

## 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	
	828	14,080	26,664	814	14,114	26,944	991	15,108	29,273	1,372	20,971	40,590	1,627	22,768	44,359	96.5%
	10.0	8.7	9.5	9.8	8.7	9.6	12.0	9.4	10.5	16.6	13.0	14.5	19.7	14.1	15.9	

#### Child Abuse and Neglect Substantiations

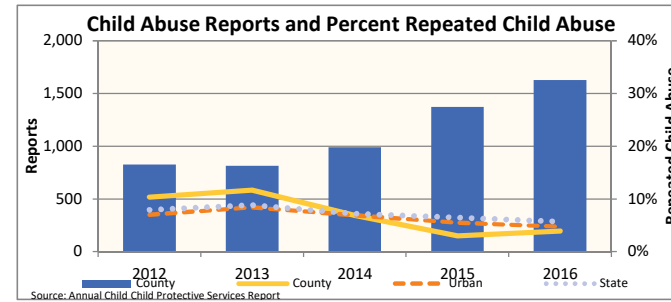
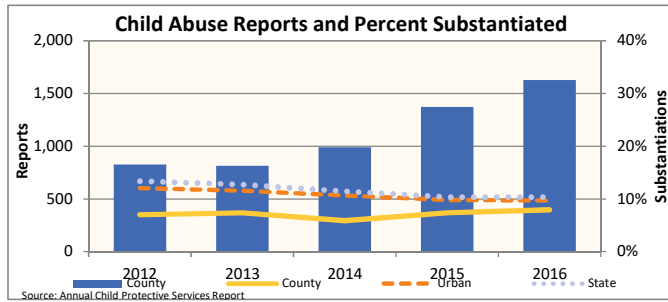
Founded or indicated reports of child abuse and/or neglect.

	7.0%	12.0%	13.4%	7.4%	11.6%	12.7%	5.9%	10.6%	11.4%	7.4%	9.8%	10.4%	7.9%	9.7%	10.4%	13.2%
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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.)

	10.3%	7.0%	7.9%	11.7%	8.4%	8.8%	6.9%	6.9%	7.2%	3.0%	5.5%	6.5%	3.9%	4.7%	5.7%	-62.5%
	1 in 10	1 in 14	1 in 13	1 in 9	1 in 12	1 in 11	1 in 15	1 in 14	1 in 14	1 in 34	1 in 18	1 in 15	1 in 26	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	
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,712	63,101	131,953	4,448	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.

	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.6%	17.8%	18.4%	10.8%	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	
	8,290	84,755	172,807	9,960	77,509	167,582	10,469	88,106	181,371	10,361	90,893	190,413	10,597	81,260	186,855	27.8%

## 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	
Unduplicated Number of Children Served	351	13,441	21,416	348	14,249	22,510	316	14,577	22,980	355	15,584	24,543	396	15,999	25,381	12.8%
(Rate per 1,000 children age 0-20)	3.6	6.9	6.4	3.6	7.4	6.7	3.3	7.5	6.8	3.7	8.0	7.3	4.1	8.3	7.5	

### 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	21.4%	18.6%	19.2%	19.5%	18.7%	19.4%	19.9%	19.1%	19.9%	22.0%	18.8%	20.2%	22.0%	19.1%	20.3%	2.8%
3-5	16.5%	15.4%	15.9%	14.1%	16.9%	16.8%	17.7%	17.2%	17.1%	15.5%	17.1%	17.0%	17.7%	17.4%	17.4%	7.0%
6-8	12.0%	11.5%	11.5%	12.1%	12.0%	12.3%	12.0%	12.9%	12.9%	16.1%	13.3%	13.0%	10.9%	13.6%	13.3%	-9.3%
9-11	9.7%	9.2%	8.9%	9.2%	9.6%	9.5%	7.9%	10.3%	10.0%	9.0%	11.3%	11.0%	9.8%	11.7%	11.4%	1.7%
12-14	12.5%	11.4%	11.4%	10.6%	10.8%	10.9%	11.4%	11.2%	11.4%	10.1%	11.2%	11.2%	10.4%	11.9%	11.6%	-17.4%
15-17	21.1%	22.0%	22.3%	25.9%	20.7%	21.4%	21.8%	19.9%	20.4%	19.7%	19.2%	19.6%	18.7%	18.3%	18.6%	-11.4%
18-20	6.8%	12.0%	10.7%	8.6%	11.1%	9.8%	9.2%	9.3%	8.3%	7.6%	9.1%	7.9%	10.6%	8.0%	7.4%	55.1%
Infants (age 0-1)	14.2%	11.3%	11.9%	12.1%	11.9%	12.5%	13.6%	12.0%	12.8%	12.4%	11.5%	12.8%	13.9%	11.8%	12.7%	-2.5%
Youth (age 13+)	35.6%	42.3%	41.5%	40.2%	39.5%	38.9%	38.3%	37.1%	36.7%	35.8%	36.2%	35.5%	37.1%	34.6%	34.0%	4.2%

### 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	32.8%	25.7%	41.8%	32.2%	26.8%	42.3%	29.7%	25.5%	40.9%	35.8%	27.1%	42.5%	32.3%	28.0%	42.9%	-1.3%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	27.1%	47.9%	34.8%	28.2%	48.7%	35.2%	24.4%	47.6%	34.6%	21.7%	49.8%	35.3%	23.7%	49.2%	34.9%	-12.3%
Non-Hispanic Other Race	4.3%	10.1%	7.0%	4.9%	5.9%	4.4%	9.8%	8.0%	5.9%	3.7%	4.2%	3.3%	3.8%	3.5%	2.9%	-11.4%
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	0.0%	3.2%	3.9%	0.0%	4.7%	4.9%	0.0%	4.3%	5.3%	0.0%	4.3%	5.4%	0.0%	5.5%	6.2%	-
Hispanic or Latino	35.9%	13.0%	12.5%	34.8%	13.8%	13.1%	36.1%	14.7%	13.4%	38.9%	14.6%	13.4%	40.2%	13.9%	13.2%	11.9%

