

## 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
	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State		
	105	2,575	26,944	136	2,892	29,273	265	3,995	40,590	357	4,671	44,359	383	4,692	47,485	264.8%
	9.7	12.1	9.6	12.6	13.6	10.5	24.6	18.8	14.5	33.1	22.0	15.9	35.5	22.1	17.0	

#### Child Abuse and Neglect Substantiations

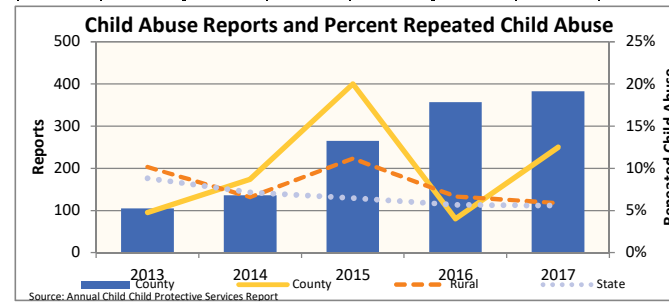
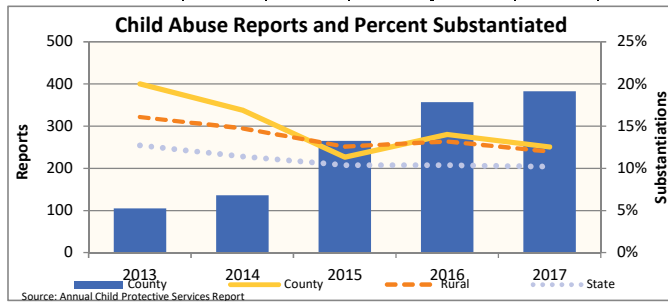
Founded or indicated reports of child abuse and/or neglect.

	20.0%	16.1%	12.7%	16.9%	14.7%	11.4%	11.3%	12.6%	10.4%	14.0%	13.2%	10.4%	12.5%	12.0%	10.2%	-37.3%

#### Repeated Child Abuse and Neglect

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

	4.8%	10.1%	8.8%	8.7%	6.6%	7.2%	20.0%	11.2%	6.5%	4.0%	6.7%	5.7%	12.5%	5.9%	5.6%	162.5%
	1 in 21	1 in 10	1 in 11	1 in 12	1 in 15	1 in 14	1 in 5	1 in 9	1 in 15	1 in 25	1 in 15	1 in 18	1 in 8	1 in 17	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
	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State		
	-	-	-	-	-	-	953	15,186	131,953	1,079	16,395	151,087	1,038	17,303	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.

	-	-	-	-	-	-	36.7%	22.4%	18.4%	32.4%	25.6%	20.9%	31.8%	27.2%	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
	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State		
	1,371	22,048	167,582	1,328	22,743	181,371	1,553	24,517	190,413	1,417	28,231	186,855	2,540	28,544	194,761	85.3%

## 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	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	
Unduplicated Number of Children Served	71	1,535	22,510	55	1,574	22,980	68	1,695	24,543	66	1,812	25,381	83	1,973	25,441	16.9%
(Rate per 1,000 children age 0-20)	5.8	5.8	6.7	4.5	6.0	6.8	5.5	6.5	7.3	5.4	6.9	7.5	6.7	7.5	7.5	

### By Age

Age Group	2014 County	2014 Rural	2014 State	2015 County	2015 Rural	2015 State	2016 County	2016 Rural	2016 State	2017 County	2017 Rural	2017 State	2018 County	2018 Rural	2018 State	% Change
0-2	15.5%	20.6%	19.4%	18.2%	22.7%	19.9%	22.1%	22.0%	20.2%	18.2%	20.7%	20.3%	28.9%	20.1%	20.2%	86.6%
3-5	11.3%	15.0%	16.8%	5.5%	15.9%	17.1%	10.3%	16.1%	17.0%	16.7%	16.4%	17.4%	14.5%	16.1%	17.9%	28.3%
6-8	19.7%	12.6%	12.3%	20.0%	11.5%	12.9%	20.6%	12.4%	13.0%	15.2%	11.9%	13.3%	13.3%	12.7%	13.4%	-32.8%
9-11	14.1%	8.9%	9.5%	12.7%	9.5%	10.0%	19.1%	11.2%	11.0%	19.7%	11.9%	11.4%	18.1%	11.4%	11.8%	28.3%
12-14	11.3%	12.4%	10.9%	20.0%	12.7%	11.4%	8.8%	11.3%	11.2%	12.1%	12.9%	11.6%	12.0%	13.5%	11.8%	6.9%
15-17	23.9%	24.0%	21.4%	21.8%	22.4%	20.4%	16.2%	22.7%	19.6%	15.2%	20.6%	18.6%	13.3%	22.0%	18.7%	-44.6%
18-20	4.2%	6.6%	9.8%	1.8%	5.2%	8.3%	2.9%	4.4%	7.9%	3.0%	5.6%	7.4%	0.0%	4.2%	6.3%	-100.0%
Infants (age 0-1)	11.3%	14.2%	12.5%	16.4%	15.9%	12.8%	14.7%	14.9%	12.8%	10.6%	13.5%	12.7%	22.9%	12.9%	12.7%	103.2%
Youth (age 13+)	33.8%	39.1%	38.9%	32.7%	36.7%	36.7%	26.5%	34.8%	35.5%	27.3%	34.8%	34.0%	20.5%	35.3%	33.1%	-39.4%

### By Race and Ethnicity

Race/Ethnicity	2014 County	2014 Rural	2014 State	2015 County	2015 Rural	2015 State	2016 County	2016 Rural	2016 State	2017 County	2017 Rural	2017 State	2018 County	2018 Rural	2018 State	% Change
Non-Hispanic White	85.9%	89.9%	42.3%	80.0%	87.0%	40.9%	85.3%	88.0%	42.5%	78.8%	86.6%	42.9%	75.9%	87.1%	43.7%	-11.7%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	7.0%	2.5%	35.2%	5.5%	3.6%	34.6%	1.5%	3.1%	35.3%	1.5%	3.5%	34.9%	1.2%	3.8%	33.9%	-82.9%
Non-Hispanic Other Race	0.0%	0.7%	4.4%	0.0%	1.1%	5.9%	0.0%	0.9%	3.3%	0.0%	1.2%	2.9%	0.0%	1.5%	2.3%	-
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	5.6%	4.0%	4.9%	12.7%	5.3%	5.3%	8.8%	4.9%	5.4%	7.6%	4.9%	6.2%	9.6%	4.1%	7.1%	71.1%
Hispanic or Latino	1.4%	2.8%	13.1%	1.8%	3.0%	13.4%	4.4%	3.1%	13.4%	12.1%	3.8%	13.2%	13.3%	3.6%	13.0%	841.0%

