

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)

County	2012			2013			2014			2015			2016			County % Change 2012 to 2016
	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State		
880	5,824	26,664	959	6,017	26,944	1,054	6,632	29,273	1,275	8,771	40,590	1,450	9,593	44,359	64.8%	
9.0	10.4	9.5	9.8	10.8	9.6	10.7	11.9	10.5	13.0	15.7	14.5	14.8	17.2	15.9		

Child Abuse and Neglect Substantiations

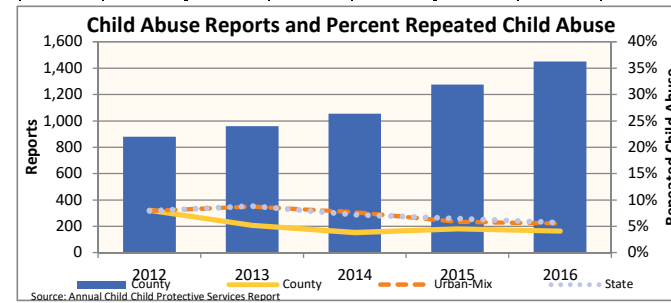
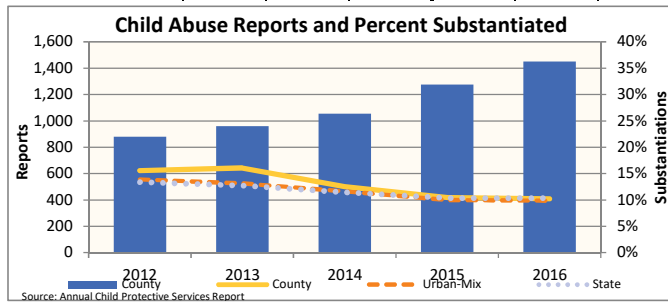
Founded or indicated reports of child abuse and/or neglect.

15.6%	13.9%	13.4%	16.1%	13.1%	12.7%	12.5%	11.6%	11.4%	10.4%	10.0%	10.4%	10.2%	9.8%	10.4%	-34.4%
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Repeated Child Abuse and Neglect

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

8.0%	7.9%	7.9%	5.2%	8.7%	8.8%	3.8%	7.7%	7.2%	4.5%	5.8%	6.5%	4.1%	5.5%	5.7%	-49.5%
1 in 12	1 in 13	1 in 13	1 in 19	1 in 11	1 in 11	1 in 26	1 in 13	1 in 14	1 in 22	1 in 17	1 in 15	1 in 25	1 in 18	1 in 18	



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.

County	2012			2013			2014			2015			2016			County % Change 2012 to 2016
	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State		
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,094	30,179	131,953	5,323	34,422	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.

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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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Unduplicated Number of Children Served

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

County	2013			2014			2015			2016			2017			County % Change 2013 to 2017
	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State		
4,341	35,484	172,807	4,146	37,531	167,582	3,506	35,135	181,371	3,524	38,771	190,413	3,017	38,791	186,855	-30.5%	

State of Child Welfare 2018

Berks (Urban-Mix)

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)

Indicator	2013			2014			2015			2016			2017			County % Change 2013 to 2017
	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	
Unduplicated Number of Children Served	950	3,800	21,416	968	3,983	22,510	991	4,024	22,980	979	4,141	24,543	1,014	4,312	25,381	6.7%
(Rate per 1,000 children age 0-20)	8.0	5.5	6.4	8.2	5.8	6.7	8.4	5.8	6.8	8.3	6.0	7.3	8.6	6.3	7.5	

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	2013 County	2013 Urban-Mix	2013 State	2014 County	2014 Urban-Mix	2014 State	2015 County	2015 Urban-Mix	2015 State	2016 County	2016 Urban-Mix	2016 State	2017 County	2017 Urban-Mix	2017 State	% Change
0-2	24.2%	21.0%	19.2%	26.7%	21.0%	19.4%	26.4%	20.9%	19.9%	27.2%	21.9%	20.2%	25.1%	22.3%	20.3%	3.9%
3-5	16.0%	17.7%	15.9%	14.6%	16.9%	16.8%	16.6%	17.4%	17.1%	18.7%	17.2%	17.0%	19.1%	17.2%	17.4%	19.6%
6-8	12.8%	11.2%	11.5%	12.6%	12.6%	12.3%	13.2%	13.4%	12.9%	13.3%	13.1%	13.0%	14.2%	13.1%	13.3%	10.6%
9-11	8.2%	8.6%	8.9%	9.6%	9.1%	9.5%	9.4%	9.7%	10.0%	10.8%	10.7%	11.0%	12.6%	11.5%	11.4%	53.7%
12-14	9.9%	10.8%	11.4%	9.2%	10.5%	10.9%	8.8%	11.0%	11.4%	8.9%	10.9%	11.2%	9.5%	10.1%	11.6%	-4.3%
15-17	22.0%	21.6%	22.3%	19.7%	21.7%	21.4%	18.8%	20.5%	20.4%	13.7%	18.9%	19.6%	13.3%	18.5%	18.6%	-39.5%
18-20	6.8%	9.1%	10.7%	7.6%	8.2%	9.8%	6.8%	7.0%	8.3%	7.5%	7.9%	7.9%	6.1%	7.3%	7.4%	-10.6%
Infants (age 0-1)	17.5%	13.5%	11.9%	19.4%	13.7%	12.5%	17.9%	13.5%	12.8%	18.7%	14.4%	12.8%	16.4%	14.4%	12.7%	-6.3%
Youth (age 13+)	36.1%	38.8%	41.5%	34.5%	37.5%	38.9%	31.0%	35.2%	36.7%	27.3%	34.1%	35.5%	25.9%	33.0%	34.0%	-28.2%