### 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	54.1%	50.1%	50.8%	52.0%	50.2%	50.8%	51.6%	50.4%	51.0%	52.4%	50.3%	51.2%	54.5%	50.1%	51.0%	0.8%
Female	45.9%	49.9%	49.2%	48.0%	49.8%	49.2%	48.4%	49.6%	49.0%	47.6%	49.7%	48.8%	45.5%	49.9%	49.0%	-0.9%

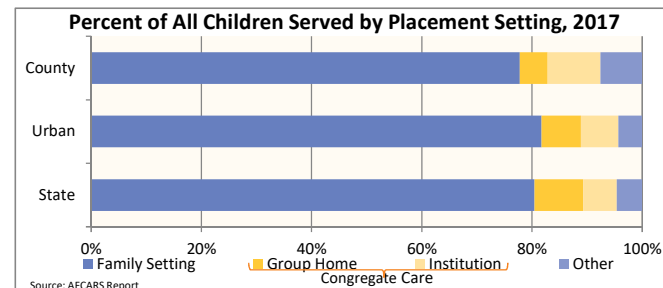
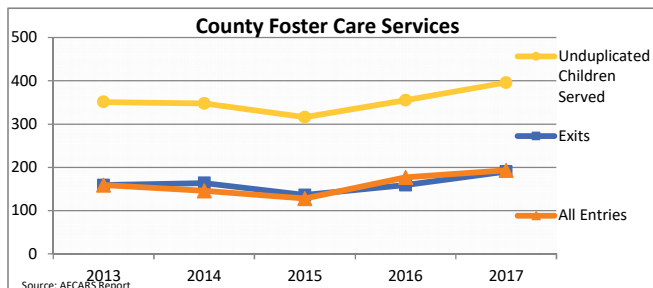
### By First Placement Setting

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	County % Change 2013 to 2017
<b>Family Setting</b>	<b>81.5%</b>	<b>72.9%</b>	<b>73.4%</b>	<b>71.8%</b>	<b>76.1%</b>	<b>75.8%</b>	<b>77.5%</b>	<b>78.1%</b>	<b>77.1%</b>	<b>75.8%</b>	<b>79.9%</b>	<b>79.0%</b>	<b>77.8%</b>	<b>81.7%</b>	<b>80.5%</b>	<b>-4.5%</b>
Pre-adoptive Home	1.1%	3.9%	3.4%	0.3%	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	17.9%	26.5%	24.8%	16.4%	32.9%	29.6%	22.8%	35.8%	31.5%	27.9%	37.7%	34.1%	19.4%	40.0%	36.4%	8.3%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	62.4%	42.5%	45.2%	55.2%	39.1%	42.7%	54.7%	38.7%	42.5%	47.9%	36.2%	40.5%	58.3%	36.2%	40.1%	-6.5%
<b>Congregate Care Setting</b>	<b>10.5%</b>	<b>20.2%</b>	<b>19.6%</b>	<b>12.4%</b>	<b>18.2%</b>	<b>18.3%</b>	<b>12.0%</b>	<b>16.4%</b>	<b>17.1%</b>	<b>15.5%</b>	<b>15.2%</b>	<b>15.8%</b>	<b>14.6%</b>	<b>14.0%</b>	<b>14.9%</b>	<b>38.9%</b>
Group Home	1.4%	11.4%	12.1%	4.3%	10.5%	11.6%	5.4%	9.1%	10.5%	5.6%	7.5%	9.1%	5.1%	7.2%	8.8%	254.5%
Institution	9.1%	8.8%	7.5%	8.0%	7.7%	6.8%	6.6%	7.4%	6.6%	9.9%	7.7%	6.8%	9.6%	6.8%	6.1%	5.3%
<b>Supervised Independent Living</b>	<b>3.4%</b>	<b>2.6%</b>	<b>2.0%</b>	<b>2.0%</b>	<b>2.4%</b>	<b>1.9%</b>	<b>2.8%</b>	<b>2.0%</b>	<b>1.7%</b>	<b>3.7%</b>	<b>1.9%</b>	<b>1.6%</b>	<b>3.8%</b>	<b>1.7%</b>	<b>1.5%</b>	<b>10.8%</b>
Runaway	0.6%	2.4%	1.8%	1.7%	1.4%	1.2%	0.9%	1.7%	1.3%	0.3%	1.9%	1.4%	1.3%	1.9%	1.4%	121.6%
Trial Home Visit	4.0%	1.9%	3.2%	12.1%	1.9%	2.8%	6.6%	1.9%	2.9%	4.8%	1.1%	2.2%	2.5%	0.7%	1.7%	-36.7%

### 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	County % Change 2013 to 2017
2013	159	5,577	9,306	146	6,295	10,364	128	6,327	10,387	177	6,153	10,567	193	6,387	10,781	21.4%



## 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

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	
First Time Entries During the Year	135	3,887	6,698	120	4,465	7,592	107	4,638	7,843	140	4,556	8,082	161	4,874	8,438	19.3%
(Rate per 1,000 children age 0-20)	1.4	2.0	2.0	1.2	2.3	2.3	1.1	2.4	2.3	1.4	2.4	2.4	1.7	2.5	2.5	
First Time Entries as Percent of All Entries	84.9%	69.7%	72.0%	82.2%	70.9%	73.3%	83.6%	73.3%	75.5%	79.1%	74.0%	76.5%	83.4%	76.3%	78.3%	

#### By Age

Age Group	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	% Change
0-2	34.8%	33.6%	31.8%	32.5%	33.2%	-16.1%
3-5	14.1%	15.9%	21.5%	14.6%	14.7%	36.8%
6-8	8.1%	11.6%	13.1%	12.8%	12.5%	-16.1%
9-11	8.9%	9.4%	5.6%	10.1%	9.6%	18.8%
12-14	15.6%	12.3%	10.3%	12.7%	12.6%	3.8%
15-17	18.5%	18.0%	17.8%	17.1%	18.0%	-2.7%
18-20	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	-
Infants (age 0-1)	30.4%	27.1%	22.4%	26.2%	23.0%	-24.3%
Youth (age 13+)	28.9%	26.2%	25.2%	26.4%	26.0%	5.4%

