5.5%	4.1%	4.3%	3.4%	-63.5%	-56.9%
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	3.1%	3.9%	4.9%	4.9%	3.8%	5.6%	4.2%	5.4%	5.8%	6.3%	88.7%	62.7%
Hispanic or Latino	14.3%	13.0%	15.7%	13.9%	16.3%	14.0%	14.1%	12.6%	14.4%	13.0%	0.5%	0.0%

By Gender

Gender	2013 Urban	2013 State	2014 Urban	2014 State	2015 Urban	2015 State	2016 Urban	2016 State	2017 Urban	2017 State	Urban % Change 2013 to 2017	State % Change 2013 to 2017
Male	49.5%	50.2%	50.2%	51.0%	49.9%	50.8%	49.3%	50.8%	50.1%	51.0%	1.2%	1.6%
Female	50.5%	49.8%	49.8%	49.0%	50.1%	49.2%	50.7%	49.2%	49.9%	49.0%	-1.2%	-1.6%

By First Placement Setting

Placement Setting	2013 Urban	2013 State	2014 Urban	2014 State	2015 Urban	2015 State	2016 Urban	2016 State	2017 Urban	2017 State	Urban % Change 2013 to 2017	State % Change 2013 to 2017
Family Setting	77.9%	76.7%	82.5%	80.7%	82.1%	80.9%	82.8%	82.3%	83.7%	83.6%	7.5%	9.0%
Pre-adoptive Home	0.1%	0.3%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.1%	0.3%	0.2%	0.3%	0.3%	142.6%	-1.2%
Foster Family Home – Relative	30.7%	27.2%	37.5%	33.1%	38.6%	33.6%	41.8%	37.5%	42.8%	39.1%	39.6%	43.8%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	47.1%	49.3%	44.8%	47.5%	43.4%	47.2%	40.7%	44.6%	40.6%	44.2%	-13.7%	-10.3%
Congregate Care Setting	20.0%	21.0%	15.8%	17.5%	16.0%	17.0%	15.6%	15.9%	14.6%	15.0%	-26.8%	-28.8%
Group Home	13.0%	15.0%	9.6%	12.1%	8.7%	10.7%	8.3%	9.7%	7.7%	9.1%	-40.8%	-39.5%
Institution	7.0%	6.0%	6.2%	5.4%	7.3%	6.3%	7.3%	6.2%	6.9%	5.9%	-1.0%	-2.0%
Supervised Independent Living	0.1%	0.1%	0.2%	0.1%	0.2%	0.2%	0.3%	0.2%	0.4%	0.2%	174.9%	51.1%
Runaway	0.8%	0.6%	0.5%	0.4%	0.7%	0.4%	0.8%	0.6%	0.8%	0.5%	-6.5%	-24.0%
Trial Home Visit	1.2%	1.5%	0.9%	1.2%	0.9%	1.5%	0.5%	1.0%	0.5%	0.8%	-56.1%	-48.8%



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		Urban % Change 2013 to 2017	State % Change 2013 to 2017
	Urban	State	Urban	State	Urban	State	Urban	State	Urban	State		
Children Re-Entering Foster Care	1,690	2,608	1,830	2,772	1,689	2,544	1,597	2,485	1,513	2,343	-10.5%	-10.2%
	30.3%	28.0%	29.1%	26.7%	26.7%	24.5%	26.0%	23.5%	23.7%	21.7%	-21.8%	-22.5%

By Age

Age Group	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Urban % Change 2013 to 2017	State % Change 2013 to 2017
0-2	6.4%	6.6%	7.9%	8.2%	10.7%	76.9%	71.1%
3-5	7.0%	7.8%	8.4%	9.2%	10.2%	48.6%	41.3%
6-8	7.2%	7.4%	8.3%	8.8%	9.0%	62.5%	56.6%
9-11	6.6%	6.3%	6.8%	7.5%	7.7%	64.0%	67.3%
12-14	18.3%	18.4%	17.5%	17.1%	17.1%	0.5%	-6.4%
15-17	47.8%	46.3%	45.1%	43.7%	39.0%	-29.6%	-27.8%
18-20	6.7%	7.1%	6.1%	5.7%	6.4%	-43.2%	-33.6%
Infants (age 0-1)	3.6%	3.8%	5.2%	5.2%	6.5%	81.3%	72.5%
Youth (age 13+)	69.5%	68.6%	65.6%	63.5%	59.6%	-26.1%	-25.5%

