

## 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	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	
	4,585	15,108	29,273	5,571	20,971	40,590	5,748	22,768	44,359	6,331	24,938	47,485	5,809	22,694	44,063	26.7%
	13.3	9.4	10.5	16.2	13.0	14.5	16.7	14.1	15.9	18.4	15.4	17.0	16.9	14.1	15.8	

#### Child Abuse and Neglect Substantiations

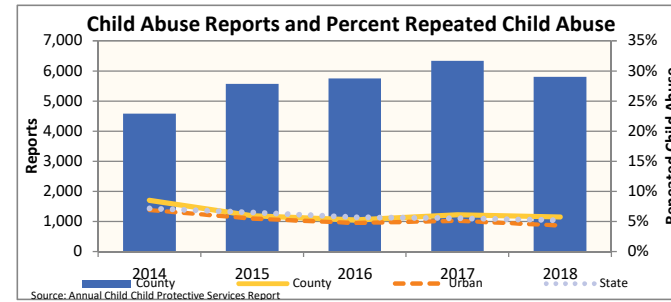
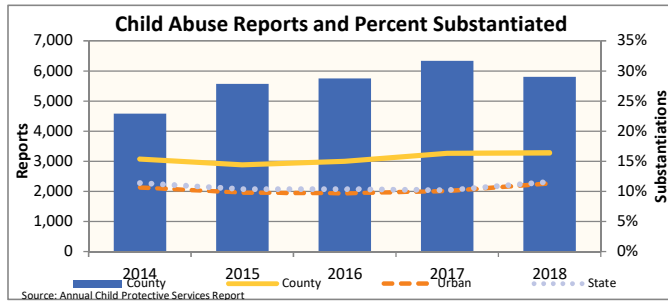
Founded or indicated reports of child abuse and/or neglect.

	15.4%	10.6%	11.4%	14.4%	9.8%	10.4%	15.0%	9.7%	10.4%	16.3%	10.0%	10.2%	16.4%	11.3%	11.6%	6.6%
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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.)

	8.5%	6.9%	7.2%	6.0%	5.5%	6.5%	5.2%	4.7%	5.7%	6.1%	5.1%	5.6%	5.8%	4.3%	5.2%	-32.1%
	1 in 12	1 in 14	1 in 14	1 in 17	1 in 18	1 in 15	1 in 19	1 in 21	1 in 18	1 in 16	1 in 20	1 in 18	1 in 17	1 in 23	1 in 19	



## 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	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	
	-	-	-	16,815	63,101	131,953	20,587	73,444	151,087	23,557	82,225	163,852	23,052	83,841	169,723	-

#### 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.

	-	-	-	26.2%	17.8%	0	26.5%	18.9%	20.9%	23.0%	20.0%	22.8%	19.7%	21.5%	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.

	-	-	-	5,964	14,913	32,364	7,478	19,147	43,702	7,438	23,056	53,319	6,183	25,614	58,982	-
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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	2015			2016			2017			2018			2019			County % Change 2015 to 2019
	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	
	18,066	88,106	181,371	22,928	90,893	190,413	16,444	81,260	186,855	16,774	84,995	194,761	17,655	83,710	187,280	-2.3%

## 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	2015			2016			2017			2018			2019			County % Change 2015 to 2019
	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	
All Children in Foster Care During the Year (Rate per 1,000 children age 0-20)	7,039 16.3	14,577 7.5	22,980 6.8	8,020 18.6	15,584 8.0	24,543 7.3	8,112 18.8	15,999 8.3	25,381 7.5	7,996 18.5	15,712 8.1	25,441 7.5	ND 17.3	15,298 7.9	24,665 7.3	-