### By Gender

Gender	2014 County	2014 Rural	2014 State	2015 County	2015 Rural	2015 State	2016 County	2016 Rural	2016 State	2017 County	2017 Rural	2017 State	2018 County	2018 Rural	2018 State	% Change
Male	52.1%	53.4%	50.8%	50.9%	53.4%	51.0%	48.5%	53.4%	51.2%	47.0%	52.2%	51.0%	56.6%	52.2%	50.8%	8.7%
Female	47.9%	46.6%	49.2%	49.1%	46.6%	49.0%	51.5%	46.6%	48.8%	53.0%	47.8%	49.0%	43.4%	47.8%	49.2%	-9.4%

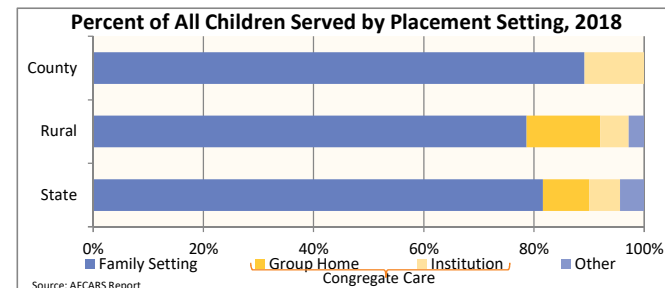
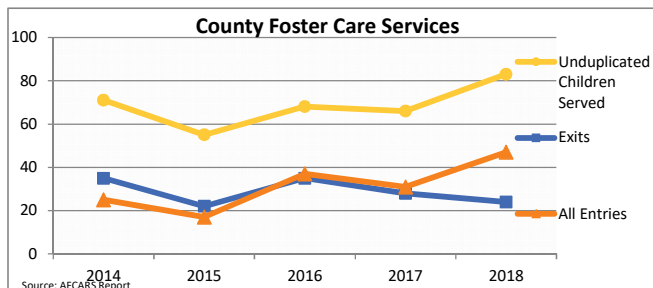
### By First Placement Setting

Placement Setting	2014 County	2014 Rural	2014 State	2015 County	2015 Rural	2015 State	2016 County	2016 Rural	2016 State	2017 County	2017 Rural	2017 State	2018 County	2018 Rural	2018 State	% Change
<b>Family Setting</b>	<b>87.3%</b>	<b>75.2%</b>	<b>75.8%</b>	<b>85.5%</b>	<b>75.0%</b>	<b>77.1%</b>	<b>86.8%</b>	<b>75.6%</b>	<b>79.0%</b>	<b>87.9%</b>	<b>77.4%</b>	<b>80.5%</b>	<b>89.2%</b>	<b>78.7%</b>	<b>81.6%</b>	<b>2.1%</b>
Pre-adoptive Home	0.0%	4.0%	3.5%	1.8%	4.3%	3.1%	1.5%	3.4%	4.5%	0.0%	2.3%	4.0%	0.0%	3.2%	4.5%	-
Foster Family Home – Relative	12.7%	26.6%	29.6%	10.9%	26.9%	31.5%	41.2%	28.8%	34.1%	31.8%	30.0%	36.4%	39.8%	29.9%	37.1%	213.7%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	74.6%	44.7%	42.7%	72.7%	43.8%	42.5%	44.1%	43.4%	40.5%	56.1%	45.0%	40.1%	49.4%	45.6%	40.1%	-33.8%
<b>Congregate Care Setting</b>	<b>12.7%</b>	<b>18.6%</b>	<b>18.3%</b>	<b>14.5%</b>	<b>18.4%</b>	<b>17.1%</b>	<b>13.2%</b>	<b>18.4%</b>	<b>15.8%</b>	<b>12.1%</b>	<b>18.4%</b>	<b>14.9%</b>	<b>10.8%</b>	<b>18.6%</b>	<b>14.0%</b>	<b>-14.5%</b>
Group Home	5.6%	13.9%	11.6%	7.3%	14.5%	10.5%	8.8%	14.5%	9.1%	4.5%	14.7%	8.8%	0.0%	13.4%	8.5%	-100.0%
Institution	7.0%	4.7%	6.8%	7.3%	3.9%	6.6%	4.4%	4.0%	6.8%	7.6%	3.7%	6.1%	10.8%	5.2%	5.6%	54.0%
<b>Supervised Independent Living</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.8%</b>	<b>1.9%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>1.1%</b>	<b>1.7%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.8%</b>	<b>1.6%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.7%</b>	<b>1.5%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.5%</b>	<b>1.5%</b>	<b>-</b>
Runaway	0.0%	0.3%	1.2%	0.0%	0.0%	1.3%	0.0%	0.2%	1.4%	0.0%	0.1%	1.4%	0.0%	0.1%	1.4%	-
Trial Home Visit	0.0%	5.0%	2.8%	0.0%	5.5%	2.9%	0.0%	5.0%	2.2%	0.0%	3.4%	1.7%	0.0%	2.2%	1.4%	-

### 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	% Change				
2014	25	811	10,364	2015	17	821	10,387	2016	37	945	10,567	2017	31	987	10,781	2018	47	962	10,095	88.0%



## 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	2014			2015			2016			2017			2018			County % Change 2014 to 2018
	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	
Children Entering for the First Time	23	658	7,592	16	646	7,843	31	721	8,082	28	799	8,438	43	753	7,626	87.0%
(Rate per 1,000 children age 0-20)	1.9	2.5	2.3	1.3	2.5	2.3	2.5	2.7	2.4	2.3	3.0	2.5	3.5	2.9	2.3	
First Time Entries as Percent of All Entries	92.0%	81.1%	73.3%	94.1%	78.7%	75.5%	83.8%	76.3%	76.5%	90.3%	81.0%	78.3%	91.5%	78.3%	75.5%	

#### By Age

0-2  
3-5  
6-8  
9-11  
12-14  
15-17  
18-20  
Infants (age 0-1)  
Youth (age 13+)