By Race and Ethnicity

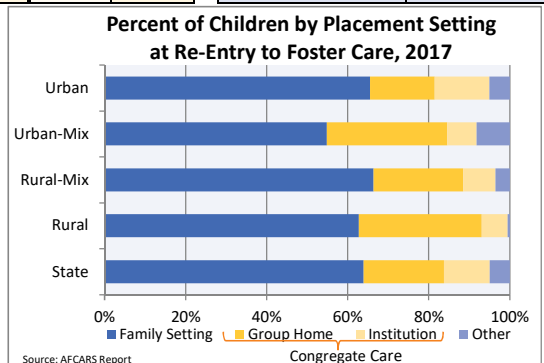
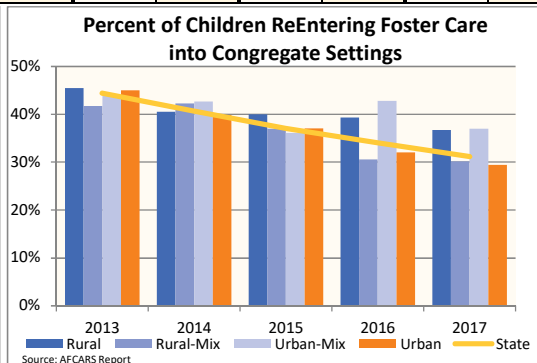
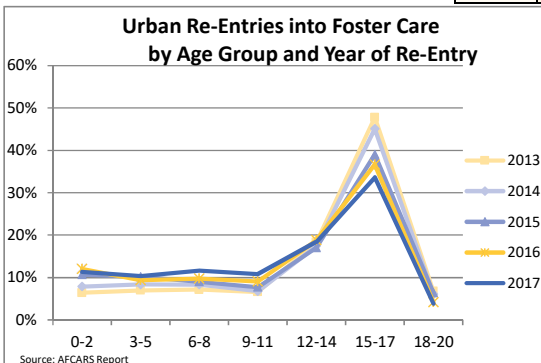
Race/Ethnicity	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Urban % Change 2013 to 2017	State % Change 2013 to 2017
Non-Hispanic White	16.9%	34.3%	19.6%	35.8%	17.8%	44.5%	18.4%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	59.4%	44.2%	58.4%	43.3%	54.0%	-7.0%	-10.8%
Non-Hispanic Other Race	9.3%	6.7%	5.4%	4.1%	10.8%	-78.1%	-73.9%
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	2.7%	3.4%	3.9%	4.5%	4.1%	113.5%	87.2%
Hispanic or Latino	11.7%	11.4%	12.8%	12.2%	13.2%	7.7%	4.2%

By Gender

Gender	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Urban % Change 2013 to 2017	State % Change 2013 to 2017
Male	45.7%	48.1%	49.0%	50.6%	49.3%	2.3%	3.0%
Female	54.3%	51.9%	51.0%	49.4%	50.7%	-1.9%	-2.8%

By Placement Setting at Re-Entry

Placement Setting	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Urban % Change 2013 to 2017	State % Change 2013 to 2017
Family Setting	46.9%	48.5%	53.1%	53.7%	57.3%	39.7%	31.9%
Pre-adoptive Home	0.3%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.9%	215.5%	161.2%
Foster Family Home – Relative	17.9%	14.9%	22.6%	20.2%	28.7%	93.4%	106.0%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	28.7%	33.3%	30.3%	33.3%	27.7%	4.3%	-2.2%
Congregate Care Setting	45.0%	44.4%	39.9%	40.6%	37.0%	-34.6%	-29.8%
Group Home	23.9%	26.7%	20.8%	24.8%	19.2%	-33.3%	-25.6%
Institution	21.1%	17.7%	19.1%	15.9%	17.8%	-36.1%	-36.1%
Supervised Independent Living	1.5%	1.6%	2.1%	1.6%	2.0%	-22.0%	6.7%
Runaway	6.2%	4.3%	4.7%	3.3%	2.4%	-43.7%	-42.5%
Trial Home Visit	0.4%	1.2%	0.2%	0.8%	0.3%	-3.4%	-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

