

## CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES (CPS)

Child maltreatment is a serious problem that has grave and costly consequences for the child, his or her family and the community at-large. A child who has experienced abuse and neglect is more likely to have social, emotional and physical health problems and perform poorly in school.

### Indicator

#### Child Abuse and Neglect Reports

Total reported incidents of suspected child abuse and neglect through the ChildLine Registry. (Number and rate per 1,000 children age 0-17)

County	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	
	821	14,114	26,944	830	15,108	29,273	1,279	20,971	40,590	1,307	22,768	44,359	1,522	24,938	47,485	85.4%
	5.7	8.7	9.6	5.8	9.4	10.5	8.9	13.0	14.5	9.1	14.1	15.9	10.6	15.4	17.0	

#### Child Abuse and Neglect Substantiations

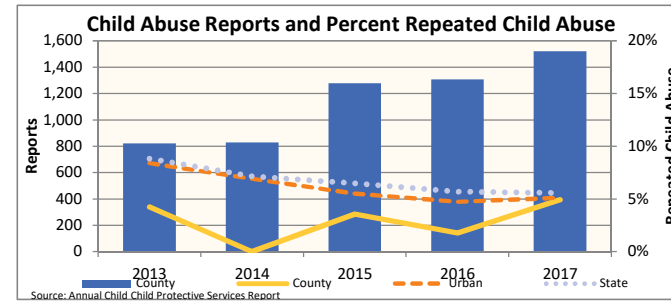
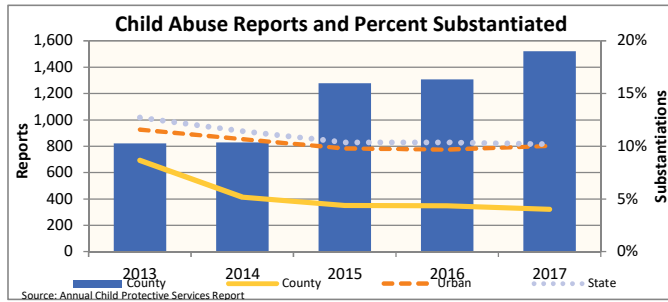
Founded or indicated reports of child abuse and/or neglect.

	8.6%	11.6%	12.7%	5.2%	10.6%	11.4%	4.4%	9.8%	10.4%	4.4%	9.7%	10.4%	4.0%	10.0%	10.2%	-53.7%
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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.)

	4.2%	8.4%	8.8%	0.0%	6.9%	7.2%	3.6%	5.5%	6.5%	1.8%	4.7%	5.7%	4.9%	5.1%	5.6%	16.4%
	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	1 in 20	1 in 20	1 in 18	



## GENERAL PROTECTIVE SERVICES (GPS)

Reports not alleging abuse of a child are categorized as general protective services (GPS) reports. Addressing concerns related to child safety and well-being before allegations of child abuse or severe neglect are made enables children to remain safely in their own homes while services are provided to the family to mitigate the risk of potential maltreatment.

### Indicator

#### GPS Reports

Total reported concerns of general neglect, not alleging child abuse.

County	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	
	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,902	63,101	131,953	4,332	73,444	151,087	4,699	82,225	163,852	-

#### 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%	22.9%	20.0%	22.8%	-
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#### Children with Valid Allegations

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

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#### Unduplicated Number of Children Served

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

County	2014			2015			2016			2017			2018			County % Change 2014 to 2018
	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	
	7,154	77,509	167,582	8,566	88,106	181,371	10,148	90,893	190,413	9,527	81,260	186,855	9,812	84,995	194,761	37.2%

## 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	2014			2015			2016			2017			2018			County % Change 2014 to 2018
	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	
Unduplicated Number of Children Served	589	14,249	22,510	540	14,577	22,980	518	15,584	24,543	607	15,999	25,381	568	15,712	25,441	-3.6%
(Rate per 1,000 children age 0-20)	3.6	7.4	6.7	3.3	7.5	6.8	3.2	8.0	7.3	3.7	8.3	7.5	3.5	8.1	7.5	

### By Age

Age Group	2014 County	2014 Urban	2014 State	2015 County	2015 Urban	2015 State	2016 County	2016 Urban	2016 State	2017 County	2017 Urban	2017 State	2018 County	2018 Urban	2018 State	County % Change 2014 to 2018
0-2	21.1%	18.7%	19.4%	22.8%	19.1%	19.9%	24.3%	18.8%	20.2%	26.7%	19.1%	20.3%	23.6%	19.2%	20.2%	12.1%
3-5	24.4%	16.9%	16.8%	23.7%	17.2%	17.1%	24.1%	17.1%	17.0%	23.1%	17.4%	17.4%	22.4%	17.6%	17.9%	-8.5%
6-8	13.2%	12.0%	12.3%	14.3%	12.9%	12.9%	14.5%	13.3%	13.0%	14.8%	13.6%	13.3%	16.4%	13.5%	13.4%	23.6%
9-11	7.0%	9.6%	9.5%	8.5%	10.3%	10.0%	6.8%	11.3%	11.0%	8.4%	11.7%	11.4%	8.8%	12.1%	11.8%	26.5%
12-14	8.3%	10.8%	10.9%	5.9%	11.2%	11.4%	5.8%	11.2%	11.2%	7.6%	11.9%	11.6%	8.5%	12.0%	11.8%	1.6%
15-17	12.9%	20.7%	21.4%	13.7%	19.9%	20.4%	12.9%	19.2%	19.6%	10.4%	18.3%	18.6%	11.6%	18.7%	18.7%	-9.9%
18-20	13.1%	11.1%	9.8%	11.1%	9.3%	8.3%	11.6%	9.1%	7.9%	9.1%	8.0%	7.4%	8.8%	6.8%	6.3%	-32.7%
Infants (age 0-1)	11.9%	11.9%	12.5%	13.0%	12.0%	12.8%	16.0%	11.5%	12.8%	16.3%	11.8%	12.7%	13.6%	11.9%	12.7%	14.1%
Youth (age 13+)	32.3%	39.5%	38.9%	29.3%	37.1%	36.7%	27.0%	36.2%	35.5%	24.9%	34.6%	34.0%	26.4%	33.8%	33.1%	-18.1%

