

State of Child Welfare 2018

Bucks (Urban)

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)

	2012			2013			2014			2015			2016			County % Change 2012 to 2016
	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	
858	14,080	26,664	821	14,114	26,944	830	15,108	29,273	1,279	20,971	40,590	1,307	22,768	44,359	52.3%	
6.0	8.7	9.5	5.7	8.7	9.6	5.8	9.4	10.5	8.9	13.0	14.5	9.1	14.1	15.9		

Child Abuse and Neglect Substantiations

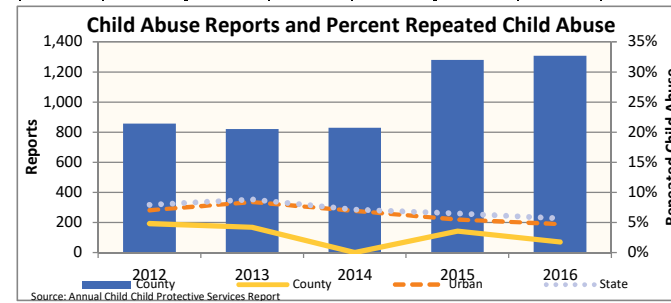
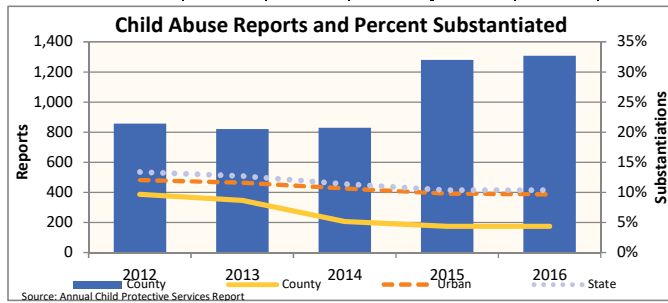
Founded or indicated reports of child abuse and/or neglect.

9.7%	12.0%	13.4%	8.6%	11.6%	12.7%	5.2%	10.6%	11.4%	4.4%	9.8%	10.4%	4.4%	9.7%	10.4%	-54.9%
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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.)

4.8%	7.0%	7.9%	4.2%	8.4%	8.8%	0.0%	6.9%	7.2%	3.6%	5.5%	6.5%	1.8%	4.7%	5.7%	-63.6%
1 in 21	1 in 14	1 in 13	1 in 24	1 in 12	1 in 11	0	1 in 14	1 in 14	1 in 28	1 in 18	1 in 15	1 in 57	1 in 21	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.

	2012			2013			2014			2015			2016			County % Change 2012 to 2016
	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,902	63,101	131,953	4,332	73,444	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.

-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19.8%	17.8%	18.4%	21.8%	18.9%	20.9%	-
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Children with Valid Allegations

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

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Unduplicated Number of Children Served

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

	2013			2014			2015			2016			2017			County % Change 2013 to 2017
	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	
7,433	84,755	172,807	7,154	77,509	167,582	8,566	88,106	181,371	10,148	90,893	190,413	9,527	81,260	186,855	28.2%	

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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 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	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	
All Children in Foster Care During the Year (Rate per 1,000 children age 0-20)	583 3.6	13,441 6.9	21,416 6.4	589 3.6	14,249 7.4	22,510 6.7	540 3.3	14,577 7.5	22,980 6.8	518 3.2	15,584 8.0	24,543 7.3	607 3.7	15,999 8.3	25,381 7.5	4.1%

By Age

Age Group	2013 County	2013 Urban	2013 State	2014 County	2014 Urban	2014 State	2015 County	2015 Urban	2015 State	2016 County	2016 Urban	2016 State	2017 County	2017 Urban	2017 State	% Change
0-2	23.5%	18.6%	19.2%	21.1%	18.7%	19.4%	22.8%	19.1%	19.9%	24.3%	18.8%	20.2%	26.7%	19.1%	20.3%	13.6%
3-5	21.4%	15.4%	15.9%	24.4%	16.9%	16.8%	23.7%	17.2%	17.1%	24.1%	17.1%	17.0%	23.1%	17.4%	17.4%	7.6%
6-8	12.9%	11.5%	11.5%	13.2%	12.0%	12.3%	14.3%	12.9%	12.9%	14.5%	13.3%	13.0%	14.8%	13.6%	13.3%	15.3%
9-11	7.9%	9.2%	8.9%	7.0%	9.6%	9.5%	8.5%	10.3%	10.0%	6.8%	11.3%	11.0%	8.4%	11.7%	11.4%	6.5%
12-14	8.2%	11.4%	11.4%	8.3%	10.8%	10.9%	5.9%	11.2%	11.4%	5.8%	11.2%	11.2%	7.6%	11.9%	11.6%	-8.0%
15-17	13.7%	22.0%	22.3%	12.9%	20.7%	21.4%	13.7%	19.9%	20.4%	12.9%	19.2%	19.6%	10.4%	18.3%	18.6%	-24.4%
18-20	12.3%	12.0%	10.7%	13.1%	11.1%	9.8%	11.1%	9.3%	8.3%	11.6%	9.1%	7.9%	9.1%	8.0%	7.4%	-26.6%
Infants (age 0-1)	13.9%	11.3%	11.9%	11.9%	11.9%	12.5%	13.0%	12.0%	12.8%	16.0%	11.5%	12.8%	16.3%	11.8%	12.7%	17.4%
Youth (age 13+)	32.1%	42.3%	41.5%	32.3%	39.5%	38.9%	29.3%	37.1%	36.7%	27.0%	36.2%	35.5%	24.9%	34.6%	34.0%	-22.4%

By Race and Ethnicity

Race/Ethnicity	2013 County	2013 Urban	2013 State	2014 County	2014 Urban	2014 State	2015 County	2015 Urban	2015 State	2016 County	2016 Urban	2016 State	2017 County	2017 Urban	2017 State	% Change
Non-Hispanic White	67.2%	25.7%	41.8%	66.9%	26.8%	42.3%	63.5%	25.5%	40.9%	61.4%	27.1%	42.5%	59.6%	28.0%	42.9%	-11.3%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	20.2%	47.9%	34.8%	12.4%	48.7%	35.2%	13.7%	47.6%	34.6%	11.2%	49.8%	35.3%	9.6%	49.2%	34.9%	-52.8%
Non-Hispanic Other Race	1.2%	10.1%	7.0%	3.2%	5.9%	4.4%	5.4%	8.0%	5.9%	11.4%	4.2%	3.3%	14.8%	3.5%	2.9%	1134.9%
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	0.5%	3.2%	3.9%	7.5%	4.7%	4.9%	7.4%	4.3%	5.3%	8.5%	4.3%	5.4%	7.6%	5.5%	6.2%	1372.7%
Hispanic or Latino	10.8%	13.0%	12.5%	10.0%	13.8%	13.1%	10.0%	14.7%	13.4%	7.5%	14.6%	13.4%	8.4%	13.9%	13.2%	-22.2%