Goal	2013 Urban	2013 State	2014 Urban	2014 State	2015 Urban	2015 State	2016 Urban	2016 State	2017 Urban	2017 State
Reunify With Parent(s) or Principal Caretaker(s)	93.8%	92.8%	94.1%	93.6%	95.6%	95.2%	94.6%	95.0%	92.5%	94.0%
Adoption	73.5%	70.5%	75.3%	72.6%	74.8%	73.1%	69.1%	69.8%	64.4%	66.7%
Guardianship	15.4%	16.7%	14.8%	16.1%	16.5%	17.4%	19.9%	19.5%	22.1%	21.2%
Live with Relative(s)	3.1%	3.6%	2.4%	3.1%	2.8%	3.0%	4.4%	4.3%	5.0%	4.8%
Another Planned Permanent Living Arrangement (APPLA)	1.8%	2.1%	1.7%	1.8%	1.6%	1.7%	1.3%	1.5%	1.0%	1.3%

Another Planned Permanent Living Arrangement (APPLA)

Goal	2013 Urban	2013 State	2014 Urban	2014 State	2015 Urban	2015 State	2016 Urban	2016 State	2017 Urban	2017 State
Long Term Foster Care	6.2%	7.2%	5.9%	6.4%	4.4%	4.8%	5.4%	5.0%	7.5%	6.0%
Emancipation	0.8%	2.1%	1.0%	1.8%	0.5%	1.2%	0.4%	1.0%	0.3%	0.7%
Emancipation	5.4%	5.1%	4.9%	4.6%	3.9%	3.6%	5.0%	4.0%	7.2%	5.3%

Urban % Change 2013 to 2017	State % Change 2013 to 2017
-1.4%	1.3%
-12.4%	-5.3%
43.4%	27.2%
60.3%	31.5%
-44.8%	-36.8%
21.6%	-16.3%
-61.8%	-63.6%
34.4%	2.7%

APPLA By Age as % of Age Group Served

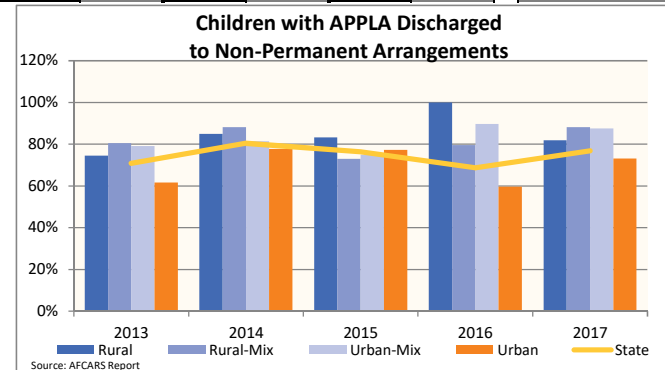
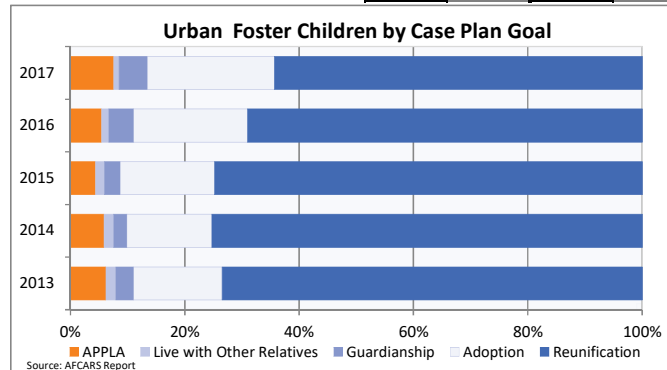
Age Group	2013 Urban	2013 State	2014 Urban	2014 State	2015 Urban	2015 State	2016 Urban	2016 State	2017 Urban	2017 State
0-15	1.7%	1.1%	0.8%	0.8%	0.7%	0.4%	0.3%	0.2%	1.6%	1.0%
16-20	27.2%	23.6%	20.1%	23.1%	20.5%	19.4%	17.1%	21.6%	29.6%	25.1%