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

Race/Ethnicity	2013 County	2013 Urban-Mix	2013 State	2014 County	2014 Urban-Mix	2014 State	2015 County	2015 Urban-Mix	2015 State	2016 County	2016 Urban-Mix	2016 State	2017 County	2017 Urban-Mix	2017 State	% Change
Non-Hispanic White	29.7%	56.4%	41.8%	30.6%	57.4%	42.3%	33.1%	56.0%	40.9%	33.9%	57.5%	42.5%	37.6%	57.1%	42.9%	26.6%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	12.5%	15.8%	34.8%	12.1%	14.7%	35.2%	14.6%	15.1%	34.6%	13.1%	12.8%	35.3%	12.0%	12.8%	34.9%	-3.9%
Non-Hispanic Other Race	6.6%	2.6%	7.0%	6.1%	2.5%	4.4%	6.4%	3.0%	5.9%	5.1%	2.8%	3.3%	4.3%	2.4%	2.9%	-34.6%
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	0.0%	6.3%	3.9%	0.0%	6.5%	4.9%	0.0%	7.9%	5.3%	0.0%	8.4%	5.4%	0.0%	8.8%	6.2%	-
Hispanic or Latino	51.2%	18.8%	12.5%	51.2%	18.9%	13.1%	45.9%	18.0%	13.4%	47.9%	18.4%	13.4%	46.1%	18.9%	13.2%	-10.0%

By Gender

Male
Female

Gender	2013 County	2013 Urban-Mix	2013 State	2014 County	2014 Urban-Mix	2014 State	2015 County	2015 Urban-Mix	2015 State	2016 County	2016 Urban-Mix	2016 State	2017 County	2017 Urban-Mix	2017 State	% Change
Male	49.5%	50.7%	50.8%	46.9%	50.4%	50.8%	46.9%	50.8%	51.0%	47.8%	51.6%	51.2%	48.5%	51.7%	51.0%	-1.9%
Female	50.5%	49.3%	49.2%	53.1%	49.6%	49.2%	53.1%	49.2%	49.0%	52.2%	48.4%	48.8%	51.5%	48.3%	49.0%	1.9%

By First Placement Setting

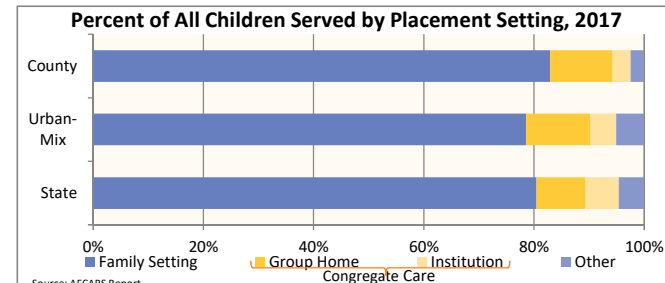
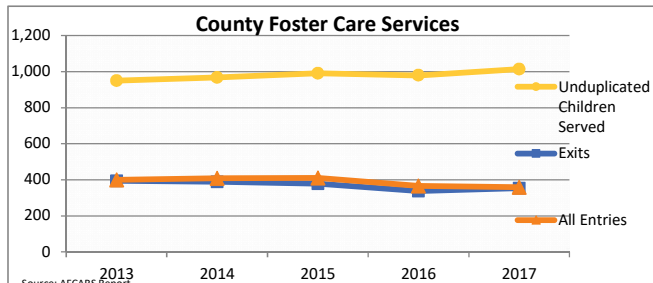
Family Setting
 Pre-adoptive Home
 Foster Family Home – Relative
 Foster Family Home – Non-Relative
Congregate Care Setting
 Group Home
 Institution
Supervised Independent Living
 Runaway
 Trial Home Visit

Placement Setting	2013 County	2013 Urban-Mix	2013 State	2014 County	2014 Urban-Mix	2014 State	2015 County	2015 Urban-Mix	2015 State	2016 County	2016 Urban-Mix	2016 State	2017 County	2017 Urban-Mix	2017 State	% Change
Family Setting	79.9%	76.3%	73.4%	79.1%	76.6%	75.8%	80.7%	77.1%	77.1%	82.9%	78.0%	79.0%	82.9%	78.6%	80.5%	3.8%
Pre-adoptive Home	2.1%	2.0%	3.4%	0.7%	1.8%	3.5%	0.2%	1.8%	3.1%	0.1%	1.1%	4.5%	0.3%	0.8%	4.0%	-85.9%
Foster Family Home – Relative	19.1%	25.2%	24.8%	21.4%	26.6%	29.6%	19.3%	25.0%	31.5%	22.6%	29.4%	34.1%	23.3%	32.7%	36.4%	22.2%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	58.7%	49.1%	45.2%	57.0%	48.3%	42.7%	61.3%	50.3%	42.5%	60.3%	47.5%	40.5%	59.4%	45.1%	40.1%	1.1%
Congregate Care Setting	16.6%	17.2%	19.6%	17.5%	18.4%	18.3%	16.8%	18.5%	17.1%	14.7%	17.0%	15.8%	14.6%	16.3%	14.9%	-12.2%
Group Home	12.7%	12.6%	12.1%	14.4%	13.6%	11.6%	12.4%	13.4%	10.5%	10.0%	11.9%	9.1%	11.3%	11.7%	8.8%	-11.0%
Institution	3.9%	4.6%	7.5%	3.1%	4.8%	6.8%	4.3%	5.1%	6.6%	4.7%	5.1%	6.8%	3.3%	4.6%	6.1%	-16.4%
Supervised Independent Living	0.5%	1.4%	2.0%	0.1%	1.1%	1.9%	0.0%	1.3%	1.7%	0.0%	1.4%	1.6%	0.2%	1.9%	1.5%	-62.5%
Runaway	1.9%	1.1%	1.8%	2.4%	1.0%	1.2%	1.4%	0.8%	1.3%	1.3%	0.7%	1.4%	1.0%	0.4%	1.4%	-48.0%
Trial Home Visit	1.1%	4.0%	3.2%	0.9%	2.8%	2.8%	1.1%	2.3%	2.9%	1.0%	3.0%	2.2%	1.3%	2.8%	1.7%	21.8%

Children Entering Foster Care

All Entries into Foster Care During the Year

Year	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	% Change
2013	400	1,715	9,306	409	1,879	10,364	410	1,858	10,387	366	1,867	10,567	358	1,860	10,781	-10.5%