By Gender

Gender	2013 County	2013 Urban	2013 State	2014 County	2014 Urban	2014 State	2015 County	2015 Urban	2015 State	2016 County	2016 Urban	2016 State	2017 County	2017 Urban	2017 State	% Change
Male	50.8%	50.1%	50.8%	48.0%	50.2%	50.8%	47.0%	50.4%	51.0%	48.8%	50.3%	51.2%	51.1%	50.1%	51.0%	0.6%
Female	49.2%	49.9%	49.2%	52.0%	49.8%	49.2%	53.0%	49.6%	49.0%	51.2%	49.7%	48.8%	48.9%	49.9%	49.0%	-0.6%

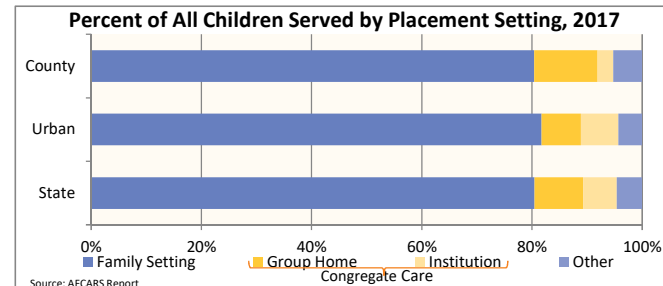
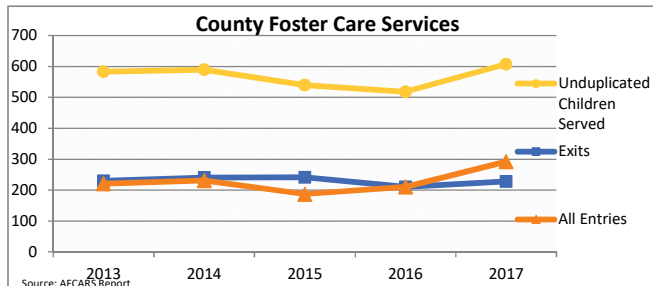
By First Placement Setting

Placement Setting	2013 County	2013 Urban	2013 State	2014 County	2014 Urban	2014 State	2015 County	2015 Urban	2015 State	2016 County	2016 Urban	2016 State	2017 County	2017 Urban	2017 State	% Change
Family Setting	70.5%	72.9%	73.4%	69.6%	76.1%	75.8%	72.2%	78.1%	77.1%	77.2%	79.9%	79.0%	80.4%	81.7%	80.5%	14.0%
Pre-adoptive Home	0.9%	3.9%	3.4%	0.0%	4.1%	3.5%	0.0%	3.6%	3.1%	0.0%	6.0%	4.5%	0.0%	5.5%	4.0%	-100.0%
Foster Family Home – Relative	37.7%	26.5%	24.8%	39.2%	32.9%	29.6%	43.3%	35.8%	31.5%	44.0%	37.7%	34.1%	50.2%	40.0%	36.4%	33.2%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	31.9%	42.5%	45.2%	30.4%	39.1%	42.7%	28.9%	38.7%	42.5%	33.2%	36.2%	40.5%	30.1%	36.2%	40.1%	-5.5%
Congregate Care Setting	22.1%	20.2%	19.6%	20.7%	18.2%	18.3%	19.6%	16.4%	17.1%	16.6%	15.2%	15.8%	14.3%	14.0%	14.9%	-35.2%
Group Home	16.8%	11.4%	12.1%	17.7%	10.5%	11.6%	17.0%	9.1%	10.5%	12.5%	7.5%	9.1%	11.5%	7.2%	8.8%	-31.4%
Institution	5.3%	8.8%	7.5%	3.1%	7.7%	6.8%	2.6%	7.4%	6.6%	4.1%	7.7%	6.8%	2.8%	6.8%	6.1%	-47.3%
Supervised Independent Living	5.1%	2.6%	2.0%	4.9%	2.4%	1.9%	4.4%	2.0%	1.7%	4.4%	1.9%	1.6%	4.1%	1.7%	1.5%	-20.0%
Runaway	0.0%	2.4%	1.8%	0.3%	1.4%	1.2%	1.3%	1.7%	1.3%	0.4%	1.9%	1.4%	0.5%	1.9%	1.4%	-
Trial Home Visit	2.2%	1.9%	3.2%	4.4%	1.9%	2.8%	2.4%	1.9%	2.9%	1.4%	1.1%	2.2%	0.7%	0.7%	1.7%	-70.4%

Children Entering Foster Care

All Entries into Foster Care During the Year

Year	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	% Change
2013	221	5,577	9,306	231	6,295	10,364	187	6,327	10,387	210	6,153	10,567	292	6,387	10,781	32.1%



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	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	
Children Entering for the First Time	181	3,887	6,698	176	4,465	7,592	149	4,638	7,843	168	4,556	8,082	249	4,874	8,438	37.6%
First Time Entries During the Year (Rate per 1,000 children age 0-20)	1.1	2.0	2.0	1.1	2.3	2.3	0.9	2.4	2.3	1.0	2.4	2.4	1.5	2.5	2.5	
First Time Entries as Percent of All Entries	81.9%	69.7%	72.0%	76.2%	70.9%	73.3%	79.7%	73.3%	75.5%	80.0%	74.0%	76.5%	85.3%	76.3%	78.3%	4.1%

