

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	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	
185	2,590	26,664	186	2,575	26,944	190	2,892	29,273	205	3,995	40,590	263	4,671	44,359	42.2%	
11.0	12.2	9.5	11.0	12.1	9.6	11.3	13.6	10.5	12.2	18.8	14.5	15.6	22.0	15.9		

Child Abuse and Neglect Substantiations

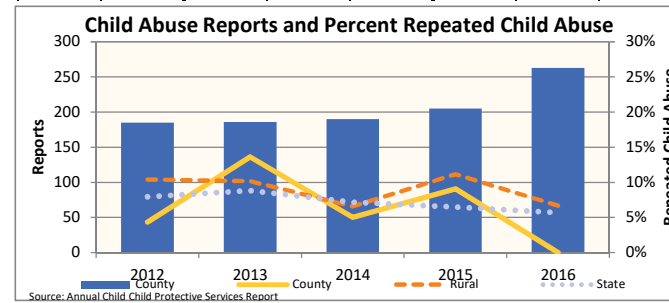
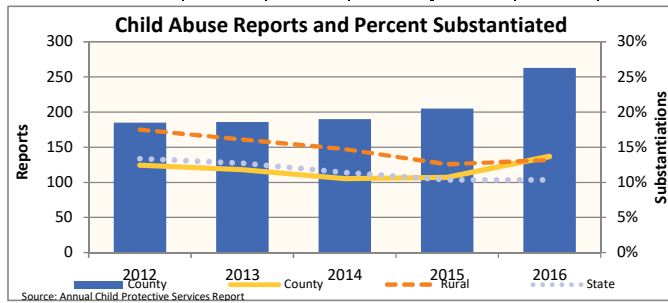
Founded or indicated reports of child abuse and/or neglect.

12.4%	17.5%	13.4%	11.8%	16.1%	12.7%	10.5%	14.7%	11.4%	10.7%	12.6%	10.4%	13.7%	13.2%	10.4%	10.1%
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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.)

4.3%	10.4%	7.9%	13.6%	10.1%	8.8%	5.0%	6.6%	7.2%	9.1%	11.2%	6.5%	0.0%	6.7%	5.7%	-100.0%
1 in 23	1 in 10	1 in 13	1 in 7	1 in 10	1 in 11	1 in 20	1 in 15	1 in 14	1 in 11	1 in 9	1 in 15	0	1 in 15	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	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	845	15,186	131,953	923	16,395	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.

-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16.2%	22.4%	18.4%	21.6%	25.6%	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	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	
860	20,283	172,807	973	22,048	167,582	1,255	22,743	181,371	1,379	24,517	190,413	1,566	28,231	186,855	82.1%	

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FOSTER CARE - SERVED

Foster care is meant to be a temporary intervention to assure the safety and well-being of a child. A child who spends long periods in foster care is more likely than other children to drop out of school, have mental health challenges, and experience unemployment and/or 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	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	
Unduplicated Number of Children Served	112	1,462	21,416	107	1,535	22,510	105	1,574	22,980	112	1,695	24,543	124	1,812	25,381	10.7%
(Rate per 1,000 children age 0-20)	4.4	5.6	6.4	4.2	5.8	6.7	4.1	6.0	6.8	4.4	6.5	7.3	4.9	6.9	7.5	

By Age

Age Group	2013 County	2013 Rural	2013 State	2014 County	2014 Rural	2014 State	2015 County	2015 Rural	2015 State	2016 County	2016 Rural	2016 State	2017 County	2017 Rural	2017 State	County % Change 2013 to 2017
0-2	15.2%	18.5%	19.2%	11.2%	20.6%	19.4%	19.0%	22.7%	19.9%	12.5%	22.0%	20.2%	16.9%	20.7%	20.3%	11.6%
3-5	8.0%	15.7%	15.9%	11.2%	15.0%	16.8%	15.2%	15.9%	17.1%	17.0%	16.1%	17.0%	16.1%	16.4%	17.4%	100.7%
6-8	12.5%	11.7%	11.5%	15.0%	12.6%	12.3%	10.5%	11.5%	12.9%	10.7%	12.4%	13.0%	8.1%	11.9%	13.3%	-35.5%
9-11	9.8%	8.8%	8.9%	11.2%	8.9%	9.5%	9.5%	9.5%	10.0%	7.1%	11.2%	11.0%	6.5%	11.9%	11.4%	-34.3%
12-14	19.6%	13.2%	11.4%	15.0%	12.4%	10.9%	11.4%	12.7%	11.4%	16.1%	11.3%	11.2%	17.7%	12.9%	11.6%	-9.7%
15-17	21.4%	23.6%	22.3%	29.9%	24.0%	21.4%	27.6%	22.4%	20.4%	29.5%	22.7%	19.6%	28.2%	20.6%	18.6%	31.7%
18-20	13.4%	8.5%	10.7%	6.5%	6.6%	9.8%	6.7%	5.2%	8.3%	7.1%	4.4%	7.9%	6.5%	5.6%	7.4%	-51.8%
Infants (age 0-1)	8.0%	12.4%	11.9%	6.5%	14.2%	12.5%	14.3%	15.9%	12.8%	8.9%	14.9%	12.8%	11.3%	13.5%	12.7%	40.5%
Youth (age 13+)	50.0%	42.2%	41.5%	46.7%	39.1%	38.9%	43.8%	36.7%	36.7%	47.3%	34.8%	35.5%	48.4%	34.8%	34.0%	-3.2%