Age Group	2014 County	2014 Rural	2014 State	2015 County	2015 Rural	2015 State	2016 County	2016 Rural	2016 State	2017 County	2017 Rural	2017 State	2018 County	2018 Rural	2018 State	% Change
0-2	30.4%	31.9%	32.7%	31.3%	34.8%	32.7%	25.8%	29.5%	33.3%	14.3%	29.8%	33.2%	44.2%	29.9%	34.4%	45.2%
3-5	17.4%	16.0%	15.7%	6.3%	12.2%	14.6%	12.9%	15.4%	14.7%	14.3%	14.6%	15.3%	14.0%	14.3%	15.4%	-19.8%
6-8	21.7%	13.1%	11.5%	12.5%	10.8%	11.9%	22.6%	13.9%	12.5%	14.3%	11.1%	11.9%	16.3%	11.6%	11.5%	-25.1%
9-11	17.4%	8.8%	9.2%	12.5%	10.4%	9.8%	19.4%	11.2%	9.6%	17.9%	10.8%	10.1%	4.7%	9.3%	10.3%	-73.3%
12-14	0.0%	10.9%	12.7%	25.0%	14.7%	13.4%	3.2%	11.5%	12.6%	25.0%	14.6%	13.1%	11.6%	16.2%	12.8%	-
15-17	13.0%	19.0%	18.0%	12.5%	17.0%	17.4%	16.1%	18.4%	17.2%	14.3%	18.9%	16.3%	9.3%	18.7%	15.6%	-28.7%
18-20	0.0%	0.3%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-
Infants (age 0-1)	26.1%	24.2%	26.3%	31.3%	28.0%	26.2%	22.6%	23.6%	26.3%	14.3%	23.0%	26.5%	34.9%	22.3%	28.0%	33.7%
Youth (age 13+)	13.0%	27.4%	27.6%	31.3%	28.9%	27.5%	19.4%	26.8%	26.6%	28.6%	30.0%	26.0%	16.3%	30.7%	24.7%	24.8%

#### 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 Rural	2014 State	2015 County	2015 Rural	2015 State	2016 County	2016 Rural	2016 State	2017 County	2017 Rural	2017 State	2018 County	2018 Rural	2018 State	% Change
Non-Hispanic White	95.7%	89.2%	46.9%	81.3%	85.0%	42.7%	90.3%	89.5%	49.4%	71.4%	87.1%	47.6%	76.7%	87.6%	48.3%	-19.8%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	4.3%	2.3%	29.2%	0.0%	4.6%	29.1%	0.0%	2.5%	28.6%	0.0%	3.9%	29.7%	2.3%	4.0%	29.3%	-46.5%
Non-Hispanic Other Race	0.0%	0.9%	5.1%	0.0%	1.9%	8.7%	0.0%	0.8%	4.1%	0.0%	1.3%	3.4%	0.0%	1.5%	2.7%	-
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	0.0%	4.3%	4.9%	18.8%	4.8%	5.6%	0.0%	4.0%	5.4%	7.1%	4.1%	6.3%	11.6%	3.5%	7.7%	-
Hispanic or Latino	0.0%	3.3%	13.9%	0.0%	3.4%	13.4%	9.7%	3.2%	12.6%	21.4%	3.6%	13.0%	9.3%	3.5%	12.0%	-

#### By Gender

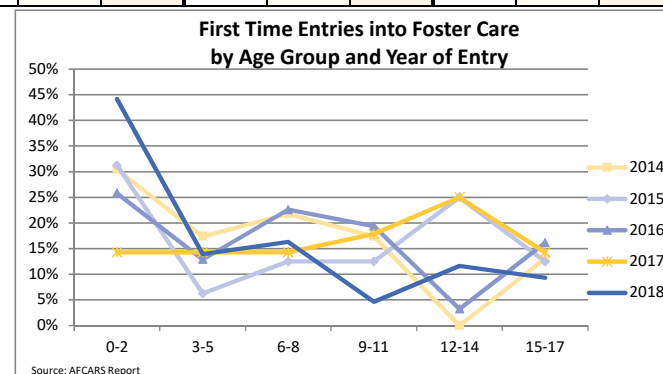
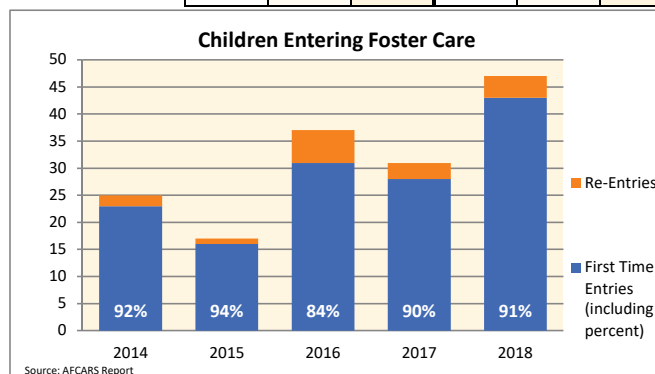
Male  
Female

Gender	2014 County	2014 Rural	2014 State	2015 County	2015 Rural	2015 State	2016 County	2016 Rural	2016 State	2017 County	2017 Rural	2017 State	2018 County	2018 Rural	2018 State	% Change
Male	47.8%	53.3%	51.0%	43.8%	52.3%	50.8%	45.2%	53.5%	50.8%	35.7%	49.8%	51.0%	55.8%	50.5%	50.7%	16.7%
Female	52.2%	46.7%	49.0%	56.3%	47.7%	49.2%	54.8%	46.5%	49.2%	64.3%	50.2%	49.0%	44.2%	49.5%	49.3%	-15.3%

#### 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 Rural	2014 State	2015 County	2015 Rural	2015 State	2016 County	2016 Rural	2016 State	2017 County	2017 Rural	2017 State	2018 County	2018 Rural	2018 State	% Change
Family Setting	95.7%	79.9%	80.7%	81.3%	79.1%	80.9%	93.5%	81.0%	82.3%	92.9%	81.6%	83.6%	86.0%	80.1%	83.8%	-10.0%
Pre-adoptive Home	0.0%	0.3%	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.0%	0.3%	0.3%	0.0%	0.1%	0.2%	-
Foster Family Home – Relative	39.1%	33.6%	33.1%	18.8%	32.7%	33.6%	61.3%	35.0%	37.5%	17.9%	33.3%	39.1%	46.5%	34.7%	39.9%	18.9%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	56.5%	46.0%	47.5%	62.5%	46.4%	47.2%	32.3%	46.0%	44.6%	75.0%	48.1%	44.2%	39.5%	45.3%	43.7%	-30.1%
Congregate Care Setting	4.3%	16.6%	17.5%	18.8%	18.0%	17.0%	6.5%	16.2%	15.9%	7.1%	17.5%	15.0%	14.0%	18.5%	14.3%	220.9%
Group Home	0.0%	13.8%	12.1%	12.5%	14.9%	10.7%	6.5%	12.8%	9.7%	3.6%	15.1%	9.1%	0.0%	13.7%	9.4%	-
Institution	4.3%	2.7%	5.4%	6.3%	3.1%	6.3%	0.0%	3.5%	6.2%	3.6%	2.4%	5.9%	14.0%	4.8%	4.9%	220.9%
Supervised Independent Living	0.0%	0.2%	0.1%	0.0%	0.2%	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	-
Runaway	0.0%	0.3%	0.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.4%	0.0%	0.1%	0.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.7%	-
Trial Home Visit	0.0%	3.0%	1.2%	0.0%	2.8%	1.5%	0.0%	2.6%	1.0%	0.0%	0.9%	0.8%	0.0%	1.5%	1.1%	-