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	2013 State	2014 County	2014 Urban	2014 State	2015 County	2015 Urban	2015 State	2016 County	2016 Urban	2016 State	2017 County	2017 Urban	2017 State	% Change
0-2	38.7%	33.3%	32.8%	40.9%	33.6%	32.7%	43.6%	33.2%	32.7%	41.7%	32.5%	33.3%	40.6%	33.4%	33.2%	4.9%
3-5	20.4%	14.8%	14.6%	18.8%	15.9%	15.7%	14.1%	14.3%	14.6%	18.5%	14.6%	14.7%	19.7%	14.6%	15.3%	-3.7%
6-8	10.5%	10.1%	10.0%	8.0%	11.6%	11.5%	8.1%	12.0%	11.9%	10.1%	12.8%	12.5%	14.5%	12.1%	11.9%	37.7%
9-11	7.7%	8.5%	8.2%	5.7%	9.4%	9.2%	9.4%	10.2%	9.8%	7.7%	10.1%	9.6%	7.6%	10.0%	10.1%	-1.3%
12-14	9.4%	12.9%	13.5%	10.2%	12.3%	12.7%	7.4%	12.7%	13.4%	7.1%	12.7%	12.6%	8.4%	13.4%	13.1%	-10.2%
15-17	13.3%	20.3%	20.8%	15.3%	17.0%	18.0%	17.4%	17.4%	17.4%	14.3%	17.1%	17.2%	9.2%	16.3%	16.3%	-30.3%
18-20	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	1.1%	0.2%	0.1%	0.0%	0.2%	0.1%	0.6%	0.2%	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	-
Infants (age 0-1)	28.7%	27.1%	26.4%	33.5%	27.1%	26.3%	33.6%	26.5%	26.2%	35.1%	25.5%	26.3%	30.5%	26.9%	26.5%	6.2%
Youth (age 13+)	20.4%	30.2%	31.4%	25.6%	26.2%	27.6%	23.5%	26.8%	27.5%	20.2%	26.4%	26.6%	15.7%	26.1%	26.0%	-23.4%

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	2013 State	2014 County	2014 Urban	2014 State	2015 County	2015 Urban	2015 State	2016 County	2016 Urban	2016 State	2017 County	2017 Urban	2017 State	% Change
Non-Hispanic White	70.2%	28.2%	45.7%	71.0%	29.9%	46.9%	61.7%	25.6%	42.7%	58.9%	32.0%	49.4%	57.8%	32.2%	47.6%	-17.6%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	16.0%	42.5%	29.6%	7.4%	42.5%	29.2%	14.1%	41.5%	29.1%	7.1%	44.2%	28.6%	6.0%	43.3%	29.7%	-62.4%
Non-Hispanic Other Race	2.8%	11.9%	7.9%	6.8%	7.1%	5.1%	8.7%	12.8%	8.7%	20.8%	5.5%	4.1%	19.7%	4.3%	3.4%	612.4%
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	1.1%	3.1%	3.9%	5.7%	4.9%	4.9%	5.4%	3.8%	5.6%	6.5%	4.2%	5.4%	7.6%	5.8%	6.3%	590.6%
Hispanic or Latino	9.9%	14.3%	13.0%	9.1%	15.7%	13.9%	10.1%	16.3%	14.0%	6.5%	14.1%	12.6%	8.8%	14.4%	13.0%	-11.2%

By Gender

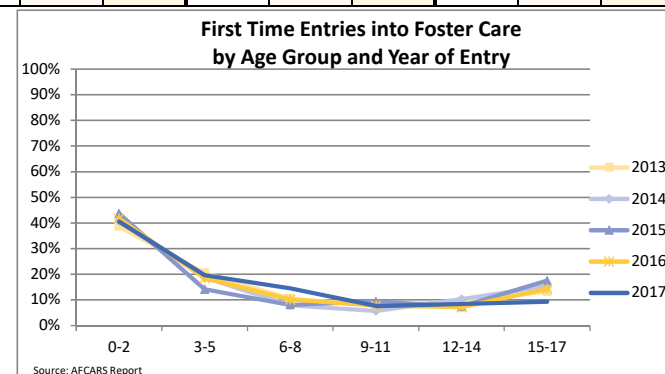
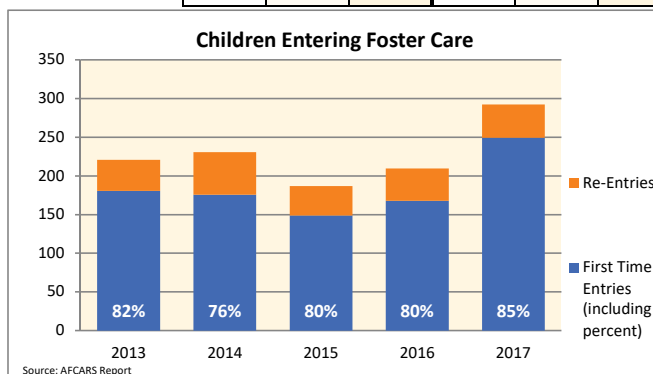
Male
Female

Gender	2013 County	2013 Urban	2013 State	2014 County	2014 Urban	2014 State	2015 County	2015 Urban	2015 State	2016 County	2016 Urban	2016 State	2017 County	2017 Urban	2017 State	% Change
Male	45.9%	49.5%	50.2%	48.3%	50.2%	51.0%	47.7%	49.9%	50.8%	51.2%	49.3%	50.8%	53.0%	50.1%	51.0%	15.6%
Female	54.1%	50.5%	49.8%	51.7%	49.8%	49.0%	52.3%	50.1%	49.2%	48.8%	50.7%	49.2%	47.0%	49.9%	49.0%	-13.2%

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	2013 State	2014 County	2014 Urban	2014 State	2015 County	2015 Urban	2015 State	2016 County	2016 Urban	2016 State	2017 County	2017 Urban	2017 State	% Change
Family Setting	65.7%	77.9%	76.7%	69.3%	82.5%	80.7%	68.5%	82.1%	80.9%	75.6%	82.8%	82.3%	89.6%	83.7%	83.6%	36.2%
Pre-adoptive Home	0.0%	0.1%	0.3%	0.0%	0.2%	0.2%	0.0%	0.2%	0.1%	0.0%	0.3%	0.2%	0.0%	0.3%	0.3%	-
Foster Family Home – Relative	35.9%	30.7%	27.2%	39.2%	37.5%	33.1%	42.3%	38.6%	33.6%	45.2%	41.8%	37.5%	59.0%	42.8%	39.1%	64.4%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	29.8%	47.1%	49.3%	30.1%	44.8%	47.5%	26.2%	43.4%	47.2%	30.4%	40.7%	44.6%	30.5%	40.6%	44.2%	2.3%
Congregate Care Setting	32.6%	20.0%	21.0%	27.8%	15.8%	17.5%	30.2%	16.0%	17.0%	22.6%	15.6%	15.9%	9.6%	14.6%	15.0%	-70.4%
Group Home	31.5%	13.0%	15.0%	26.1%	9.6%	12.1%	26.2%	8.7%	10.7%	20.2%	8.3%	9.7%	8.0%	7.7%	9.1%	-74.5%
Institution	1.1%	7.0%	6.0%	1.7%	6.2%	5.4%	4.0%	7.3%	6.3%	2.4%	7.3%	6.2%	1.6%	6.9%	5.9%	45.4%
Supervised Independent Living	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.6%	0.2%	0.1%	1.3%	0.2%	0.2%	1.2%	0.3%	0.2%	0.8%	0.4%	0.2%	-
Runaway	0.0%	0.8%	0.6%	0.0%	0.5%	0.4%	0.0%	0.7%	0.4%	0.0%	0.8%	0.6%	0.0%	0.8%	0.5%	-
Trial Home Visit	1.7%	1.2%	1.5%	2.3%	0.9%	1.2%	0.0%	0.9%	1.5%	0.6%	0.5%	1.0%	0.0%	0.5%	0.8%	-100.0%



