

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)

| State | | | | |
|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 |
| 29,273 | 40,590 | 44,359 | 47,485 | 44,063 |
| 10.5 | 14.5 | 15.9 | 17.0 | 15.8 |

| % Change 2014 to 2018 |
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| 50.5% |

Child Abuse and Neglect Substantiations

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

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| 11.4% | 10.4% | 10.4% | 10.2% | 11.6% |
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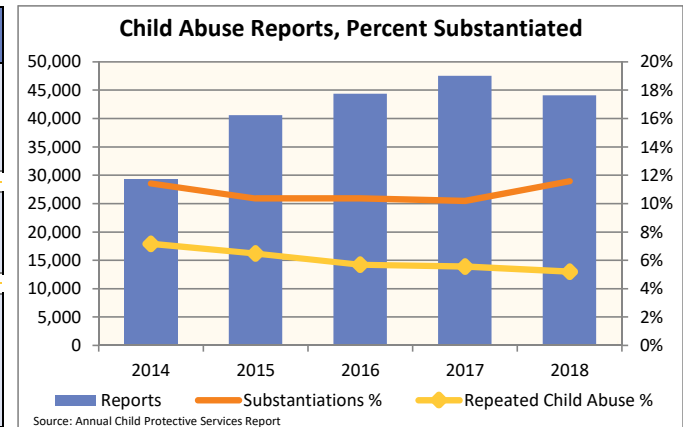
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| 1.5% |
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Repeated Child Abuse and Neglect

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

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| 7.2% | 6.5% | 5.7% | 5.6% | 5.2% |
| 1 in 14 | 1 in 15 | 1 in 18 | 1 in 18 | 1 in 19 |

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| -27.4% |
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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.

Indicator

GPS Reports

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

| State | | | | |
|-------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 |
| - | 131,953 | 151,087 | 163,852 | 169,723 |

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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.

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| - | 18.4% | 20.9% | 22.8% | 23.6% |
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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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| - | 32,364 | 43,702 | 53,319 | 58,982 |
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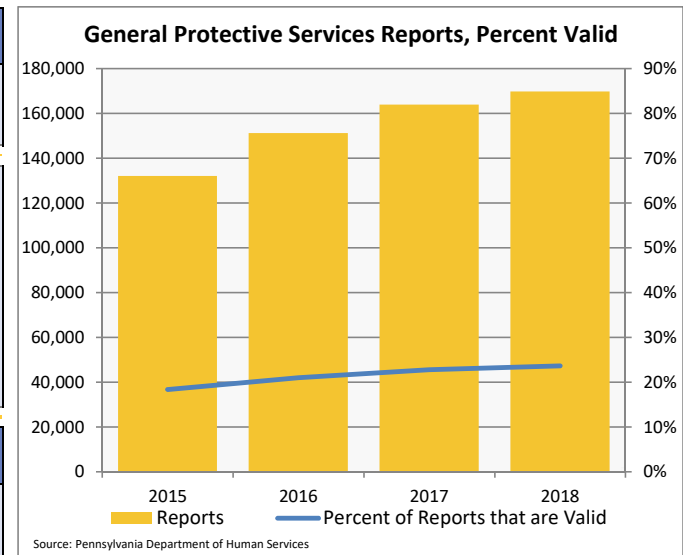
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Unduplicated Number of Children Served

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

| State | | | | |
|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 |
| 181,371 | 190,413 | 186,855 | 194,761 | 187,280 |

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| 3.3% |
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FOSTER CARE - SERVED

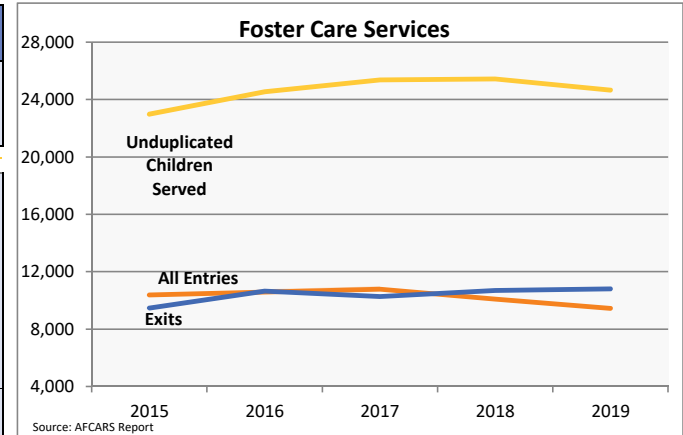
Foster care is meant to be a temporary intervention to assure the safety and well-being of a child. A child who spends long periods in foster care is more likely than other children to drop out of school, have mental health challenges, and experience unemployment and/or homeless as an adult. The following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

Indicator

Unduplicated Number of Children Served

All Children in Foster Care During the Year
(Rate per 1,000 children age 0-20)

| State | | | | | % Change 2015 to 2019 |
|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------------------------|
| 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | |
| 22,980 | 24,543 | 25,381 | 25,441 | 24,665 | 7.3% |
| 6.8 | 7.3 | 7.5 | 7.5 | 7.3 | |