### By Race and Ethnicity

Race/Ethnicity	2014 County	2014 Urban	2014 State	2015 County	2015 Urban	2015 State	2016 County	2016 Urban	2016 State	2017 County	2017 Urban	2017 State	2018 County	2018 Urban	2018 State	County % Change 2014 to 2018
Non-Hispanic White	66.9%	26.8%	42.3%	63.5%	25.5%	40.9%	61.4%	27.1%	42.5%	59.6%	28.0%	42.9%	65.0%	28.2%	43.7%	-2.9%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	12.4%	48.7%	35.2%	13.7%	47.6%	34.6%	11.2%	49.8%	35.3%	9.6%	49.2%	34.9%	8.6%	48.9%	33.9%	-30.4%
Non-Hispanic Other Race	3.2%	5.9%	4.4%	5.4%	8.0%	5.9%	11.4%	4.2%	3.3%	14.8%	3.5%	2.9%	11.4%	2.6%	2.3%	254.8%
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	7.5%	4.7%	4.9%	7.4%	4.3%	5.3%	8.5%	4.3%	5.4%	7.6%	5.5%	6.2%	8.3%	6.1%	7.1%	10.8%
Hispanic or Latino	10.0%	13.8%	13.1%	10.0%	14.7%	13.4%	7.5%	14.6%	13.4%	8.4%	13.9%	13.2%	6.7%	14.2%	13.0%	-33.2%

### By Gender

Gender	2014 County	2014 Urban	2014 State	2015 County	2015 Urban	2015 State	2016 County	2016 Urban	2016 State	2017 County	2017 Urban	2017 State	2018 County	2018 Urban	2018 State	County % Change 2014 to 2018
Male	48.0%	50.2%	50.8%	47.0%	50.4%	51.0%	48.8%	50.3%	51.2%	51.1%	50.1%	51.0%	53.2%	50.3%	50.8%	10.7%
Female	52.0%	49.8%	49.2%	53.0%	49.6%	49.0%	51.2%	49.7%	48.8%	48.9%	49.9%	49.0%	46.8%	49.7%	49.2%	-9.9%

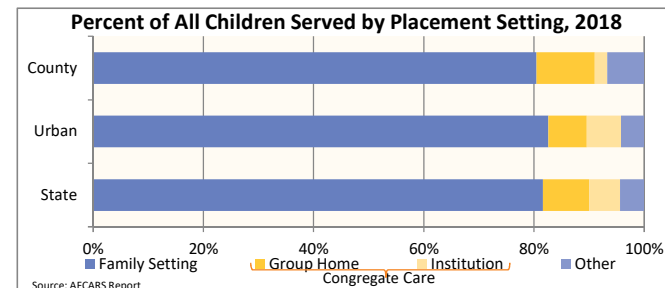
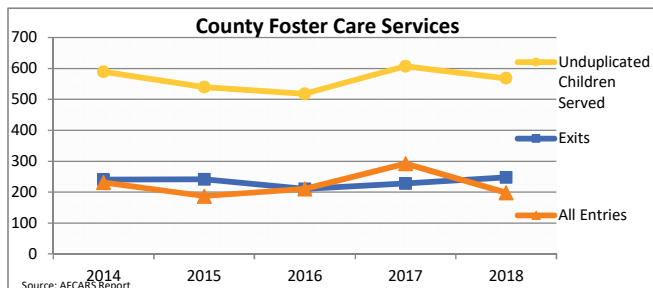
### By First Placement Setting

Placement Setting	2014 County	2014 Urban	2014 State	2015 County	2015 Urban	2015 State	2016 County	2016 Urban	2016 State	2017 County	2017 Urban	2017 State	2018 County	2018 Urban	2018 State	County % Change 2014 to 2018
<b>Family Setting</b>	<b>69.6%</b>	<b>76.1%</b>	<b>75.8%</b>	<b>72.2%</b>	<b>78.1%</b>	<b>77.1%</b>	<b>77.2%</b>	<b>79.9%</b>	<b>79.0%</b>	<b>80.4%</b>	<b>81.7%</b>	<b>80.5%</b>	<b>80.5%</b>	<b>82.6%</b>	<b>81.6%</b>	<b>15.6%</b>
Pre-adoptive Home	0.0%	4.1%	3.5%	0.0%	3.6%	3.1%	0.0%	6.0%	4.5%	0.0%	5.5%	4.0%	0.0%	6.4%	4.5%	-
Foster Family Home – Relative	39.2%	32.9%	29.6%	43.3%	35.8%	31.5%	44.0%	37.7%	34.1%	50.2%	40.0%	36.4%	53.0%	40.9%	37.1%	35.1%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	30.4%	39.1%	42.7%	28.9%	38.7%	42.5%	33.2%	36.2%	40.5%	30.1%	36.2%	40.1%	27.5%	35.3%	40.1%	-9.6%
<b>Congregate Care Setting</b>	<b>20.7%</b>	<b>18.2%</b>	<b>18.3%</b>	<b>19.6%</b>	<b>16.4%</b>	<b>17.1%</b>	<b>16.6%</b>	<b>15.2%</b>	<b>15.8%</b>	<b>14.3%</b>	<b>14.0%</b>	<b>14.9%</b>	<b>12.9%</b>	<b>13.2%</b>	<b>14.0%</b>	<b>-38.0%</b>
Group Home	17.7%	10.5%	11.6%	17.0%	9.1%	10.5%	12.5%	7.5%	9.1%	11.5%	7.2%	8.8%	10.6%	7.0%	8.5%	-40.2%
Institution	3.1%	7.7%	6.8%	2.6%	7.4%	6.6%	4.1%	7.7%	6.8%	2.8%	6.8%	6.1%	2.3%	6.2%	5.6%	-25.1%
<b>Supervised Independent Living</b>	<b>4.9%</b>	<b>2.4%</b>	<b>1.9%</b>	<b>4.4%</b>	<b>2.0%</b>	<b>1.7%</b>	<b>4.4%</b>	<b>1.9%</b>	<b>1.6%</b>	<b>4.1%</b>	<b>1.7%</b>	<b>1.5%</b>	<b>4.2%</b>	<b>1.7%</b>	<b>1.5%</b>	<b>-14.2%</b>
Runaway	0.3%	1.4%	1.2%	1.3%	1.7%	1.3%	0.4%	1.9%	1.4%	0.5%	1.9%	1.4%	0.2%	2.0%	1.4%	-48.2%
Trial Home Visit	4.4%	1.9%	2.8%	2.4%	1.9%	2.9%	1.4%	1.1%	2.2%	0.7%	0.7%	1.7%	2.3%	0.5%	1.4%	-48.2%

### 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 2014 to 2018
2014	231	6,295	10,364	187	6,327	10,387	210	6,153	10,567	292	6,387	10,781	198	5,854	10,095	-14.3%