## 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	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	
Children Re-Entering Foster Care	2	153	2,772	1	175	2,544	6	224	2,485	3	188	2,343	4	209	2,469	100.0%
Re-Entries as Percent of All Entries	8.0%	18.9%	26.7%	5.9%	21.3%	24.5%	16.2%	23.7%	23.5%	9.7%	19.0%	21.7%	8.5%	21.7%	24.5%	6.4%

### By Age

Age Group	2014 County	2014 Rural	2014 State	2015 County	2015 Rural	2015 State	2016 County	2016 Rural	2016 State	2017 County	2017 Rural	2017 State	2018 County	2018 Rural	2018 State	% Change
0-2	0.0%	9.2%	8.2%	0.0%	10.3%	10.8%	16.7%	9.4%	11.2%	0.0%	11.7%	11.4%	0.0%	10.5%	10.8%	-
3-5	50.0%	7.2%	9.2%	0.0%	16.0%	11.4%	0.0%	11.2%	9.7%	0.0%	12.8%	11.1%	25.0%	17.2%	12.6%	-50.0%
6-8	0.0%	8.5%	8.8%	0.0%	8.0%	9.0%	16.7%	10.3%	10.1%	0.0%	9.0%	11.7%	25.0%	12.4%	12.1%	-
9-11	0.0%	9.8%	7.5%	0.0%	5.7%	7.9%	33.3%	12.1%	9.6%	0.0%	12.2%	10.6%	0.0%	9.6%	11.5%	-
12-14	0.0%	19.6%	17.1%	100.0%	17.7%	16.5%	16.7%	15.2%	18.5%	33.3%	18.6%	17.2%	0.0%	12.0%	17.7%	-
15-17	50.0%	41.2%	43.7%	0.0%	38.3%	38.2%	16.7%	39.7%	36.4%	66.7%	33.0%	33.4%	50.0%	37.3%	31.2%	0.0%
18-20	0.0%	4.6%	5.7%	0.0%	4.0%	6.3%	0.0%	2.2%	4.5%	0.0%	2.7%	4.7%	0.0%	1.0%	4.2%	-
Infants (age 0-1)	0.0%	5.9%	5.2%	0.0%	5.7%	6.5%	0.0%	6.3%	7.4%	0.0%	6.9%	6.6%	0.0%	7.7%	6.4%	-
Youth (age 13+)	50.0%	63.4%	63.5%	100.0%	55.4%	57.9%	33.3%	55.4%	55.3%	100.0%	47.9%	51.1%	50.0%	47.8%	48.6%	0.0%

### By Race and Ethnicity

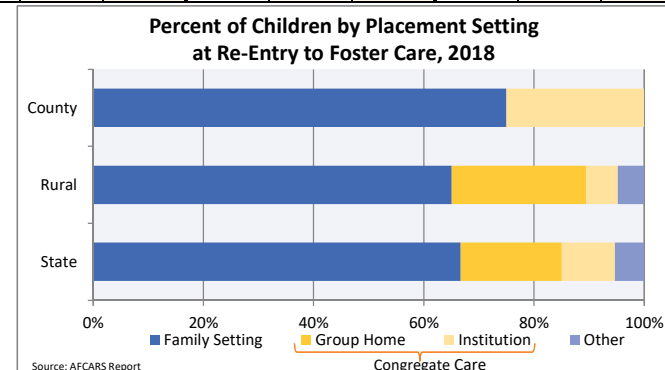
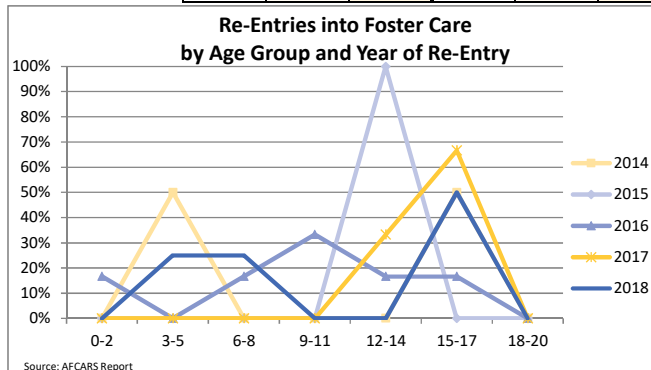
Race/Ethnicity	2014 County	2014 Rural	2014 State	2015 County	2015 Rural	2015 State	2016 County	2016 Rural	2016 State	2017 County	2017 Rural	2017 State	2018 County	2018 Rural	2018 State	% Change
Non-Hispanic White	100.0%	82.3%	39.0%	100.0%	67.4%	35.5%	100.0%	104.3%	41.9%	100.0%	82.3%	38.6%	100.0%	89.0%	39.6%	0.0%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	0.0%	1.7%	47.2%	0.0%	3.1%	41.4%	0.0%	4.8%	42.5%	0.0%	1.4%	37.4%	0.0%	3.8%	40.5%	-
Non-Hispanic Other Race	0.0%	0.6%	4.5%	0.0%	1.8%	8.0%	0.0%	1.1%	3.3%	0.0%	0.0%	1.7%	0.0%	2.4%	1.8%	-
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	0.0%	0.6%	5.0%	0.0%	4.5%	5.0%	0.0%	5.9%	6.1%	0.0%	3.8%	6.0%	0.0%	2.9%	7.1%	-
Hispanic or Latino	0.0%	2.3%	13.3%	0.0%	1.3%	12.5%	0.0%	3.2%	12.3%	0.0%	2.4%	11.3%	0.0%	1.9%	11.1%	-

### By Gender

Gender	2014 County	2014 Rural	2014 State	2015 County	2015 Rural	2015 State	2016 County	2016 Rural	2016 State	2017 County	2017 Rural	2017 State	2018 County	2018 Rural	2018 State	% Change
Male	50.0%	53.6%	50.6%	100.0%	57.7%	50.5%	33.3%	57.6%	50.3%	66.7%	56.4%	49.6%	50.0%	54.5%	49.1%	0.0%
Female	50.0%	46.4%	49.4%	0.0%	42.3%	49.5%	66.7%	42.4%	49.7%	33.3%	43.6%	50.4%	50.0%	45.5%	50.9%	0.0%