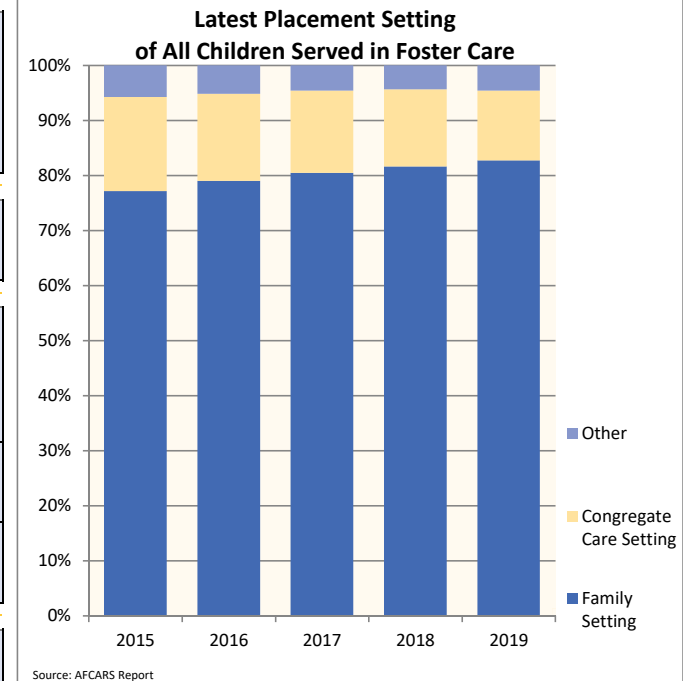


By Age

| | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | % Change 2015 to 2019 |
|-------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------------------------|
| 0-2 | 19.9% | 20.2% | 20.3% | 20.2% | 20.2% | |
| 3-5 | 17.1% | 17.0% | 17.4% | 17.9% | 17.8% | 4.0% |
| 6-8 | 12.9% | 13.0% | 13.3% | 13.4% | 13.8% | 7.6% |
| 9-11 | 10.0% | 11.0% | 11.4% | 11.8% | 11.7% | 16.9% |
| 12-14 | 11.4% | 11.2% | 11.6% | 11.8% | 12.3% | 8.1% |
| 15-17 | 20.4% | 19.6% | 18.6% | 18.7% | 18.5% | -9.5% |
| 18-20 | 8.3% | 7.9% | 7.4% | 6.3% | 5.6% | -32.0% |
| Infants (age 0-1) | 12.8% | 12.8% | 12.7% | 12.7% | 12.9% | 0.9% |
| Youth (age 13+) | 36.7% | 35.5% | 34.0% | 33.1% | 32.6% | -11.0% |

By Race and Ethnicity

| | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | % Change 2015 to 2019 |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------------------------|
| Non-Hispanic White | 40.9% | 42.5% | 42.9% | 43.7% | 43.7% | |
| Non-Hispanic Black or African American | 34.6% | 35.3% | 34.9% | 33.9% | 33.0% | -4.4% |
| Non-Hispanic Other Race | 5.9% | 3.3% | 2.9% | 2.3% | 2.6% | -54.9% |
| Non-Hispanic Two or More Races | 5.3% | 5.4% | 6.2% | 7.1% | 7.7% | 46.1% |
| Hispanic or Latino | 13.4% | 13.4% | 13.2% | 13.0% | 12.9% | -3.5% |



By Gender

| | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | % Change 2015 to 2019 |
|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------------------------|
| Male | 51.0% | 51.2% | 51.0% | 50.8% | 50.8% | |
| Female | 49.0% | 48.8% | 49.0% | 49.2% | 49.2% | 0.5% |

By Latest Placement Setting

| | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | % Change 2015 to 2019 |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------------|
| Family Setting | 77.1% | 79.0% | 80.5% | 81.6% | 82.7% | |
| Pre-adoptive Home | 3.1% | 4.5% | 4.0% | 4.5% | 3.8% | 23.3% |
| Foster Family Home – Relative | 31.5% | 34.1% | 36.4% | 37.1% | 38.7% | 22.7% |
| Foster Family Home – Non-Relative | 42.5% | 40.5% | 40.1% | 40.1% | 40.3% | -5.3% |
| Congregate Care Setting | 17.1% | 15.8% | 14.9% | 14.0% | 12.7% | -25.8% |
| Group Home | 10.5% | 9.1% | 8.8% | 8.5% | 7.7% | -26.6% |
| Institution | 6.6% | 6.8% | 6.1% | 5.6% | 5.0% | -24.5% |
| Supervised Independent Living | 1.7% | 1.6% | 1.5% | 1.5% | 1.6% | -0.6% |
| Runaway | 1.3% | 1.4% | 1.4% | 1.4% | 1.4% | 14.3% |
| Trial Home Visit | 2.9% | 2.2% | 1.7% | 1.4% | 1.5% | -47.7% |

Children Entering Foster Care

All Entries into Foster Care During the Year

| 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | % Change 2015 to 2019 |
|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|--------------------------|
| 10,387 | 10,567 | 10,781 | 10,095 | 9,448 | |

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

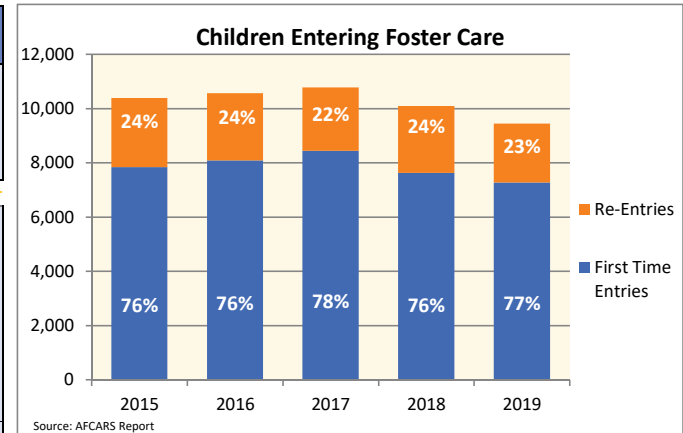
Children Entering for the First Time

First Time Entries During the Year
(Rate per 1,000 children age 0-20)

First Time Entries as Percent of All Entries

| State | | | | |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 |
| 7,843 | 8,082 | 8,438 | 7,626 | 7,266 |
| 2.3 | 2.4 | 2.5 | 2.3 | 2.2 |
| 75.5% | 76.5% | 78.3% | 75.5% | 76.9% |

| % Change 2015 to 2019 |
|--------------------------|
| -7.4% |
| 1.9% |



By Age

| Age Group | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 |
|-------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 0-2 | 32.7% | 33.3% | 33.2% | 34.4% | 35.1% |
| 3-5 | 14.6% | 14.7% | 15.3% | 15.4% | 14.8% |
| 6-8 | 11.9% | 12.5% | 11.9% | 11.5% | 11.8% |
| 9-11 | 9.8% | 9.6% | 10.1% | 10.3% | 10.7% |
| 12-14 | 13.4% | 12.6% | 13.1% | 12.8% | 12.9% |
| 15-17 | 17.4% | 17.2% | 16.3% | 15.6% | 14.5% |
| 18-20 | 0.1% | 0.1% | 0.1% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Infants (age 0-1) | 26.2% | 26.3% | 26.5% | 28.0% | 29.1% |
| Youth (age 13+) | 27.5% | 26.6% | 26.0% | 24.7% | 19.5% |

| % Change 2015 to 2019 |
|--------------------------|
| 7.4% |
| 1.5% |
| -0.8% |
| 8.9% |
| -3.6% |
| -16.4% |
| -64.0% |
| 10.9% |
| -29.3% |