## 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	2014			2015			2016			2017			2018			County % Change 2014 to 2018
	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	
Children Entering for the First Time	176	4,465	7,592	149	4,638	7,843	168	4,556	8,082	249	4,874	8,438	155	4,227	7,626	-11.9%
First Time Entries During the Year (Rate per 1,000 children age 0-20)	1.1	2.3	2.3	0.9	2.4	2.3	1.0	2.4	2.4	1.5	2.5	2.5	0.9	2.2	2.3	
First Time Entries as Percent of All Entries	76.2%	70.9%	73.3%	79.7%	73.3%	75.5%	80.0%	74.0%	76.5%	85.3%	76.3%	78.3%	78.3%	72.2%	75.5%	2.7%

#### 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	2014 County	2014 Urban	2014 State	2015 County	2015 Urban	2015 State	2016 County	2016 Urban	2016 State	2017 County	2017 Urban	2017 State	2018 County	2018 Urban	2018 State	% Change
0-2	40.9%	33.6%	32.7%	43.6%	33.2%	32.7%	41.7%	32.5%	33.3%	40.6%	33.4%	33.2%	36.1%	35.2%	34.4%	-11.7%
3-5	18.8%	15.9%	15.7%	14.1%	14.3%	14.6%	18.5%	14.6%	14.7%	19.7%	14.6%	15.3%	12.9%	14.3%	15.4%	-31.2%
6-8	8.0%	11.6%	11.5%	8.1%	12.0%	11.9%	10.1%	12.8%	12.5%	14.5%	12.1%	11.9%	12.9%	11.4%	11.5%	62.2%
9-11	5.7%	9.4%	9.2%	9.4%	10.2%	9.8%	7.7%	10.1%	9.6%	7.6%	10.0%	10.1%	8.4%	10.8%	10.3%	47.6%
12-14	10.2%	12.3%	12.7%	7.4%	12.7%	13.4%	7.1%	12.7%	12.6%	8.4%	13.4%	13.1%	9.7%	12.9%	12.8%	-5.4%
15-17	15.3%	17.0%	18.0%	17.4%	17.4%	17.4%	14.3%	17.1%	17.2%	9.2%	16.3%	16.3%	20.0%	15.5%	15.6%	30.4%
18-20	1.1%	0.2%	0.1%	0.0%	0.2%	0.1%	0.6%	0.2%	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-100.0%
Infants (age 0-1)	33.5%	27.1%	26.3%	33.6%	26.5%	26.2%	35.1%	25.5%	26.3%	30.5%	26.9%	26.5%	28.4%	29.1%	28.0%	-15.3%
Youth (age 13+)	25.6%	26.2%	27.6%	23.5%	26.8%	27.5%	20.2%	26.4%	26.6%	15.7%	26.1%	26.0%	27.7%	24.6%	24.7%	8.5%

#### 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	2014 County	2014 Urban	2014 State	2015 County	2015 Urban	2015 State	2016 County	2016 Urban	2016 State	2017 County	2017 Urban	2017 State	2018 County	2018 Urban	2018 State	% Change
Non-Hispanic White	71.0%	29.9%	46.9%	61.7%	25.6%	42.7%	58.9%	32.0%	49.4%	57.8%	32.2%	47.6%	72.9%	30.8%	48.3%	2.6%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	7.4%	42.5%	29.2%	14.1%	41.5%	29.1%	7.1%	44.2%	28.6%	6.0%	43.3%	29.7%	7.7%	44.9%	29.3%	4.8%
Non-Hispanic Other Race	6.8%	7.1%	5.1%	8.7%	12.8%	8.7%	20.8%	5.5%	4.1%	19.7%	4.3%	3.4%	8.4%	2.9%	2.7%	23.0%
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	5.7%	4.9%	4.9%	5.4%	3.8%	5.6%	6.5%	4.2%	5.4%	7.6%	5.8%	6.3%	4.5%	6.7%	7.7%	-20.5%
Hispanic or Latino	9.1%	15.7%	13.9%	10.7%	15.1%	13.4%	6.5%	14.1%	12.6%	8.8%	14.4%	13.0%	6.5%	14.7%	12.0%	-29.0%

#### By Gender

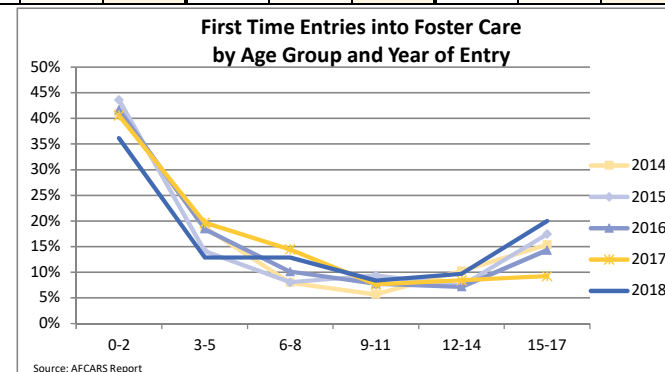
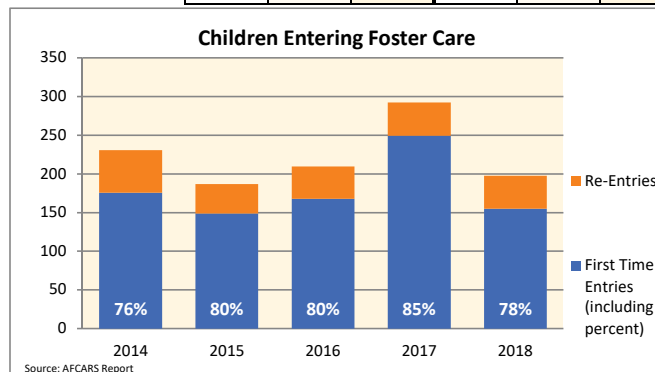
Male  
Female

Gender	2014 County	2014 Urban	2014 State	2015 County	2015 Urban	2015 State	2016 County	2016 Urban	2016 State	2017 County	2017 Urban	2017 State	2018 County	2018 Urban	2018 State	% Change
Male	48.3%	50.2%	51.0%	47.7%	49.9%	50.8%	51.2%	49.3%	50.8%	53.0%	50.1%	51.0%	52.9%	51.0%	50.7%	9.5%
Female	51.7%	49.8%	49.0%	52.3%	50.1%	49.2%	48.8%	50.7%	49.2%	47.0%	49.9%	49.0%	47.1%	49.0%	49.3%	-8.9%

