State of Child Welfare 2020
Erie (Urban-Mix)

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.

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<th>Indicator</th>
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<td>Child Abuse and Neglect Reports</td>
<td>1,036</td>
<td>6,632</td>
<td>29,273</td>
<td>1,244</td>
<td>8,771</td>
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<td>Total reported incidents of suspected child abuse and neglect through the ChildLine Registry. (Number and rate per 1,000 children age 0-17)</td>
<td>16.2</td>
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<td>10.5</td>
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<td>Child Abuse and Neglect Substantiations</td>
<td>10.6%</td>
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<td>Founded or indicated reports of child abuse and/or neglect.</td>
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<td>9.8%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Repeated Child Abuse and Neglect</td>
<td>5.5%</td>
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<td>Children with another substantiated incident of abuse and/or neglect following the first reported incident. (Data may be overstated.)</td>
<td>1 in 18</td>
<td>1 in 13</td>
<td>1 in 14</td>
<td>1 in 17</td>
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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.

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<td>4,835</td>
<td>5,338</td>
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<td>Total reported concerns of general neglect, not alleging child abuse.</td>
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<td>30,179</td>
<td>131,953</td>
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<td>Valid GPS Reports</td>
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<td>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.</td>
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<td>Children with Valid Allegations</td>
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<td>-</td>
<td>0</td>
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<td>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.</td>
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<td>22.8%</td>
<td>26.7%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Unduplicated Number of Children Served</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>625</td>
<td>1,549</td>
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<td>Children who received in-home services along with parents to address concerns related to child safety and well-being.</td>
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<td>6,479</td>
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**FOSTER CARE - SERVED**

Foster care is meant to be a temporary intervention to assure the safety and well-being of a child. A child who spends long periods in foster care is more likely than other children to drop out of school, have mental health challenges, and experience unemployment and/or homelessness as an adult. The following shows the past five years of data regarding children served in foster care during each federal fiscal year.

### Unduplicated Number of Children Served

All Children in Foster Care During the Year

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<td>623</td>
<td>4,024</td>
<td>22,980</td>
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<td>4,141</td>
<td>24,543</td>
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<td>2019</td>
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**By Age**

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<td>%</td>
<td>23.1</td>
<td>18.3</td>
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**By Race and Ethnicity**

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<td>Non-Hispanic Black or African American</td>
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<td>Non-Hispanic Other Race</td>
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<td>Hispanic or Latino</td>
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**By Gender**

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<td>Male</td>
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<td>Female</td>
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**By Latest Placement Setting**

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<td>Family Setting 73%</td>
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<td>71.1%</td>
<td>73.8%</td>
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<td>Pre-adoptive Home 0.2%</td>
<td>1.8%</td>
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<td>0.0%</td>
<td>0.8%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Foster Family Home - Relative 15%</td>
<td>25.0%</td>
<td>31.5%</td>
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<td>Foster Family Home - Non-Relative 25%</td>
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<td>54.6%</td>
<td>47.5%</td>
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<td>Congregate Care Setting 25%</td>
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<td>Group Home 21.2%</td>
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<td>Institution 4.3%</td>
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<td>Supervised Independent Living 1.4%</td>
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<td>Runaway 0.0%</td>
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<td>Trial Home Visit 0.0%</td>
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**Children Entering Foster Care**

All Entries into Foster Care During the Year

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<td>329</td>
<td>1,858</td>
<td>10,387</td>
<td>271</td>
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<td>330</td>
<td>1,860</td>
<td>10,781</td>
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<td>9,448</td>
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ND = No data, count suppressed
## State of Child Welfare 2020

### Erie (Urban-Mix)

**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**

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<td>254</td>
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<td>7,843</td>
<td>193</td>
<td>1,514</td>
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<td>254</td>
<td>1,394</td>
<td>7,626</td>
<td>ND</td>
<td>1,243</td>
<td>7,266</td>
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<tr>
<td>(Rate per 1,000 children age 0-20)</td>
<td>3.2</td>
<td>2.1</td>
<td>2.3</td>
<td>2.4</td>
<td>2.2</td>
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<td>2.2</td>
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**First Time Entries as Percent of All Entries**

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<td>77.2%</td>
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<td>76.5%</td>
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<td>81.8%</td>
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### By Age

- **0-2**
  - 35.8% Non-Hispanic White
  - 31.1% Non-Hispanic Black or African American
  - 32.7% Hispanic or Latino

- **3-5**
  - 15.7% Non-Hispanic White
  - 14.6% Non-Hispanic Black or African American
  - 14.6% Hispanic or Latino

- **6-8**
  - 14.0% Non-Hispanic White
  - 13.8% Non-Hispanic Black or African American
  - 14.0% Hispanic or Latino

- **9-11**
  - 11.0% Non-Hispanic White
  - 9.8% Non-Hispanic Black or African American
  - 11.9% Hispanic or Latino

- **12-14**
  - 11.0% Non-Hispanic White
  - 13.1% Non-Hispanic Black or African American
  - 13.4% Hispanic or Latino