By Race and Ethnicity

Race/Ethnicity	2013 County	2013 Rural	2013 State	2014 County	2014 Rural	2014 State	2015 County	2015 Rural	2015 State	2016 County	2016 Rural	2016 State	2017 County	2017 Rural	2017 State	County % Change 2013 to 2017
Non-Hispanic White	90.2%	89.5%	41.8%	91.6%	89.9%	42.3%	90.5%	87.0%	40.9%	90.2%	88.0%	42.5%	88.7%	86.6%	42.9%	-1.6%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	4.5%	3.7%	34.8%	4.7%	2.5%	35.2%	6.7%	3.6%	34.6%	4.5%	3.1%	35.3%	3.2%	3.5%	34.9%	-27.7%
Non-Hispanic Other Race	0.9%	0.8%	7.0%	1.9%	0.7%	4.4%	0.0%	1.1%	5.9%	0.9%	0.9%	3.3%	0.8%	1.2%	2.9%	-9.7%
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	3.6%	3.3%	3.9%	1.9%	4.0%	4.9%	2.9%	5.3%	5.3%	4.5%	4.9%	5.4%	6.5%	4.9%	6.2%	80.6%
Hispanic or Latino	0.9%	2.8%	12.5%	0.0%	2.8%	13.1%	0.0%	3.0%	13.4%	0.0%	3.1%	13.4%	0.8%	3.8%	13.2%	-9.7%

By Gender

Gender	2013 County	2013 Rural	2013 State	2014 County	2014 Rural	2014 State	2015 County	2015 Rural	2015 State	2016 County	2016 Rural	2016 State	2017 County	2017 Rural	2017 State	County % Change 2013 to 2017
Male	65.2%	52.9%	50.8%	63.6%	53.4%	50.8%	61.0%	53.4%	51.0%	54.5%	53.4%	51.2%	56.5%	52.2%	51.0%	-13.4%
Female	34.8%	47.1%	49.2%	36.4%	46.6%	49.2%	39.0%	46.6%	49.0%	45.5%	46.6%	48.8%	43.5%	47.8%	49.0%	25.1%

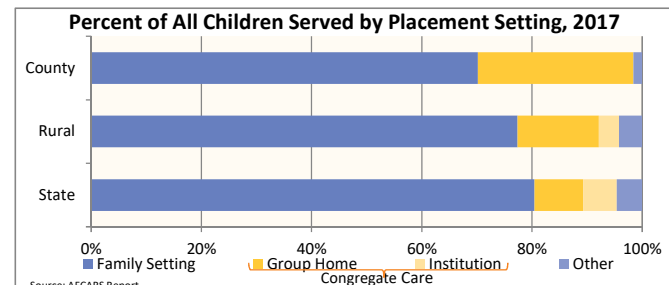
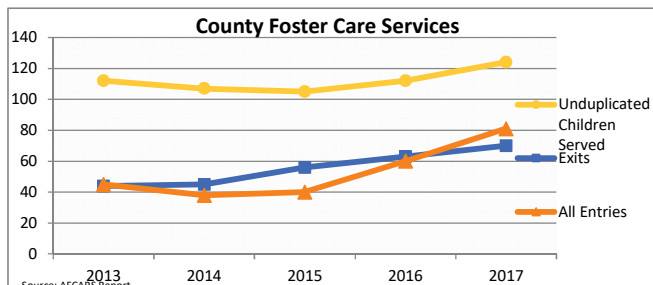
By First Placement Setting

Placement Setting	2013 County	2013 Rural	2013 State	2014 County	2014 Rural	2014 State	2015 County	2015 Rural	2015 State	2016 County	2016 Rural	2016 State	2017 County	2017 Rural	2017 State	County % Change 2013 to 2017
Family Setting	68.8%	73.8%	73.4%	67.3%	75.2%	75.8%	67.6%	75.0%	77.1%	71.4%	75.6%	79.0%	70.2%	77.4%	80.5%	2.1%
Pre-adoptive Home	6.3%	4.2%	3.4%	2.8%	4.0%	3.5%	2.9%	4.3%	3.1%	0.0%	3.4%	4.5%	0.0%	2.3%	4.0%	-100.0%
Foster Family Home – Relative	14.3%	22.0%	24.8%	24.3%	26.6%	29.6%	29.5%	26.9%	31.5%	32.1%	28.8%	34.1%	20.2%	30.0%	36.4%	41.1%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	48.2%	47.6%	45.2%	40.2%	44.7%	42.7%	35.2%	43.8%	42.5%	39.3%	43.4%	40.5%	50.0%	45.0%	40.1%	3.7%
Congregate Care Setting	29.5%	20.0%	19.6%	17.8%	18.6%	18.3%	16.2%	18.4%	17.1%	18.8%	18.4%	15.8%	28.2%	18.4%	14.9%	-4.2%
Group Home	26.8%	14.2%	12.1%	15.0%	13.9%	11.6%	15.2%	14.5%	10.5%	17.9%	14.5%	9.1%	28.2%	14.7%	14.8%	5.4%
Institution	2.7%	5.7%	7.5%	2.8%	4.7%	6.8%	1.0%	3.9%	6.6%	0.9%	4.0%	6.8%	0.0%	3.7%	6.1%	-100.0%
Supervised Independent Living	0.0%	1.4%	2.0%	0.9%	0.8%	1.9%	1.9%	1.1%	1.7%	0.9%	0.8%	1.6%	0.8%	0.7%	1.5%	-
Runaway	0.0%	0.2%	1.8%	0.9%	0.3%	1.2%	0.0%	0.0%	1.3%	0.9%	0.2%	1.4%	0.0%	0.1%	1.4%	-
Trial Home Visit	1.8%	4.6%	3.2%	13.1%	5.0%	2.8%	14.3%	5.5%	2.9%	8.0%	5.0%	2.2%	0.8%	3.4%	1.7%	-54.8%