### By Placement Setting at Re-Entry

Placement Setting	2014 County	2014 Rural	2014 State	2015 County	2015 Rural	2015 State	2016 County	2016 Rural	2016 State	2017 County	2017 Rural	2017 State	2018 County	2018 Rural	2018 State	% Change
Family Setting	50.0%	50.3%	59.0%	0.0%	45.1%	58.9%	83.3%	69.7%	65.0%	66.7%	56.5%	60.3%	75.0%	65.1%	66.7%	50.0%
Pre-adoptive Home	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.4%	-
Foster Family Home – Relative	0.0%	16.6%	22.2%	0.0%	12.5%	24.7%	66.7%	21.3%	27.8%	0.0%	22.5%	29.0%	25.0%	22.5%	28.3%	-
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	50.0%	33.7%	36.6%	0.0%	32.6%	33.6%	16.7%	48.4%	36.5%	66.7%	34.0%	30.8%	50.0%	42.6%	37.9%	0.0%
Congregate Care Setting	50.0%	35.4%	44.7%	100.0%	31.3%	37.7%	16.7%	46.8%	35.9%	33.3%	33.0%	29.4%	25.0%	30.1%	28.0%	-50.0%
Group Home	0.0%	28.6%	27.2%	100.0%	24.6%	22.6%	0.0%	30.9%	20.3%	0.0%	27.3%	18.8%	0.0%	24.4%	18.4%	-
Institution	50.0%	6.9%	17.5%	0.0%	6.7%	15.0%	16.7%	16.0%	15.6%	33.3%	5.7%	10.7%	25.0%	5.7%	9.6%	-50.0%
Supervised Independent Living	0.0%	1.1%	1.8%	0.0%	0.0%	1.8%	0.0%	0.5%	1.3%	0.0%	0.5%	1.7%	0.0%	0.5%	1.8%	-
Runaway	0.0%	0.0%	3.6%	0.0%	0.0%	2.4%	0.0%	0.0%	2.6%	0.0%	0.0%	2.4%	0.0%	0.5%	2.7%	-
Trial Home Visit	0.0%	0.6%	0.8%	0.0%	1.8%	0.9%	0.0%	2.1%	0.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.6%	0.0%	3.8%	0.8%	-



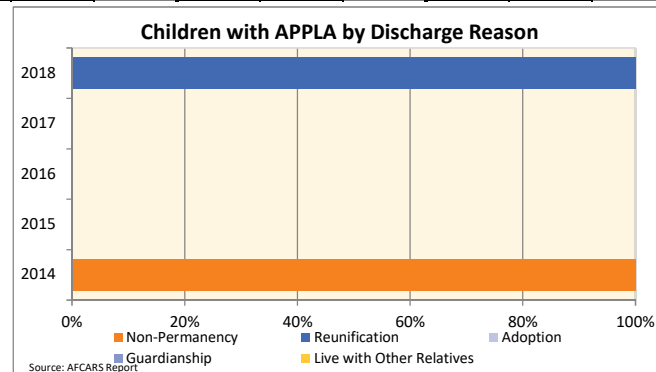
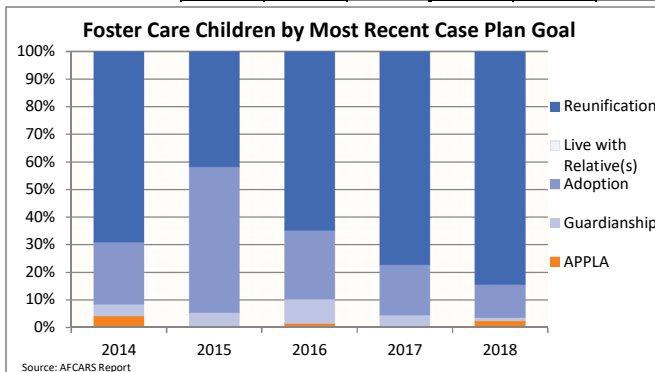
## FOSTER CARE - GOALS

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	2014			2015			2016			2017			2018			County % Change 2014 to 2018
	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	
<b>Percent of Children by Case Plan Goal</b>																
<b>Family-Based Permanency Goals</b>	<b>95.8%</b>	<b>94.9%</b>	<b>93.6%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>96.7%</b>	<b>95.2%</b>	<b>98.5%</b>	<b>97.7%</b>	<b>95.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>98.0%</b>	<b>94.0%</b>	<b>97.6%</b>	<b>98.2%</b>	<b>95.1%</b>	<b>1.9%</b>
Reunify With Parent(s) or Principal Caretaker(s)	69.0%	69.5%	72.6%	41.8%	70.5%	73.1%	64.7%	72.6%	69.8%	77.3%	72.3%	66.7%	84.3%	71.6%	65.3%	22.2%
Adoption	22.5%	17.0%	16.1%	52.7%	20.0%	17.4%	25.0%	18.3%	19.5%	18.2%	19.5%	21.2%	12.0%	20.2%	23.6%	-46.5%
Guardianship	4.2%	2.4%	3.1%	5.5%	4.3%	3.0%	8.8%	4.6%	4.3%	4.5%	5.0%	4.8%	1.2%	5.0%	5.1%	-71.5%
Live with Relative(s)	0.0%	6.0%	1.8%	0.0%	1.9%	1.7%	0.0%	2.2%	1.5%	0.0%	1.3%	1.3%	0.0%	1.5%	1.2%	-
<b>Another Planned Permanent Living Arrangement (APPLA)</b>	<b>4.2%</b>	<b>5.1%</b>	<b>6.4%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>3.3%</b>	<b>4.8%</b>	<b>1.5%</b>	<b>2.3%</b>	<b>5.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>2.0%</b>	<b>6.0%</b>	<b>2.4%</b>	<b>1.8%</b>	<b>4.9%</b>	<b>-43.0%</b>
Long Term Foster Care	0.0%	1.3%	1.8%	0.0%	0.7%	1.2%	1.5%	0.4%	1.0%	0.0%	0.4%	0.7%	2.4%	0.4%	0.6%	-
Emancipation	4.2%	3.8%	4.6%	0.0%	2.7%	3.6%	0.0%	2.0%	4.0%	0.0%	1.6%	5.3%	0.0%	1.5%	4.3%	-100.0%

APPLA By Age as % of Age Group Served	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County % Change 2014 to 2018
0-15	0.0%	2.1%	0.8%	0.0%	0.7%	0.4%	1.7%	0.1%	0.2%	0.0%	0.1%	1.0%	0.0%	0.1%	1.0%	-
16-20	18.8%	25.8%	23.1%	0.0%	18.4%	19.4%	0.0%	14.7%	21.6%	0.0%	9.3%	25.1%	0.0%	9.3%	25.1%	-100.0%