By Race and Ethnicity

| Race/Ethnicity | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Non-Hispanic White | 42.7% | 49.4% | 47.6% | 48.3% | 47.6% |
| Non-Hispanic Black or African American | 29.1% | 28.6% | 29.7% | 29.3% | 28.4% |
| Non-Hispanic Other Race | 8.7% | 4.1% | 3.4% | 2.7% | 3.7% |
| Non-Hispanic Two or More Races | 5.6% | 5.4% | 6.3% | 7.7% | 7.7% |
| Hispanic or Latino | 13.4% | 12.6% | 13.0% | 12.0% | 12.6% |

| % Change 2015 to 2019 |
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| 11.3% |
| -2.4% |
| -57.8% |
| 39.4% |
| -6.0% |

By Gender

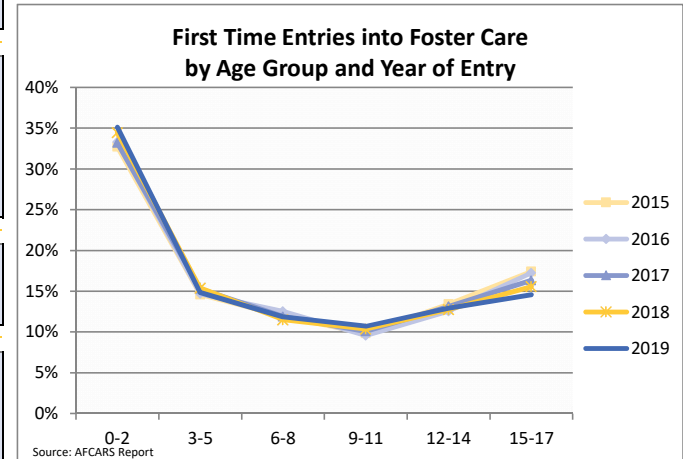
| Gender | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 |
|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Male | 50.8% | 50.8% | 51.0% | 50.7% | 50.8% |
| Female | 49.2% | 49.2% | 49.0% | 49.3% | 49.2% |

| % Change 2015 to 2019 |
|--------------------------|
| 0.1% |
| -0.1% |

By First Reported Placement Setting

| Placement Setting | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Family Setting | 80.9% | 82.3% | 83.6% | 83.8% | 85.7% |
| Pre-adoptive Home | 0.1% | 0.2% | 0.3% | 0.2% | 0.4% |
| Foster Family Home – Relative | 33.6% | 37.5% | 39.1% | 39.9% | 41.6% |
| Foster Family Home – Non-Relative | 47.2% | 44.6% | 44.2% | 43.7% | 43.7% |
| Congregate Care Setting | 17.0% | 15.9% | 15.0% | 14.3% | 12.7% |
| Group Home | 10.7% | 9.7% | 9.1% | 9.4% | 8.5% |
| Institution | 6.3% | 6.2% | 5.9% | 4.9% | 4.2% |
| Supervised Independent Living | 0.2% | 0.2% | 0.2% | 0.2% | 0.2% |
| Runaway | 0.4% | 0.6% | 0.5% | 0.7% | 0.8% |
| Trial Home Visit | 1.5% | 1.0% | 0.8% | 1.1% | 0.6% |

| % Change 2015 to 2019 |
|--------------------------|
| 5.9% |
| 230.9% |
| 23.8% |
| -7.4% |
| -25.3% |
| -20.9% |
| -32.9% |
| 47.3% |
| 80.5% |
| -59.9% |



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.

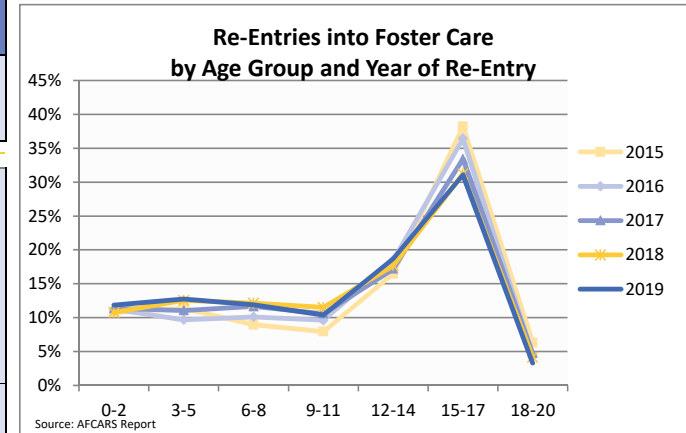
Indicator

Children Re-Entering Foster Care

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

| State | | | | |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 |
| 2,544 | 2,485 | 2,343 | 2,469 | 2,182 |
| 24.5% | 23.5% | 21.7% | 24.5% | 23.1% |

| % Change 2015 to 2019 |
|--------------------------|
| -14.2% |
| -5.7% |



By Age

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

| | | | | |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 10.8% | 11.2% | 11.4% | 10.8% | 11.9% |
| 11.4% | 9.7% | 11.1% | 12.6% | 12.7% |
| 9.0% | 10.1% | 11.7% | 12.1% | 11.9% |
| 7.9% | 9.6% | 10.6% | 11.5% | 10.4% |
| 16.5% | 18.5% | 17.2% | 17.7% | 18.7% |
| 38.2% | 36.4% | 33.4% | 31.2% | 31.1% |
| 6.3% | 4.5% | 4.7% | 4.2% | 3.3% |
| 6.5% | 7.4% | 6.6% | 6.4% | 6.9% |
| 57.9% | 55.3% | 51.1% | 48.6% | 48.7% |

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| 10.2% |
| 12.2% |
| 33.0% |
| 31.0% |
| 13.5% |
| -18.7% |
| -47.5% |
| 5.4% |
| -16.0% |

By Race and Ethnicity

Non-Hispanic White
Non-Hispanic Black or African American
Non-Hispanic Other Race
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races
Hispanic or Latino

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 34.7% | 39.5% | 40.6% | 39.6% | 40.6% |
| 40.4% | 40.1% | 39.4% | 40.5% | 37.7% |
| 7.8% | 3.1% | 1.7% | 1.8% | 1.5% |
| 4.9% | 5.8% | 6.3% | 7.1% | 8.6% |
| 12.2% | 11.6% | 11.9% | 11.1% | 11.5% |