Children Entering Foster Care

All Entries into Foster Care During the Year

Year	County	Rural	State	Year	County	Rural	State	Year	County	Rural	State	Year	County	Rural	State	County % Change 2013 to 2017				
2013	45	700	9,306	2014	38	811	10,364	2015	40	821	10,387	2016	60	945	10,567	2017	81	987	10,781	80.0%



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	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	
Children Entering for the First Time	39	546	6,698	36	658	7,592	36	646	7,843	50	721	8,082	65	799	8,438	66.7%
(Rate per 1,000 children age 0-20)	1.5	2.1	2.0	1.4	2.5	2.3	1.4	2.5	2.3	2.0	2.7	2.4	2.6	3.0	2.5	
First Time Entries as Percent of All Entries	86.7%	78.0%	72.0%	94.7%	81.1%	73.3%	90.0%	78.7%	75.5%	83.3%	76.3%	76.5%	80.2%	81.0%	78.3%	

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	2014	2015	2016	2017	% Change
0-2	17.9%	19.4%	36.1%	18.0%	23.1%	28.6%
3-5	5.1%	11.1%	16.7%	16.0%	13.8%	170.0%
6-8	15.4%	11.1%	8.3%	10.0%	4.6%	-70.0%
9-11	12.8%	11.1%	11.1%	11.2%	9.2%	-28.0%
12-14	30.8%	8.3%	16.7%	11.5%	20.0%	-35.0%
15-17	17.9%	19.0%	17.0%	18.4%	29.2%	62.9%
18-20	0.0%	0.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	-
Infants (age 0-1)	12.8%	13.9%	30.6%	10.0%	18.5%	44.0%
Youth (age 13+)	38.5%	27.4%	25.0%	26.8%	30.0%	20.0%

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	2014	2015	2016	2017	% Change
Non-Hispanic White	84.6%	89.2%	91.7%	89.5%	86.2%	1.8%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	10.3%	2.3%	8.3%	2.5%	3.1%	-70.0%
Non-Hispanic Other Race	2.6%	0.9%	0.0%	0.8%	1.5%	-40.0%
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	0.0%	4.3%	4.8%	4.0%	7.7%	-
Hispanic or Latino	2.6%	3.3%	3.7%	3.2%	3.6%	-40.0%

By Gender

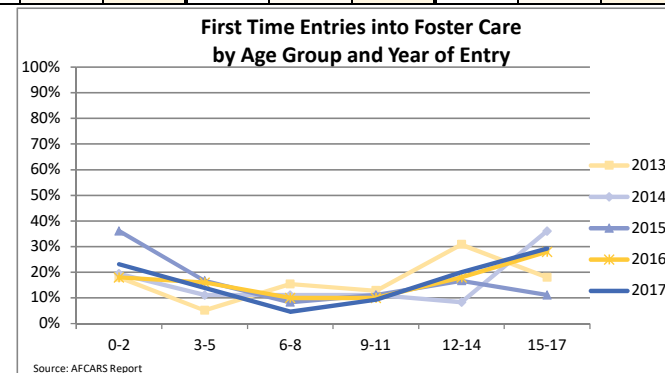
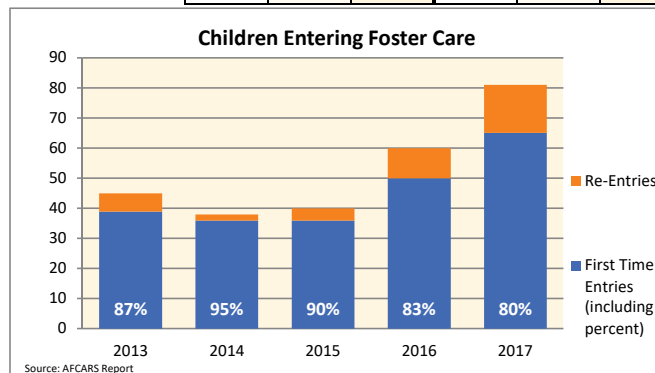
Male
Female

Gender	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	% Change
Male	56.4%	53.3%	55.6%	53.5%	49.2%	-12.7%
Female	43.6%	46.7%	44.4%	46.5%	50.8%	16.5%