Urban % Change 2013 to 2017	State % Change 2013 to 2017
-4.7%	-4.7%
8.8%	6.2%

APPLA By Discharge Reason

Discharge Reason	2013 Urban	2013 State	2014 Urban	2014 State	2015 Urban	2015 State	2016 Urban	2016 State	2017 Urban	2017 State
Exit to Permanent Arrangements	37.6%	28.9%	22.2%	19.4%	22.8%	23.0%	40.4%	32.1%	26.5%	22.7%
Reunification	33.2%	22.8%	17.1%	14.5%	16.6%	17.6%	34.7%	27.0%	20.5%	17.3%
(number of months until reunification)	26.0	27.8	63.7	36.2	23.3	27.5	35.8	30.4	22.4	11.8
Adoption	1.1%	0.5%	0.3%	0.3%	0.4%	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
(number of months until adoption)	44.3	41.1	194.3	149.3	31.2	31.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Guardianship	1.5%	3.4%	2.3%	2.5%	1.2%	1.4%	5.0%	4.2%	5.9%	4.9%
(number of month until guardianship)	37.8	32.0	35.1	27.8	34.9	18.0	41.4	32.0	18.6	23.6
Live with Other Relatives	1.8%	2.2%	2.6%	2.1%	4.6%	3.7%	0.7%	0.9%	0.2%	0.5%
(number of months until living with relatives)	61.4	30.6	20.8	15.9	47.0	37.1	37.8	39.8	17.3	21.4
Exit to Non-Permanent Arrangements	61.6%	70.8%	77.8%	80.4%	77.2%	76.4%	59.6%	68.6%	73.1%	76.8%
Emancipation	55.4%	64.2%	69.2%	73.0%	69.9%	71.7%	52.3%	62.2%	60.1%	66.7%
(number of months until emancipation)	36.6	33.1	40.7	33.5	32.4	34.3	37.8	30.6	29.7	26.2
Transfer to Another Agency	3.3%	3.6%	7.1%	5.5%	3.9%	2.7%	5.7%	5.0%	10.8%	8.2%
(number of months until transfer)	83.8	46.4	61.1	13.0	71.2	40.7	57.5	27.6	5.5	3.7
Runaway	3.0%	3.1%	1.4%	1.9%	3.5%	2.0%	1.6%	1.4%	2.2%	1.9%
(number of months until running away)	16.7	26.5	39.7	16.3	28.8	23.4	6.5	14.1	32.3	32.0
Death of Child	0.7%	0.3%	0.0%	0.2%	0.0%	0.6%	0.0%	0.2%	0.4%	0.5%
(number of months until death of a child)	92.4	92.4	0.0	129.8	0.0	9.0	0.0	143.7	47.1	62.6

Urban % Change 2013 to 2017	State % Change 2013 to 2017
-29.6%	-21.4%
-38.3%	-24.1%
-13.9%	-57.4%
-100.0%	-100.0%
-100.0%	-100.0%
296.3%	43.1%
-50.8%	-26.2%
-90.1%	-75.5%
-71.8%	-30.1%
18.7%	8.5%
8.7%	3.9%
-18.7%	-21.0%
224.8%	130.9%
-93.5%	-92.0%
-25.7%	-38.2%
93.1%	21.0%
-50.5%	59.0%
-49.0%	-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

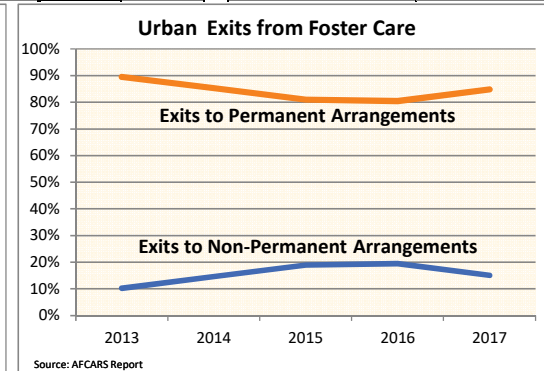
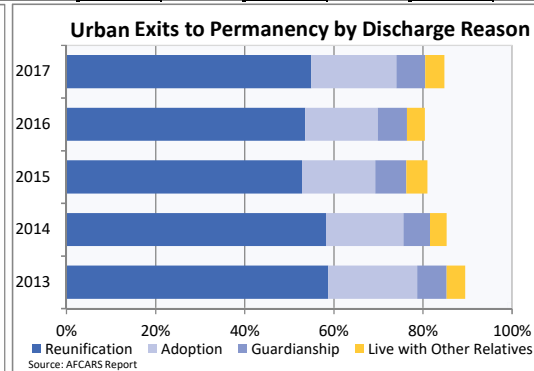
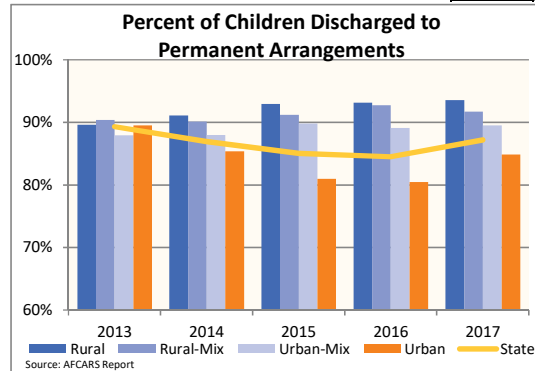
Children Exiting Foster Care