#### By Race and Ethnicity

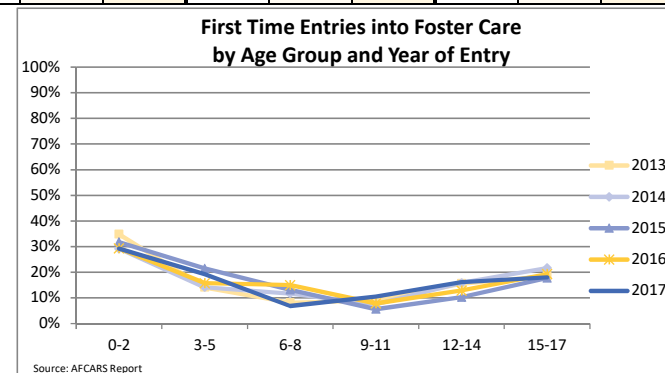
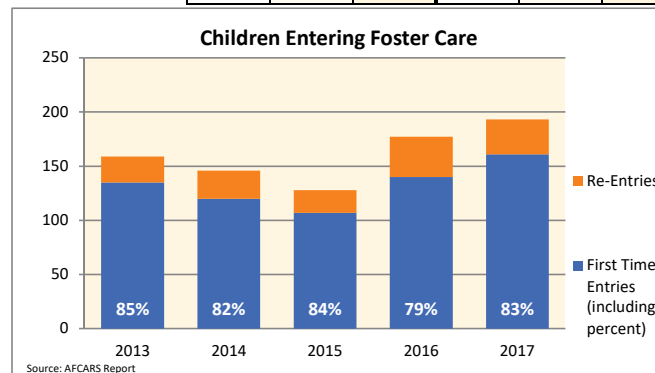
Race/Ethnicity	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	% Change
Non-Hispanic White	26.7%	29.9%	27.1%	32.0%	22.4%	-16.1%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	31.1%	42.5%	15.9%	44.2%	23.0%	-26.1%
Non-Hispanic Other Race	10.4%	7.1%	18.7%	5.5%	6.2%	-40.1%
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	0.0%	4.9%	0.0%	4.2%	5.8%	-
Hispanic or Latino	31.9%	15.7%	38.3%	14.1%	48.4%	52.1%

#### By Gender

Gender	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	% Change
Male	54.1%	50.2%	46.7%	49.3%	54.0%	-0.1%
Female	45.9%	49.8%	53.3%	50.7%	49.9%	0.1%

#### By First Placement Setting

Placement Setting	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	% Change
<b>Family Setting</b>	<b>80.7%</b>	<b>77.9%</b>	<b>88.8%</b>	<b>75.0%</b>	<b>83.7%</b>	<b>-4.6%</b>
Pre-adoptive Home	0.0%	0.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.3%	-
Foster Family Home – Relative	15.6%	27.2%	20.6%	41.8%	9.9%	-36.1%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	65.2%	49.3%	68.2%	40.7%	40.6%	2.9%
<b>Congregate Care Setting</b>	<b>14.1%</b>	<b>20.0%</b>	<b>9.3%</b>	<b>15.6%</b>	<b>19.3%</b>	<b>36.8%</b>
Group Home	0.7%	15.0%	4.7%	8.3%	7.7%	990.1%
Institution	13.3%	6.0%	4.7%	7.3%	6.9%	-16.1%
<b>Supervised Independent Living</b>	<b>1.5%</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>0.9%</b>	<b>0.3%</b>	<b>0.4%</b>	<b>-100.0%</b>
Runaway	0.7%	0.8%	0.0%	0.8%	0.6%	-16.1%
Trial Home Visit	3.0%	1.5%	0.9%	2.9%	0.8%	4.8%



## FOSTER CARE - RE-ENTRIES

Data on re-entries provides information on children who come back into foster care because of new or continuing challenges at home. Some children experience numerous foster care episodes or cycle in and out of the system. Others can experience large spans of time between foster care episodes, which is why the age of children who re-enter is typically older.

### Indicator

#### Children Re-Entering Foster Care

Re-Entries During the Year  
Re-Entries as Percent of All Entries

Indicator	2013			2014			2015			2016			2017			County % Change 2013 to 2017
	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	
Children Re-Entering Foster Care	24	1,690	2,608	26	1,830	2,772	21	1,689	2,544	37	1,597	2,485	32	1,513	2,343	33.3%
Re-Entries as Percent of All Entries	15.1%	30.3%	28.0%	17.8%	29.1%	26.7%	16.4%	26.7%	24.5%	20.9%	26.0%	23.5%	16.6%	23.7%	21.7%	9.8%

### 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	4.2%	6.4%	6.6%	7.7%	7.9%	8.2%	19.0%	10.7%	10.8%	16.2%	12.0%	11.2%	9.4%	11.3%	11.4%	125.0%
3-5	4.2%	7.0%	7.8%	0.0%	8.4%	9.2%	9.5%	10.2%	11.4%	5.4%	9.4%	9.7%	15.6%	10.4%	11.1%	275.0%
6-8	16.7%	7.2%	7.4%	0.0%	8.3%	8.8%	14.3%	9.0%	9.0%	13.5%	9.8%	10.1%	3.1%	11.6%	11.7%	-81.3%
9-11	12.5%	6.6%	6.3%	15.4%	6.8%	7.5%	4.8%	7.7%	7.9%	8.1%	9.1%	9.6%	9.4%	10.8%	10.6%	-25.0%
12-14	8.3%	18.3%	18.4%	15.4%	17.5%	17.1%	19.0%	17.1%	16.5%	18.9%	18.8%	18.5%	25.0%	18.4%	17.2%	200.0%
15-17	33.3%	47.8%	46.3%	50.0%	45.1%	43.7%	14.3%	39.0%	38.2%	27.0%	36.7%	36.4%	21.9%	33.6%	33.4%	-34.4%
18-20	20.8%	6.7%	7.1%	11.5%	6.1%	5.7%	19.0%	6.4%	6.3%	10.8%	4.2%	4.5%	15.6%	3.8%	4.7%	-25.0%
Infants (age 0-1)	4.2%	3.6%	3.8%	7.7%	5.2%	5.2%	4.8%	6.5%	6.5%	10.8%	8.0%	7.4%	3.1%	6.5%	6.6%	-25.0%
Youth (age 13+)	62.5%	69.5%	68.6%	69.2%	65.6%	63.5%	47.6%	59.6%	57.9%	48.6%	55.5%	55.3%	59.4%	51.4%	51.1%	-5.0%