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	2014	2015	2016	2017	% Change
Family Setting	69.2%	79.9%	80.6%	79.1%	81.6%	0.0%
Pre-adoptive Home	0.0%	0.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.3%	-
Foster Family Home – Relative	15.4%	33.6%	36.1%	33.6%	33.3%	30.0%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	53.8%	46.0%	44.4%	46.4%	48.1%	-8.6%
Congregate Care Setting	28.2%	16.6%	16.7%	17.0%	17.5%	9.1%
Group Home	25.6%	13.8%	13.9%	10.7%	15.1%	20.0%
Institution	2.6%	5.4%	2.8%	6.3%	2.4%	-100.0%
Supervised Independent Living	0.0%	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-
Runaway	0.0%	0.3%	0.0%	0.4%	0.0%	-
Trial Home Visit	2.6%	3.0%	2.8%	2.0%	0.9%	-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
	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State		
	6	154	2,608	2	153	2,772	4	175	2,544	10	224	2,485	16	188	2,343	166.7%
	13.3%	22.0%	28.0%	5.3%	18.9%	26.7%	10.0%	21.3%	24.5%	16.7%	23.7%	23.5%	19.8%	19.0%	21.7%	48.1%

By Age

Age Group	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	% Change
0-2	0.0%	9.2%	8.2%	0.0%	11.2%	-
3-5	0.0%	7.2%	9.2%	10.0%	12.5%	-
6-8	0.0%	8.5%	8.8%	0.0%	10.1%	-
9-11	0.0%	9.8%	7.5%	0.0%	9.6%	-
12-14	33.3%	19.6%	17.1%	20.0%	18.5%	-43.8%
15-17	50.0%	41.2%	43.7%	70.0%	37.5%	-25.0%
18-20	16.7%	4.6%	5.7%	0.0%	6.3%	-62.5%
Infants (age 0-1)	0.0%	5.9%	5.2%	0.0%	6.3%	-
Youth (age 13+)	100.0%	63.4%	63.5%	100.0%	51.1%	-43.8%

By Race and Ethnicity

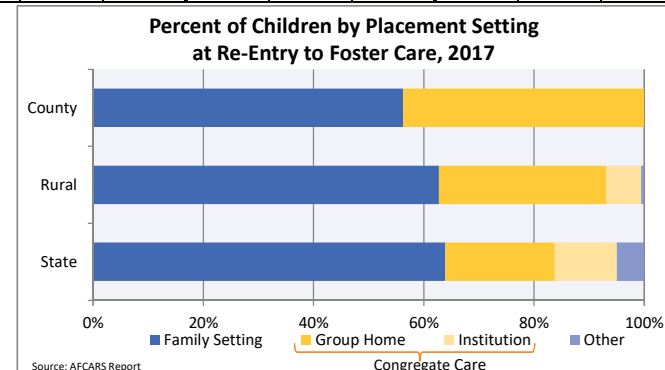
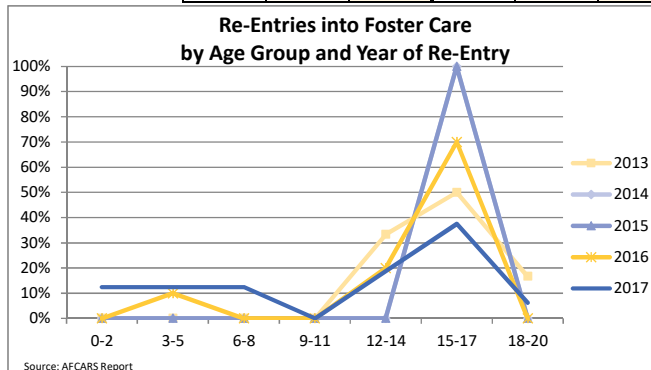
Race/Ethnicity	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	% Change
Non-Hispanic White	100.0%	94.1%	35.8%	75.0%	93.8%	-6.3%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	0.0%	2.0%	43.3%	0.0%	6.3%	-
Non-Hispanic Other Race	0.0%	0.7%	4.1%	0.0%	0.0%	-
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	0.0%	0.7%	4.5%	0.0%	0.0%	-
Hispanic or Latino	0.0%	2.6%	12.2%	0.0%	2.7%	-

By Gender

Gender	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	% Change
Male	50.0%	53.6%	50.6%	50.0%	56.3%	12.5%
Female	50.0%	46.4%	49.4%	50.0%	43.8%	-12.5%

By Placement Setting at Re-Entry

Placement Setting	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	% Change
Family Setting	33.3%	57.5%	53.7%	25.0%	61.7%	68.8%
Pre-adoptive Home	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.0%	0.7%	-
Foster Family Home – Relative	0.0%	19.0%	20.2%	0.0%	26.3%	-
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	33.3%	38.6%	33.3%	25.0%	34.6%	68.8%
Congregate Care Setting	50.0%	40.5%	40.6%	75.0%	34.0%	-12.5%
Group Home	33.3%	32.7%	24.8%	31.4%	19.3%	31.3%
Institution	16.7%	7.8%	15.9%	0.0%	14.8%	-100.0%
Supervised Independent Living	0.0%	1.3%	1.6%	0.0%	1.3%	-
Runaway	0.0%	0.0%	3.3%	0.0%	2.5%	-
Trial Home Visit	16.7%	0.7%	0.8%	0.0%	0.5%	-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