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| 17.1% |
| -6.8% |
| -80.6% |
| 75.4% |
| -5.2% |

By Gender

Male
Female

| | | | | |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 50.5% | 50.3% | 49.6% | 49.1% | 51.2% |
| 49.5% | 49.7% | 50.4% | 50.9% | 48.8% |

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| 1.5% |
| -1.5% |

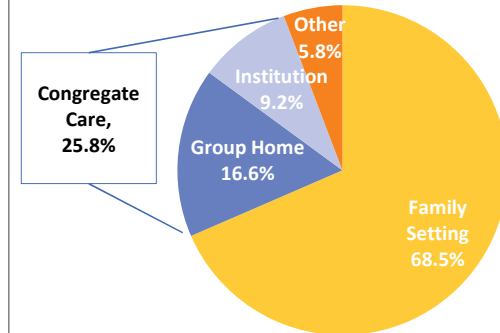
By Placement Setting at Re-Entry

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

| | | | | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 58.0% | 61.7% | 63.9% | 66.7% | 68.5% |
| 0.6% | 0.7% | 0.6% | 0.4% | 0.6% |
| 24.3% | 26.3% | 30.7% | 28.3% | 32.5% |
| 33.1% | 34.6% | 32.6% | 37.9% | 35.3% |
| 37.1% | 34.0% | 31.2% | 28.0% | 25.8% |
| 22.3% | 19.3% | 19.9% | 18.4% | 16.6% |
| 14.8% | 14.8% | 11.3% | 9.6% | 9.2% |
| 1.7% | 1.3% | 1.8% | 1.8% | 1.6% |
| 2.4% | 2.5% | 2.5% | 2.7% | 3.6% |
| 0.8% | 0.5% | 0.7% | 0.8% | 0.6% |

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|---------------|
| 18.1% |
| 14.3% |
| 33.6% |
| 6.7% |
| -30.5% |
| -25.6% |
| -38.0% |
| -9.6% |
| 51.2% |
| -23.8% |

Percent of Children by Placement Setting at Re-Entry to Foster Care, 2019



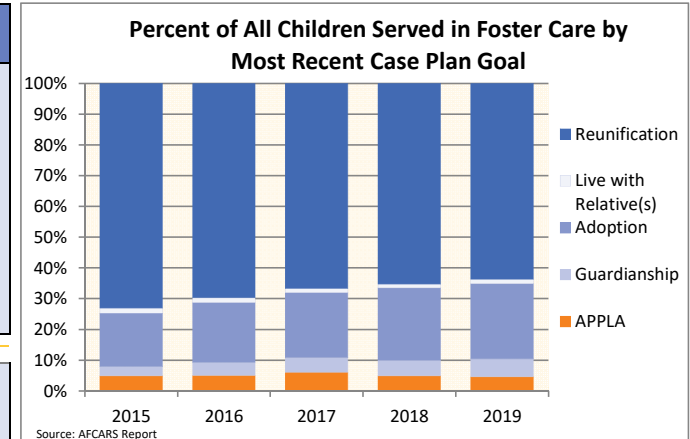
FOSTER CARE - GOALS

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 | State | | | | | % Change 2015 to 2019 |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------------|
| | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | |
| Family-Based Permanency Goals | 95.2% | 95.0% | 94.0% | 95.1% | 95.5% | 0.3% |
| Reunify With Parent(s) or Principal Caretaker(s) | 73.1% | 69.8% | 66.7% | 65.3% | 63.7% | -12.8% |
| Adoption | 17.4% | 19.5% | 21.2% | 23.6% | 24.5% | 40.8% |
| Guardianship | 3.0% | 4.3% | 4.8% | 5.1% | 5.9% | 93.5% |
| Live with Relative(s) | 1.7% | 1.5% | 1.3% | 1.2% | 1.5% | -14.4% |
| Another Planned Permanent Living Arrangement (APPLA) | 4.8% | 5.0% | 6.0% | 4.9% | 4.5% | -6.4% |
| Long Term Foster Care | 1.2% | 1.0% | 0.7% | 0.6% | 0.1% | -92.6% |
| Emancipation | 3.6% | 4.0% | 5.3% | 4.3% | 4.4% | 22.4% |

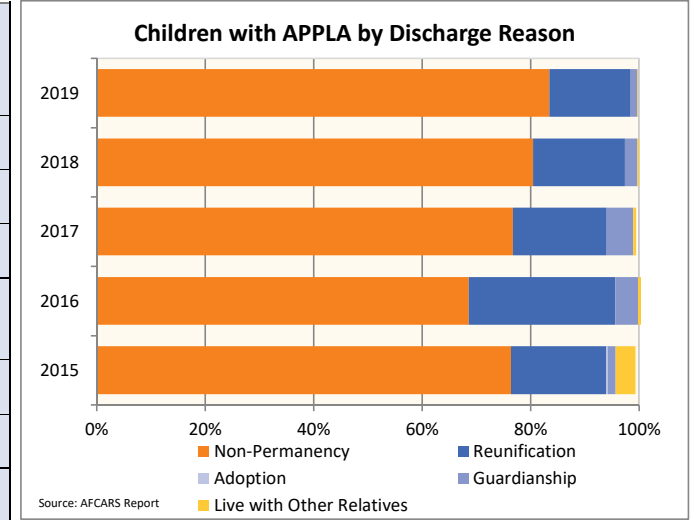


APPLA By Age as % of Age Group Served

| Age Group | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | % Change |
|-----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|----------|
| 0-15 | 0.4% | 0.2% | 1.0% | 1.0% | 0.03% | -92.3% |
| 16-20 | 19.4% | 21.6% | 25.1% | 25.1% | 23.5% | 20.9% |