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
	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	
	40	1,690	2,608	55	1,830	2,772	38	1,689	2,544	42	1,597	2,485	43	1,513	2,343	7.5%
	18.1%	30.3%	28.0%	23.8%	29.1%	26.7%	20.3%	26.7%	24.5%	20.0%	26.0%	23.5%	14.7%	23.7%	21.7%	-18.6%

By Age

Age Group	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County % Change 2013 to 2017
0-2	12.5%	6.4%	6.6%	12.7%	7.9%	8.2%	21.1%	10.7%	10.8%	16.7%	12.0%	11.2%	16.3%	11.3%	11.4%	30.2%
3-5	22.5%	7.0%	7.8%	18.2%	8.4%	9.2%	13.2%	10.2%	11.4%	16.7%	9.4%	9.7%	16.3%	10.4%	11.1%	-27.6%
6-8	15.0%	7.2%	7.4%	10.9%	8.3%	8.8%	15.8%	9.0%	9.0%	23.8%	9.8%	10.1%	18.6%	11.6%	11.7%	24.0%
9-11	5.0%	6.6%	6.3%	10.9%	6.8%	7.5%	13.2%	7.7%	7.9%	11.9%	9.1%	9.6%	11.6%	10.8%	10.6%	132.6%
12-14	10.0%	18.3%	18.4%	21.8%	17.5%	17.1%	7.9%	17.1%	16.5%	0.0%	18.8%	18.5%	16.3%	18.4%	17.2%	62.8%
15-17	32.5%	47.8%	46.3%	23.6%	45.1%	43.7%	26.3%	39.0%	38.2%	26.2%	36.7%	36.4%	18.6%	33.6%	33.4%	-42.8%
18-20	2.5%	6.7%	7.1%	1.8%	6.1%	5.7%	2.6%	6.4%	6.3%	4.8%	4.2%	4.5%	2.3%	3.8%	4.7%	-7.0%
Infants (age 0-1)	10.0%	3.6%	3.8%	7.3%	5.2%	5.2%	7.9%	6.5%	6.5%	11.9%	8.0%	7.4%	11.6%	6.5%	6.6%	16.3%
Youth (age 13+)	42.5%	69.5%	68.6%	41.8%	65.6%	63.5%	36.8%	59.6%	57.9%	31.0%	55.5%	55.3%	34.9%	51.4%	51.1%	-17.9%

By Race and Ethnicity

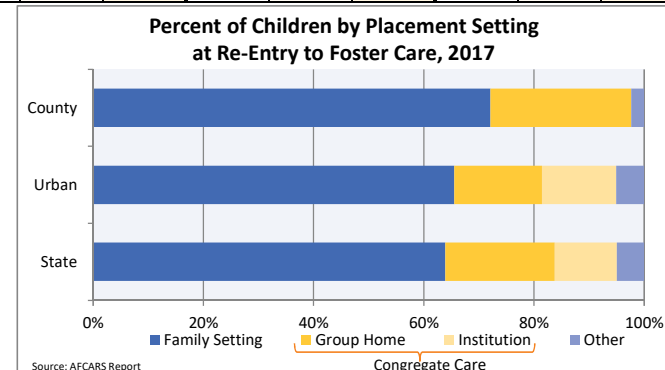
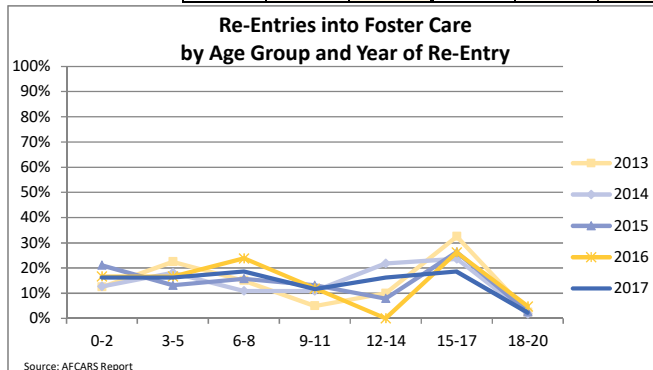
Race/Ethnicity	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County % Change 2013 to 2017
Non-Hispanic White	65.0%	16.9%	34.3%	54.5%	19.6%	35.8%	55.3%	17.8%	34.7%	57.1%	23.0%	39.5%	69.8%	24.5%	40.6%	7.3%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	20.0%	59.4%	44.2%	21.8%	58.4%	43.3%	10.5%	54.0%	40.4%	16.7%	54.9%	40.1%	9.3%	55.3%	39.4%	-53.5%
Non-Hispanic Other Race	0.0%	9.3%	6.7%	5.5%	5.4%	4.1%	7.9%	10.8%	7.8%	9.5%	4.4%	3.1%	9.3%	2.0%	1.7%	-
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	2.5%	2.7%	3.4%	10.9%	3.9%	4.5%	15.8%	4.1%	4.9%	9.5%	4.7%	5.8%	9.3%	5.7%	6.3%	272.1%
Hispanic or Latino	12.5%	11.7%	11.4%	7.3%	12.8%	12.2%	10.5%	13.2%	12.2%	7.1%	13.0%	11.6%	2.3%	12.6%	11.9%	-81.4%

By Gender

Gender	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County % Change 2013 to 2017
Male	52.5%	45.7%	48.1%	49.1%	49.0%	50.6%	44.7%	49.3%	50.5%	54.8%	48.8%	50.3%	55.8%	46.8%	49.6%	6.3%
Female	47.5%	54.3%	51.9%	50.9%	51.0%	49.4%	55.3%	50.7%	49.5%	45.2%	51.2%	49.7%	44.2%	53.2%	50.4%	-7.0%