Percent of Children by Case Plan Goal

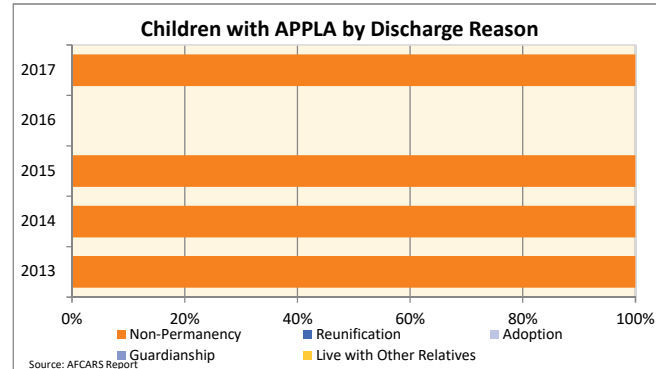
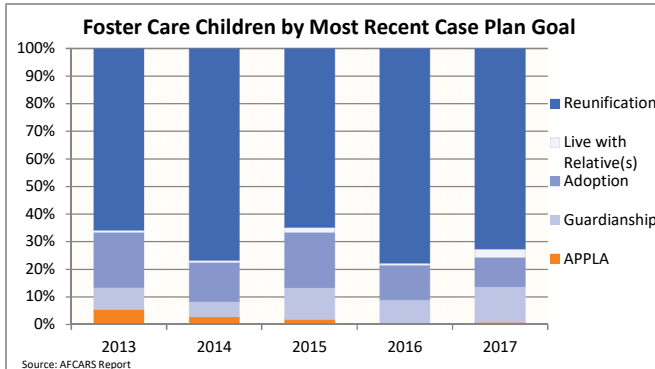
Indicator	2013			2014			2015			2016			2017			County % Change 2013 to 2017
	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	
Family-Based Permanency Goals	94.6%	91.7%	92.8%	97.2%	94.9%	93.6%	98.1%	96.7%	95.2%	100.0%	97.7%	95.0%	99.2%	98.0%	94.0%	4.9%
Reunify With Parent(s) or Principal Caretaker(s)	65.8%	64.0%	70.5%	76.6%	69.5%	72.6%	64.8%	70.5%	73.1%	77.7%	72.6%	69.8%	72.6%	72.3%	66.7%	10.4%
Adoption	19.8%	18.6%	16.7%	14.0%	17.0%	16.1%	20.0%	20.0%	17.4%	12.5%	18.3%	19.5%	10.5%	19.5%	21.2%	-47.1%
Guardianship	8.1%	1.9%	3.6%	5.6%	6.0%	3.1%	11.4%	4.3%	3.0%	8.9%	4.6%	4.3%	12.9%	5.0%	4.8%	59.1%
Live with Relative(s)	0.9%	7.1%	2.1%	0.9%	2.4%	1.8%	1.9%	1.9%	1.7%	0.9%	2.2%	1.5%	3.2%	1.3%	1.3%	258.1%
Another Planned Permanent Living Arrangement (APPLA)	5.4%	8.3%	7.2%	2.8%	5.1%	6.4%	1.9%	3.3%	4.8%	0.0%	2.3%	5.0%	0.8%	2.0%	6.0%	-85.1%
Long Term Foster Care	0.9%	3.3%	2.1%	0.0%	1.3%	1.8%	0.0%	0.7%	1.2%	0.0%	0.4%	1.0%	0.0%	0.4%	0.7%	-100.0%
Emancipation	4.5%	5.0%	5.1%	2.8%	3.8%	4.6%	1.9%	2.7%	3.6%	0.0%	2.0%	4.0%	0.8%	1.6%	5.3%	-82.1%

APPLA By Age as % of Age Group Served

Age Group	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	County % Change 2013 to 2017
0-15	0.0%	2.7%	1.1%	0.0%	0.1%	-
16-20	18.8%	24.6%	23.6%	10.0%	25.1%	-83.8%

APPLA By Discharge Reason

Discharge Reason	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	County % Change 2013 to 2017										
Exit to Permanent Arrangements	0.0%	25.4%	28.9%	0.0%	15.0%	19.4%	0.0%	16.7%	23.0%	0.0%	17.9%	32.1%	0.0%	18.2%	22.7%	-
Reunification	0.0%	6.8%	22.8%	0.0%	10.0%	14.5%	0.0%	16.7%	17.6%	0.0%	10.7%	27.0%	0.0%	9.1%	17.3%	-
(number of months until reunification)	0.0	16.5	27.8	0.0	33.4	36.2	0.0	46.8	27.5	0.0	50.0	30.4	0.0	17.3	11.8	-
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	0.0%	16.9%	3.4%	0.0%	5.0%	2.5%	0.0%	0.0%	1.4%	0.0%	7.1%	4.2%	0.0%	9.1%	4.9%	-
(number of month until guardianship)	0.0	23.6	32.0	0.0	17.8	27.8	0.0	0.0	18.0	0.0	129.1	32.0	0.0	22.5	23.6	-
Live with Other Relatives	0.0%	1.7%	2.2%	0.0%	0.0%	2.1%	0.0%	0.0%	3.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.5%	-
(number of months until living with relatives)	0.0	11.3	30.6	0.0	0.0	15.9	0.0	0.0	37.1	0.0	0.0	39.8	0.0	0.0	21.4	-
Exit to Non-Permanent Arrangements	100.0%	74.6%	70.8%	100.0%	85.0%	80.4%	100.0%	83.3%	76.4%	0.0%	100.0%	68.6%	100.0%	81.8%	76.8%	0.0%
Emancipation	100.0%	71.2%	64.2%	100.0%	82.5%	73.0%	100.0%	80.0%	71.7%	0.0%	100.0%	62.2%	100.0%	77.3%	66.7%	0.0%
(number of months until emancipation)	21.6	43.5	33.1	0.2	44.3	33.5	174.7	40.6	34.3	0.0	29.8	30.6	41.7	27.2	26.2	93.0%
Transfer to Another Agency	0.0%	3.4%	3.6%	0.0%	2.5%	5.5%	0.0%	3.3%	2.7%	0.0%	0.0%	5.0%	0.0%	0.0%	8.2%	-
(number of months until transfer)	0.0	41.6	46.4	0.0	20.2	13.0	0.0	84.3	40.7	0.0	0.0	27.6	0.0	0.0	3.7	-
Runaway	0.0%	0.0%	3.1%	0.0%	0.0%	1.9%	0.0%	0.0%	2.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.4%	0.0%	4.5%	1.9%	-
(number of months until running away)	0.0	0.0	26.5	0.0	0.0	16.3	0.0	0.0	23.4	0.0	0.0	14.1	0.0	34.3	32.0	-
Death of Child	0.0%	0.0%	0.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.6%	0.0%	3.6%	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.5%	-
(number of months until death of a child)	0.0	0.0	92.4	0.0	0.0	129.8	0.0	0.0	9.0	0.0	143.7	143.7	0.0	0.0	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