#### By First Placement Setting

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

Placement Setting	2014 County	2014 Urban	2014 State	2015 County	2015 Urban	2015 State	2016 County	2016 Urban	2016 State	2017 County	2017 Urban	2017 State	2018 County	2018 Urban	2018 State	% Change
<b>Family Setting</b>	<b>69.3%</b>	<b>82.5%</b>	<b>80.7%</b>	<b>68.5%</b>	<b>82.1%</b>	<b>80.9%</b>	<b>75.6%</b>	<b>82.8%</b>	<b>82.3%</b>	<b>89.6%</b>	<b>83.7%</b>	<b>83.6%</b>	<b>80.0%</b>	<b>84.4%</b>	<b>83.8%</b>	<b>15.4%</b>
Pre-adoptive Home	0.0%	0.2%	0.2%	0.0%	0.2%	0.1%	0.0%	0.3%	0.2%	0.0%	0.3%	0.3%	0.0%	0.3%	0.2%	-
Foster Family Home – Relative	39.2%	37.5%	33.1%	42.3%	38.6%	33.6%	45.2%	41.8%	37.5%	59.0%	42.8%	39.1%	53.5%	44.1%	39.9%	36.6%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	30.1%	44.8%	47.5%	26.2%	43.4%	47.2%	30.4%	40.7%	44.6%	30.5%	40.6%	44.2%	26.5%	40.0%	43.7%	-12.2%
<b>Congregate Care Setting</b>	<b>27.8%</b>	<b>15.8%</b>	<b>17.5%</b>	<b>30.2%</b>	<b>16.0%</b>	<b>17.0%</b>	<b>22.6%</b>	<b>15.6%</b>	<b>15.9%</b>	<b>9.6%</b>	<b>14.6%</b>	<b>15.0%</b>	<b>19.4%</b>	<b>13.5%</b>	<b>14.3%</b>	<b>-30.5%</b>
Group Home	26.1%	9.6%	12.1%	26.2%	8.7%	10.7%	20.2%	8.3%	9.7%	8.0%	7.7%	9.1%	16.8%	7.6%	9.4%	-35.8%
Institution	1.7%	6.2%	5.4%	4.0%	7.3%	6.3%	2.4%	7.3%	6.2%	1.6%	6.9%	5.9%	2.6%	6.0%	4.9%	51.4%
<b>Supervised Independent Living</b>	<b>0.6%</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>1.3%</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>1.2%</b>	<b>0.3%</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>0.8%</b>	<b>0.4%</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.3%</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>-100.0%</b>
Runaway	0.0%	0.5%	0.4%	0.0%	0.7%	0.4%	0.0%	0.8%	0.6%	0.0%	0.8%	0.5%	0.0%	1.1%	0.7%	-
Trial Home Visit	2.3%	0.9%	1.2%	0.0%	0.9%	1.5%	0.6%	0.5%	1.0%	0.0%	0.5%	0.8%	0.6%	0.7%	1.1%	-71.6%



## 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	2014			2015			2016			2017			2018			County % Change 2014 to 2018
	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	
Children Re-Entering Foster Care	55	1,830	2,772	38	1,689	2,544	42	1,597	2,485	43	1,513	2,343	43	1,627	2,469	-21.8%
Re-Entries as Percent of All Entries	23.8%	29.1%	26.7%	20.3%	26.7%	24.5%	20.0%	26.0%	23.5%	14.7%	23.7%	21.7%	21.7%	27.8%	24.5%	-8.8%

### By Age

Age Group	2014 County	2014 Urban	2014 State	2015 County	2015 Urban	2015 State	2016 County	2016 Urban	2016 State	2017 County	2017 Urban	2017 State	2018 County	2018 Urban	2018 State	% Change
0-2	12.7%	7.9%	8.2%	21.1%	10.7%	10.8%	16.7%	12.0%	11.2%	16.3%	11.3%	11.4%	16.3%	11.2%	10.8%	27.9%
3-5	18.2%	8.4%	9.2%	13.2%	10.2%	11.4%	16.7%	9.4%	9.7%	16.3%	10.4%	11.1%	18.6%	12.2%	12.6%	2.3%
6-8	10.9%	8.3%	8.8%	15.8%	9.0%	9.0%	23.8%	9.8%	10.1%	18.6%	11.6%	11.7%	23.3%	12.3%	12.1%	113.2%
9-11	10.9%	6.8%	7.5%	13.2%	7.7%	7.9%	11.9%	9.1%	9.6%	11.6%	10.8%	10.6%	9.3%	11.9%	11.5%	-14.7%
12-14	21.8%	17.5%	17.1%	7.9%	17.1%	16.5%	0.0%	18.8%	18.5%	16.3%	18.4%	17.2%	14.0%	18.3%	17.7%	-36.0%
15-17	23.6%	45.1%	43.7%	26.3%	39.0%	38.2%	26.2%	36.7%	36.4%	18.6%	33.6%	33.4%	16.3%	30.4%	31.2%	-31.1%
18-20	1.8%	6.1%	5.7%	2.6%	6.4%	6.3%	4.8%	4.2%	4.5%	2.3%	3.8%	4.7%	2.3%	3.8%	4.2%	27.9%
Infants (age 0-1)	7.3%	5.2%	5.2%	7.9%	6.5%	6.5%	11.9%	8.0%	7.4%	11.6%	6.5%	6.6%	4.7%	6.6%	6.4%	-36.0%
Youth (age 13+)	41.8%	65.6%	63.5%	36.8%	59.6%	57.9%	31.0%	55.5%	55.3%	34.9%	51.4%	51.1%	27.9%	47.9%	48.6%	-33.3%