By Placement Setting at Re-Entry

Placement Setting	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County % Change 2013 to 2017
Family Setting	60.0%	46.9%	48.5%	60.0%	53.1%	53.7%	73.7%	57.3%	58.0%	73.8%	62.9%	61.7%	72.1%	65.5%	63.9%	20.2%
Pre-adoptive Home	0.0%	0.3%	0.2%	0.0%	0.2%	0.2%	0.0%	0.9%	0.6%	0.0%	1.1%	0.7%	0.0%	0.9%	0.6%	-
Foster Family Home – Relative	37.5%	17.9%	14.9%	27.3%	22.6%	20.2%	44.7%	28.7%	24.3%	19.0%	31.1%	26.3%	39.5%	34.7%	30.7%	5.4%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	22.5%	28.7%	33.3%	32.7%	30.3%	33.3%	28.9%	27.7%	33.1%	54.8%	30.7%	34.6%	32.6%	29.9%	32.6%	44.7%
Congregate Care Setting	40.0%	45.0%	44.4%	40.0%	39.9%	40.6%	23.7%	37.0%	37.1%	26.2%	32.0%	34.0%	25.6%	29.4%	31.2%	-36.0%
Group Home	35.0%	23.9%	26.7%	36.4%	20.8%	24.8%	21.1%	19.2%	22.3%	23.8%	15.5%	19.3%	25.6%	15.9%	19.9%	-26.9%
Institution	5.0%	21.1%	17.7%	3.6%	19.1%	15.9%	2.6%	17.8%	14.8%	2.4%	16.5%	14.8%	0.0%	13.5%	11.3%	-100.0%
Supervised Independent Living	0.0%	1.5%	1.6%	0.0%	2.1%	1.6%	2.6%	2.0%	1.7%	0.0%	1.3%	1.3%	2.3%	1.2%	1.8%	-
Runaway	0.0%	6.2%	4.3%	0.0%	4.7%	3.3%	0.0%	3.4%	2.4%	0.0%	3.5%	2.5%	0.0%	3.5%	2.5%	-
Trial Home Visit	0.0%	0.4%	1.2%	0.0%	0.2%	0.8%	0.0%	0.3%	0.8%	0.0%	0.3%	0.5%	0.0%	0.4%	0.7%	-



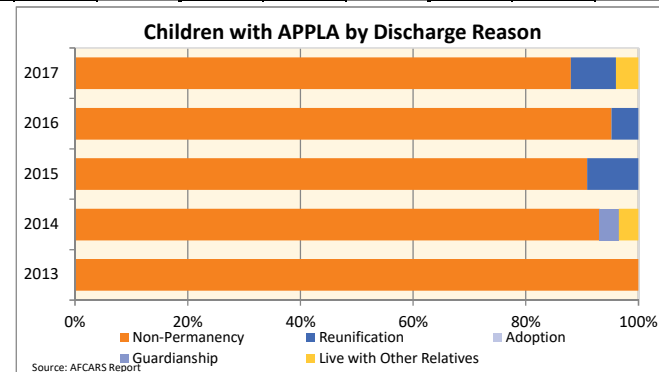
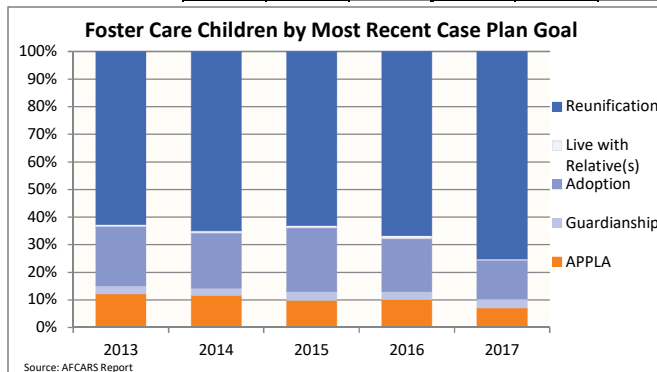
FOSTER CARE - GOALS

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	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	
Percent of Children by Case Plan Goal																
Family-Based Permanency Goals	87.8%	93.8%	92.8%	88.4%	94.1%	93.6%	90.2%	95.6%	95.2%	89.9%	94.6%	95.0%	92.9%	92.5%	94.0%	5.8%
Reunify With Parent(s) or Principal Caretaker(s)	62.6%	73.5%	70.5%	65.0%	75.3%	72.6%	63.0%	74.8%	73.1%	66.7%	69.1%	69.8%	75.1%	64.4%	66.7%	20.0%
Adoption	21.4%	15.4%	16.7%	19.9%	14.8%	16.1%	23.1%	16.5%	17.4%	19.1%	19.9%	19.5%	14.0%	22.1%	21.2%	-34.7%
Guardianship	2.9%	1.8%	3.6%	2.7%	2.4%	3.1%	3.1%	2.8%	3.0%	2.9%	4.4%	4.3%	3.3%	5.0%	4.8%	13.0%
Live with Relative(s)	0.9%	3.1%	2.1%	0.9%	1.7%	1.8%	0.9%	1.6%	1.7%	1.2%	1.3%	1.5%	0.5%	1.0%	1.3%	-42.4%
Another Planned Permanent Living Arrangement (APPLA)	12.2%	6.2%	7.2%	11.6%	5.9%	6.4%	9.8%	4.4%	4.8%	10.1%	5.4%	5.0%	7.1%	7.5%	6.0%	-41.8%
Long Term Foster Care	1.2%	0.8%	2.1%	0.5%	1.0%	1.8%	0.2%	0.5%	1.2%	0.4%	0.4%	1.0%	0.7%	0.3%	0.7%	-45.1%
Emancipation	11.0%	5.4%	5.1%	11.1%	4.9%	4.6%	9.6%	3.9%	3.6%	9.7%	5.0%	4.0%	6.4%	7.2%	5.3%	-41.5%

APPLA By Age as % of Age Group Served	2013			2014			2015			2016			2017			County % Change 2013 to 2017
	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	
0-15	0.2%	1.7%	1.1%	0.0%	0.8%	0.8%	0.0%	0.7%	0.4%	0.0%	0.3%	0.2%	0.0%	1.6%	1.0%	-100.0%
16-20	55.6%	27.2%	23.6%	54.8%	20.1%	23.1%	43.8%	20.5%	19.4%	46.4%	17.1%	21.6%	41.7%	29.6%	25.1%	-24.9%