APPLA By Discharge Reason	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County % Change 2014 to 2018
<b>Exit to Permanent Arrangements</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>15.0%</b>	<b>19.4%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>16.7%</b>	<b>23.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>17.9%</b>	<b>32.1%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>18.2%</b>	<b>22.7%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>21.1%</b>	<b>19.5%</b>	<b>-</b>
Reunification	0.0%	10.0%	14.5%	0.0%	16.7%	17.6%	0.0%	10.7%	27.0%	0.0%	9.1%	17.3%	100.0%	15.8%	16.9%	-
(number of months until reunification)	0.0	33.4	36.2	0.0	46.8	27.5	0.0	50.0	30.4	0.0	17.3	11.8	3.7	11.9	18.6	-
Adoption	0.0%	0.0%	0.3%	0.0%	0.0%	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	0.0	149.3	0.0	0.0	31.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-
Guardianship	0.0%	5.0%	2.5%	0.0%	0.0%	1.4%	0.0%	7.1%	4.2%	0.0%	9.1%	4.9%	0.0%	5.3%	2.3%	-
(number of month until guardianship)	0.0	17.8	27.8	0.0	0.0	18.0	0.0	129.1	32.0	0.0	22.5	23.6	0.0	28.5	25.6	-
Live with Other Relatives	0.0%	0.0%	2.1%	0.0%	0.0%	3.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.3%	-
(number of months until living with relatives)	0.0	0.0	15.9	0.0	0.0	37.1	0.0	0.0	39.8	0.0	0.0	21.4	0.0	0.0	32.9	-
<b>Exit to Non-Permanent Arrangements</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>85.0%</b>	<b>80.4%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>83.3%</b>	<b>76.4%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>68.6%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>81.8%</b>	<b>76.8%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>78.9%</b>	<b>80.5%</b>	<b>-100.0%</b>
Emancipation	100.0%	82.5%	73.0%	0.0%	80.0%	71.7%	0.0%	100.0%	62.2%	0.0%	77.3%	66.7%	0.0%	68.4%	72.1%	-100.0%
(number of months until emancipation)	75.6	44.3	33.5	0.0	40.6	34.3	0.0	29.8	30.6	0.0	27.2	26.2	0.0	45.2	27.6	-100.0%
Transfer to Another Agency	0.0%	2.5%	5.5%	0.0%	3.3%	2.7%	0.0%	0.0%	5.0%	0.0%	0.0%	8.2%	0.0%	10.5%	5.3%	-
(number of months until transfer)	0.0	20.2	13.0	0.0	84.3	40.7	0.0	0.0	27.6	0.0	0.0	3.7	0.0	109.1	19.4	-
Runaway	0.0%	0.0%	1.9%	0.0%	0.0%	2.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.4%	0.0%	4.5%	1.9%	0.0%	0.0%	3.0%	-
(number of months until running away)	0.0	0.0	16.3	0.0	0.0	23.4	0.0	0.0	14.1	0.0	34.3	32.0	0.0	0.0	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>3.6%</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</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	143.7	143.7	0.0	0.0	62.6	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

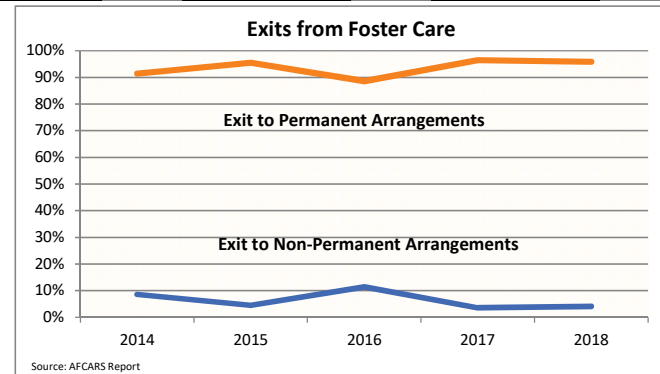
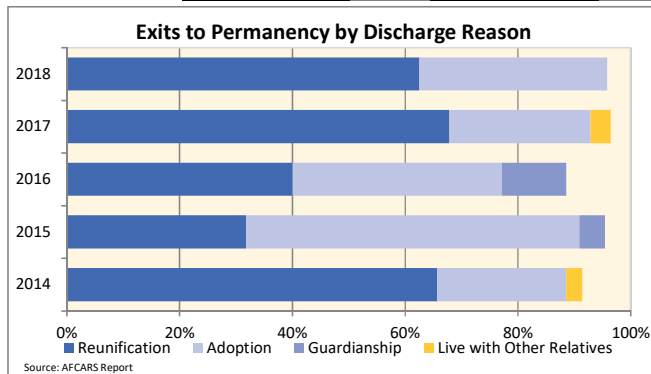
#### Children Exiting Foster Care

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

Indicator	2014			2015			2016			2017			2018			County % Change 2014 to 2018
	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	
Total Children Leaving Foster Care	35	752	9,769	22	807	9,471	35	874	10,635	28	803	10,276	24	924	10,694	-31.4%
Percent of Children Leaving Foster Care	49.3%	49.0%	43.4%	40.0%	51.3%	41.2%	51.5%	51.6%	43.3%	42.4%	44.3%	40.5%	28.9%	46.8%	42.0%	-41.3%
(number of months until leaving)	13.7	9.1	10.7	25.4	11.1	11.4	13.5	12.1	11.7	2.8	8.2	11.9	6.1	10.6	13.0	-55.4%