### By Race and Ethnicity

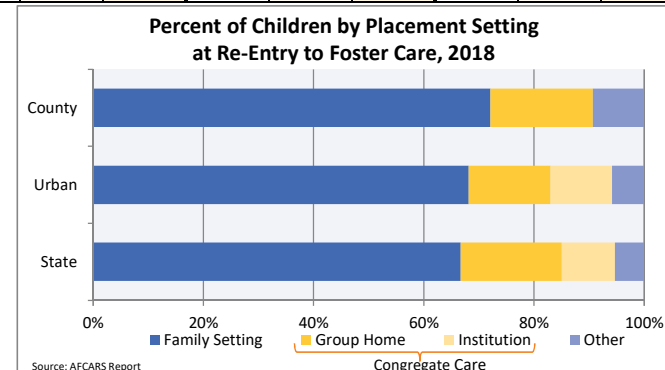
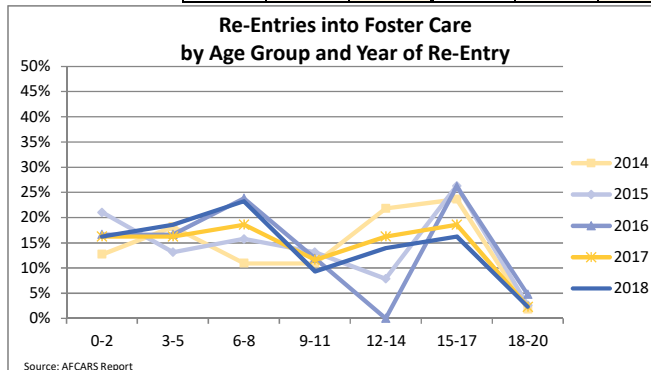
Race/Ethnicity	2014 County	2014 Urban	2014 State	2015 County	2015 Urban	2015 State	2016 County	2016 Urban	2016 State	2017 County	2017 Urban	2017 State	2018 County	2018 Urban	2018 State	% Change
Non-Hispanic White	54.5%	21.2%	39.0%	55.3%	18.8%	35.5%	57.1%	24.3%	41.9%	69.8%	22.7%	38.6%	69.8%	23.9%	39.6%	27.9%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	21.8%	63.2%	47.2%	10.5%	57.1%	41.4%	16.7%	58.0%	42.5%	9.3%	51.4%	37.4%	4.7%	56.1%	40.5%	-78.7%
Non-Hispanic Other Race	5.5%	5.8%	4.5%	7.9%	11.5%	8.0%	9.5%	4.6%	3.3%	9.3%	1.9%	1.7%	11.6%	1.7%	1.8%	113.2%
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	10.9%	4.2%	5.0%	15.8%	4.4%	5.0%	9.5%	5.0%	6.1%	9.3%	5.3%	6.0%	0.0%	5.8%	7.1%	-100.0%
Hispanic or Latino	7.3%	13.9%	13.3%	10.5%	14.0%	12.5%	7.1%	13.7%	12.3%	2.3%	11.7%	11.3%	14.0%	12.5%	11.1%	91.9%

### By Gender

Gender	2014 County	2014 Urban	2014 State	2015 County	2015 Urban	2015 State	2016 County	2016 Urban	2016 State	2017 County	2017 Urban	2017 State	2018 County	2018 Urban	2018 State	% Change
Male	49.1%	49.0%	50.6%	44.7%	49.3%	50.5%	54.8%	48.8%	50.3%	55.8%	46.8%	49.6%	53.5%	48.4%	49.1%	9.0%
Female	50.9%	51.0%	49.4%	55.3%	50.7%	49.5%	45.2%	51.2%	49.7%	44.2%	53.2%	50.4%	46.5%	51.6%	50.9%	-8.6%

### By Placement Setting at Re-Entry

Placement Setting	2014 County	2014 Urban	2014 State	2015 County	2015 Urban	2015 State	2016 County	2016 Urban	2016 State	2017 County	2017 Urban	2017 State	2018 County	2018 Urban	2018 State	% Change
Family Setting	60.0%	58.4%	59.0%	73.7%	59.9%	58.9%	73.8%	65.7%	65.0%	72.1%	60.5%	60.3%	72.1%	68.1%	66.7%	20.2%
Pre-adoptive Home	0.0%	0.2%	0.2%	0.0%	0.9%	0.6%	0.0%	1.1%	0.7%	0.0%	0.9%	0.6%	0.0%	0.7%	0.4%	-
Foster Family Home – Relative	27.3%	24.8%	22.2%	44.7%	30.0%	24.7%	19.0%	32.5%	27.8%	39.5%	32.0%	29.0%	39.5%	32.7%	28.3%	45.0%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	32.7%	33.3%	36.6%	28.9%	29.0%	33.6%	54.8%	32.1%	36.5%	32.6%	27.6%	30.8%	32.6%	34.8%	37.9%	-0.5%
Congregate Care Setting	40.0%	43.8%	44.7%	23.7%	38.7%	37.7%	26.2%	33.5%	35.9%	25.6%	27.1%	29.4%	18.6%	26.0%	28.0%	-53.5%
Group Home	36.4%	22.8%	27.2%	21.1%	20.1%	22.6%	23.8%	16.2%	20.3%	25.6%	14.7%	18.8%	18.6%	14.9%	18.4%	-48.8%
Institution	3.6%	21.0%	17.5%	2.6%	18.6%	15.0%	2.4%	17.3%	15.6%	0.0%	12.4%	10.7%	0.0%	11.1%	9.6%	-100.0%
Supervised Independent Living	0.0%	2.3%	1.8%	2.6%	2.0%	1.8%	0.0%	1.3%	1.3%	2.3%	1.1%	1.7%	7.0%	1.7%	1.8%	-
Runaway	0.0%	5.2%	3.6%	0.0%	3.6%	2.4%	0.0%	3.7%	2.6%	0.0%	3.2%	2.4%	0.0%	3.8%	2.7%	-
Trial Home Visit	0.0%	0.2%	0.8%	0.0%	0.3%	0.9%	0.0%	0.3%	0.6%	0.0%	0.4%	0.6%	2.3%	0.4%	0.8%	-



## 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	2014			2015			2016			2017			2018			County % Change 2014 to 2018
	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	
<b>Family-Based Permanency Goals</b>	<b>88.4%</b>	<b>94.1%</b>	<b>93.6%</b>	<b>90.2%</b>	<b>95.6%</b>	<b>95.2%</b>	<b>89.9%</b>	<b>94.6%</b>	<b>95.0%</b>	<b>92.9%</b>	<b>92.5%</b>	<b>94.0%</b>	<b>95.2%</b>	<b>93.9%</b>	<b>95.1%</b>	<b>7.7%</b>
Reunify With Parent(s) or Principal Caretaker(s)	65.0%	75.3%	72.6%	63.0%	74.8%	73.1%	66.7%	69.1%	69.8%	75.1%	64.4%	66.7%	68.7%	62.9%	65.3%	5.7%
Adoption	19.9%	14.8%	16.1%	23.1%	16.5%	17.4%	19.1%	19.9%	19.5%	14.0%	22.1%	21.2%	21.0%	24.8%	23.6%	5.3%
Guardianship	2.7%	1.7%	3.1%	3.1%	2.8%	3.0%	2.9%	4.4%	4.3%	3.3%	5.0%	4.8%	4.4%	5.4%	5.1%	61.8%
Live with Relative(s)	0.9%	2.4%	1.8%	0.9%	1.6%	1.7%	1.2%	1.3%	1.5%	0.5%	1.0%	1.3%	1.2%	0.8%	1.2%	44.9%
<b>Another Planned Permanent Living Arrangement (APPLA)</b>	<b>11.6%</b>	<b>5.9%</b>	<b>6.4%</b>	<b>9.8%</b>	<b>4.4%</b>	<b>4.8%</b>	<b>10.1%</b>	<b>5.4%</b>	<b>5.0%</b>	<b>7.1%</b>	<b>7.5%</b>	<b>6.0%</b>	<b>4.8%</b>	<b>6.1%</b>	<b>4.9%</b>	<b>-58.9%</b>
Long Term Foster Care	0.5%	1.0%	1.8%	0.2%	0.5%	1.2%	0.4%	0.4%	1.0%	0.7%	0.3%	0.7%	0.5%	0.3%	0.6%	3.5%
Emancipation	11.1%	4.9%	4.6%	9.6%	3.9%	3.6%	9.7%	5.0%	4.0%	6.4%	7.2%	5.3%	4.2%	5.9%	4.3%	-61.8%