#### By Age

Age Group	2015 County	2015 Urban	2015 State	2016 County	2016 Urban	2016 State	2017 County	2017 Urban	2017 State	2018 County	2018 Urban	2018 State	2019 County	2019 Urban	2019 State	County % Change 2015 to 2019
0-2	17.5%	19.1%	19.9%	16.1%	18.8%	20.2%	17.1%	19.1%	20.3%	16.6%	19.2%	20.2%	17.0%	19.7%	20.2%	-2.7%
3-5	16.8%	17.2%	17.1%	17.1%	17.1%	17.0%	17.4%	17.4%	17.4%	17.6%	17.6%	17.9%	17.3%	17.4%	17.8%	2.7%
6-8	12.7%	12.9%	12.9%	13.0%	13.3%	13.0%	13.7%	13.6%	13.3%	13.5%	13.5%	13.4%	13.9%	13.9%	13.8%	9.3%
9-11	10.9%	10.3%	10.0%	12.0%	11.3%	11.0%	12.6%	11.7%	11.4%	12.8%	12.1%	11.8%	12.8%	12.1%	11.7%	17.8%
12-14	11.6%	11.2%	11.4%	12.3%	11.2%	11.2%	12.9%	11.9%	11.6%	13.4%	12.0%	11.8%	13.4%	12.4%	12.3%	15.2%
15-17	20.9%	19.9%	20.4%	20.4%	19.2%	19.6%	19.4%	18.3%	18.6%	20.6%	18.7%	18.7%	21.0%	18.4%	18.5%	0.8%
18-20	9.5%	9.3%	8.3%	9.2%	9.1%	7.9%	6.9%	8.0%	7.4%	5.5%	6.8%	6.3%	4.5%	6.0%	5.6%	-52.6%
Infants (age 0-1)	10.8%	12.0%	12.8%	9.4%	11.5%	12.8%	10.0%	11.8%	12.7%	9.8%	11.9%	12.7%	10.1%	12.5%	12.9%	-5.7%
Youth (age 13+)	38.5%	37.1%	36.7%	38.3%	36.2%	35.5%	35.3%	34.6%	34.0%	35.2%	33.8%	33.1%	34.8%	33.0%	32.6%	-9.5%

#### By Race and Ethnicity

Race/Ethnicity	2015 County	2015 Urban	2015 State	2016 County	2016 Urban	2016 State	2017 County	2017 Urban	2017 State	2018 County	2018 Urban	2018 State	2019 County	2019 Urban	2019 State	County % Change 2015 to 2019
Non-Hispanic White	11.8%	25.5%	40.9%	12.3%	27.1%	42.5%	13.4%	28.0%	42.9%	13.3%	28.2%	43.7%	12.7%	28.0%	43.7%	7.8%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	68.7%	47.6%	34.6%	68.0%	49.8%	35.3%	66.3%	49.2%	34.9%	67.0%	48.9%	33.9%	66.2%	47.8%	33.0%	-3.7%
Non-Hispanic Other Race	1.3%	8.0%	5.9%	2.1%	4.2%	3.3%	2.7%	3.5%	2.9%	1.4%	2.6%	2.3%	1.7%	3.1%	2.6%	29.2%
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	2.4%	4.3%	5.3%	2.2%	4.3%	5.4%	2.7%	5.5%	6.2%	2.6%	6.1%	7.1%	3.0%	6.7%	7.7%	25.5%
Hispanic or Latino	15.8%	14.7%	13.4%	15.4%	14.6%	13.4%	14.8%	13.9%	13.2%	15.7%	14.2%	13.0%	16.4%	14.4%	12.9%	3.9%

#### By Gender

Gender	2015 County	2015 Urban	2015 State	2016 County	2016 Urban	2016 State	2017 County	2017 Urban	2017 State	2018 County	2018 Urban	2018 State	2019 County	2019 Urban	2019 State	County % Change 2015 to 2019
Male	50.1%	50.4%	51.0%	50.5%	50.3%	51.2%	50.2%	50.1%	51.0%	49.5%	50.3%	50.8%	48.6%	50.0%	50.8%	-3.0%
Female	49.9%	49.6%	49.0%	49.5%	49.7%	48.8%	49.8%	49.9%	49.0%	50.5%	49.7%	49.2%	51.4%	50.0%	49.2%	3.1%