APPLA By Discharge Reason

| Discharge Reason | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | % Change |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| Exit to Permanent Arrangements | 23.0% | 32.1% | 22.7% | 19.5% | 16.4% | -28.7% |
| Reunification | 17.6% | 27.0% | 17.3% | 16.9% | 15.0% | -15.1% |
| (number of months until reunification) | 27.5 | 30.4 | 11.8 | 18.6 | 19.2 | -30.4% |
| Adoption | 0.2% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | -100.0% |
| (number of months until adoption) | 31.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | -100.0% |
| Guardianship | 1.4% | 4.2% | 4.9% | 2.3% | 1.3% | -12.2% |
| (number of month until guardianship) | 18.0 | 32.0 | 23.6 | 25.6 | 23.8 | 32.3% |
| Live with Other Relatives | 3.7% | 0.9% | 0.5% | 0.3% | 0.1% | -96.2% |
| (number of months until living with relatives) | 37.1 | 39.8 | 21.4 | 32.9 | 49.6 | 33.7% |
| Exit to Non-Permanent Arrangements | 76.4% | 68.6% | 76.8% | 80.5% | 83.5% | 9.2% |
| Emancipation | 71.7% | 62.2% | 66.7% | 72.1% | 74.3% | 3.5% |
| (number of months until emancipation) | 34.3 | 30.6 | 26.2 | 27.6 | 30.7 | -10.5% |
| Transfer to Another Agency | 2.7% | 5.0% | 8.2% | 5.3% | 7.1% | 167.8% |
| (number of months until transfer) | 40.7 | 27.6 | 3.7 | 19.4 | 17.9 | -55.9% |
| Runaway | 2.0% | 1.4% | 1.9% | 3.0% | 2.1% | 2.4% |
| (number of months until running away) | 23.4 | 14.1 | 32.0 | 22.4 | 26.9 | 14.9% |
| Death of Child | 0.6% | 0.2% | 0.5% | 0.0% | 0.1% | -77.2% |
| (number of months until death of a child) | 9.0 | 143.7 | 62.6 | 62.6 | 5.7 | -36.7% |



FOSTER CARE - EXITS

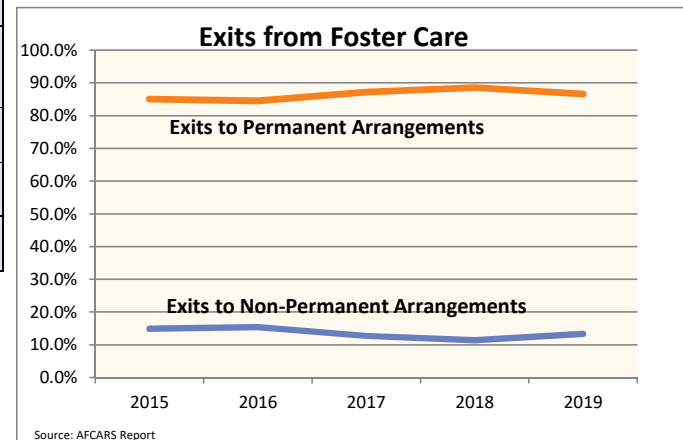
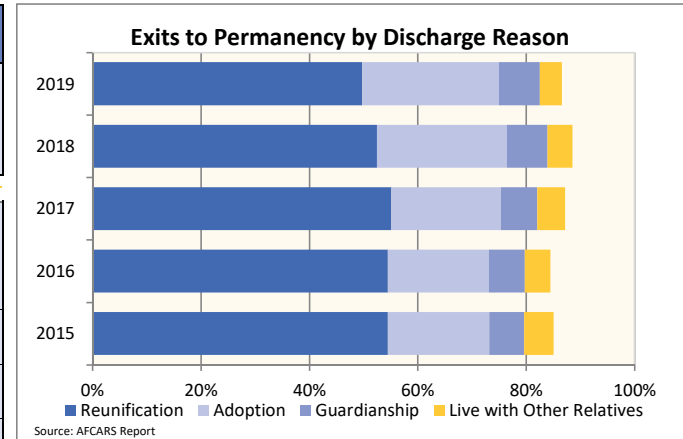
Data on foster care exits provides information on children who left foster care during the federal fiscal year, where they went when they left and how long their most recent episode of foster care was. A paramount goal of the foster care system is to ensure every child has the lifelong support of a permanent family.

Indicator

Children Exiting Foster Care

| | State | | | | |
|--|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 |
| Total Children Leaving Foster Care | 9,471 | 10,635 | 10,276 | 10,694 | 10,801 |
| Percent of Children Leaving Foster Care (number of months until leaving) | 41.2% | 43.3% | 40.5% | 42.0% | 43.8% |
| | 11.4 | 11.7 | 11.9 | 13.0 | 15.9 |

| % Change 2015 to 2019 |
|-----------------------|
| 14.0% |
| 6.3% |
| 39.9% |



By Discharge Reason

| | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | % Change 2015 to 2019 |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| Exit to Permanent Arrangements | 85.0% | 84.5% | 87.2% | 88.6% | 86.6% | 1.8% |
| Reunification (number of months until reunification) | 54.5% | 54.5% | 55.1% | 52.5% | 49.8% | -8.6% |
| Adoption (number of months until adoption) | 5.7% | 6.7% | 6.6% | 6.4% | 7.4% | 29.3% |
| Guardianship (number of month until guardianship) | 6.5% | 6.6% | 6.7% | 7.5% | 7.6% | 16.5% |
| Live with Other Relatives (number of months until living with relatives) | 5.4% | 4.7% | 5.1% | 4.6% | 4.1% | -24.0% |
| Exit to Non-Permanent Arrangements | 14.8% | 15.4% | 12.7% | 11.4% | 13.2% | -10.6% |
| Emancipation (number of months until emancipation) | 7.8% | 6.8% | 7.9% | 7.3% | 9.3% | 20.1% |
| Transfer to Another Agency (number of months until transfer) | 5.8% | 7.9% | 4.3% | 3.5% | 3.5% | -40.2% |
| Runaway (number of months until running away) | 1.3% | 0.7% | 0.5% | 0.6% | 0.5% | -63.5% |
| Death of Child (number of months until death of a child) | 0.1% | 0.1% | 0.1% | 0.1% | 0.1% | -8.6% |
| | 4.9 | 13.2 | 18.8 | 5.5 | 12.6 | 156.7% |

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.