#### By Discharge Reason

Discharge Reason	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	County % Change 2014 to 2018										
<b>Exit to Permanent Arrangements</b>	<b>91.4%</b>	<b>91.1%</b>	<b>86.9%</b>	<b>95.5%</b>	<b>92.9%</b>	<b>85.0%</b>	<b>88.6%</b>	<b>93.1%</b>	<b>84.5%</b>	<b>96.4%</b>	<b>93.5%</b>	<b>87.2%</b>	<b>95.8%</b>	<b>93.9%</b>	<b>88.6%</b>	<b>4.8%</b>
Reunification	65.7%	61.3%	57.2%	31.8%	60.7%	54.5%	40.0%	61.3%	54.5%	67.9%	62.9%	55.1%	62.5%	60.7%	52.5%	-4.9%
Adoption	22.9%	13.0%	18.6%	59.1%	21.2%	18.7%	37.1%	19.8%	18.7%	25.0%	16.8%	20.2%	33.3%	19.5%	23.9%	45.8%
Guardianship	0.0%	9.4%	6.1%	4.5%	5.1%	6.5%	11.4%	7.1%	6.6%	0.0%	7.0%	6.7%	0.0%	9.6%	7.5%	-
Live with Other Relatives	0.0%	21.4%	20.8%	26.1%	18.4%	21.1%	4.6%	18.9%	19.4%	0.0%	12.9%	20.1%	0.0%	15.9%	19.4%	-
(number of months until reunification)	0.7	5.6	5.5	0.7	7.0	5.7	6.6	5.6	6.7	1.1	4.8	6.6	1.0	5.7	6.4	50.0%
(number of months until adoption)	31.0	27.3	27.4	26.9	26.3	28.3	35.9	29.6	28.7	21.7	21.1	29.2	22.4	25.1	30.5	-27.7%
(number of month until guardianship)	0.0	21.4	20.8	26.1	18.4	21.1	4.6	18.9	19.4	0.0	12.9	20.1	0.0	15.9	19.4	-
(number of months until living with relatives)	23.3	10.7	1.0	0.0	8.6	3.0	0.0	4.4	2.2	0.1	3.6	2.2	0.0	6.8	2.1	-100.0%
<b>Exit to Non-Permanent Arrangements</b>	<b>8.6%</b>	<b>8.8%</b>	<b>13.0%</b>	<b>4.5%</b>	<b>7.1%</b>	<b>14.8%</b>	<b>11.4%</b>	<b>6.6%</b>	<b>15.4%</b>	<b>3.6%</b>	<b>6.2%</b>	<b>12.7%</b>	<b>4.2%</b>	<b>6.1%</b>	<b>11.4%</b>	<b>-51.4%</b>
Emancipation	8.6%	7.3%	7.7%	0.0%	6.2%	7.8%	8.6%	6.1%	6.8%	3.6%	5.4%	7.9%	4.2%	4.5%	7.3%	-51.4%
Transfer to Another Agency	0.0%	1.2%	4.3%	4.5%	0.7%	5.8%	2.9%	0.6%	7.9%	0.0%	0.6%	4.3%	0.0%	1.5%	3.5%	-
Runaway	0.0%	0.3%	1.1%	0.0%	0.1%	1.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.7%	0.0%	0.2%	0.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.6%	-
Death of Child	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.2%	0.1%	0.0%	0.2%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	-
(number of months until emancipation)	75.6	31.4	29.6	0.0	21.6	28.1	13.5	24.9	23.4	6.6	20.8	22.0	1.9	37.8	23.7	-97.5%
(number of months until transfer)	0.0	10.3	5.0	42.8	26.3	6.7	46.9	17.7	7.6	0.0	2.9	6.9	0.0	25.5	7.9	-
(number of months until running away)	0.0	25.2	13.2	0.0	25.7	15.5	0.0	0.0	11.2	0.0	24.4	19.4	0.0	0.0	14.0	-
(number of months until death of a child)	0.0	13.7	30.9	0.0	0.0	4.9	0.0	76.1	13.2	0.0	6.5	18.8	0.0	0.0	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)

Indicator	2014			2015			2016			2017			2018			County % Change 2014 to 2018
	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	
Children in Foster Care on Last Day	38	840	14,162	33	849	14,859	35	918	15,382	38	1,097	16,381	61	1,142	16,074	60.5%
(number of months children have been in care)	18.9	12.4	12.6	13.6	10.6	12.5	5.1	9.7	13.2	12.5	9.9	13.4	10.3	10.4	14.2	-45.3%

### By Age

Age Group	2014 County	2014 Rural	2014 State	2015 County	2015 Rural	2015 State	2016 County	2016 Rural	2016 State	2017 County	2017 Rural	2017 State	2018 County	2018 Rural	2018 State	County % Change 2014 to 2018
0-2	13.2%	22.5%	20.0%	24.2%	24.3%	21.0%	31.4%	21.7%	21.3%	21.1%	21.7%	21.5%	26.2%	18.7%	21.0%	99.3%
3-5	7.9%	14.9%	16.7%	6.1%	14.5%	16.7%	17.1%	16.4%	17.0%	18.4%	15.6%	17.5%	14.8%	16.6%	17.5%	86.9%
6-8	26.3%	12.6%	12.4%	24.2%	11.8%	12.9%	20.0%	12.4%	13.2%	21.1%	13.7%	13.7%	11.5%	13.0%	13.6%	-56.4%
9-11	15.8%	9.6%	9.6%	9.1%	9.5%	10.7%	14.3%	12.0%	11.6%	21.1%	12.4%	11.8%	19.7%	12.1%	12.2%	24.6%
12-14	7.9%	12.3%	11.5%	18.2%	13.2%	11.7%	2.9%	11.7%	12.0%	10.5%	13.9%	12.1%	14.8%	13.9%	12.3%	86.9%
15-17	26.3%	24.3%	21.1%	18.2%	22.9%	20.2%	14.3%	23.4%	19.6%	7.9%	19.1%	18.2%	13.1%	22.5%	18.3%	-50.2%
18-20	2.6%	3.8%	8.4%	0.0%	3.9%	6.8%	0.0%	2.4%	5.3%	0.0%	3.6%	5.3%	0.0%	3.2%	5.2%	-100.0%
Infants (age 0-1)	13.2%	15.5%	13.2%	21.2%	16.8%	13.9%	20.0%	15.3%	13.8%	10.5%	13.9%	13.8%	23.0%	12.3%	13.7%	74.4%
Youth (age 13+)	31.6%	37.0%	37.8%	30.3%	36.4%	35.2%	17.1%	33.9%	33.5%	15.8%	32.0%	31.9%	23.0%	34.7%	31.9%	-27.3%