### By Race and Ethnicity

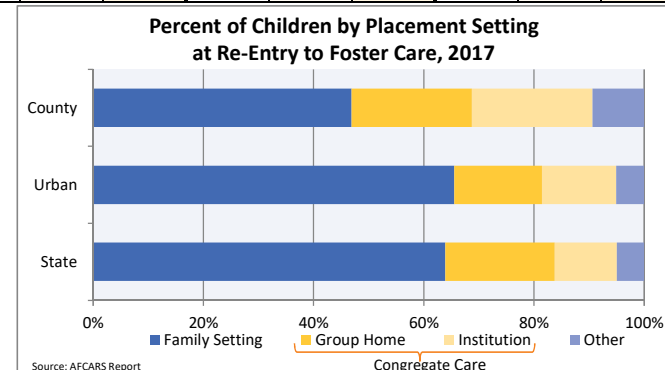
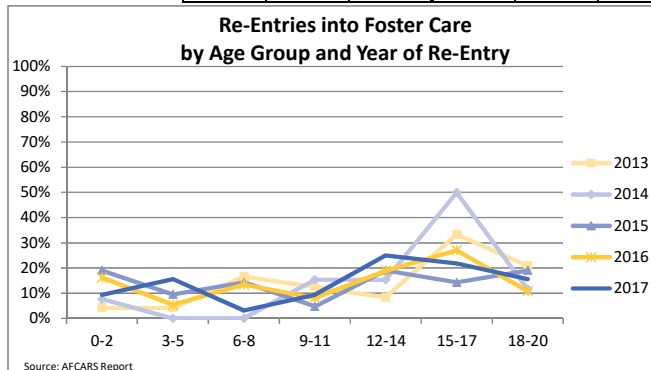
Race and Ethnicity	2013 County	2013 Urban	2013 State	2014 County	2014 Urban	2014 State	2015 County	2015 Urban	2015 State	2016 County	2016 Urban	2016 State	2017 County	2017 Urban	2017 State	% Change
Non-Hispanic White	41.7%	16.9%	34.3%	34.6%	19.6%	35.8%	19.0%	17.8%	34.7%	29.7%	23.0%	39.5%	21.9%	24.5%	40.6%	-47.5%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	12.5%	59.4%	44.2%	19.2%	58.4%	43.3%	33.3%	54.0%	40.4%	24.3%	54.9%	40.1%	25.0%	55.3%	39.4%	100.0%
Non-Hispanic Other Race	0.0%	9.3%	6.7%	0.0%	5.4%	4.1%	14.3%	10.8%	7.8%	0.0%	4.4%	3.1%	12.5%	2.0%	1.7%	-
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	0.0%	2.7%	3.4%	0.0%	3.9%	4.5%	0.0%	4.1%	4.9%	0.0%	4.7%	5.8%	0.0%	5.7%	6.3%	-
Hispanic or Latino	45.8%	11.7%	11.4%	46.2%	12.8%	12.2%	33.3%	13.2%	12.2%	45.9%	13.0%	11.6%	40.6%	12.6%	11.9%	-11.4%

### 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	50.0%	45.7%	48.1%	61.5%	49.0%	50.6%	47.6%	49.3%	50.5%	59.5%	48.8%	50.3%	56.3%	46.8%	49.6%	12.5%
Female	50.0%	54.3%	51.9%	38.5%	51.0%	49.4%	52.4%	50.7%	49.5%	40.5%	51.2%	49.7%	43.8%	53.2%	50.4%	-12.5%

### By Placement Setting at Re-Entry

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
<b>Family Setting</b>	<b>70.8%</b>	<b>46.9%</b>	<b>48.5%</b>	<b>42.3%</b>	<b>53.1%</b>	<b>53.7%</b>	<b>61.9%</b>	<b>57.3%</b>	<b>58.0%</b>	<b>64.9%</b>	<b>62.9%</b>	<b>61.7%</b>	<b>46.9%</b>	<b>65.5%</b>	<b>63.9%</b>	<b>-33.8%</b>
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	4.2%	17.9%	14.9%	7.7%	22.6%	20.2%	14.3%	28.7%	24.3%	21.6%	31.1%	26.3%	6.3%	34.7%	30.7%	50.0%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	66.7%	28.7%	33.3%	34.6%	30.3%	33.3%	47.6%	27.7%	33.1%	43.2%	30.7%	34.6%	40.6%	29.9%	32.6%	-39.1%
<b>Congregate Care Setting</b>	<b>25.0%</b>	<b>45.0%</b>	<b>44.4%</b>	<b>53.8%</b>	<b>39.9%</b>	<b>40.6%</b>	<b>28.6%</b>	<b>37.0%</b>	<b>37.1%</b>	<b>32.4%</b>	<b>32.0%</b>	<b>34.0%</b>	<b>43.8%</b>	<b>29.4%</b>	<b>31.2%</b>	<b>75.0%</b>
Group Home	8.3%	23.9%	26.7%	15.4%	20.8%	24.8%	9.5%	19.2%	22.3%	10.8%	15.5%	19.3%	21.9%	15.9%	19.9%	162.5%
Institution	16.7%	21.1%	17.7%	38.5%	19.1%	15.9%	19.0%	17.8%	14.8%	21.6%	16.5%	14.8%	21.9%	13.5%	11.3%	31.3%
<b>Supervised Independent Living</b>	<b>4.2%</b>	<b>1.5%</b>	<b>1.6%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>2.1%</b>	<b>1.6%</b>	<b>4.8%</b>	<b>2.0%</b>	<b>1.7%</b>	<b>2.7%</b>	<b>1.3%</b>	<b>1.3%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>1.2%</b>	<b>1.8%</b>	<b>-100.0%</b>
Runaway	0.0%	6.2%	4.3%	3.8%	4.7%	3.3%	4.8%	3.4%	2.4%	0.0%	3.5%	2.5%	6.3%	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%	3.1%	0.4%	0.7%	-