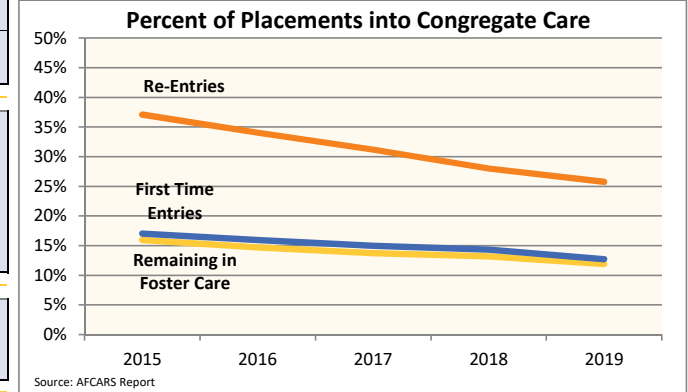
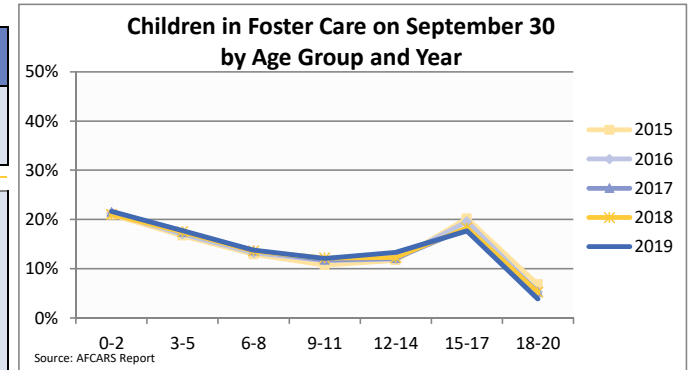
Indicator

Children Remaining in Foster Care

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

| State | | | | |
|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 |
| 14,859 | 15,382 | 16,381 | 16,074 | 15,082 |
| 12.5 | 13.2 | 13.4 | 14.2 | 14.0 |

| % Change 2015 to 2019 |
|--------------------------|
| 1.5% |
| 12.4% |



By Age

| Age Group | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 |
|-------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 0-2 | 21.0% | 21.3% | 21.5% | 21.0% | 21.6% |
| 3-5 | 16.7% | 17.0% | 17.5% | 17.5% | 17.7% |
| 6-8 | 12.9% | 13.2% | 13.7% | 13.6% | 13.8% |
| 9-11 | 10.7% | 11.6% | 11.8% | 12.2% | 12.1% |
| 12-14 | 11.7% | 12.0% | 12.1% | 12.3% | 13.3% |
| 15-17 | 20.2% | 19.6% | 18.2% | 18.3% | 17.7% |
| 18-20 | 6.8% | 5.3% | 5.3% | 5.2% | 3.8% |
| Infants (age 0-1) | 13.9% | 13.8% | 13.8% | 13.7% | 14.4% |
| Youth (age 13+) | 35.2% | 33.5% | 31.9% | 31.9% | 34.8% |

| % Change 2015 to 2019 |
|--------------------------|
| 3.2% |
| 6.1% |
| 6.7% |
| 12.5% |
| 13.9% |
| -12.6% |
| -43.6% |
| 3.4% |
| -1.2% |

By Race and Ethnicity

| Race/Ethnicity | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Non-Hispanic White | 37.9% | 41.0% | 42.1% | 42.2% | 42.3% |
| Non-Hispanic Black or African American | 36.9% | 37.0% | 35.8% | 35.4% | 34.4% |
| Non-Hispanic Other Race | 6.0% | 2.9% | 2.7% | 2.3% | 2.6% |
| Non-Hispanic Two or More Races | 4.9% | 5.5% | 6.1% | 7.1% | 7.8% |
| Hispanic or Latino | 14.3% | 13.6% | 13.2% | 13.0% | 13.0% |

| % Change 2015 to 2019 |
|--------------------------|
| 11.5% |
| -6.9% |
| -55.8% |
| 59.0% |
| -9.6% |

By Gender

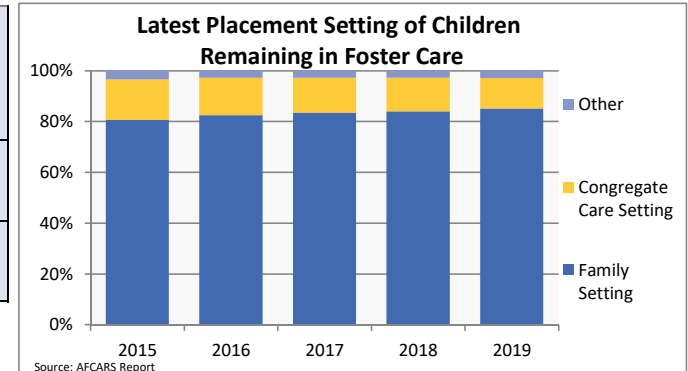
| Gender | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 |
|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Male | 51.3% | 51.2% | 51.2% | 50.9% | 50.6% |
| Female | 48.7% | 48.8% | 48.8% | 49.1% | 49.4% |

| % Change 2015 to 2019 |
|--------------------------|
| -1.4% |
| 1.5% |

By Latest Placement Setting

| Placement Setting | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Family Setting | 80.6% | 82.5% | 83.4% | 84.0% | 85.1% |
| Pre-adoptive Home | 3.2% | 5.3% | 4.1% | 4.0% | 3.2% |
| Foster Family Home – Relative | 32.8% | 35.1% | 37.9% | 37.8% | 39.4% |
| Foster Family Home – Non-Relative | 44.5% | 42.1% | 41.4% | 42.2% | 42.5% |
| Congregate Care Setting | 16.0% | 14.7% | 13.7% | 13.2% | 11.9% |
| Group Home | 9.0% | 8.4% | 8.2% | 7.9% | 7.0% |
| Institution | 7.0% | 6.3% | 5.5% | 5.3% | 4.9% |
| Supervised Independent Living | 1.4% | 1.3% | 1.5% | 1.5% | 1.3% |
| Runaway | 1.1% | 0.7% | 0.8% | 0.9% | 1.2% |
| Trial Home Visit | 1.0% | 0.7% | 0.6% | 0.4% | 0.5% |

| % Change 2015 to 2019 |
|--------------------------|
| 5.6% |
| -0.2% |
| 19.9% |
| -4.5% |
| -25.5% |
| -21.6% |
| -30.5% |
| -4.7% |
| 8.7% |
| -51.6% |



DISPROPORTIONALITY

Disproportionality shows the level at which groups of children are present in the child welfare system at higher or lower rates than in the general population. The index is calculated by taking the proportion of children in foster care for a given race and dividing it by the proportion of the same race group in the child population (age 0-20).