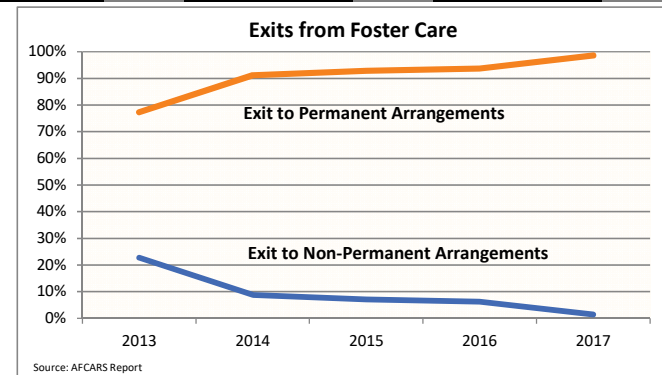
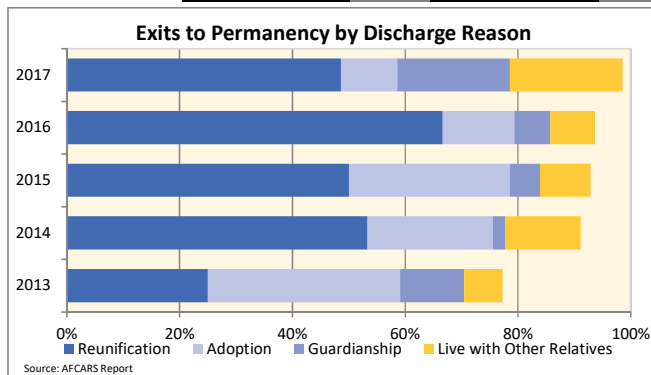
Total Children Leaving Foster Care
Percent of Children Leaving Foster Care
(number of months until leaving)

Indicator	2013			2014			2015			2016			2017			County % Change 2013 to 2017
	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	
Total Children Leaving Foster Care	44	751	9,123	45	752	9,769	56	807	9,471	63	874	10,635	70	803	10,276	59.1%
Percent of Children Leaving Foster Care	41.1%	48.9%	42.6%	42.9%	47.8%	43.4%	50.0%	47.6%	41.2%	50.8%	48.2%	43.3%	56.5%	44.3%	40.5%	37.3%
(number of months until leaving)	18.6	10.6	11.9	13.4	9.1	10.7	17.9	11.1	11.4	11.7	12.1	11.7	5.8	8.2	11.9	-68.7%

By Discharge Reason

Exit to Permanent Arrangements
Reunification
(number of months until reunification)
Adoption
(number of months until adoption)
Guardianship
(number of month until guardianship)
Live with Other Relatives
(number of months until living with relatives)
Exit to Non-Permanent Arrangements
Emancipation
(number of months until emancipation)
Transfer to Another Agency
(number of months until transfer)
Runaway
(number of months until running away)
Death of Child
(number of months until death of a child)

Discharge Reason	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	County % Change 2013 to 2017
Exit to Permanent Arrangements	77.3%	89.6%	89.3%	91.1%	91.1%	86.9%
Reunification	25.0%	52.9%	57.3%	53.3%	61.3%	57.2%
(number of months until reunification)	6.6	4.8	6.0	10.3	5.6	5.5
Adoption	34.1%	20.0%	20.2%	22.2%	13.0%	18.6%
(number of months until adoption)	21.8	28.2	26.7	18.4	27.3	27.4
Guardianship	11.4%	9.3%	6.4%	2.2%	9.4%	6.1%
(number of month until guardianship)	19.6	18.7	21.2	16.6	21.4	20.8
Live with Other Relatives	6.8%	7.5%	5.5%	13.3%	7.3%	5.0%
(number of months until living with relatives)	9.2	4.7	2.6	7.0	10.7	1.0
Exit to Non-Permanent Arrangements	22.7%	10.1%	10.5%	8.9%	8.8%	13.0%
Emancipation	22.7%	7.7%	8.1%	6.7%	7.3%	7.7%
(number of months until emancipation)	19.8	36.2	31.4	5.5	31.4	29.6
Transfer to Another Agency	0.0%	2.1%	2.0%	0.0%	1.2%	4.3%
(number of months until transfer)	0.0	10.4	6.0	0.0	10.3	5.0
Runaway	0.0%	0.3%	0.5%	2.2%	0.3%	1.1%
(number of months until running away)	0.0	41.6	14.9	13.4	25.2	13.2
Death of Child	0.0%	0.3%	0.2%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%
(number of months until death of a child)	0.0	5.1	11.9	0.0	13.7	30.9