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

	2013		2014		2015		2016		2017		Urban % Change 2013 to 2017	State % Change 2013 to 2017
	Urban	State	Urban	State	Urban	State	Urban	State	Urban	State		
Total Children Leaving Foster Care	5,302	9,123	5,863	9,769	5,592	9,471	6,649	10,635	6,412	10,276	20.9%	12.6%
Percent of Children Leaving Foster Care (number of months until leaving)	37.2%	42.6%	40.2%	43.4%	35.9%	41.2%	41.6%	43.3%	40.1%	40.5%	7.7%	-5.0%
	14.2	11.9	12.9	10.7	13.2	11.4	12.8	11.7	11.7	11.9	-17.7%	0.6%

By Discharge Reason

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Urban % Change 2013 to 2017	State % Change 2013 to 2017
Exit to Permanent Arrangements	89.5%	89.3%	85.3%	86.9%	81.0%	85.0%	80.4%	84.5%	84.8%	87.2%	-5.2%	-2.4%
Reunification	58.7%	57.3%	58.2%	57.2%	52.8%	54.5%	53.5%	54.5%	55.0%	55.1%	-6.4%	-3.7%
Adoption	20.0%	20.2%	17.4%	18.6%	16.5%	18.7%	16.4%	18.7%	19.1%	20.2%	-4.3%	0.0%
Guardianship	6.6%	6.4%	5.9%	6.1%	6.9%	6.5%	6.5%	6.6%	6.4%	6.7%	-3.0%	5.1%
Live with Other Relatives	4.1%	5.5%	3.8%	5.0%	4.7%	5.4%	4.0%	4.7%	4.4%	5.1%	4.9%	-5.9%
(number of months until reunification)	6.0	6.0	5.7	5.5	7.4	5.7	6.4	6.7	6.3	6.6	4.9%	10.4%
(number of months until adoption)	30.8	26.7	33.3	27.4	31.6	28.3	31.2	28.7	30.2	29.2	-2.0%	9.4%
(number of month until guardianship)	29.7	21.2	25.7	20.8	27.2	21.1	24.3	19.4	23.7	20.1	-20.2%	-5.1%
(number of months until living with relatives)	4.3	2.6	8.3	1.0	9.6	3.0	6.7	2.2	5.4	2.2	24.5%	-17.0%
Exit to Non-Permanent Arrangements	10.3%	10.5%	14.6%	13.0%	18.9%	14.8%	19.4%	15.4%	15.1%	12.7%	46.8%	21.0%
Emancipation	7.7%	8.1%	7.0%	7.7%	7.8%	7.8%	6.6%	6.8%	8.3%	7.9%	7.7%	-2.3%
Transfer to Another Agency	2.2%	2.0%	6.0%	4.3%	9.0%	5.8%	11.8%	7.9%	6.1%	4.3%	176.1%	121.9%
Runaway	0.4%	0.5%	1.6%	1.1%	2.1%	1.3%	1.0%	0.7%	0.7%	0.5%	77.8%	1.5%
Death of Child	0.3%	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	-64.6%	-35.9%
(number of months until emancipation)	34.4	31.4	35.2	29.6	28.1	28.1	30.0	23.4	26.7	22.0	-22.3%	-29.9%
(number of months until transfer)	27.1	6.0	22.0	5.0	28.1	6.7	18.3	7.6	12.2	6.9	-54.9%	14.8%
(number of months until running away)	14.7	14.9	35.2	13.2	14.1	15.5	10.0	11.2	15.3	19.4	4.7%	30.5%
(number of months until death of a child)	23.5	11.9	59.1	30.9	10.8	4.9	15.0	13.2	30.0	18.8	27.8%	58.3%