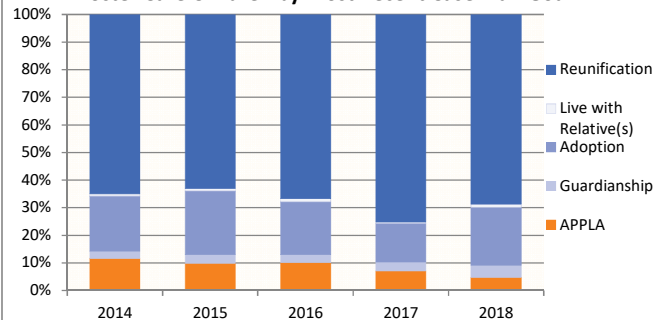
#### APPLA By Age as % of Age Group Served

Age Group	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County % Change 2014 to 2018
0-15	0.0%	0.8%	0.8%	0.0%	0.7%	0.4%	0.0%	0.3%	0.2%	0.0%	1.6%	1.0%	0.0%	1.6%	1.0%	-
16-20	54.8%	20.1%	23.1%	43.8%	20.5%	19.4%	46.4%	17.1%	21.6%	41.7%	29.6%	25.1%	41.7%	29.6%	25.1%	-23.9%

#### APPLA By Discharge Reason

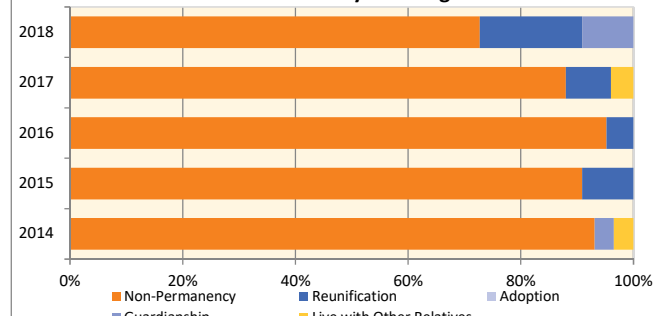
Exit Reason	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County % Change 2014 to 2018
<b>Exit to Permanent Arrangements</b>	<b>6.9%</b>	<b>22.2%</b>	<b>19.4%</b>	<b>9.1%</b>	<b>22.8%</b>	<b>23.0%</b>	<b>4.8%</b>	<b>40.4%</b>	<b>32.1%</b>	<b>12.0%</b>	<b>26.5%</b>	<b>22.7%</b>	<b>27.3%</b>	<b>22.9%</b>	<b>19.5%</b>	<b>295.5%</b>
Reunification	0.0%	17.1%	14.5%	9.1%	16.6%	17.6%	4.8%	34.7%	27.0%	8.0%	20.5%	17.3%	18.2%	19.7%	16.9%	-
(number of months until reunification)	0.0	63.7	36.2	25.6	23.3	27.5	25.7	35.8	30.4	6.6	22.4	11.8	45.2	31.9	18.6	-
Adoption	0.0%	0.3%	0.3%	0.0%	0.4%	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-
(number of months until adoption)	0.0	194.3	149.3	0.0	31.2	31.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-
Guardianship	3.4%	2.3%	2.5%	0.0%	1.2%	1.4%	0.0%	5.0%	4.2%	0.0%	5.9%	4.9%	9.1%	2.8%	2.3%	163.6%
(number of month until guardianship)	22.5	35.1	27.8	0.0	34.9	18.0	0.0	41.4	32.0	0.0	18.6	23.6	22.3	25.5	25.6	-0.7%
Live with Other Relatives	3.4%	2.6%	2.1%	0.0%	4.6%	3.7%	0.0%	0.7%	0.9%	4.0%	0.2%	0.5%	0.0%	0.4%	0.3%	-100.0%
(number of months until living with relatives)	27.1	20.8	15.9	0.0	47.0	37.1	0.0	37.8	39.8	17.3	17.3	21.4	0.0	32.9	32.9	-100.0%
<b>Exit to Non-Permanent Arrangements</b>	<b>93.1%</b>	<b>77.8%</b>	<b>80.4%</b>	<b>90.9%</b>	<b>77.2%</b>	<b>76.4%</b>	<b>95.2%</b>	<b>59.6%</b>	<b>68.6%</b>	<b>88.0%</b>	<b>73.1%</b>	<b>76.8%</b>	<b>72.7%</b>	<b>77.1%</b>	<b>80.5%</b>	<b>-21.9%</b>
Emancipation	86.2%	69.2%	73.0%	81.8%	69.9%	71.7%	90.5%	52.3%	62.2%	80.0%	60.1%	66.7%	63.6%	67.3%	72.1%	-26.2%
(number of months until emancipation)	41.1	40.7	33.5	39.9	32.4	34.3	44.1	37.8	30.6	42.0	29.7	26.2	47.3	34.1	27.6	15.3%
Transfer to Another Agency	6.9%	7.1%	5.5%	9.1%	3.9%	2.7%	4.8%	5.7%	5.0%	4.0%	10.8%	8.2%	9.1%	6.0%	5.3%	31.8%
(number of months until transfer)	121.2	61.1	13.0	93.7	71.2	40.7	32.6	57.5	27.6	7.5	5.5	3.7	36.7	25.0	19.4	-69.8%
Runaway	0.0%	1.4%	1.9%	0.0%	3.5%	2.0%	0.0%	1.6%	1.4%	4.0%	2.2%	1.9%	0.0%	3.8%	3.0%	-
(number of months until running away)	0.0	39.7	16.3	0.0	28.8	23.4	0.0	6.5	14.1	20.6	32.3	32.0	0.0	56.7	22.4	-
<b>Death of Child</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>0.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>-</b>
(number of months until death of a child)	0.0	0.0	129.8	0.0	0.0	9.0	0.0	0.0	143.7	0.0	47.1	62.6	0.0	0.0	62.6	-