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			County % Change 2013 to 2017
	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	
First Time Entries During the Year	314	1,308	6,698	330	1,438	7,592	338	1,462	7,843	304	1,514	8,082	319	1,530	8,438	1.6%
(Rate per 1,000 children age 0-20)	2.7	1.9	2.0	2.8	2.1	2.3	2.9	2.1	2.3	2.6	2.2	2.4	2.7	2.2	2.5	
First Time Entries as Percent of All Entries	78.5%	76.3%	72.0%	80.7%	76.5%	73.3%	82.4%	78.7%	75.5%	83.1%	81.1%	76.5%	89.1%	82.3%	78.3%	

By Age

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

Age Group	2013 County	2013 Urban-Mix	2013 State	2014 County	2014 Urban-Mix	2014 State	2015 County	2015 Urban-Mix	2015 State	2016 County	2016 Urban-Mix	2016 State	2017 County	2017 Urban-Mix	2017 State	% Change
0-2	35.0%	33.4%	32.8%	42.1%	32.7%	32.7%	38.2%	31.1%	32.7%	44.1%	35.0%	33.3%	36.1%	34.0%	33.2%	2.9%
3-5	14.0%	15.1%	14.6%	15.2%	15.4%	15.7%	16.3%	15.7%	14.6%	16.1%	14.9%	14.7%	18.5%	16.3%	15.3%	32.0%
6-8	11.5%	10.0%	10.0%	9.7%	10.9%	11.5%	13.6%	13.6%	11.9%	13.8%	11.8%	12.5%	12.5%	12.4%	11.9%	9.4%
9-11	6.7%	7.3%	8.2%	7.0%	7.9%	9.2%	9.8%	9.8%	9.8%	6.6%	8.7%	9.6%	12.2%	10.9%	10.1%	82.8%
12-14	17.2%	14.2%	13.5%	11.5%	13.1%	12.7%	8.9%	13.1%	13.4%	11.2%	13.5%	12.6%	11.0%	10.8%	13.1%	-36.2%
15-17	15.6%	20.0%	20.8%	14.5%	20.0%	18.0%	13.3%	16.6%	17.4%	8.2%	16.1%	17.2%	9.7%	15.6%	16.3%	-37.7%
18-20	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	-
Infants (age 0-1)	29.3%	26.5%	26.4%	34.8%	26.8%	26.3%	31.1%	24.6%	26.2%	36.8%	28.0%	26.3%	30.4%	27.3%	26.5%	3.8%
Youth (age 13+)	29.6%	32.3%	31.4%	23.0%	29.8%	27.6%	19.8%	26.1%	27.5%	17.4%	26.5%	26.6%	15.7%	23.3%	26.0%	-47.1%

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

Race/Ethnicity	2013 County	2013 Urban-Mix	2013 State	2014 County	2014 Urban-Mix	2014 State	2015 County	2015 Urban-Mix	2015 State	2016 County	2016 Urban-Mix	2016 State	2017 County	2017 Urban-Mix	2017 State	% Change
Non-Hispanic White	33.4%	57.7%	45.7%	32.7%	60.8%	46.9%	36.1%	55.7%	42.7%	35.5%	61.7%	49.4%	41.4%	57.7%	47.6%	23.7%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	10.5%	14.1%	29.6%	11.5%	13.2%	29.2%	14.2%	13.6%	29.1%	9.5%	10.2%	28.6%	12.5%	13.1%	29.7%	19.3%
Non-Hispanic Other Race	6.7%	3.2%	7.9%	9.1%	3.4%	5.1%	8.6%	3.9%	8.7%	5.3%	3.2%	4.1%	2.8%	2.1%	3.4%	-57.8%
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	0.0%	6.6%	3.9%	0.0%	5.8%	4.9%	0.0%	9.6%	5.6%	0.0%	8.1%	5.4%	0.0%	8.6%	6.3%	-
Hispanic or Latino	49.4%	18.4%	13.0%	46.7%	16.8%	13.9%	41.1%	17.1%	14.0%	49.7%	16.8%	12.6%	43.3%	18.6%	13.0%	-12.4%

By Gender

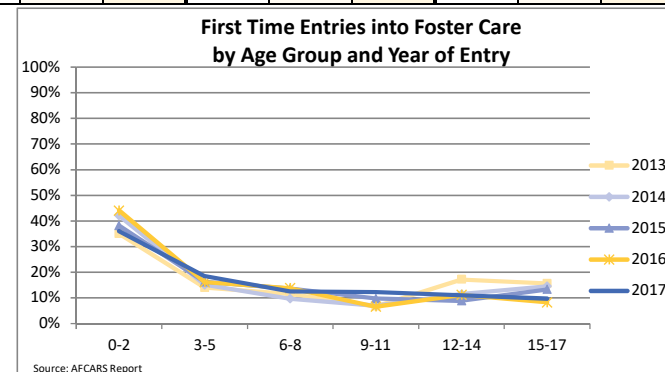
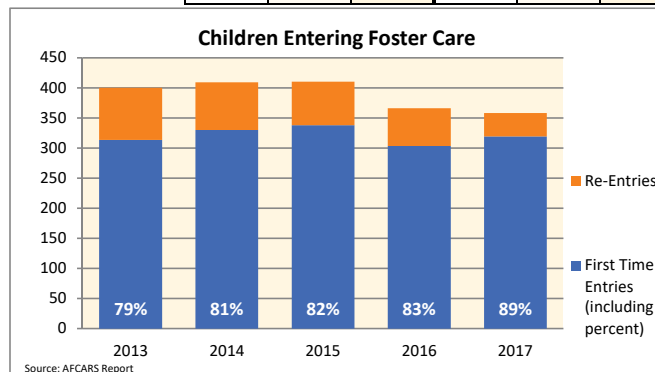
Male
Female

Gender	2013 County	2013 Urban-Mix	2013 State	2014 County	2014 Urban-Mix	2014 State	2015 County	2015 Urban-Mix	2015 State	2016 County	2016 Urban-Mix	2016 State	2017 County	2017 Urban-Mix	2017 State	% Change
Male	49.4%	50.4%	50.2%	47.0%	50.9%	51.0%	49.7%	51.2%	50.8%	48.4%	52.2%	50.8%	48.6%	51.7%	51.0%	-1.6%
Female	50.6%	49.6%	49.8%	53.0%	49.1%	49.0%	50.3%	48.8%	49.2%	51.6%	47.8%	49.2%	51.4%	48.3%	49.0%	1.5%