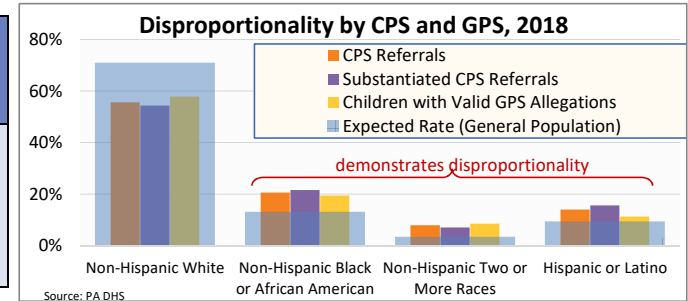
Indicator

CPS/GPS Race and Ethnicity

| Race/Ethnicity | CPS Referrals | Valid CPS Referrals | GPS Reports | Valid GPS Reports | Children with Valid |
|--|---------------|---------------------|-------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Non-Hispanic White | 55.6% | 54.4% | - | - | 57.8% |
| Non-Hispanic Black or African American | 20.5% | 21.4% | - | - | 19.4% |
| Non-Hispanic Other Race | 0.9% | 0.7% | - | - | 0.5% |
| Non-Hispanic Two or More Races | 7.8% | 7.0% | - | - | 8.5% |
| Hispanic or Latino | 13.9% | 15.5% | - | - | 11.2% |

| 2018 | | | | |
|---------------|---------------------|-------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| CPS Referrals | Valid CPS Referrals | GPS Reports | Valid GPS Reports | Children with Valid |
| 55.6% | 54.4% | - | - | 57.8% |
| 20.5% | 21.4% | - | - | 19.4% |
| 0.9% | 0.7% | - | - | 0.5% |
| 7.8% | 7.0% | - | - | 8.5% |
| 13.9% | 15.5% | - | - | 11.2% |

| General Population Age 0-17 |
|-----------------------------|
| 71.0% |
| 13.0% |
| 3.3% |
| 3.3% |
| 9.3% |



Indicator

Foster Care Race and Ethnicity

| Race/Ethnicity | Total Served | First Time Entries | Exits | Re-entries | In Care 9/30 |
|--|--------------|--------------------|-------|------------|--------------|
| Non-Hispanic White | 43.7% | 47.6% | 44.2% | 40.6% | 42.3% |
| Non-Hispanic Black or African American | 33.0% | 28.4% | 33.1% | 37.7% | 34.4% |
| Non-Hispanic Other Race | 2.6% | 3.7% | 2.5% | 1.5% | 2.6% |
| Non-Hispanic Two or More Races | 7.7% | 7.7% | 7.3% | 8.6% | 7.8% |
| Hispanic or Latino | 12.9% | 12.6% | 12.8% | 11.5% | 13.0% |

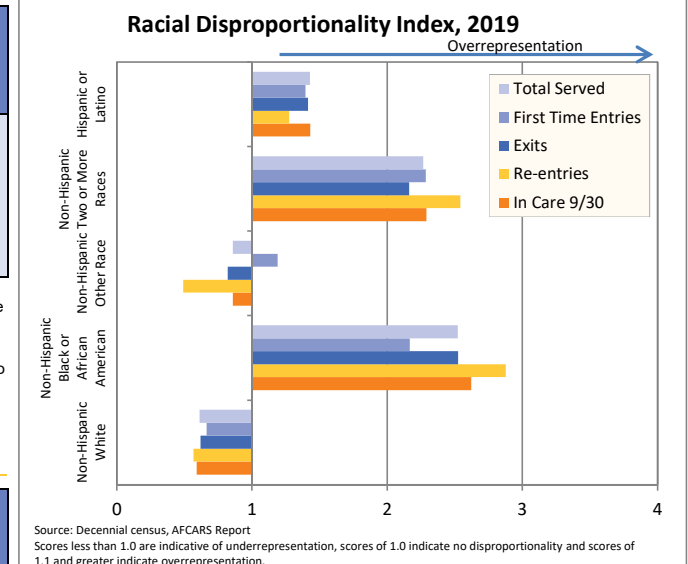
| 2019 | | | | |
|--------------|--------------------|-------|------------|--------------|
| Total Served | First Time Entries | Exits | Re-entries | In Care 9/30 |
| 43.7% | 47.6% | 44.2% | 40.6% | 42.3% |
| 33.0% | 28.4% | 33.1% | 37.7% | 34.4% |
| 2.6% | 3.7% | 2.5% | 1.5% | 2.6% |
| 7.7% | 7.7% | 7.3% | 8.6% | 7.8% |
| 12.9% | 12.6% | 12.8% | 11.5% | 13.0% |

| General Population Age 0-20 |
|-----------------------------|
| 71.4% |
| 13.1% |
| 3.1% |
| 3.4% |
| 9.1% |

Racial Disproportionality Index

| Race/Ethnicity | Total Served | First Time Entries | Exits | Re-entries | In Care 9/30 |
|--|--------------|--------------------|-------|------------|--------------|
| Non-Hispanic White | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.6 |
| Non-Hispanic Black or African American | 2.5 | 2.2 | 2.5 | 2.9 | 2.6 |
| Non-Hispanic Other Race | 0.9 | 1.2 | 0.8 | 0.5 | 0.9 |
| Non-Hispanic Two or More Races | 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.2 | 2.5 | 2.3 |
| Hispanic or Latino | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.3 | 1.4 |

Scores less than 1.0 are indicative of underrepresentation, scores of 1.0 indicate no disproportionality and scores of 1.1 and greater indicate overrepresentation.

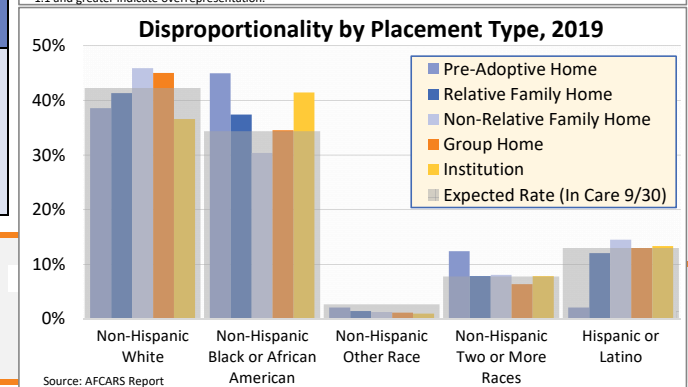


Children Remaining in Care By Specific Latest Placement Settings

| Race/Ethnicity | Pre-Adoptive Home | Relative Family Home | Non-Relative Family Home | Group Home | Institution |
|--|-------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|------------|-------------|
| Non-Hispanic White | 38.6% | 41.3% | 45.9% | 45.0% | 36.6% |
| Non-Hispanic Black or African American | 44.9% | 37.4% | 30.4% | 34.5% | 41.4% |
| Non-Hispanic Other Race | 2.1% | 1.4% | 1.2% | 1.2% | 0.9% |
| Non-Hispanic Two or More Races | 12.4% | 7.8% | 8.1% | 6.4% | 7.8% |
| Hispanic or Latino | 2.1% | 12.0% | 14.5% | 13.0% | 13.3% |