APPLA By Discharge Reason	2013			2014			2015			2016			2017			County % Change 2013 to 2017
	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	
Exit to Permanent Arrangements	0.0%	37.6%	28.9%	6.9%	22.2%	19.4%	9.1%	22.8%	23.0%	4.8%	40.4%	32.1%	12.0%	26.5%	22.7%	-
Reunification	0.0%	33.2%	22.8%	0.0%	17.1%	14.5%	9.1%	16.6%	17.6%	4.8%	34.7%	27.0%	8.0%	20.5%	17.3%	-
(number of months until reunification)	0.0	26.0	27.8	0.0	63.7	36.2	25.6	23.3	27.5	25.7	35.8	30.4	6.6	22.4	11.8	-
Adoption	0.0%	1.1%	0.5%	0.0%	0.3%	0.3%	0.0%	0.4%	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-
(number of months until adoption)	0.0	44.3	41.1	0.0	194.3	149.3	0.0	31.2	31.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-
Guardianship	0.0%	1.5%	3.4%	3.4%	2.3%	2.5%	0.0%	1.2%	1.4%	0.0%	5.0%	4.2%	0.0%	5.9%	4.9%	-
(number of month until guardianship)	0.0	37.8	32.0	22.5	35.1	27.8	0.0	34.9	18.0	0.0	41.4	32.0	0.0	18.6	23.6	-
Live with Other Relatives	0.0%	1.8%	2.2%	3.4%	2.6%	2.1%	0.0%	4.6%	3.7%	0.0%	0.7%	0.9%	4.0%	0.2%	0.5%	-
(number of months until living with relatives)	0.0	61.4	30.6	27.1	20.8	15.9	0.0	47.0	37.1	0.0	37.8	39.8	17.3	17.3	21.4	-
Exit to Non-Permanent Arrangements	100.0%	61.6%	70.8%	93.1%	77.8%	80.4%	90.9%	77.2%	76.4%	95.2%	59.6%	68.6%	88.0%	73.1%	76.8%	-12.0%
Emancipation	91.3%	55.4%	64.2%	86.2%	69.2%	73.0%	81.8%	69.9%	71.7%	90.5%	52.3%	62.2%	80.0%	60.1%	66.7%	-12.4%
(number of months until emancipation)	33.8	36.6	33.1	41.1	40.7	33.5	39.9	32.4	34.3	44.1	37.8	30.6	42.0	29.7	26.2	24.0%
Transfer to Another Agency	8.7%	3.3%	3.6%	6.9%	7.1%	5.5%	9.1%	3.9%	2.7%	4.8%	5.7%	5.0%	4.0%	10.8%	8.2%	-54.0%
(number of months until transfer)	67.7	83.8	46.4	121.2	61.1	13.0	93.7	71.2	40.7	32.6	57.5	27.6	7.5	5.5	3.7	-89.0%
Runaway	0.0%	3.0%	3.1%	0.0%	1.4%	1.9%	0.0%	3.5%	2.0%	0.0%	1.6%	1.4%	4.0%	2.2%	1.9%	-
(number of months until running away)	0.0	16.7	26.5	0.0	39.7	16.3	0.0	28.8	23.4	0.0	6.5	14.1	20.6	32.3	32.0	-
Death of Child	0.0%	0.7%	0.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.0%	0.4%	0.5%	-
(number of months until death of a child)	0.0	92.4	92.4	0.0	0.0	129.8	0.0	0.0	9.0	0.0	0.0	143.7	0.0	47.1	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

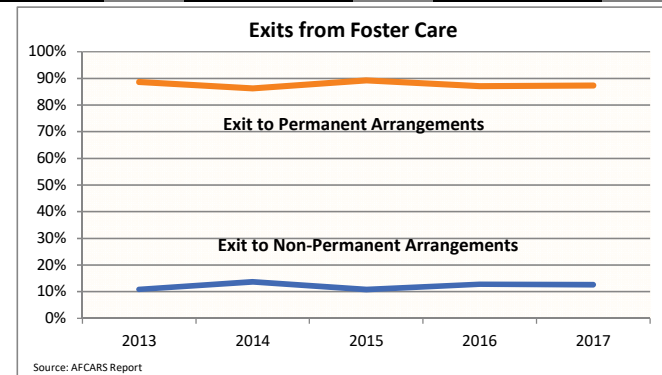
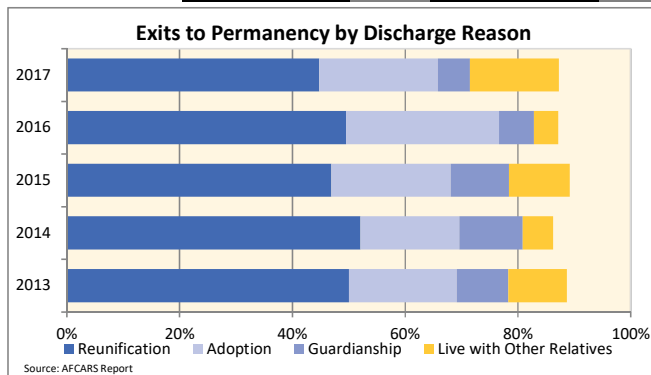
Children Exiting Foster Care

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	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	
Total Children Leaving Foster Care	230	5,302	9,123	240	5,863	9,769	241	5,592	9,471	210	6,649	10,635	228	6,412	10,276	-0.9%
Percent of Children Leaving Foster Care (number of months until leaving)	39.0%	37.2%	42.6%	44.4%	40.2%	43.4%	46.5%	35.9%	41.2%	34.6%	41.6%	43.3%	37.6%	40.1%	40.5%	-3.8%
	12.6	14.2	11.9	15.1	12.9	10.7	17.6	13.2	11.4	16.2	12.8	11.7	12.3	11.7	11.9	-2.3%