By First Placement Setting

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

Placement Setting	2013 County	2013 Urban-Mix	2013 State	2014 County	2014 Urban-Mix	2014 State	2015 County	2015 Urban-Mix	2015 State	2016 County	2016 Urban-Mix	2016 State	2017 County	2017 Urban-Mix	2017 State	% Change
Family Setting	76.4%	77.4%	76.7%	82.1%	78.6%	80.7%	86.7%	81.8%	80.9%	87.2%	81.1%	82.3%	86.2%	84.2%	83.6%	12.8%
Pre-adoptive Home	0.0%	0.7%	0.3%	0.0%	0.3%	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%	0.2%	0.0%	0.1%	0.3%	-
Foster Family Home – Relative	17.2%	25.2%	27.2%	29.1%	28.4%	33.1%	18.3%	26.8%	33.6%	20.4%	34.5%	37.5%	22.3%	36.5%	39.1%	29.4%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	59.2%	51.5%	49.3%	53.0%	49.9%	47.5%	68.3%	55.0%	47.2%	66.8%	46.5%	44.6%	63.9%	47.6%	44.2%	8.0%
Congregate Care Setting	23.6%	20.9%	21.0%	16.7%	20.7%	17.5%	13.0%	17.3%	17.0%	12.2%	17.1%	15.9%	12.2%	14.9%	15.0%	-48.1%
Group Home	19.4%	17.1%	15.0%	13.9%	16.6%	12.1%	11.2%	13.3%	10.7%	8.9%	11.9%	9.7%	10.0%	10.7%	9.1%	-48.4%
Institution	4.1%	3.7%	6.0%	2.7%	4.1%	5.4%	1.8%	4.0%	6.3%	3.3%	5.2%	6.2%	2.2%	4.2%	5.9%	-47.0%
Supervised Independent Living	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.0%	0.1%	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	-
Runaway	0.0%	0.1%	0.6%	0.9%	0.2%	0.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.4%	0.3%	0.3%	0.6%	0.3%	0.1%	0.5%	-
Trial Home Visit	0.0%	1.6%	1.5%	0.3%	0.6%	1.2%	0.3%	0.9%	1.5%	0.3%	1.4%	1.0%	1.3%	0.8%	0.8%	-



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

County	2013			2014			2015			2016			2017			County % Change 2013 to 2017
	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State		
	86	407	2,608	79	441	2,772	72	396	2,544	62	353	2,485	39	330	2,343	-54.7%
	21.5%	23.7%	28.0%	19.3%	23.5%	26.7%	17.6%	21.3%	24.5%	16.9%	18.9%	23.5%	10.9%	17.7%	21.7%	-49.3%

By Age

Age Group	2013 County	2013 Urban-Mix	2013 State	2014 County	2014 Urban-Mix	2014 State	2015 County	2015 Urban-Mix	2015 State	2016 County	2016 Urban-Mix	2016 State	2017 County	2017 Urban-Mix	2017 State	% Change
0-2	5.8%	7.4%	6.6%	8.9%	8.4%	8.2%	13.9%	11.9%	10.8%	19.4%	10.5%	11.2%	7.7%	8.2%	11.4%	32.3%
3-5	4.7%	8.1%	7.8%	8.9%	12.0%	9.2%	12.5%	13.9%	11.4%	11.3%	9.6%	9.7%	12.8%	10.0%	11.1%	175.6%
6-8	3.5%	6.1%	7.4%	6.3%	10.0%	8.8%	11.1%	9.1%	9.0%	9.7%	11.0%	10.1%	2.6%	9.4%	11.7%	-26.5%
9-11	3.5%	5.2%	6.3%	8.9%	8.4%	7.5%	6.9%	8.8%	7.9%	12.9%	8.8%	9.6%	7.7%	10.6%	10.6%	120.5%
12-14	22.1%	18.4%	18.4%	17.7%	13.2%	17.1%	8.3%	11.9%	16.5%	16.1%	15.6%	18.5%	20.5%	14.8%	17.2%	-7.2%
15-17	51.2%	44.2%	46.3%	44.3%	42.6%	43.7%	37.5%	36.1%	38.2%	27.4%	38.0%	36.4%	35.9%	36.4%	33.4%	-29.8%
18-20	9.3%	10.6%	7.1%	5.1%	5.4%	5.7%	9.7%	8.3%	6.3%	3.2%	6.5%	4.5%	12.8%	10.6%	4.7%	37.8%
Infants (age 0-1)	3.5%	4.4%	3.8%	8.9%	5.2%	5.2%	6.9%	7.6%	6.5%	12.9%	5.9%	7.4%	0.0%	4.5%	6.6%	-100.0%
Youth (age 13+)	80.2%	70.3%	68.6%	64.6%	59.0%	63.5%	55.6%	53.5%	57.9%	41.9%	57.5%	55.3%	69.2%	59.7%	51.1%	-13.7%