#### By Latest Placement Setting

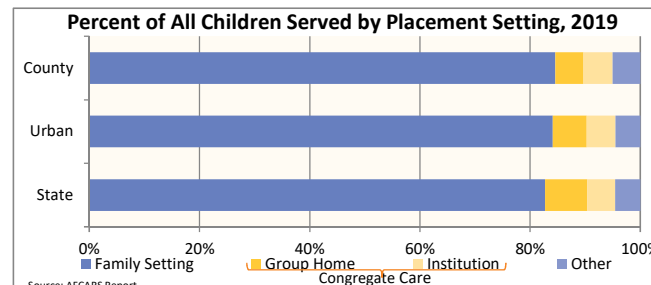
Placement Setting	2015 County	2015 Urban	2015 State	2016 County	2016 Urban	2016 State	2017 County	2017 Urban	2017 State	2018 County	2018 Urban	2018 State	2019 County	2019 Urban	2019 State	County % Change 2015 to 2019
<b>Family Setting</b>	<b>79.3%</b>	<b>78.1%</b>	<b>77.1%</b>	<b>79.7%</b>	<b>79.9%</b>	<b>79.0%</b>	<b>82.0%</b>	<b>81.7%</b>	<b>80.5%</b>	<b>82.4%</b>	<b>82.6%</b>	<b>81.6%</b>	<b>84.6%</b>	<b>84.1%</b>	<b>82.7%</b>	<b>6.6%</b>
Pre-adoptive Home	5.4%	3.6%	3.1%	6.7%	6.0%	4.5%	4.7%	5.5%	4.0%	5.0%	6.4%	4.5%	2.6%	5.3%	3.8%	-53.0%
Foster Family Home – Relative	36.0%	35.8%	31.5%	39.3%	37.7%	34.1%	41.5%	40.0%	36.4%	42.4%	40.9%	37.1%	45.6%	43.2%	38.7%	26.5%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	37.8%	38.7%	42.5%	33.7%	36.2%	40.5%	35.9%	36.2%	40.1%	35.1%	35.3%	40.1%	36.4%	35.6%	40.3%	-3.7%
<b>Congregate Care Setting</b>	<b>15.9%</b>	<b>16.4%</b>	<b>17.1%</b>	<b>15.3%</b>	<b>15.2%</b>	<b>15.8%</b>	<b>13.6%</b>	<b>14.0%</b>	<b>14.9%</b>	<b>12.8%</b>	<b>13.2%</b>	<b>14.0%</b>	<b>10.4%</b>	<b>11.4%</b>	<b>12.7%</b>	<b>-34.4%</b>
Group Home	6.9%	9.1%	10.5%	6.7%	7.5%	9.1%	6.2%	7.2%	8.8%	6.1%	7.0%	8.5%	5.1%	6.1%	7.7%	-25.5%
Institution	9.0%	7.4%	6.6%	8.7%	7.7%	6.8%	7.4%	6.8%	6.1%	6.7%	6.2%	5.6%	5.3%	5.2%	5.0%	-41.2%
<b>Supervised Independent Living</b>	<b>1.7%</b>	<b>2.0%</b>	<b>1.7%</b>	<b>1.6%</b>	<b>1.9%</b>	<b>1.6%</b>	<b>1.1%</b>	<b>1.7%</b>	<b>1.5%</b>	<b>1.1%</b>	<b>1.7%</b>	<b>1.5%</b>	<b>1.4%</b>	<b>1.7%</b>	<b>1.6%</b>	<b>-21.8%</b>
Runaway	3.1%	1.7%	1.3%	3.4%	1.9%	1.4%	3.3%	1.9%	1.4%	3.7%	2.0%	1.4%	3.6%	2.1%	1.4%	18.5%
Trial Home Visit	0.0%	1.9%	2.9%	0.0%	1.1%	2.2%	0.0%	0.7%	1.7%	0.0%	0.5%	1.4%	0.0%	0.7%	1.5%	-

#### Children Entering Foster Care

All Entries into Foster Care During the Year

Indicator	2015 County	2015 Urban	2015 State	2016 County	2016 Urban	2016 State	2017 County	2017 Urban	2017 State	2018 County	2018 Urban	2018 State	2019 County	2019 Urban	2019 State	County % Change 2015 to 2019
All Entries into Foster Care During the Year	3,109	6,327	10,387	2,855	6,153	10,567	2,888	6,387	10,781	2,718	5,854	10,095	ND	5,537	9,448	-