Foster Care Children by Most Recent Case Plan Goal



Source: AFCARS Report

Children with APPLA by Discharge Reason



Source: AFCARS Report

## 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

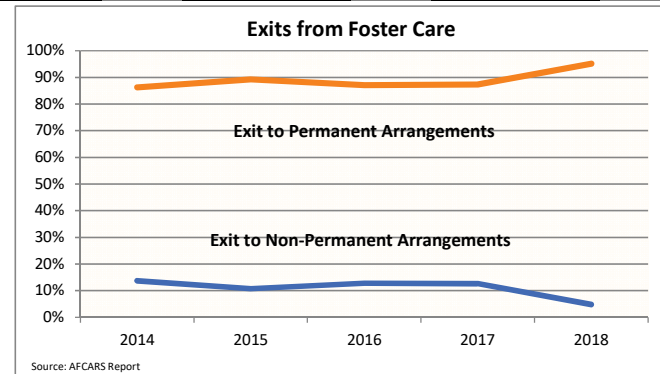
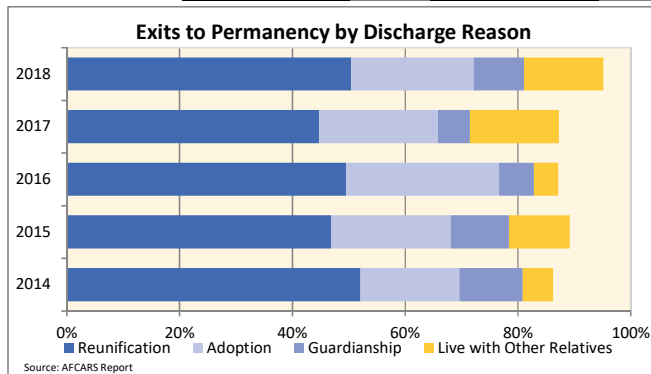
#### Children Exiting Foster Care

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

Indicator	2014			2015			2016			2017			2018			County % Change 2014 to 2018
	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	
Total Children Leaving Foster Care	240	5,863	9,769	241	5,592	9,471	210	6,649	10,635	228	6,412	10,276	248	6,347	10,694	3.3%
Percent of Children Leaving Foster Care	40.7%	41.1%	43.4%	44.6%	38.4%	41.2%	40.5%	42.7%	43.3%	37.6%	40.1%	40.5%	43.7%	40.4%	42.0%	7.2%
(number of months until leaving)	15.1	12.9	10.7	17.6	13.2	11.4	16.2	12.8	11.7	12.3	11.7	11.9	12.2	12.8	13.0	-19.3%

#### By Discharge Reason

Discharge Reason	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	County % Change 2014 to 2018										
<b>Exit to Permanent Arrangements</b>	<b>86.3%</b>	<b>85.3%</b>	<b>86.9%</b>	<b>89.2%</b>	<b>81.0%</b>	<b>85.0%</b>	<b>87.1%</b>	<b>80.4%</b>	<b>84.5%</b>	<b>87.3%</b>	<b>84.8%</b>	<b>87.2%</b>	<b>95.2%</b>	<b>86.2%</b>	<b>88.6%</b>	<b>10.3%</b>
Reunification	52.1%	58.2%	57.2%	46.9%	52.8%	54.5%	49.5%	53.5%	54.5%	44.7%	55.0%	55.1%	50.4%	53.0%	52.5%	-3.2%
(number of months until reunification)	4.4	5.7	5.5	11.3	7.4	5.7	7.1	6.4	6.7	6.1	6.3	6.6	8.0	6.4	6.4	83.5%
Adoption	17.5%	17.4%	18.6%	21.2%	16.5%	18.7%	27.1%	16.4%	18.7%	21.1%	19.1%	20.2%	21.8%	22.7%	23.9%	24.4%
(number of months until adoption)	36.9	33.3	27.4	32.6	31.6	28.3	36.6	31.2	28.7	28.6	30.2	29.2	30.0	31.8	30.5	-18.8%
Guardianship	11.3%	5.9%	6.1%	10.4%	6.9%	6.5%	6.2%	6.5%	6.6%	5.7%	6.4%	6.7%	8.9%	7.0%	7.5%	-21.1%
(number of month until guardianship)	14.5	25.7	20.8	21.9	27.2	21.1	28.1	24.3	19.4	25.6	23.7	20.1	17.6	26.1	19.4	21.2%
Live with Other Relatives	5.4%	3.8%	5.0%	10.8%	4.7%	5.4%	4.3%	4.0%	4.7%	15.8%	4.4%	5.1%	14.1%	3.5%	4.6%	160.5%
(number of months until living with relatives)	1.9	8.3	1.0	0.5	9.6	3.0	1.3	6.7	2.2	2.6	5.4	2.2	3.7	6.0	2.1	89.8%
<b>Exit to Non-Permanent Arrangements</b>	<b>13.8%</b>	<b>14.6%</b>	<b>13.0%</b>	<b>10.8%</b>	<b>18.9%</b>	<b>14.8%</b>	<b>12.9%</b>	<b>19.4%</b>	<b>15.4%</b>	<b>12.7%</b>	<b>15.1%</b>	<b>12.7%</b>	<b>4.8%</b>	<b>13.7%</b>	<b>11.4%</b>	<b>-64.8%</b>
Emancipation	12.5%	7.0%	7.7%	9.5%	7.8%	7.8%	11.9%	6.6%	6.8%	11.0%	8.3%	7.9%	4.4%	8.1%	7.3%	-64.5%
(number of months until emancipation)	33.3	35.2	29.6	29.9	28.1	28.1	24.4	30.0	23.4	40.4	26.7	22.0	25.9	24.7	23.7	-22.2%
Transfer to Another Agency	1.3%	6.0%	4.3%	1.2%	9.0%	5.8%	1.0%	11.8%	7.9%	1.3%	6.1%	4.3%	0.4%	4.7%	3.5%	-67.7%
(number of months until transfer)	117.7	22.0	5.0	40.7	28.1	6.7	16.7	18.3	7.6	1.7	12.2	6.9	36.7	14.6	7.9	-68.9%
Runaway	0.0%	1.6%	1.1%	0.0%	2.1%	1.3%	0.0%	1.0%	0.7%	0.4%	0.7%	0.5%	0.0%	1.0%	0.6%	-
(number of months until running away)	0.0	35.2	13.2	0.0	14.1	15.5	0.0	10.0	11.2	20.6	15.3	19.4	0.0	22.6	14.0	-
Death of Child	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>-</b>
(number of months until death of a child)	0.0	59.1	30.9	0.0	10.8	4.9	0.0	15.0	13.2	0.0	30.0	18.8	0.0	20.7	5.5	-



## FOSTER CARE - REMAINING IN CARE

Data on children remaining in foster care provides information on children who did not leave foster care during the year but are still in foster care on the last day of the federal fiscal year. This data includes all children in foster care on September 30. Some of these children may have just entered foster care days prior to the end of the fiscal year and others may have been in foster care for many years.