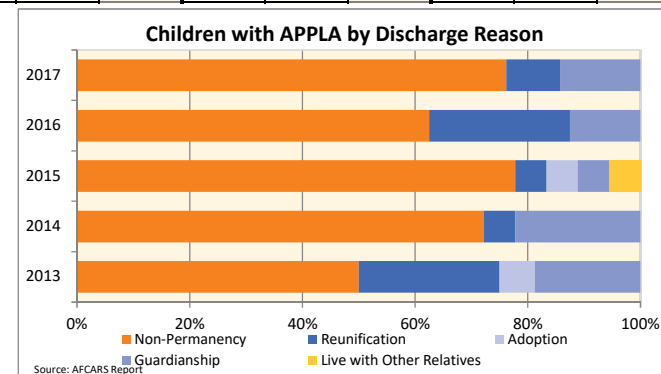
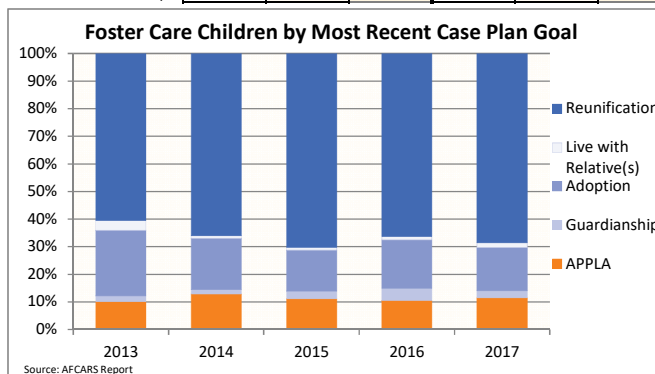
## FOSTER CARE - GOALS

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	
<b>Percent of Children by Case Plan Goal</b>																
<b>Family-Based Permanency Goals</b>	<b>89.9%</b>	<b>93.8%</b>	<b>92.8%</b>	<b>87.1%</b>	<b>94.1%</b>	<b>93.6%</b>	<b>88.8%</b>	<b>95.6%</b>	<b>95.2%</b>	<b>89.5%</b>	<b>94.6%</b>	<b>95.0%</b>	<b>88.6%</b>	<b>92.5%</b>	<b>94.0%</b>	<b>-1.5%</b>
Reunify With Parent(s) or Principal Caretaker(s)	60.4%	73.5%	70.5%	66.0%	75.3%	72.6%	70.2%	74.8%	73.1%	66.2%	69.1%	69.8%	68.6%	64.4%	66.7%	13.5%
Adoption	23.8%	15.4%	16.7%	18.6%	14.8%	16.1%	14.9%	16.5%	17.4%	17.5%	19.9%	19.5%	15.7%	22.1%	21.2%	-34.0%
Guardianship	2.1%	1.8%	3.6%	1.6%	2.4%	3.1%	2.7%	2.8%	3.0%	4.5%	4.4%	4.3%	2.6%	5.0%	4.8%	23.4%
Live with Relative(s)	3.6%	3.1%	2.1%	0.9%	1.7%	1.8%	1.0%	1.6%	1.7%	1.3%	1.3%	1.5%	1.7%	1.0%	1.3%	-52.0%
<b>Another Planned Permanent Living Arrangement (APPLA)</b>	<b>10.1%</b>	<b>6.2%</b>	<b>7.2%</b>	<b>12.9%</b>	<b>5.9%</b>	<b>6.4%</b>	<b>11.2%</b>	<b>4.4%</b>	<b>4.8%</b>	<b>10.5%</b>	<b>5.4%</b>	<b>5.0%</b>	<b>11.4%</b>	<b>7.5%</b>	<b>6.0%</b>	<b>12.9%</b>
Long Term Foster Care	1.5%	0.8%	2.1%	1.3%	1.0%	1.8%	1.0%	0.5%	1.2%	1.6%	0.4%	1.0%	1.4%	0.3%	0.7%	-4.0%
Emancipation	8.6%	5.4%	5.1%	11.6%	4.9%	4.6%	10.2%	3.9%	3.6%	8.9%	5.0%	4.0%	10.0%	7.2%	5.3%	15.9%

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	0.4%	1.7%	1.1%	0.4%	0.8%	0.8%	0.4%	0.7%	0.4%	0.7%	0.3%	0.2%	0.0%	1.6%	1.0%	-100.0%
16-20	48.5%	27.2%	23.6%	46.0%	20.1%	23.1%	39.5%	20.5%	19.4%	41.9%	17.1%	21.6%	45.5%	29.6%	25.1%	-6.3%