By Race and Ethnicity

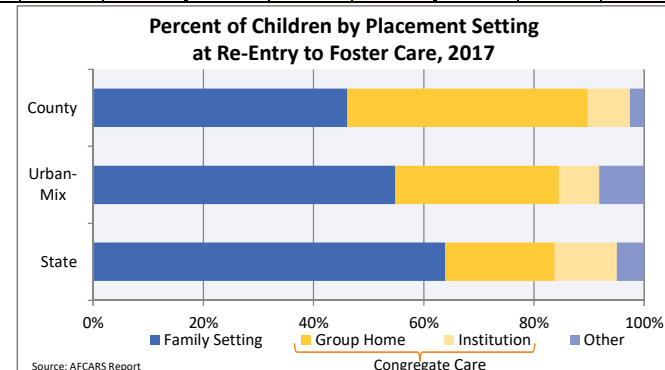
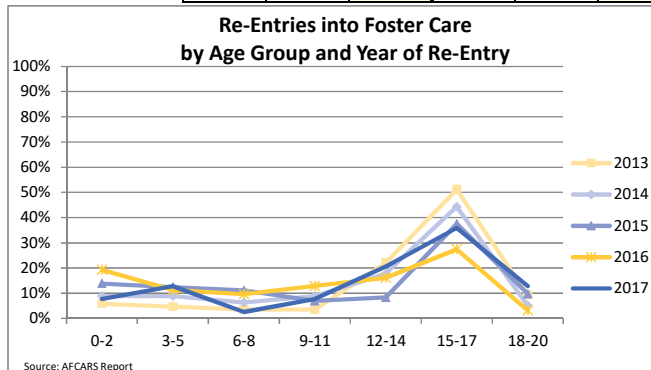
Race/Ethnicity	2013 County	2013 Urban-Mix	2013 State	2014 County	2014 Urban-Mix	2014 State	2015 County	2015 Urban-Mix	2015 State	2016 County	2016 Urban-Mix	2016 State	2017 County	2017 Urban-Mix	2017 State	% Change
Non-Hispanic White	15.1%	49.6%	34.3%	27.8%	53.1%	35.8%	30.6%	54.3%	34.7%	38.7%	56.7%	39.5%	33.3%	58.5%	40.6%	120.5%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	15.1%	22.1%	44.2%	7.6%	17.2%	43.3%	12.5%	18.7%	40.4%	19.4%	19.5%	40.1%	17.9%	15.2%	39.4%	18.7%
Non-Hispanic Other Race	10.5%	2.9%	6.7%	5.1%	2.3%	4.1%	1.4%	1.8%	7.8%	1.6%	1.1%	3.1%	2.6%	0.9%	1.7%	-75.5%
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	0.0%	5.2%	3.4%	0.0%	7.0%	4.5%	0.0%	7.3%	4.9%	0.0%	8.8%	5.8%	0.0%	10.3%	6.3%	-
Hispanic or Latino	59.3%	20.1%	11.4%	59.5%	20.4%	12.2%	55.6%	17.9%	12.2%	40.3%	13.9%	11.6%	46.2%	15.2%	11.9%	-22.2%

By Gender

Gender	2013 County	2013 Urban-Mix	2013 State	2014 County	2014 Urban-Mix	2014 State	2015 County	2015 Urban-Mix	2015 State	2016 County	2016 Urban-Mix	2016 State	2017 County	2017 Urban-Mix	2017 State	% Change
Male	46.5%	52.8%	48.1%	41.8%	54.2%	50.6%	52.8%	51.3%	50.5%	51.6%	48.7%	50.3%	38.5%	52.4%	49.6%	-17.3%
Female	53.5%	47.2%	51.9%	58.2%	45.8%	49.4%	47.2%	48.7%	49.5%	48.4%	51.3%	49.7%	61.5%	47.6%	50.4%	15.1%

By Placement Setting at Re-Entry

Placement Setting	2013 County	2013 Urban-Mix	2013 State	2014 County	2014 Urban-Mix	2014 State	2015 County	2015 Urban-Mix	2015 State	2016 County	2016 Urban-Mix	2016 State	2017 County	2017 Urban-Mix	2017 State	% Change
Family Setting	39.5%	49.1%	48.5%	51.9%	54.6%	53.7%	65.3%	60.4%	58.0%	66.1%	53.5%	61.7%	46.2%	54.8%	63.9%	16.7%
Pre-adoptive Home	0.0%	0.2%	0.2%	1.3%	0.2%	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.6%	-
Foster Family Home – Relative	4.7%	8.6%	14.9%	12.7%	17.2%	20.2%	22.2%	17.2%	24.3%	9.7%	19.3%	26.3%	15.4%	24.5%	30.7%	230.8%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	34.9%	40.3%	33.3%	38.0%	37.2%	33.3%	43.1%	43.2%	33.1%	56.5%	34.3%	34.6%	30.8%	30.3%	32.6%	-11.8%
Congregate Care Setting	54.7%	44.0%	44.4%	48.1%	42.6%	40.6%	31.9%	36.1%	37.1%	32.3%	42.8%	34.0%	51.3%	37.0%	31.2%	-6.2%
Group Home	45.3%	31.0%	26.7%	41.8%	31.5%	24.8%	26.4%	27.8%	22.3%	27.4%	32.3%	19.3%	43.6%	29.7%	19.9%	-3.9%
Institution	9.3%	13.0%	17.7%	6.3%	11.1%	15.9%	5.6%	8.3%	14.8%	4.8%	10.5%	14.8%	7.7%	7.3%	11.3%	-17.3%
Supervised Independent Living	2.3%	3.2%	1.6%	0.0%	0.7%	1.6%	0.0%	2.3%	1.7%	0.0%	2.0%	1.3%	0.0%	5.8%	1.8%	-100.0%
Runaway	2.3%	1.5%	4.3%	0.0%	0.7%	3.3%	2.8%	0.8%	2.4%	1.6%	1.4%	2.5%	2.6%	1.5%	2.5%	10.3%
Trial Home Visit	1.2%	2.2%	1.2%	0.0%	1.4%	0.8%	0.0%	0.5%	0.8%	0.0%	0.3%	0.5%	0.0%	0.9%	0.7%	-100.0%



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.