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	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	
Children in Foster Care on Last Day	70	774	13,697	66	840	14,162	55	849	14,859	56	918	15,382	61	1,097	16,381	-12.9%
(number of months children have been in care)	8.9	12.6	13.1	13.3	12.4	12.6	10.7	10.6	12.5	5.5	9.7	13.2	6.7	9.9	13.4	-24.1%

By Age

Age Group	2013 County	2013 Rural	2013 State	2014 County	2014 Rural	2014 State	2015 County	2015 Rural	2015 State	2016 County	2016 Rural	2016 State	2017 County	2017 Rural	2017 State	County % Change 2013 to 2017
0-2	14.3%	20.0%	19.9%	13.6%	22.5%	20.0%	18.2%	24.3%	21.0%	12.5%	21.7%	21.3%	23.0%	21.7%	21.5%	60.7%
3-5	10.0%	13.8%	15.6%	13.6%	14.9%	16.7%	16.4%	14.5%	16.7%	23.2%	16.4%	17.0%	16.4%	15.6%	17.5%	63.9%
6-8	14.3%	10.2%	11.6%	13.6%	12.6%	12.4%	5.5%	11.8%	12.9%	7.1%	12.4%	13.2%	8.2%	13.7%	13.7%	-42.6%
9-11	11.4%	9.7%	9.1%	9.1%	9.6%	9.6%	9.1%	9.5%	10.7%	5.4%	12.0%	11.6%	3.3%	12.4%	11.8%	-71.3%
12-14	25.7%	15.6%	11.7%	9.1%	12.3%	11.5%	9.1%	13.2%	11.7%	19.6%	11.7%	12.0%	23.0%	13.9%	12.1%	-10.7%
15-17	18.6%	23.6%	22.6%	36.4%	24.3%	21.1%	32.7%	22.9%	20.2%	26.8%	23.4%	19.6%	18.0%	19.1%	18.2%	-2.9%
18-20	5.7%	7.0%	9.5%	4.5%	3.8%	8.4%	9.1%	3.9%	6.8%	5.4%	2.4%	5.3%	8.2%	3.6%	5.3%	43.4%
Infants (age 0-1)	7.1%	14.3%	12.7%	9.1%	15.5%	13.2%	12.7%	16.8%	13.9%	10.7%	15.3%	13.8%	14.8%	13.9%	13.8%	106.6%
Youth (age 13+)	42.9%	41.7%	40.7%	50.0%	37.0%	37.8%	47.3%	36.4%	35.2%	46.4%	33.9%	33.5%	44.3%	32.0%	31.9%	3.3%

By Race and Ethnicity

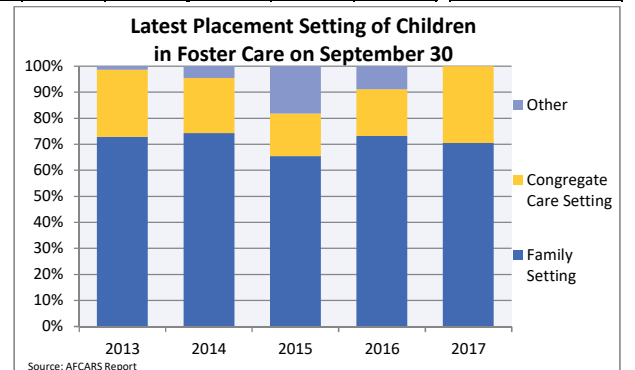
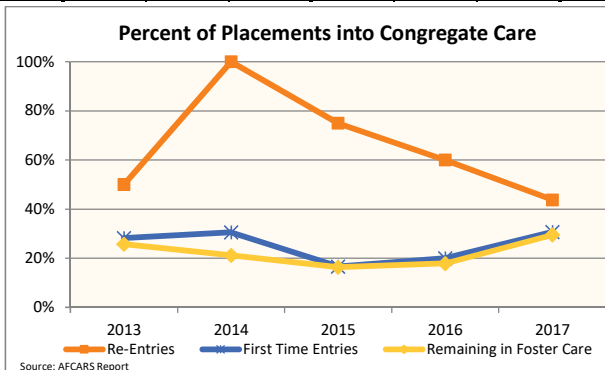
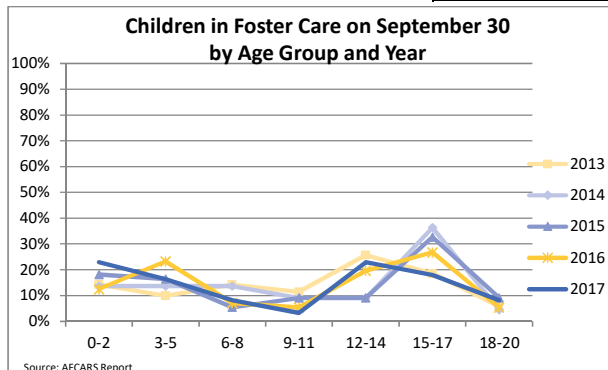
Race/Ethnicity	2013 County	2013 Rural	2013 State	2014 County	2014 Rural	2014 State	2015 County	2015 Rural	2015 State	2016 County	2016 Rural	2016 State	2017 County	2017 Rural	2017 State	County % Change 2013 to 2017
Non-Hispanic White	90.0%	90.1%	38.7%	92.4%	89.2%	40.1%	85.5%	86.3%	37.9%	91.1%	86.5%	41.0%	91.8%	87.0%	42.1%	2.0%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	4.3%	3.5%	37.1%	4.5%	2.7%	38.3%	10.9%	4.0%	36.9%	3.6%	3.3%	37.0%	3.3%	3.2%	35.8%	-23.5%
Non-Hispanic Other Race	1.4%	0.4%	7.8%	1.5%	0.6%	3.9%	0.0%	1.2%	6.0%	0.0%	1.1%	2.9%	1.6%	1.4%	2.7%	14.8%
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	2.9%	3.5%	3.7%	1.5%	5.1%	4.7%	3.6%	5.5%	4.9%	5.4%	5.0%	5.5%	3.3%	4.3%	6.1%	14.8%
Hispanic or Latino	1.4%	2.6%	12.7%	0.0%	2.4%	13.0%	0.0%	2.9%	14.3%	0.0%	4.1%	13.6%	0.0%	4.2%	13.2%	-100.0%