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	
<b>Exit to Permanent Arrangements</b>	<b>50.0%</b>	<b>37.6%</b>	<b>28.9%</b>	<b>27.8%</b>	<b>22.2%</b>	<b>19.4%</b>	<b>22.2%</b>	<b>22.8%</b>	<b>23.0%</b>	<b>37.5%</b>	<b>40.4%</b>	<b>32.1%</b>	<b>23.8%</b>	<b>26.5%</b>	<b>22.7%</b>	<b>-52.4%</b>
Reunification	25.0%	33.2%	22.8%	5.6%	17.1%	14.5%	5.6%	16.6%	17.6%	25.0%	34.7%	27.0%	9.5%	20.5%	17.3%	-61.9%
(number of months until reunification)	5.3	26.0	27.8	93.6	63.7	36.2	31.6	23.3	27.5	8.4	35.8	30.4	26.5	22.4	11.8	399.7%
Adoption	6.3%	1.1%	0.5%	0.0%	0.3%	0.3%	5.6%	0.4%	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-100.0%
(number of months until adoption)	41.1	44.3	41.1	0.0	194.3	149.3	31.2	31.2	31.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-100.0%
Guardianship	18.8%	1.5%	3.4%	22.2%	2.3%	2.5%	5.6%	1.2%	1.4%	12.5%	5.0%	4.2%	14.3%	5.9%	4.9%	-23.8%
(number of month until guardianship)	58.0	37.8	32.0	27.8	35.1	27.8	37.5	34.9	18.0	23.7	41.4	32.0	21.0	18.6	23.6	-63.7%
Live with Other Relatives	0.0%	1.8%	2.2%	0.0%	2.6%	2.1%	5.6%	4.6%	3.7%	0.0%	0.7%	0.9%	0.0%	0.2%	0.5%	-
(number of months until living with relatives)	0.0	61.4	30.6	0.0	20.8	15.9	23.3	47.0	37.1	0.0	37.8	39.8	0.0	17.3	21.4	-
<b>Exit to Non-Permanent Arrangements</b>	<b>50.0%</b>	<b>61.6%</b>	<b>70.8%</b>	<b>72.2%</b>	<b>77.8%</b>	<b>80.4%</b>	<b>77.8%</b>	<b>77.2%</b>	<b>76.4%</b>	<b>62.5%</b>	<b>59.6%</b>	<b>68.6%</b>	<b>76.2%</b>	<b>73.1%</b>	<b>76.8%</b>	<b>52.4%</b>
Emancipation	50.0%	55.4%	64.2%	72.2%	69.2%	73.0%	66.7%	69.9%	71.7%	62.5%	52.3%	62.2%	76.2%	60.1%	66.7%	52.4%
(number of months until emancipation)	35.6	36.6	33.1	36.2	40.7	33.5	21.2	32.4	34.3	57.6	37.8	30.6	17.2	29.7	26.2	-51.5%
Transfer to Another Agency	0.0%	3.3%	3.6%	0.0%	7.1%	5.5%	11.1%	3.9%	2.7%	0.0%	5.7%	5.0%	0.0%	10.8%	8.2%	-
(number of months until transfer)	0.0	83.8	46.4	0.0	61.1	13.0	6.3	71.2	40.7	0.0	57.5	27.6	0.0	5.5	3.7	-
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%	0.0%	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	0.0	32.3	32.0	-
<b>Death of Child</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.7%</b>	<b>0.3%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.6%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.4%</b>	<b>0.5%</b>	<b>-</b>
(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

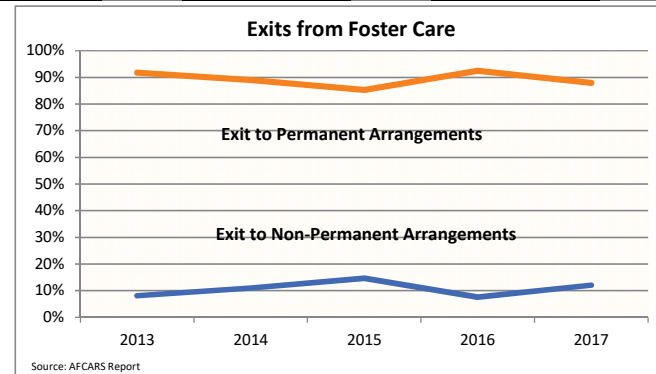
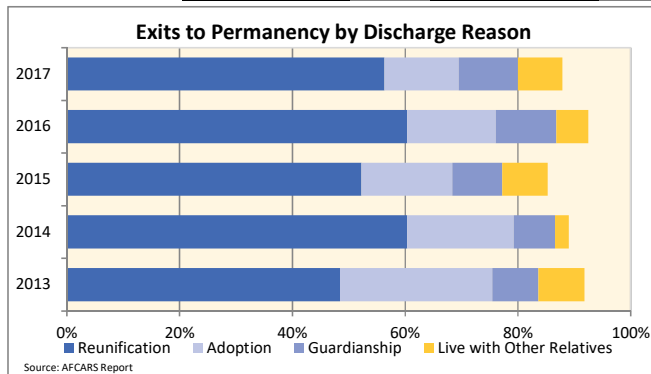
#### Children Exiting Foster Care

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	159	5,302	9,123	164	5,863	9,769	136	5,592	9,471	159	6,649	10,635	190	6,412	10,276	19.5%
Percent of Children Leaving Foster Care	45.7%	37.2%	42.6%	51.9%	40.2%	43.4%	38.3%	35.9%	41.2%	40.2%	41.6%	43.3%	48.0%	40.1%	40.5%	5.0%
(number of months until leaving)	11.9	14.2	11.9	12.5	12.9	10.7	12.3	13.2	11.4	7.1	12.8	11.7	7.6	11.7	11.9	-36.2%