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		Urban % Change 2013 to 2017	State % Change 2013 to 2017
	Urban	State	Urban	State	Urban	State	Urban	State	Urban	State		
Children in Foster Care on Last Day	9,121	13,697	9,409	14,162	9,950	14,859	10,036	15,382	10,525	16,381	15.4%	19.6%
(number of months children have been in care)	13.9	13.1	13.2	12.6	13.7	12.5	13.6	13.2	13.7	13.4	-1.9%	2.3%

By Age

Age Group	2013 Urban	2013 State	2014 Urban	2014 State	2015 Urban	2015 State	2016 Urban	2016 State	2017 Urban	2017 State	Urban % Change	State % Change
0-2	19.0%	19.9%	18.9%	20.0%	20.1%	21.0%	19.9%	21.3%	20.4%	21.5%	7.3%	7.7%
3-5	15.1%	15.6%	16.7%	16.7%	17.0%	16.7%	17.1%	17.0%	17.5%	17.5%	16.4%	12.1%
6-8	11.4%	11.6%	12.4%	12.4%	13.0%	12.9%	13.7%	13.2%	13.7%	13.7%	20.8%	18.3%
9-11	9.2%	9.1%	9.6%	9.6%	10.9%	10.7%	12.1%	11.6%	12.0%	11.8%	29.6%	29.2%
12-14	11.6%	11.7%	11.7%	11.5%	11.3%	11.7%	12.1%	12.0%	12.5%	12.1%	7.8%	3.1%
15-17	22.6%	22.6%	20.6%	21.1%	20.1%	20.2%	19.1%	19.6%	18.1%	18.2%	-20.1%	-19.3%
18-20	11.1%	9.5%	10.2%	8.4%	7.8%	6.8%	5.9%	5.3%	5.8%	5.3%	-47.9%	-44.3%
Infants (age 0-1)	11.8%	12.7%	12.2%	13.2%	13.0%	13.9%	12.3%	13.8%	13.1%	13.8%	11.2%	9.0%
Youth (age 13+)	42.3%	40.7%	38.9%	37.8%	35.7%	35.2%	33.6%	33.5%	32.6%	31.9%	-23.1%	-21.6%

By Race and Ethnicity

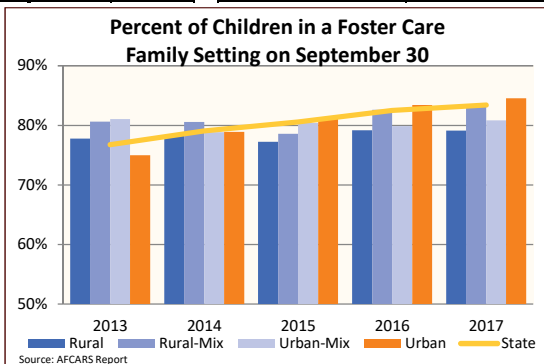
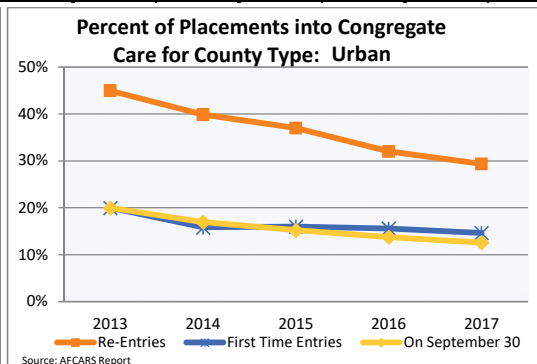
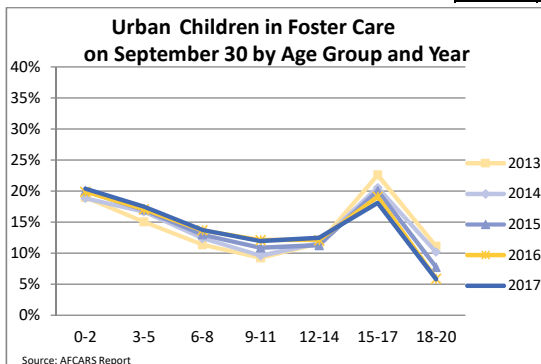
Race/Ethnicity	2013 Urban	2013 State	2014 Urban	2014 State	2015 Urban	2015 State	2016 Urban	2016 State	2017 Urban	2017 State	Urban % Change	State % Change
Non-Hispanic White	24.0%	38.7%	25.5%	40.1%	23.5%	37.9%	26.7%	41.0%	27.5%	42.1%	14.5%	8.8%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	49.2%	37.1%	51.4%	38.3%	49.4%	36.9%	51.3%	37.0%	50.2%	35.8%	2.0%	-3.3%
Non-Hispanic Other Race	10.8%	7.8%	4.9%	3.9%	7.8%	6.0%	3.4%	2.9%	3.2%	2.7%	-70.2%	-64.9%
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	2.9%	3.7%	4.3%	4.7%	3.9%	4.9%	4.5%	5.5%	5.4%	6.1%	85.3%	65.1%
Hispanic or Latino	13.0%	12.7%	13.8%	13.0%	15.4%	14.3%	14.2%	13.6%	13.6%	13.2%	4.6%	3.5%