By Discharge Reason

Discharge Reason	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	County % Change 2013 to 2017										
Exit to Permanent Arrangements	88.7%	89.5%	89.3%	86.3%	85.3%	86.9%	89.2%	81.0%	85.0%	87.1%	80.4%	84.5%	87.3%	84.8%	87.2%	-1.6%
Reunification	50.0%	58.7%	57.3%	52.1%	58.2%	57.2%	46.9%	52.8%	54.5%	49.5%	53.5%	54.5%	44.7%	55.0%	55.1%	-10.5%
(number of months until reunification)	3.2	6.0	6.0	4.4	5.7	5.5	11.3	7.4	5.7	7.1	6.4	6.7	6.1	6.3	6.6	94.3%
Adoption	19.1%	20.0%	20.2%	17.5%	17.4%	18.6%	21.2%	16.5%	18.7%	27.1%	16.4%	18.7%	21.1%	19.1%	20.2%	10.0%
(number of months until adoption)	31.9	30.8	26.7	36.9	33.3	27.4	32.6	31.6	28.3	36.6	31.2	28.7	28.6	30.2	29.2	-10.3%
Guardianship	9.1%	6.6%	6.4%	11.3%	5.9%	6.1%	10.4%	6.9%	6.5%	6.2%	6.5%	6.6%	5.7%	6.4%	6.7%	-37.6%
(number of month until guardianship)	18.2	29.7	21.2	14.5	25.7	20.8	21.9	27.2	21.1	28.1	24.3	19.4	25.6	23.7	20.1	40.7%
Live with Other Relatives	10.4%	4.1%	5.5%	5.4%	3.8%	5.0%	10.8%	4.7%	5.4%	4.3%	4.0%	4.7%	15.8%	4.4%	5.1%	51.3%
(number of months until living with relatives)	2.0	4.3	2.6	1.9	8.3	1.0	0.5	9.6	3.0	1.3	6.7	2.2	2.6	5.4	2.2	31.7%
Exit to Non-Permanent Arrangements	10.9%	10.3%	10.5%	13.8%	14.6%	13.0%	10.8%	18.9%	14.8%	12.9%	19.4%	15.4%	12.7%	15.1%	12.7%	17.0%
Emancipation	10.0%	7.7%	8.1%	12.5%	7.0%	7.7%	9.5%	7.8%	7.8%	11.9%	6.6%	6.8%	11.0%	8.3%	7.9%	9.6%
(number of months until emancipation)	33.8	34.4	31.4	33.3	35.2	29.6	29.9	28.1	28.1	24.4	30.0	23.4	40.4	26.7	22.0	19.3%
Transfer to Another Agency	0.9%	2.2%	2.0%	1.3%	6.0%	4.3%	1.2%	9.0%	5.8%	1.0%	11.8%	7.9%	1.3%	6.1%	4.3%	51.3%
(number of months until transfer)	67.7	27.1	6.0	117.7	22.0	5.0	40.7	28.1	6.7	16.7	18.3	7.6	1.7	12.2	6.9	-97.5%
Runaway	0.0%	0.4%	0.5%	0.0%	1.6%	1.1%	0.0%	2.1%	1.3%	0.0%	1.0%	0.7%	0.4%	0.7%	0.5%	-
(number of months until running away)	0.0	14.7	14.9	0.0	35.2	13.2	0.0	14.1	15.5	0.0	10.0	11.2	20.6	15.3	19.4	-
Death of Child	0.4%	0.3%	0.2%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	-100.0%
(number of months until death of a child)	5.3	23.5	11.9	0.0	59.1	30.9	0.0	10.8	4.9	0.0	15.0	13.2	0.0	30.0	18.8	-100.0%



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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)

Indicator	2013			2014			2015			2016			2017			County % Change 2013 to 2017
	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	
Children in Foster Care on Last Day (number of months children have been in care)	379	9,121	13,697	371	9,409	14,162	319	9,950	14,859	325	10,036	15,382	392	10,525	16,381	3.4%
	14.9	13.9	13.1	16.1	13.2	12.6	16.8	13.7	12.5	12.6	13.6	13.2	11.0	13.7	13.4	-26.4%

By Age

Age Group	2013 County	2013 Urban	2013 State	2014 County	2014 Urban	2014 State	2015 County	2015 Urban	2015 State	2016 County	2016 Urban	2016 State	2017 County	2017 Urban	2017 State	County % Change 2013 to 2017
0-2	22.4%	19.0%	19.9%	23.7%	18.9%	20.0%	25.7%	20.1%	21.0%	28.3%	19.9%	21.3%	26.8%	20.4%	21.5%	19.4%
3-5	22.4%	15.1%	15.6%	24.3%	16.7%	16.7%	23.8%	17.0%	16.7%	21.8%	17.1%	17.0%	24.7%	17.5%	17.5%	10.3%
6-8	13.5%	11.4%	11.6%	13.2%	12.4%	12.4%	12.9%	13.0%	12.9%	11.4%	13.7%	13.2%	14.3%	13.7%	13.7%	6.2%
9-11	5.8%	9.2%	9.1%	6.2%	9.6%	9.6%	7.8%	10.9%	10.7%	7.1%	12.1%	11.6%	8.4%	12.0%	11.8%	45.0%
12-14	9.5%	11.6%	11.7%	7.0%	11.7%	11.5%	4.4%	11.3%	11.7%	6.8%	12.1%	12.0%	7.9%	12.5%	12.1%	-16.7%
15-17	14.0%	22.6%	22.6%	14.0%	20.6%	21.1%	14.4%	20.1%	20.2%	13.8%	19.1%	19.6%	10.7%	18.1%	18.2%	-23.4%
18-20	12.4%	11.1%	9.5%	11.6%	10.2%	8.4%	11.0%	7.8%	6.8%	10.8%	5.9%	5.3%	7.1%	5.8%	5.3%	-42.4%
Infants (age 0-1)	13.2%	11.8%	12.7%	13.5%	12.2%	13.2%	16.6%	13.0%	13.9%	19.7%	12.3%	13.8%	17.9%	13.1%	13.8%	35.4%
Youth (age 13+)	33.2%	42.3%	40.7%	31.0%	38.9%	37.8%	29.2%	35.7%	35.2%	27.1%	33.6%	33.5%	23.7%	32.6%	31.9%	-28.6%