- **15-17**
  - 11.0% Non-Hispanic White
  - 16.6% Non-Hispanic Black or African American
  - 17.4% Hispanic or Latino

- **18-20**
  - 11.0% Non-Hispanic White
  - 16.6% Non-Hispanic Black or African American
  - 17.4% Hispanic or Latino

### By Race and Ethnicity

- **Non-Hispanic White**
  - 55.7% 2015
  - 42.7% 2016
  - 53.9% 2017
  - 61.7% 2018
  - 49.4% 2019

- **Non-Hispanic Black or African American**
  - 13.6% 2015
  - 29.1% 2016
  - 15.5% 2017
  - 10.2% 2018
  - 28.6% 2019

- **Hispanic or Latino**
  - 8.3% 2015
  - 16.4% 2016
  - 15.5% 2017
  - 14.3% 2018
  - 12.6% 2019

### By Gender

- **Male**
  - 47.6% 2015
  - 51.2% 2016
  - 50.8% 2017
  - 50.8% 2018
  - 50.8% 2019

- **Female**
  - 52.4% 2015
  - 48.8% 2016
  - 49.2% 2017
  - 49.2% 2018
  - 49.2% 2019

### By First Reported Placement Setting

- **Family Setting**
  - 77.6% Pre-adoptive Home
  - 17.7% Foster Family Home – Relative
  - 59.8% Foster Family Home – Non-Relative

- **Congregate Care Setting**
  - 22.4% Group Home
  - 20.1% Institution
  - 0% Supervised Independent Living
  - 0% Runaway
  - 0% Trial Home Visit

### Additional Information

- **ND = No data; count suppressed**

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**Children Entering Foster Care**

Source: AFCARS Report

**First Time Entries into Foster Care by Age Group and Year of Entry**

Source: AFCARS Report
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.

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### By Race and Ethnicity

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### By Gender

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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.

**Percent of Children by Case Plan Goal**

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<td>Reunify With Parent(s) or Principal Caretaker(s)</td>
<td>60.4%</td>
<td>68.6%</td>
<td>73.1%</td>
<td>50.5%</td>
<td>67.4%</td>
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**Reunification**

- 2015: 46.3
- 2016: 43.5
- 2017: 27.5
- 2018: 30.4
- 2019: 11.8

**Adoption**

- 2015: 0.0
- 2016: 0.0
- 2017: 0.0
- 2018: 0.0
- 2019: 0.0

**Guardianship**

- 2015: 0.0
- 2016: 0.0
- 2017: 0.0
- 2018: 0.0
- 2019: 0.0

**Live with Other Relatives**

- 2015: 5.6
- 2016: 1.2
- 2017: 3.7
- 2018: 7.1
- 2019: 0.0

**APPLA**

- 2015: 9.2%
- 2016: 7.3%
- 2017: 4.8%
- 2018: 10.2%
- 2019: 5.9%

**Exit to Non-Permanent Arrangements**

- 2015: 85.0%
- 2016: 75.0%
- 2017: 76.4%
- 2018: 92.9%
- 2019: 89.7%

**Emancipation**

- 2015: 80.0%
- 2016: 74.3%
- 2017: 71.7%
- 2018: 92.9%
- 2019: 83.6%

**Transfer to Another Agency**

- 2015: 5.0%
- 2016: 3.0%
- 2017: 2.7%
- 2018: 0.0%
- 2019: 0.0%

**Runaway**

- 2015: 0.0%
- 2016: 0.0%
- 2017: 2.0%
- 2018: 0.0%
- 2019: 0.0%

**Death of Child**

- 2015: 0.0%
- 2016: 0.7%
- 2017: 0.6%
- 2018: 0.0%
- 2019: 0.2%

**Foster Care Children by Most Recent Case Plan Goal**

- Reunification
- Adopt
- Guardianship
- APPLA

**Children with APPLA by Discharge Reason**

- Non-Permanency
- Reunification
- Adoption
- Guardianship
- Live with Other Relatives

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 2015 to 2019

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**County % Change 2015 to 2019**

- 3.9%

### By Discharge Reason

#### Exit to Permanent Arrangements

- **91.7%**
- **89.8%**
- **85.0%**
- **92.8%**
- **89.5%**
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- **89.5%**
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- **86.6%**

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#### Exit to Non-Permanent Arrangements

- **8.3%**
- **10.0%**
- **14.8%**
- **6.8%**
- **10.8%**
- **15.4%**
- **12.5%**
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### Exit to Permanency by Discharge Reason

- **Reunification**
- **Adoption**
- **Guardianship**
- **Live with Other Relatives**

| Source: AFCARS Report |

### Exit from Foster Care

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

### Indicator 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 County % Change 2015 to 2019

**Latest Placement Setting of Children in Foster Care on September 30**

Source: AFCARS Report

**Percent of Placements into Congregate Care**

**Children in Foster Care on September 30 by Age Group and Year**

Source: AFCARS Report
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.

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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.

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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.

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