By Gender

Gender	2013 County	2013 Rural	2013 State	2014 County	2014 Rural	2014 State	2015 County	2015 Rural	2015 State	2016 County	2016 Rural	2016 State	2017 County	2017 Rural	2017 State	County % Change 2013 to 2017
Male	64.3%	52.7%	50.7%	65.2%	53.7%	50.9%	61.8%	54.1%	51.3%	69.6%	54.8%	51.2%	55.7%	52.8%	51.2%	-13.3%
Female	35.7%	47.3%	49.3%	34.8%	46.3%	49.1%	38.2%	45.9%	48.7%	30.4%	45.2%	48.8%	44.3%	47.2%	48.8%	23.9%

By Latest Placement Setting

Placement Setting	2013 County	2013 Rural	2013 State	2014 County	2014 Rural	2014 State	2015 County	2015 Rural	2015 State	2016 County	2016 Rural	2016 State	2017 County	2017 Rural	2017 State	County % Change 2013 to 2017
Family Setting	72.9%	77.8%	76.8%	74.2%	78.2%	79.0%	65.5%	77.3%	80.6%	73.2%	79.2%	82.5%	70.5%	79.1%	83.4%	-3.2%
Pre-adoptive Home	1.4%	1.9%	3.2%	3.0%	3.7%	3.9%	3.6%	2.7%	3.2%	0.0%	1.4%	5.3%	0.0%	1.5%	4.1%	-100.0%
Foster Family Home – Relative	20.0%	22.5%	25.7%	27.3%	25.8%	30.0%	21.8%	25.4%	32.8%	35.7%	28.5%	35.1%	3.3%	30.6%	37.9%	-83.6%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	51.4%	53.4%	47.9%	43.9%	48.7%	45.1%	40.0%	49.1%	44.5%	37.5%	49.2%	42.1%	67.2%	47.0%	41.4%	30.7%
Congregate Care Setting	25.7%	19.4%	18.7%	21.2%	19.2%	17.3%	16.4%	19.3%	16.0%	17.9%	18.3%	14.7%	29.5%	18.6%	13.7%	14.8%
Group Home	21.4%	12.8%	10.8%	16.7%	13.8%	10.6%	14.5%	14.6%	9.0%	17.9%	14.9%	8.4%	29.5%	14.2%	8.2%	37.7%
Institution	4.3%	6.6%	7.8%	4.5%	5.4%	6.7%	1.8%	4.7%	7.0%	0.0%	3.4%	6.3%	0.0%	4.4%	5.5%	-100.0%
Supervised Independent Living	0.0%	1.4%	2.1%	1.5%	0.8%	1.7%	1.8%	0.9%	1.4%	1.8%	0.8%	1.3%	0.0%	0.5%	1.5%	-
Runaway	0.0%	0.1%	1.4%	0.0%	0.0%	1.1%	0.0%	0.0%	1.1%	1.8%	0.3%	0.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.8%	-
Trial Home Visit	1.4%	1.3%	1.0%	3.0%	1.8%	0.8%	16.4%	2.5%	1.0%	5.4%	1.4%	0.7%	0.0%	1.8%	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	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	
8.9%	37.4%	34.1%	10.9%	33.7%	32.7%	43.9%	34.0%	32.8%	21.4%	29.0%	33.6%	43.3%	30.8%	32.2%	385.3%

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	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	
42.5%	52.1%	41.3%	28.2%	44.2%	39.7%	41.2%	48.4%	39.0%	48.7%	52.2%	36.0%	55.8%	48.3%	39.2%	31.3%

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	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	
45.5%	20.3%	26.4%	23.1%	20.9%	26.9%	0.0%	15.8%	24.1%	6.9%	19.5%	24.8%	17.5%	19.5%	23.0%	-61.5%

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