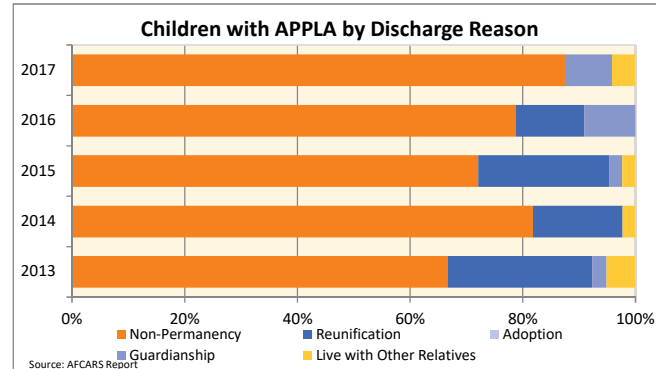
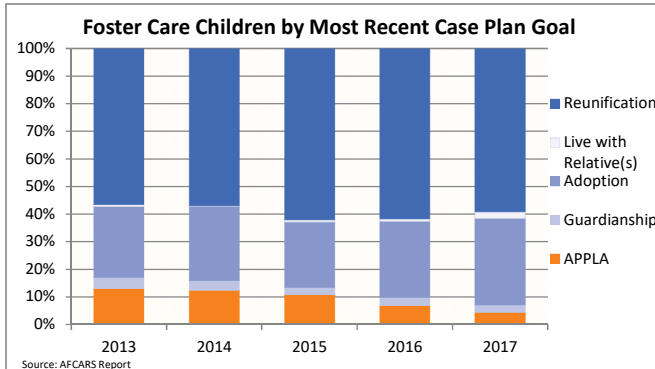
Indicator	2013			2014			2015			2016			2017			County % Change 2013 to 2017
	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	
Percent of Children by Case Plan Goal																
Family-Based Permanency Goals	87.1%	89.0%	92.8%	87.6%	90.5%	93.6%	89.2%	92.7%	95.2%	93.1%	94.1%	95.0%	95.6%	95.2%	94.0%	9.8%
Reunify With Parent(s) or Principal Caretaker(s)	56.5%	63.2%	70.5%	56.9%	64.6%	72.6%	62.0%	68.6%	73.1%	61.7%	67.4%	69.8%	59.2%	67.3%	66.7%	4.7%
Adoption	25.7%	19.9%	16.7%	26.8%	20.2%	16.1%	23.7%	19.6%	17.4%	27.5%	21.5%	19.5%	31.3%	21.2%	21.2%	21.7%
Guardianship	4.1%	2.5%	3.6%	3.5%	3.8%	3.1%	2.7%	2.8%	3.0%	3.0%	3.5%	4.3%	2.7%	3.5%	4.8%	-35.1%
Live with Relative(s)	0.7%	3.5%	2.1%	0.3%	1.9%	1.8%	0.8%	1.8%	1.7%	0.9%	1.7%	1.5%	2.5%	2.6%	1.3%	234.6%
Another Planned Permanent Living Arrangement (APPLA)	12.9%	11.0%	7.2%	12.4%	9.5%	6.4%	10.8%	7.3%	4.8%	6.9%	5.9%	5.0%	4.4%	4.8%	6.0%	-65.7%
Long Term Foster Care	3.1%	5.6%	2.1%	3.1%	4.5%	1.8%	4.8%	3.7%	1.2%	6.6%	3.5%	1.0%	3.1%	2.7%	0.7%	0.1%
Emancipation	9.9%	5.4%	5.1%	9.3%	4.9%	4.6%	6.0%	3.6%	3.6%	0.3%	2.4%	4.0%	1.4%	2.1%	5.3%	-86.0%

APPLA By Age as % of Age Group Served

Age Group	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County % Change 2013 to 2017
0-15	2.4%	2.1%	1.1%	1.2%	2.0%	0.8%	1.4%	1.2%	0.4%	0.0%	0.8%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	1.0%	-90.3%
16-20	53.3%	39.2%	23.6%	50.0%	37.7%	23.1%	46.1%	35.4%	19.4%	41.4%	29.6%	21.6%	29.1%	22.8%	25.1%	-45.5%

APPLA By Discharge Reason

Exit Category	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County % Change 2013 to 2017
Exit to Permanent Arrangements	33.3%	20.9%	28.9%	18.2%	18.6%	19.4%	27.9%	24.3%	23.0%	21.2%	10.3%	32.1%	12.5%	11.6%	22.7%	-62.5%
Reunification	25.6%	14.7%	22.8%	15.9%	13.8%	14.5%	23.3%	20.6%	17.6%	12.1%	6.9%	27.0%	0.0%	7.4%	17.3%	-100.0%
(number of months until reunification)	26.1	38.4	27.8	8.0	31.3	36.2	27.5	43.5	27.5	32.8	25.2	30.4	0.0	20.4	11.8	-100.0%
Adoption	0.0%	0.0%	0.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-
(number of months until adoption)	0.0	0.0	41.1	0.0	0.0	149.3	0.0	0.0	31.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-
Guardianship	2.6%	2.3%	3.4%	0.0%	3.0%	2.5%	2.3%	0.7%	1.4%	9.1%	2.6%	4.2%	8.3%	1.7%	4.9%	225.0%
(number of month until guardianship)	27.5	22.6	32.0	0.0	39.7	27.8	11.7	11.7	18.0	30.3	30.3	32.0	32.2	32.2	23.6	17.1%
Live with Other Relatives	5.1%	4.0%	2.2%	2.3%	1.8%	2.1%	2.3%	2.9%	3.7%	0.0%	0.9%	0.9%	4.2%	2.5%	0.5%	-18.8%
(number of months until living with relatives)	22.4	25.5	30.6	29.1	17.8	15.9	52.6	55.1	37.1	0.0	47.0	39.8	36.6	24.1	21.4	63.6%
Exit to Non-Permanent Arrangements	66.7%	79.1%	70.8%	81.8%	81.4%	80.4%	72.1%	75.0%	76.4%	78.8%	89.7%	68.6%	87.5%	87.6%	76.8%	31.3%
Emancipation	59.0%	72.9%	64.2%	68.2%	73.1%	73.0%	72.1%	74.3%	71.7%	72.7%	83.6%	62.2%	83.3%	85.1%	66.7%	41.3%
(number of months until emancipation)	32.2	34.1	33.1	28.8	31.1	33.5	43.2	35.1	34.3	28.0	40.1	30.6	41.2	19.8	26.2	27.8%
Transfer to Another Agency	0.0%	2.8%	3.6%	6.8%	4.8%	5.5%	0.0%	0.7%	2.7%	6.1%	4.3%	5.0%	0.0%	1.7%	8.2%	-
(number of months until transfer)	0.0	90.3	46.4	32.0	44.2	13.0	0.0	3.0	40.7	36.8	31.0	27.6	0.0	43.7	3.7	-
Runaway	7.7%	3.4%	3.1%	6.8%	3.6%	1.9%	0.0%	0.0%	2.0%	0.0%	1.7%	1.4%	4.2%	0.8%	1.9%	-45.8%
(number of months until running away)	20.9	39.1	26.5	13.8	16.3	16.3	0.0	0.0	23.4	0.0	81.3	14.1	57.0	57.0	32.0	172.8%
Death of Child	0.0%	0.0%	0.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.0%	0.7%	0.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.0%	0.8%	0.5%	-
(number of months until death of a child)	0.0	0.0	92.4	0.0	0.0	129.8	0.0	1.1	9.0	0.0	0.0	143.7	0.0	54.0	62.6	-