By Gender

Gender	2013 Urban	2013 State	2014 Urban	2014 State	2015 Urban	2015 State	2016 Urban	2016 State	2017 Urban	2017 State	Urban % Change	State % Change
Male	50.4%	50.7%	50.2%	50.9%	50.6%	51.3%	50.2%	51.2%	50.3%	51.2%	-0.4%	0.9%
Female	49.6%	49.3%	49.8%	49.1%	49.4%	48.7%	49.8%	48.8%	49.7%	48.8%	0.4%	-0.9%

By Latest Placement Setting

Placement Setting	2013 Urban	2013 State	2014 Urban	2014 State	2015 Urban	2015 State	2016 Urban	2016 State	2017 Urban	2017 State	Urban % Change	State % Change
Family Setting	75.0%	76.8%	78.9%	79.0%	81.2%	80.6%	83.5%	82.5%	84.6%	83.4%	12.8%	8.7%
Pre-adoptive Home	4.2%	3.2%	4.8%	3.9%	4.2%	3.2%	7.5%	5.3%	6.0%	4.1%	43.7%	26.3%
Foster Family Home – Relative	26.9%	25.7%	32.7%	30.0%	36.7%	32.8%	38.9%	35.1%	41.6%	37.9%	54.7%	47.6%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	43.9%	47.9%	41.4%	45.1%	40.4%	44.5%	37.1%	42.1%	36.9%	41.4%	-15.8%	-13.4%
Congregate Care Setting	20.0%	18.7%	16.9%	17.3%	15.2%	16.0%	13.8%	14.7%	12.6%	13.7%	-37.0%	-26.5%
Group Home	10.9%	10.8%	9.7%	10.6%	7.6%	9.0%	6.8%	8.4%	6.6%	8.2%	-39.5%	-24.2%
Institution	9.1%	7.8%	7.3%	6.7%	7.6%	7.0%	6.9%	6.3%	6.0%	5.5%	-33.9%	-29.7%
Supervised Independent Living	2.7%	2.1%	2.2%	1.7%	1.5%	1.4%	1.6%	1.3%	1.6%	1.5%	-39.8%	-30.8%
Runaway	1.9%	1.4%	1.5%	1.1%	1.5%	1.1%	1.0%	0.7%	1.2%	0.8%	-39.0%	-43.2%
Trial Home Visit	0.4%	1.0%	0.4%	0.8%	0.5%	1.0%	0.3%	0.7%	0.1%	0.6%	-86.9%	-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		Urban % Change 2013 to 2017	State % Change 2013 to 2017
Urban	State	Urban	State	Urban	State	Urban	State	Urban	State		
32.0%	34.1%	30.8%	32.7%	32.0%	32.8%	35.5%	33.6%	33.5%	32.2%	4.5%	-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		Urban % Change 2013 to 2017	State % Change 2013 to 2017
Urban	State	Urban	State	Urban	State	Urban	State	Urban	State		
38.7%	41.3%	37.8%	39.7%	35.9%	39.0%	32.1%	36.0%	37.7%	39.2%	-2.8%	-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		Urban % Change 2013 to 2017	State % Change 2013 to 2017
Urban	State	Urban	State	Urban	State	Urban	State	Urban	State		
29.8%	26.4%	30.1%	26.9%	26.6%	24.1%	28.5%	24.8%	25.7%	23.0%	-13.8%	-13.2%



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