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## 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	2015			2016			2017			2018			2019			County % Change 2015 to 2019
	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	
First Time Entries During the Year	2,157	4,638	7,843	1,982	4,556	8,082	2,055	4,874	8,438	1,808	4,227	7,626	ND	4,133	7,266	-
(Rate per 1,000 children age 0-20)	5.0	2.4	2.3	4.6	2.4	2.4	4.8	2.5	2.5	4.2	2.2	2.3	3.7	2.1	2.2	-
First Time Entries as Percent of All Entries	69.4%	73.3%	75.5%	69.4%	74.0%	76.5%	71.2%	76.3%	78.3%	66.5%	72.2%	75.5%	68.1%	74.6%	76.9%	-1.9%

#### 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	2015 County	2015 Urban	2015 State	2016 County	2016 Urban	2016 State	2017 County	2017 Urban	2017 State	2018 County	2018 Urban	2018 State	2019 County	2019 Urban	2019 State	% Change
0-2	31.3%	33.2%	32.7%	29.5%	32.5%	33.3%	32.3%	33.4%	33.2%	32.3%	35.2%	34.4%	35.5%	36.0%	35.1%	13.4%
3-5	12.2%	14.3%	14.6%	13.3%	14.6%	14.7%	13.9%	14.6%	15.3%	12.3%	14.3%	15.4%	11.9%	14.3%	14.8%	-2.4%
6-8	12.4%	12.0%	11.9%	13.9%	12.8%	12.5%	11.5%	12.1%	11.9%	10.7%	11.4%	11.5%	11.3%	11.8%	11.8%	-8.9%
9-11	10.9%	10.2%	9.8%	10.1%	10.1%	9.6%	10.7%	10.0%	10.1%	11.6%	10.8%	10.3%	12.7%	11.2%	10.7%	16.3%
12-14	13.9%	12.7%	13.4%	14.7%	12.7%	12.6%	14.2%	13.4%	13.1%	15.3%	12.9%	12.8%	12.8%	12.5%	12.9%	-7.7%
15-17	19.2%	17.4%	17.4%	18.3%	17.1%	17.2%	17.3%	16.3%	16.3%	17.8%	15.5%	15.6%	15.8%	14.2%	14.5%	-18.0%
18-20	0.0%	0.2%	0.1%	0.2%	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-100.0%
Infants (age 0-1)	25.1%	26.5%	26.2%	23.3%	25.5%	26.3%	27.0%	26.9%	26.5%	26.7%	29.1%	28.0%	29.7%	30.2%	29.1%	18.2%
Youth (age 13+)	29.4%	26.8%	27.5%	28.8%	26.4%	26.6%	28.0%	26.1%	26.0%	28.3%	24.6%	24.7%	20.7%	18.8%	19.5%	-29.7%

#### 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	2015 County	2015 Urban	2015 State	2016 County	2016 Urban	2016 State	2017 County	2017 Urban	2017 State	2018 County	2018 Urban	2018 State	2019 County	2019 Urban	2019 State	% Change
Non-Hispanic White	12.9%	25.6%	42.7%	14.5%	32.0%	49.4%	15.3%	32.2%	47.6%	12.6%	30.8%	48.3%	11.8%	30.0%	47.6%	-8.6%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	64.8%	41.5%	29.1%	64.6%	44.2%	28.6%	62.3%	43.3%	29.7%	66.7%	44.9%	29.3%	62.6%	43.5%	28.4%	-3.4%
Non-Hispanic Other Race	2.0%	12.8%	8.7%	3.3%	5.5%	4.1%	3.7%	4.3%	3.4%	1.8%	2.9%	2.7%	2.7%	4.4%	3.7%	33.5%
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	2.9%	3.8%	5.6%	2.0%	4.2%	5.4%	3.1%	5.8%	6.3%	1.8%	6.7%	7.7%	3.4%	7.2%	7.7%	19.0%
Hispanic or Latino	15.1%	15.1%	13.4%	15.6%	14.1%	12.6%	15.6%	14.4%	13.0%	17.1%	14.7%	12.0%	19.5%	14.9%	12.6%	29.1%