By Race and Ethnicity

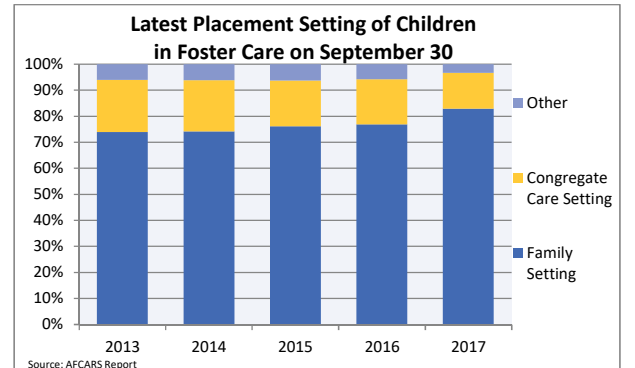
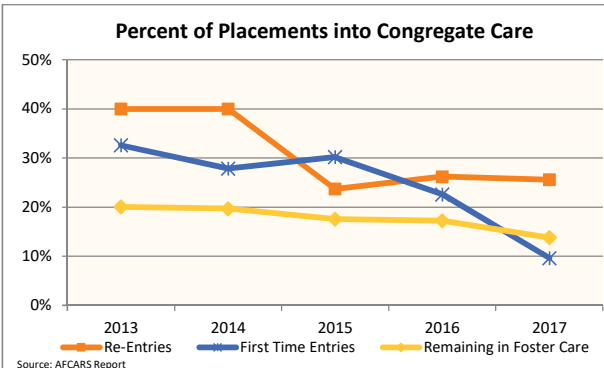
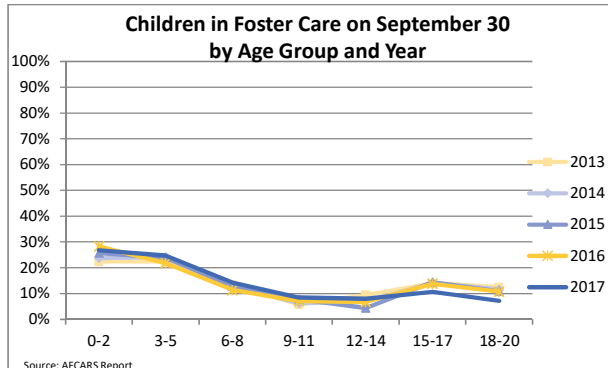
Race/Ethnicity	2013 County	2013 Urban	2013 State	2014 County	2014 Urban	2014 State	2015 County	2015 Urban	2015 State	2016 County	2016 Urban	2016 State	2017 County	2017 Urban	2017 State	County % Change 2013 to 2017
Non-Hispanic White	68.6%	24.0%	38.7%	65.5%	25.5%	40.1%	62.4%	23.5%	37.9%	60.3%	26.7%	41.0%	58.2%	27.5%	42.1%	-15.2%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	19.3%	49.2%	37.1%	13.7%	51.4%	38.3%	13.8%	49.4%	36.9%	11.7%	51.3%	37.0%	9.9%	50.2%	35.8%	-48.3%
Non-Hispanic Other Race	0.8%	10.8%	7.8%	4.3%	4.9%	3.9%	7.2%	7.8%	6.0%	12.6%	3.4%	2.9%	15.3%	3.2%	2.7%	1833.7%
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	0.8%	2.9%	3.7%	7.0%	4.3%	4.7%	9.1%	3.9%	4.9%	6.8%	4.5%	5.5%	9.7%	5.4%	6.1%	1124.7%
Hispanic or Latino	10.6%	13.0%	12.7%	9.4%	13.8%	13.0%	7.5%	15.4%	14.3%	8.6%	14.2%	13.6%	6.9%	13.6%	13.2%	-34.7%

By Gender

Gender	2013 County	2013 Urban	2013 State	2014 County	2014 Urban	2014 State	2015 County	2015 Urban	2015 State	2016 County	2016 Urban	2016 State	2017 County	2017 Urban	2017 State	County % Change 2013 to 2017
Male	49.1%	50.4%	50.7%	47.7%	50.2%	50.9%	45.5%	50.6%	51.3%	48.6%	50.2%	51.2%	53.1%	50.3%	51.2%	8.1%
Female	50.9%	49.6%	49.3%	52.3%	49.8%	49.1%	54.5%	49.4%	48.7%	51.4%	49.8%	48.8%	46.9%	49.7%	48.8%	-7.8%

By Latest Placement Setting

Placement Setting	2013 County	2013 Urban	2013 State	2014 County	2014 Urban	2014 State	2015 County	2015 Urban	2015 State	2016 County	2016 Urban	2016 State	2017 County	2017 Urban	2017 State	County % Change 2013 to 2017
Family Setting	73.9%	75.0%	76.8%	74.1%	78.9%	79.0%	76.2%	81.2%	80.6%	76.9%	83.5%	82.5%	82.9%	84.6%	83.4%	12.2%
Pre-adoptive Home	0.0%	4.2%	3.2%	0.0%	4.8%	3.9%	0.0%	4.2%	3.2%	0.0%	7.5%	5.3%	0.0%	6.0%	4.1%	-
Foster Family Home – Relative	40.9%	26.9%	25.7%	41.8%	32.7%	30.0%	45.1%	36.7%	32.8%	44.0%	38.9%	35.1%	52.8%	41.6%	37.9%	29.1%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	33.0%	43.9%	47.9%	32.3%	41.4%	45.1%	31.0%	40.4%	44.5%	32.9%	37.1%	42.1%	30.1%	36.9%	41.4%	-8.7%
Congregate Care Setting	20.1%	20.0%	18.7%	19.7%	16.9%	17.3%	17.6%	15.2%	16.0%	17.2%	13.8%	14.7%	13.8%	12.6%	13.7%	-31.3%
Group Home	13.2%	10.9%	10.8%	16.4%	9.7%	10.6%	14.1%	7.6%	9.0%	13.2%	6.8%	8.4%	11.0%	6.6%	8.2%	-16.9%
Institution	6.9%	9.1%	7.8%	3.2%	7.3%	6.7%	3.4%	7.6%	7.0%	4.0%	6.9%	6.3%	2.8%	6.0%	5.5%	-59.1%
Supervised Independent Living	5.3%	2.7%	2.1%	5.7%	2.2%	1.7%	4.7%	1.5%	1.4%	5.8%	1.6%	1.3%	3.3%	1.6%	1.5%	-37.2%
Runaway	0.0%	1.9%	1.4%	0.3%	1.5%	1.1%	0.9%	1.5%	1.1%	0.0%	1.0%	0.7%	0.0%	1.2%	0.8%	-
Trial Home Visit	0.8%	0.4%	1.0%	0.3%	0.4%	0.8%	0.6%	0.5%	1.0%	0.0%	0.3%	0.7%	0.0%	0.1%	0.6%	-100.0%



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	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	
26.2%	32.0%	34.1%	27.7%	30.8%	32.7%	29.2%	32.0%	32.8%	20.2%	35.5%	33.6%	22.8%	33.5%	32.2%	-13.0%

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	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	
31.0%	38.7%	41.3%	36.0%	37.8%	39.7%	38.5%	35.9%	39.0%	35.3%	32.1%	36.0%	32.5%	37.7%	39.2%	4.9%

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	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	
26.8%	29.8%	26.4%	24.6%	30.1%	26.9%	21.2%	26.6%	24.1%	18.1%	28.5%	24.8%	21.4%	25.7%	23.0%	-20.1%

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