#### By Discharge Reason

Discharge Reason	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	County % Change 2013 to 2017										
<b>Exit to Permanent Arrangements</b>	<b>91.8%</b>	<b>89.5%</b>	<b>89.3%</b>	<b>89.0%</b>	<b>85.3%</b>	<b>86.9%</b>	<b>85.3%</b>	<b>81.0%</b>	<b>85.0%</b>	<b>92.5%</b>	<b>80.4%</b>	<b>84.5%</b>	<b>87.9%</b>	<b>84.8%</b>	<b>87.2%</b>	<b>-4.3%</b>
Reunification	48.4%	58.7%	57.3%	60.4%	58.2%	57.2%	52.2%	52.8%	54.5%	60.4%	53.5%	54.5%	56.3%	55.0%	55.1%	16.3%
(number of months until reunification)	2.1	6.0	6.0	3.4	5.7	5.5	6.7	7.4	5.7	2.0	6.4	6.7	1.8	6.3	6.6	-11.1%
Adoption	27.0%	20.0%	20.2%	18.9%	17.4%	18.6%	16.2%	16.5%	18.7%	15.7%	16.4%	18.7%	13.2%	19.1%	20.2%	-51.3%
(number of months until adoption)	33.8	30.8	26.7	33.1	33.3	27.4	32.2	31.6	28.3	31.6	31.2	28.7	32.1	30.2	29.2	-5.1%
Guardianship	8.2%	6.6%	6.4%	7.3%	5.9%	6.1%	8.8%	6.9%	6.5%	10.7%	6.5%	6.6%	10.5%	6.4%	6.7%	28.7%
(number of month until guardianship)	22.6	29.7	21.2	28.3	25.7	20.8	23.1	27.2	21.1	19.8	24.3	19.4	24.6	23.7	20.1	9.0%
Live with Other Relatives	8.2%	4.1%	5.5%	2.4%	3.8%	5.0%	8.1%	4.7%	5.4%	5.7%	4.0%	4.7%	7.9%	4.4%	5.1%	-3.4%
(number of months until living with relatives)	0.4	4.3	2.6	14.9	8.3	1.0	3.7	9.6	3.0	3.7	6.7	2.2	1.5	5.4	2.2	246.1%
<b>Exit to Non-Permanent Arrangements</b>	<b>8.2%</b>	<b>10.3%</b>	<b>10.5%</b>	<b>11.0%</b>	<b>14.6%</b>	<b>13.0%</b>	<b>14.7%</b>	<b>18.9%</b>	<b>14.8%</b>	<b>7.5%</b>	<b>19.4%</b>	<b>15.4%</b>	<b>12.1%</b>	<b>15.1%</b>	<b>12.7%</b>	<b>48.1%</b>
Emancipation	6.3%	7.7%	8.1%	9.8%	7.0%	7.7%	11.0%	7.8%	7.8%	5.7%	6.6%	6.8%	11.1%	8.3%	7.9%	75.7%
(number of months until emancipation)	30.3	34.4	31.4	32.8	35.2	29.6	20.1	28.1	28.1	57.6	30.0	23.4	17.0	26.7	22.0	-43.9%
Transfer to Another Agency	1.9%	2.2%	2.0%	1.2%	6.0%	4.3%	3.7%	9.0%	5.8%	1.9%	11.8%	7.9%	1.1%	6.1%	4.3%	-44.2%
(number of months until transfer)	11.9	27.1	6.0	5.4	22.0	5.0	0.4	28.1	6.7	5.5	18.3	7.6	4.8	12.2	6.9	-59.4%
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%	0.0%	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	0.0	15.3	19.4	-
Death of Child	0.0%	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%	-
(number of months until death of a child)	0.0	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	-



## 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)	204 13.8	9,121 13.9	13,697 13.1	194 13.5	9,409 13.2	14,162 12.6	193 13.8	9,950 13.7	14,859 12.5	217 12.2	10,036 13.6	15,382 13.2	228 12.8	10,525 13.7	16,381 13.4	11.8% -7.2%

### 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	21.1%	19.0%	19.9%	18.6%	18.9%	20.0%	23.3%	20.1%	21.0%	24.4%	19.9%	21.3%	24.6%	20.4%	21.5%	16.5%
3-5	13.7%	15.1%	15.6%	13.4%	16.7%	16.7%	15.5%	17.0%	16.7%	13.4%	17.1%	17.0%	21.1%	17.5%	17.5%	53.4%
6-8	11.8%	11.4%	11.6%	11.9%	12.4%	12.4%	14.5%	13.0%	12.9%	13.4%	13.7%	13.2%	9.6%	13.7%	13.7%	-18.0%
9-11	10.3%	9.2%	9.1%	11.3%	9.6%	9.6%	8.3%	10.9%	10.7%	8.8%	12.1%	11.6%	10.1%	12.0%	11.8%	-2.0%
12-14	11.3%	11.6%	11.7%	11.3%	11.7%	11.5%	10.9%	11.3%	11.7%	10.6%	12.1%	12.0%	9.2%	12.5%	12.1%	-18.3%
15-17	26.5%	22.6%	22.6%	25.8%	20.6%	21.1%	19.7%	20.1%	20.2%	20.7%	19.1%	19.6%	16.7%	18.1%	18.2%	-17.0%
18-20	5.4%	11.1%	9.5%	7.7%	10.2%	8.4%	7.8%	7.8%	6.8%	8.8%	5.9%	5.3%	8.8%	5.8%	5.3%	62.7%
Infants (age 0-1)	12.3%	11.8%	12.7%	13.4%	12.2%	13.2%	17.6%	13.0%	13.9%	14.3%	12.3%	13.8%	15.4%	13.1%	13.8%	25.3%
Youth (age 13+)	38.2%	42.3%	40.7%	39.7%	38.9%	37.8%	34.2%	35.7%	35.2%	37.8%	33.6%	33.5%	32.5%	32.6%	31.9%	-15.1%