#### By Gender

Male  
Female

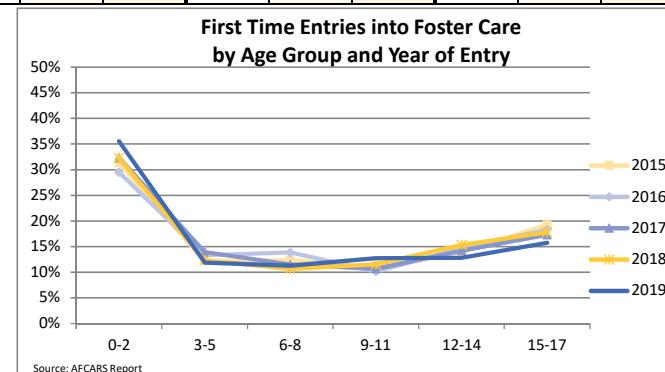
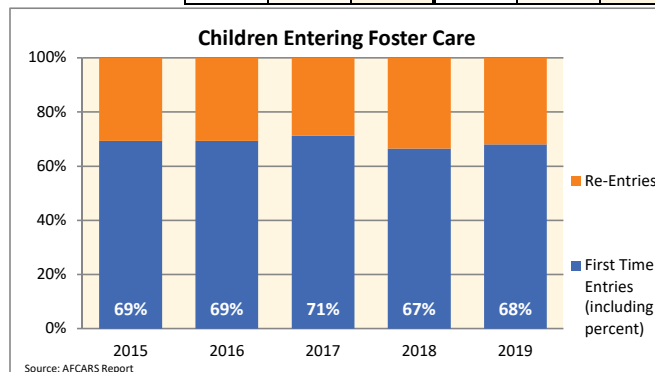
Gender	2015 County	2015 Urban	2015 State	2016 County	2016 Urban	2016 State	2017 County	2017 Urban	2017 State	2018 County	2018 Urban	2018 State	2019 County	2019 Urban	2019 State	% Change
Male	49.9%	49.9%	50.8%	48.5%	49.3%	50.8%	50.3%	50.1%	51.0%	48.9%	51.0%	50.7%	49.1%	50.4%	50.8%	-1.6%
Female	50.1%	50.1%	49.2%	51.5%	50.7%	49.2%	49.7%	49.9%	49.0%	51.1%	49.0%	49.3%	50.9%	49.6%	49.2%	1.6%

#### By First Reported 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	2015 County	2015 Urban	2015 State	2016 County	2016 Urban	2016 State	2017 County	2017 Urban	2017 State	2018 County	2018 Urban	2018 State	2019 County	2019 Urban	2019 State	% Change
Family Setting	83.3%	82.1%	80.9%	82.3%	82.8%	82.3%	81.0%	83.7%	83.6%	82.6%	84.4%	83.8%	86.5%	87.1%	85.7%	3.8%
Pre-adoptive Home	0.0%	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%	0.3%	0.2%	0.0%	0.3%	0.3%	0.1%	0.3%	0.2%	0.0%	0.6%	0.4%	-
Foster Family Home – Relative	40.5%	38.6%	33.6%	44.5%	41.8%	37.5%	38.9%	42.8%	39.1%	42.9%	44.1%	39.9%	46.1%	46.9%	41.6%	13.9%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	42.9%	43.4%	47.2%	37.8%	40.7%	44.6%	42.2%	40.6%	44.2%	39.6%	40.0%	43.7%	40.4%	39.7%	43.7%	-5.6%
Congregate Care Setting	15.2%	16.0%	17.0%	16.0%	15.6%	15.9%	17.1%	14.6%	15.0%	14.8%	13.5%	14.3%	10.8%	11.0%	12.7%	-28.8%
Group Home	5.6%	8.7%	10.7%	6.9%	8.3%	9.7%	7.7%	7.7%	9.1%	7.6%	7.6%	9.4%	5.8%	6.6%	8.5%	2.4%
Institution	9.6%	7.3%	6.3%	9.1%	7.3%	6.2%	9.4%	6.9%	5.9%	7.2%	6.0%	4.9%	5.1%	4.4%	4.2%	-47.2%
Supervised Independent Living	0.1%	0.2%	0.2%	0.1%	0.3%	0.2%	0.2%	0.4%	0.2%	0.3%	0.3%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	94.1%
Runaway	1.4%	0.7%	0.4%	1.6%	0.8%	0.6%	1.7%	0.8%	0.5%	2.3%	1.1%	0.7%	2.5%	1.3%	0.8%	80.2%
Trial Home Visit	0.0%	0.9%	1.5%	0.0%	0.5%	1.0%	0.0%	0.5%	0.8%	0.0%	0.7%	1.1%	0.0%	0.4%	0.6%	-