| 2019 | | | | |
|-------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|------------|-------------|
| Pre-Adoptive Home | Relative Family Home | Non-Relative Family Home | Group Home | Institution |
| 38.6% | 41.3% | 45.9% | 45.0% | 36.6% |
| 44.9% | 37.4% | 30.4% | 34.5% | 41.4% |
| 2.1% | 1.4% | 1.2% | 1.2% | 0.9% |
| 12.4% | 7.8% | 8.1% | 6.4% | 7.8% |
| 2.1% | 12.0% | 14.5% | 13.0% | 13.3% |

| In Care 9/30 |
|--------------|
| 42.3% |
| 34.4% |
| 2.6% |
| 7.8% |
| 13.0% |



Statewide Findings

- Children who are Black, Hispanic or of multiple races have higher than expected rates of CPS referrals, including substantiated, and valid GPS allegations.
- Black children and children of multiple races are represented in foster care more than two times their rate in the general population.

FOSTER CARE - DISPARITY

Disparity demonstrates the lack of equality between two racial groups in the child welfare system. The index is expressed as the ratio of one racial group's disproportionality index by another racial group's disproportionality metric. The computed value represents whether children ages 0-20 of different racial groups are in the child welfare system at the same rate.

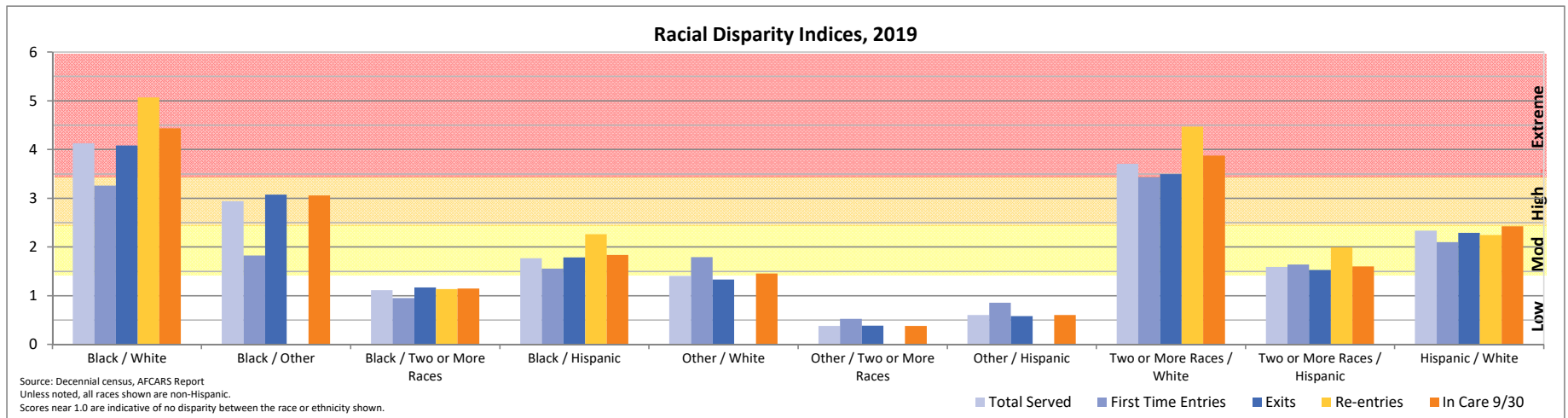
Indicator

Racial Disparity Index

| | | | | | |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Non-Hispanic Black / Non-Hispanic White | 4.1 | 3.3 | 4.1 | 5.1 | 4.4 |
| Non-Hispanic Black / Non-Hispanic Other | 2.9 | 1.8 | 3.1 | - | 3.1 |
| Non-Hispanic Black / Non-Hispanic Two or More | 1.1 | 0.9 | 1.2 | 1.1 | 1.1 |
| Non-Hispanic Black / Hispanic | 1.8 | 1.6 | 1.8 | 2.3 | 1.8 |
| Non-Hispanic Other / Non-Hispanic White | 1.4 | 1.8 | 1.3 | - | 1.5 |
| Non-Hispanic Other / Non-Hispanic Two or More | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.4 | - | 0.4 |
| Non-Hispanic Other / Hispanic | 0.6 | 0.9 | 0.6 | - | 0.6 |
| Non-Hispanic Two or More / Non-Hispanic White | 3.7 | 3.4 | 3.5 | 4.5 | 3.9 |
| Non-Hispanic Two or More / Hispanic | 1.6 | 1.6 | 1.5 | 2.0 | 1.6 |
| Hispanic / Non-Hispanic White | 2.3 | 2.1 | 2.3 | 2.2 | 2.4 |

Scores near 1.0 are indicative of no disparity between the race or ethnicity shown.

Indices were not calculated for race categories less than 200 children.



Statewide Findings

- Black children are more than five times more likely to re-enter foster care than white children.
- Black children are four times more likely to exit foster care and nearly four and a half times more likely to be in foster care than white children.
- Children of two or more races are four and a half times more likely to re-enter foster care than white children.

FOSTER CARE - STABILITY

Every time a child moves, the trauma caused by separation and lack of continuity grows. A child who faces multiple placements may struggle 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.

| State | | | | | % Change 2015 to 2019 |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------------------------|
| 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | |
| 32.8% | 33.6% | 32.2% | 31.2% | 31.1% | -5.1% |

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.

| State | | | | | % Change 2015 to 2019 |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------------------------|
| 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | |
| 39.0% | 36.0% | 39.2% | 37.4% | 38.7% | -0.9% |

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. (Data may be overstated.)

| State | | | | | % Change 2015 to 2019 |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------------------------|
| 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | |
| 24.1% | 24.8% | 23.0% | 21.4% | 22.3% | -7.9% |



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