### Indicator

#### Children Remaining in Foster Care

Children in Foster Care on Last Day  
(number of months children have been in care)

County	2014			2015			2016			2017			2018			County % Change 2014 to 2018
	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	
Bucks	371	9,409	14,162	319	9,950	14,859	325	10,036	15,382	392	10,525	16,381	344	10,320	16,074	-7.3%
	16.1	13.2	12.6	16.8	13.7	12.5	12.6	13.6	13.2	11.0	13.7	13.4	17.2	14.1	14.2	6.7%

### By Age

Age Group	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	% Change
0-2	23.7%	25.7%	28.3%	26.8%	24.1%	1.7%
3-5	18.9%	20.1%	19.9%	20.4%	20.5%	-14.9%
6-8	16.7%	21.0%	21.3%	21.5%	21.0%	21.1%
9-11	12.4%	17.0%	17.1%	17.5%	17.2%	31.3%
12-14	12.4%	13.0%	13.2%	13.7%	13.8%	16.1%
15-17	9.6%	10.9%	11.6%	12.0%	12.5%	-10.8%
18-20	7.0%	11.3%	12.1%	12.5%	12.3%	-9.7%
Infants (age 0-1)	14.0%	14.4%	13.8%	18.1%	18.0%	7.8%
Youth (age 13+)	11.6%	7.8%	5.3%	5.8%	5.2%	-4.3%

### By Race and Ethnicity

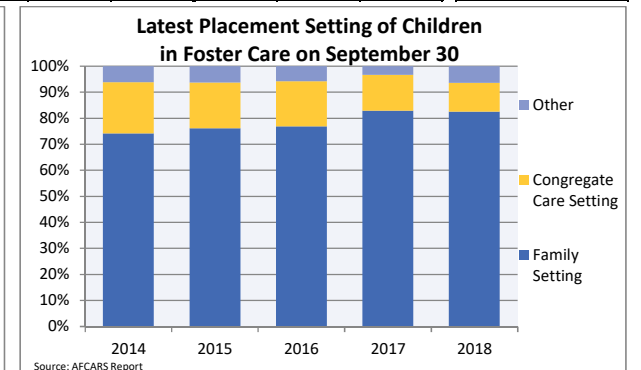
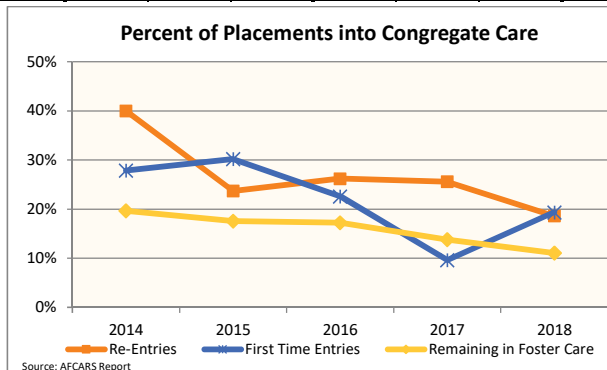
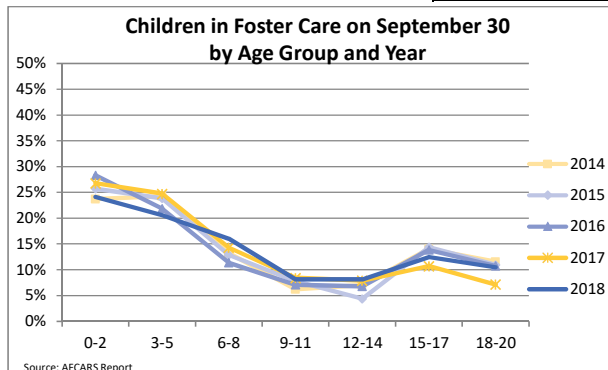
Race/Ethnicity	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	% Change
Non-Hispanic White	65.5%	62.4%	60.3%	58.2%	64.2%	-1.9%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	25.5%	23.5%	26.7%	41.0%	27.2%	-28.1%
Non-Hispanic Other Race	51.4%	49.4%	51.3%	37.0%	50.1%	142.7%
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	4.3%	7.8%	3.4%	2.9%	2.5%	20.3%
Hispanic or Latino	7.0%	3.9%	6.8%	9.7%	8.4%	-26.0%

### By Gender

Gender	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	% Change
Male	47.7%	50.6%	50.2%	53.1%	50.3%	8.5%
Female	52.3%	49.4%	48.7%	46.9%	49.7%	-7.7%

### By Latest Placement Setting

Placement Setting	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	% Change
Family Setting	74.1%	81.2%	83.5%	82.5%	84.6%	11.4%
Pre-adoptive Home	0.0%	4.2%	7.5%	5.3%	6.0%	-
Foster Family Home – Relative	41.8%	36.7%	38.9%	35.1%	41.6%	35.0%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	32.3%	40.4%	37.1%	42.1%	37.9%	-19.1%
Congregate Care Setting	19.7%	15.2%	17.2%	13.8%	12.6%	-43.9%
Group Home	16.4%	7.6%	6.8%	8.4%	6.6%	-48.7%
Institution	3.2%	7.6%	6.9%	6.3%	6.0%	-19.1%
Supervised Independent Living	5.7%	1.5%	1.6%	1.3%	1.6%	2.7%
Runaway	0.3%	1.5%	0.0%	0.7%	0.8%	-100.0%
Trial Home Visit	0.3%	0.5%	0.0%	0.7%	0.6%	115.7%



## 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.

2014			2015			2016			2017			2018			County % Change 2014 to 2018
County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	
27.7%	30.8%	32.7%	29.2%	32.0%	32.8%	20.2%	35.5%	33.6%	22.8%	33.5%	32.2%	32.2%	31.8%	31.2%	16.0%

## 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.

2014			2015			2016			2017			2018			County % Change 2014 to 2018
County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	
36.0%	37.8%	39.7%	38.5%	35.9%	39.0%	35.3%	32.1%	36.0%	32.5%	37.7%	39.2%	31.9%	37.6%	37.4%	-11.3%

## 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.

2014			2015			2016			2017			2018			County % Change 2014 to 2018
County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	
24.6%	30.1%	26.9%	21.2%	26.6%	24.1%	18.1%	28.5%	24.8%	21.4%	25.7%	23.0%	16.7%	22.9%	21.4%	-32.1%

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