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

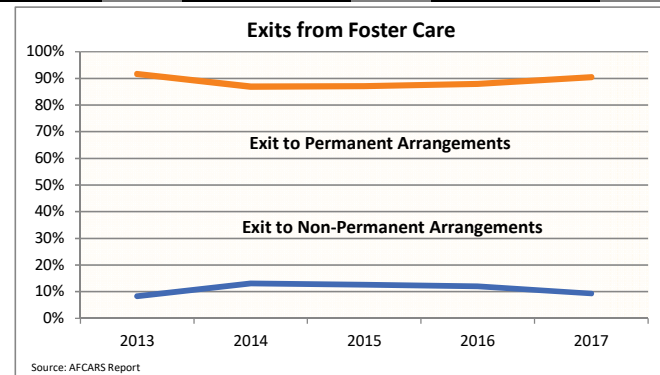
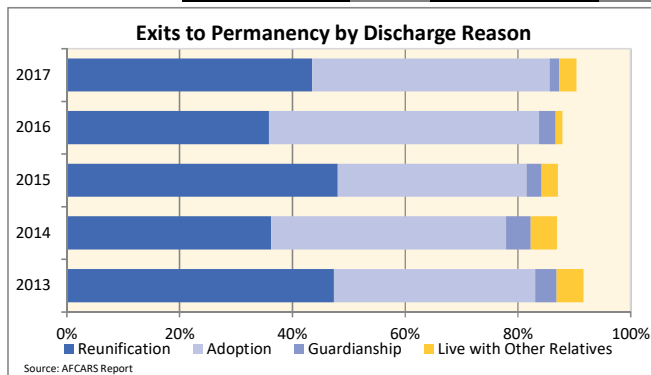
Children Exiting Foster Care

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

Indicator	2013			2014			2015			2016			2017			County % Change 2013 to 2017
	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	
Total Children Leaving Foster Care	395	1,710	9,123	389	1,838	9,769	379	1,749	9,471	338	1,707	10,635	354	1,733	10,276	-10.4%
Percent of Children Leaving Foster Care	40.8%	42.9%	42.6%	39.3%	45.7%	43.4%	38.7%	42.2%	41.2%	33.3%	39.6%	43.3%	34.9%	40.2%	40.5%	-14.4%
(number of months until leaving)	14.0	12.4	11.9	18.1	12.6	10.7	15.2	12.4	11.4	18.9	13.2	11.7	18.2	13.2	11.9	29.7%

By Discharge Reason

Discharge Reason	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	County % Change 2013 to 2017										
Exit to Permanent Arrangements	91.6%	87.9%	89.3%	86.9%	88.0%	86.9%	87.1%	89.8%	85.0%	87.9%	89.1%	84.5%	90.4%	89.5%	87.2%	-1.4%
Reunification	47.3%	53.1%	57.3%	36.2%	49.8%	57.2%	48.0%	54.7%	54.5%	35.8%	50.1%	54.5%	43.5%	52.6%	55.1%	-8.1%
(number of months until reunification)	4.3	5.8	6.0	6.7	5.2	5.5	6.2	7.1	5.7	5.3	7.3	6.7	7.1	7.5	6.6	66.9%
Adoption	35.7%	24.1%	20.2%	41.6%	27.4%	18.6%	33.5%	25.4%	18.7%	47.9%	29.5%	18.7%	42.1%	27.4%	20.2%	17.9%
(number of months until adoption)	22.1	22.6	26.7	23.4	25.2	27.4	22.9	24.4	28.3	22.4	27.2	28.7	25.9	23.5	29.2	17.2%
Guardianship	3.8%	4.8%	6.4%	4.4%	5.8%	6.1%	2.6%	5.7%	6.5%	3.0%	5.5%	6.6%	1.7%	4.4%	6.7%	-55.4%
(number of month until guardianship)	24.4	23.9	21.2	24.3	24.8	20.8	26.3	18.8	21.1	26.9	19.2	19.4	17.4	16.3	20.1	-28.7%
Live with Other Relatives	4.8%	5.9%	5.5%	4.6%	5.0%	5.0%	2.9%	4.0%	5.4%	1.2%	3.9%	4.7%	3.1%	5.1%	5.1%	-35.4%
(number of months until living with relatives)	0.9	4.0	2.6	2.4	5.1	1.0	1.0	11.0	3.0	1.6	9.1	2.2	2.3	8.4	2.2	153.6%
Exit to Non-Permanent Arrangements	8.4%	12.0%	10.5%	13.1%	12.0%	13.0%	12.7%	10.0%	14.8%	12.1%	10.8%	15.4%	9.3%	10.3%	12.7%	11.6%
Emancipation	6.8%	9.8%	8.1%	9.8%	9.6%	7.7%	12.4%	9.0%	7.8%	10.9%	8.5%	6.8%	8.8%	8.9%	7.9%	28.1%
(number of months until emancipation)	30.5	24.5	31.4	26.5	27.3	29.6	32.5	28.6	28.1	26.8	26.1	23.4	32.6	20.5	22.0	7.0%
Transfer to Another Agency	0.3%	1.6%	2.0%	1.8%	1.8%	4.3%	0.3%	1.0%	5.8%	1.2%	2.1%	7.9%	0.3%	1.3%	4.3%	11.6%
(number of months until transfer)	4.0	25.4	6.0	11.4	9.0	5.0	1.8	6.6	6.7	14.9	14.4	7.6	2.9	12.0	6.9	-27.0%
Runaway	1.3%	0.6%	0.5%	1.5%	0.5%	1.1%	0.0%	0.0%	1.3%	0.0%	0.2%	0.7%	0.3%	0.1%	0.5%	-77.7%
(number of months until running away)	17.2	25.3	14.9	17.4	18.0	13.2	0.0	0.0	15.5	0.0	51.9	11.2	57.0	37.9	19.4	231.1%
Death of Child	0.0%	0.1%	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.3%	0.2%	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.3%	0.2%	0.1%	-
(number of months until death of a child)	0.0	12.3	11.9	0.0	0.0	30.9	2.5	2.5	4.9	0.0	6.1	13.2	0.2	19.3	18.8	-