### By Race and Ethnicity

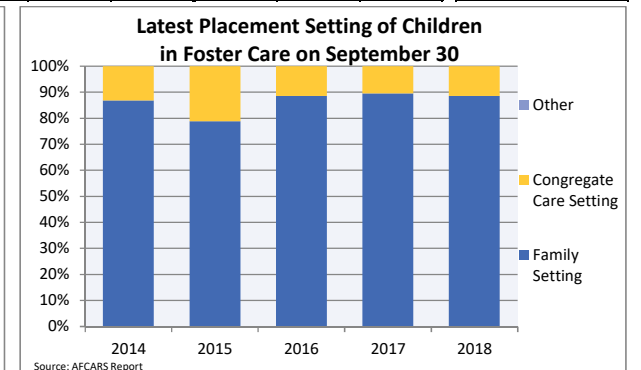
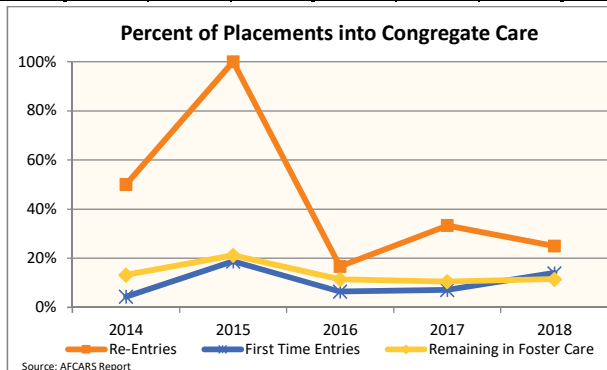
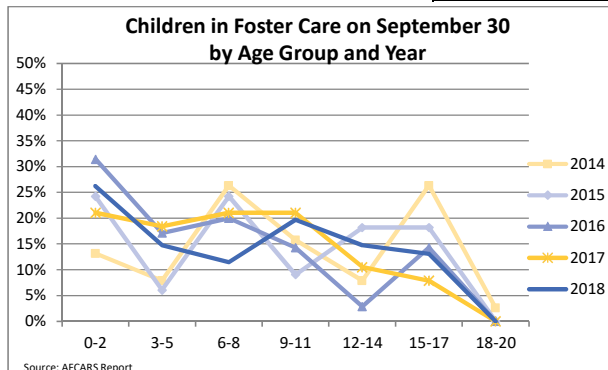
Race/Ethnicity	2014 County	2014 Rural	2014 State	2015 County	2015 Rural	2015 State	2016 County	2016 Rural	2016 State	2017 County	2017 Rural	2017 State	2018 County	2018 Rural	2018 State	County % Change 2014 to 2018
Non-Hispanic White	81.6%	89.2%	40.1%	78.8%	86.3%	37.9%	82.9%	86.5%	41.0%	73.7%	87.0%	42.1%	77.0%	89.2%	42.2%	-5.6%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	7.9%	2.7%	38.3%	3.0%	4.0%	36.9%	2.9%	3.3%	37.0%	0.0%	3.2%	35.8%	1.6%	3.0%	35.4%	-79.2%
Non-Hispanic Other Race	0.0%	0.6%	3.9%	0.0%	1.2%	6.0%	0.0%	1.1%	2.9%	0.0%	1.4%	2.7%	0.0%	1.4%	2.3%	-
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	7.9%	5.1%	4.7%	18.2%	5.5%	4.9%	8.6%	5.0%	5.5%	7.9%	4.3%	6.1%	8.2%	3.5%	7.1%	3.8%
Hispanic or Latino	2.6%	2.4%	13.0%	0.0%	2.9%	14.3%	5.7%	4.1%	13.6%	18.4%	4.2%	13.2%	13.1%	2.9%	13.0%	398.4%

### By Gender

Gender	2014 County	2014 Rural	2014 State	2015 County	2015 Rural	2015 State	2016 County	2016 Rural	2016 State	2017 County	2017 Rural	2017 State	2018 County	2018 Rural	2018 State	County % Change 2014 to 2018
Male	52.6%	53.7%	50.9%	54.5%	54.1%	51.3%	54.3%	54.8%	51.2%	57.9%	52.8%	51.2%	57.4%	52.5%	50.9%	9.0%
Female	47.4%	46.3%	49.1%	45.5%	45.9%	48.7%	45.7%	45.2%	48.8%	42.1%	47.2%	48.8%	42.6%	47.5%	49.1%	-10.0%

### By Latest Placement Setting

Placement Setting	2014 County	2014 Rural	2014 State	2015 County	2015 Rural	2015 State	2016 County	2016 Rural	2016 State	2017 County	2017 Rural	2017 State	2018 County	2018 Rural	2018 State	County % Change 2014 to 2018
Family Setting	86.8%	78.2%	79.0%	78.8%	77.3%	80.6%	88.6%	79.2%	82.5%	89.5%	79.1%	83.4%	88.5%	81.5%	84.0%	1.9%
Pre-adoptive Home	0.0%	3.7%	3.9%	3.0%	2.7%	3.2%	0.0%	1.4%	5.3%	0.0%	1.5%	4.1%	0.0%	2.1%	4.0%	-
Foster Family Home – Relative	7.9%	25.8%	30.0%	12.1%	25.4%	32.8%	54.3%	28.5%	35.1%	28.9%	30.6%	37.9%	34.4%	29.1%	37.8%	336.1%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	78.9%	48.7%	45.1%	63.6%	49.1%	44.5%	34.3%	49.2%	42.1%	60.5%	47.0%	41.4%	54.1%	50.4%	42.2%	-31.5%
Congregate Care Setting	13.2%	19.2%	17.3%	21.2%	19.3%	16.0%	11.4%	18.3%	14.7%	10.5%	18.6%	13.7%	11.5%	17.4%	13.2%	-12.8%
Group Home	5.3%	13.8%	10.6%	12.1%	14.6%	9.0%	8.6%	14.9%	8.4%	0.0%	14.2%	8.2%	0.0%	11.8%	7.9%	-100.0%
Institution	7.9%	5.4%	6.7%	9.1%	4.7%	7.0%	2.9%	3.4%	6.3%	10.5%	4.4%	5.5%	11.5%	5.6%	5.3%	45.4%
Supervised Independent Living	0.0%	0.8%	1.7%	0.0%	0.9%	1.4%	0.0%	0.8%	1.3%	0.0%	0.5%	1.5%	0.0%	0.4%	1.5%	-
Runaway	0.0%	0.0%	1.1%	0.0%	0.0%	1.1%	0.0%	0.3%	0.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.9%	-
Trial Home Visit	0.0%	1.8%	0.8%	0.0%	2.5%	1.0%	0.0%	1.4%	0.7%	0.0%	1.8%	0.6%	0.0%	0.7%	0.4%	-



## 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	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	
28.6%	33.7%	32.7%	7.1%	34.0%	32.8%	12.5%	29.0%	33.6%	15.2%	30.8%	32.2%	34.2%	30.5%	31.2%	19.5%

## FOSTER CARE - TIMELY REUNIFICATION

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

### Indicator

#### Timely Reunification with Parents or Relatives

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

2014			2015			2016			2017			2018			County % Change 2014 to 2018
County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	
0.0%	44.2%	39.7%	66.7%	48.4%	39.0%	46.7%	52.2%	36.0%	35.5%	48.3%	39.2%	26.1%	41.0%	37.4%	-

## 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.

2014			2015			2016			2017			2018			County % Change 2014 to 2018
County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	
0.0%	20.9%	26.9%	4.3%	15.8%	24.1%	50.0%	19.5%	24.8%	28.6%	19.5%	23.0%	0.0%	22.2%	21.4%	-

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