### By Race and Ethnicity

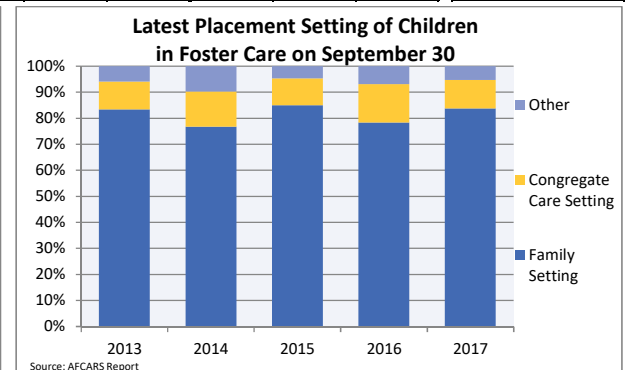
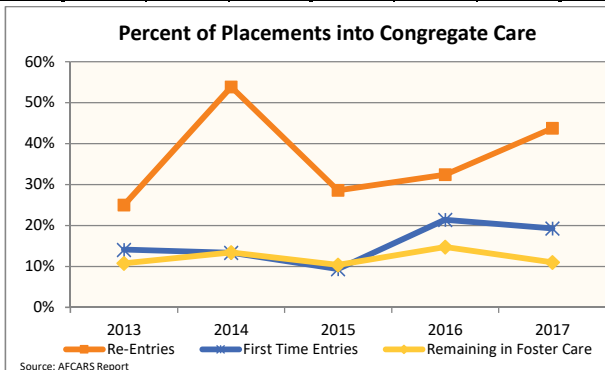
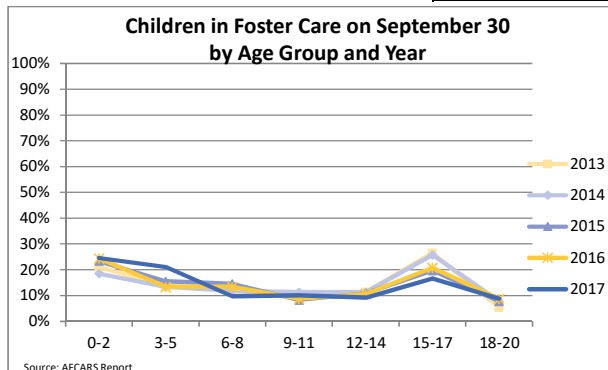
Race/Ethnicity	2013 County	2013 Urban	2013 State	2014 County	2014 Urban	2014 State	2015 County	2015 Urban	2015 State	2016 County	2016 Urban	2016 State	2017 County	2017 Urban	2017 State	County % Change 2013 to 2017
Non-Hispanic White	36.8%	24.0%	38.7%	32.0%	25.5%	40.1%	32.1%	23.5%	37.9%	41.0%	26.7%	41.0%	32.0%	27.5%	42.1%	-12.9%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	24.5%	49.2%	37.1%	30.9%	51.4%	38.3%	25.4%	49.4%	36.9%	22.1%	51.3%	37.0%	25.4%	50.2%	35.8%	3.8%
Non-Hispanic Other Race	3.4%	10.8%	7.8%	5.2%	4.9%	3.9%	7.8%	7.8%	6.0%	2.3%	3.4%	2.9%	2.2%	3.2%	2.7%	-36.1%
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	0.0%	2.9%	3.7%	0.0%	4.3%	4.7%	0.0%	3.9%	4.9%	0.0%	4.5%	5.5%	0.0%	5.4%	6.1%	-
Hispanic or Latino	35.3%	13.0%	12.7%	32.0%	13.8%	13.0%	34.7%	15.4%	14.3%	34.6%	14.2%	13.6%	40.4%	13.6%	13.2%	14.3%

### 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	53.4%	50.4%	50.7%	53.6%	50.2%	50.9%	51.3%	50.6%	51.3%	54.4%	50.2%	51.2%	53.9%	50.3%	51.2%	1.0%
Female	46.6%	49.6%	49.3%	46.4%	49.8%	49.1%	48.7%	49.4%	48.7%	45.6%	49.8%	48.8%	46.1%	49.7%	48.8%	-1.1%

### 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	83.3%	75.0%	76.8%	76.8%	78.9%	79.0%	85.0%	81.2%	80.6%	78.3%	83.5%	82.5%	83.8%	84.6%	83.4%	0.5%
Pre-adoptive Home	1.0%	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%	-100.0%
Foster Family Home – Relative	19.6%	26.9%	25.7%	16.0%	32.7%	30.0%	29.0%	36.7%	32.8%	26.7%	38.9%	35.1%	19.7%	41.6%	37.9%	0.7%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	62.7%	43.9%	47.9%	60.8%	41.4%	45.1%	56.0%	40.4%	44.5%	51.6%	37.1%	42.1%	64.0%	36.9%	41.4%	2.1%
Congregate Care Setting	10.8%	20.0%	18.7%	13.4%	16.9%	17.3%	10.4%	15.2%	16.0%	14.7%	13.8%	14.7%	11.0%	12.6%	13.7%	1.7%
Group Home	2.0%	10.9%	10.8%	5.2%	9.7%	10.6%	4.1%	7.6%	9.0%	5.1%	6.8%	8.4%	3.5%	6.6%	8.2%	78.9%
Institution	8.8%	9.1%	7.8%	8.2%	7.3%	6.7%	6.2%	7.6%	7.0%	9.7%	6.9%	6.3%	7.5%	6.0%	5.5%	-15.5%
Supervised Independent Living	2.9%	2.7%	2.1%	2.6%	2.2%	1.7%	2.6%	1.5%	1.4%	5.1%	1.6%	1.3%	4.4%	1.6%	1.5%	49.1%
Runaway	0.0%	1.9%	1.4%	0.5%	1.5%	1.1%	0.5%	1.5%	1.1%	0.0%	1.0%	0.7%	0.4%	1.2%	0.8%	-
Trial Home Visit	2.9%	0.4%	1.0%	6.7%	0.4%	0.8%	1.6%	0.5%	1.0%	1.8%	0.3%	0.7%	0.4%	0.1%	0.6%	-85.1%



## 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	
52.1%	32.0%	34.1%	41.5%	30.8%	32.7%	48.8%	32.0%	32.8%	27.7%	35.5%	33.6%	37.1%	33.5%	32.2%	-28.8%

## FOSTER CARE - TIMELY REUNIFICATION

A child's separation from his or her parents or relatives is traumatic for all involved. Minimizing the time a child spends in foster care without compromising safety is key to healthy child development.

### Indicator

#### Timely Reunification with Parents or Relatives

Children who entered foster care for the first time who were reunified with their parents or discharged to relatives within the next 12 months.

2013			2014			2015			2016			2017			County % Change 2013 to 2017
County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	
52.3%	38.7%	41.3%	37.2%	37.8%	39.7%	52.3%	35.9%	39.0%	38.1%	32.1%	36.0%	36.4%	37.7%	39.2%	-30.4%

## 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	
12.5%	29.8%	26.4%	14.9%	30.1%	26.9%	8.1%	26.6%	24.1%	12.7%	28.5%	24.8%	18.6%	25.7%	23.0%	48.5%

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