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)

County	2013			2014			2015			2016			2017			County % Change 2013 to 2017
	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State		
	596	2,304	13,697	610	2,345	14,162	642	2,443	14,859	668	2,586	15,382	674	2,710	16,381	13.1%
	12.8	12.5	13.1	11.2	10.8	12.6	12.4	11.6	12.5	13.1	12.5	13.2	15.1	12.2	13.4	17.9%

By Age

Age Group	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	County % Change 2013 to 2017
0-2	24.8%	22.7%	28.0%	26.5%	25.5%	2.8%
3-5	16.3%	16.7%	17.0%	19.2%	19.1%	17.6%
6-8	13.8%	12.4%	14.0%	12.7%	14.1%	2.4%
9-11	7.7%	9.0%	10.0%	11.2%	13.2%	71.1%
12-14	8.7%	11.0%	10.0%	11.7%	10.4%	12.2%
15-17	22.8%	21.1%	16.7%	13.6%	18.7%	-36.3%
18-20	5.9%	8.4%	4.4%	4.8%	5.3%	-36.8%
Infants (age 0-1)	19.5%	15.5%	19.3%	15.5%	16.9%	-13.1%
Youth (age 13+)	34.7%	37.8%	27.3%	25.9%	31.3%	-27.8%

By Race and Ethnicity

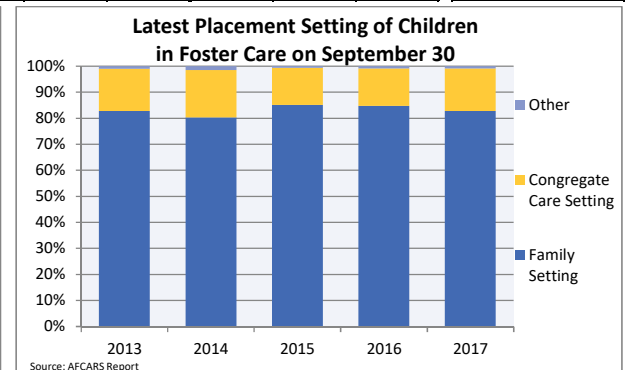
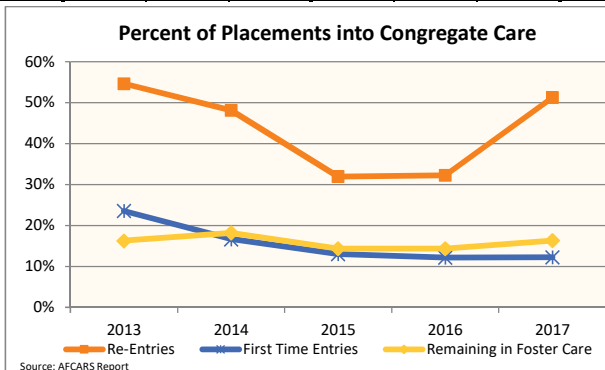
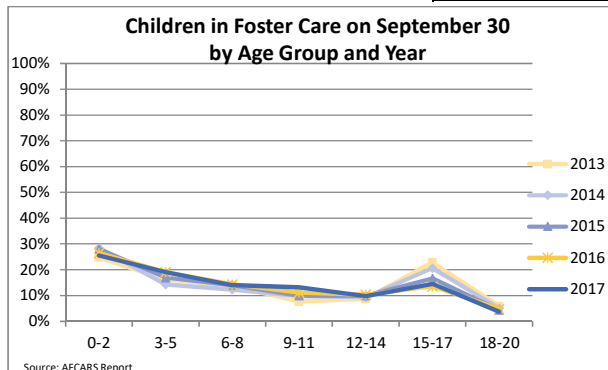
Race/Ethnicity	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	County % Change 2013 to 2017
Non-Hispanic White	30.9%	40.1%	32.2%	35.3%	37.2%	20.6%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	12.2%	38.3%	14.3%	11.8%	11.9%	-3.1%
Non-Hispanic Other Race	4.9%	3.9%	6.2%	5.8%	3.7%	-23.8%
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	0.0%	4.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-
Hispanic or Latino	52.0%	13.0%	47.2%	47.0%	47.2%	-9.3%

By Gender

Gender	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	County % Change 2013 to 2017
Male	48.3%	50.9%	47.8%	48.8%	48.1%	-0.5%
Female	51.7%	49.1%	52.2%	51.2%	51.9%	0.5%

By Latest Placement Setting

Placement Setting	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	County % Change 2013 to 2017
Family Setting	82.7%	79.0%	85.0%	80.6%	83.4%	0.1%
Pre-adoptive Home	0.3%	3.9%	0.2%	3.2%	4.1%	32.6%
Foster Family Home – Relative	19.3%	30.0%	21.7%	20.8%	37.9%	26.9%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	63.1%	45.1%	63.2%	44.5%	41.4%	-8.3%
Congregate Care Setting	16.3%	17.3%	14.3%	17.0%	13.7%	0.3%
Group Home	11.4%	10.6%	10.0%	9.0%	8.2%	15.7%
Institution	4.9%	6.7%	4.4%	7.0%	5.5%	-36.0%
Supervised Independent Living	0.5%	1.7%	0.0%	1.4%	1.5%	-41.0%
Runaway	0.5%	1.1%	0.3%	1.1%	0.8%	17.9%
Trial Home Visit	0.0%	0.8%	0.3%	1.0%	0.6%	-



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			County % Change 2013 to 2017
County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	
31.3%	37.6%	34.1%	32.0%	36.0%	32.7%	30.3%	33.3%	32.8%	24.6%	30.2%	33.6%	24.9%	30.6%	32.2%	-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.

2013			2014			2015			2016			2017			County % Change 2013 to 2017
County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	
30.4%	38.1%	41.3%	34.9%	39.5%	39.7%	22.3%	37.9%	39.0%	24.4%	37.9%	36.0%	21.8%	36.4%	39.2%	-28.3%

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			County % Change 2013 to 2017
County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	
27.4%	25.0%	26.4%	26.8%	25.3%	26.9%	21.6%	26.2%	24.1%	19.8%	20.7%	24.8%	29.0%	21.8%	23.0%	6.1%

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