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## 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

County	2015			2016			2017			2018			2019			County % Change 2015 to 2019
	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	
	952	1,689	2,544	873	1,597	2,485	833	1,513	2,343	910	1,627	2,469	ND	1,404	2,182	-
	30.6%	26.7%	24.5%	30.6%	26.0%	23.5%	28.8%	23.7%	21.7%	33.5%	27.8%	24.5%	31.9%	25.4%	23.1%	4.2%

### By Age

Age Group	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County % Change 2015 to 2019
0-2	8.0%	10.7%	10.8%	9.6%	12.0%	11.2%	11.6%	11.3%	11.4%	10.5%	11.2%	10.8%	9.7%	11.5%	11.9%	21.9%
3-5	7.5%	10.2%	11.4%	8.9%	9.4%	9.7%	8.6%	10.4%	11.1%	10.9%	12.2%	12.6%	8.5%	11.3%	12.7%	14.2%
6-8	6.6%	9.0%	9.0%	8.7%	9.8%	10.1%	9.2%	11.6%	11.7%	11.1%	12.3%	12.1%	9.5%	10.9%	11.9%	42.9%
9-11	8.0%	7.7%	7.9%	10.1%	9.1%	9.6%	10.1%	10.8%	10.6%	11.6%	11.9%	11.5%	9.3%	10.2%	10.4%	16.8%
12-14	19.6%	17.1%	16.5%	21.3%	18.8%	18.5%	21.2%	18.4%	17.2%	18.7%	18.3%	17.7%	18.9%	18.8%	18.7%	-3.7%
15-17	44.2%	39.0%	38.2%	38.7%	36.7%	36.4%	35.9%	33.6%	33.4%	35.4%	30.4%	31.2%	42.6%	34.0%	31.1%	-3.7%
18-20	6.1%	6.4%	6.3%	2.6%	4.2%	4.5%	3.2%	3.8%	4.7%	1.8%	3.8%	4.2%	1.5%	3.3%	3.3%	-75.6%
Infants (age 0-1)	5.1%	6.5%	6.5%	6.8%	8.0%	7.4%	7.0%	6.5%	6.6%	6.9%	6.6%	6.4%	5.5%	6.8%	6.9%	7.6%
Youth (age 13+)	66.1%	59.6%	57.9%	58.1%	55.5%	55.3%	54.7%	51.4%	51.1%	51.3%	47.9%	48.6%	58.6%	51.4%	48.7%	-11.2%

### By Race and Ethnicity

Race/Ethnicity	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County % Change 2015 to 2019
Non-Hispanic White	9.9%	17.8%	34.7%	10.0%	23.0%	39.5%	12.6%	24.5%	40.6%	9.1%	23.9%	39.6%	8.6%	24.5%	40.6%	-12.4%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	70.4%	54.0%	40.4%	71.7%	54.9%	40.1%	69.0%	55.3%	39.4%	75.2%	56.1%	40.5%	70.7%	52.9%	37.7%	0.4%
Non-Hispanic Other Race	1.6%	10.8%	7.8%	2.6%	4.4%	3.1%	2.0%	2.0%	1.7%	1.0%	1.7%	1.8%	1.9%	1.7%	1.5%	20.1%
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	2.5%	4.1%	4.9%	1.6%	4.7%	5.8%	2.5%	5.7%	6.3%	2.6%	5.8%	7.1%	3.4%	6.9%	8.6%	34.0%
Hispanic or Latino	15.7%	13.2%	12.2%	14.1%	13.0%	11.6%	13.8%	12.6%	11.9%	12.1%	12.5%	11.1%	15.4%	14.0%	11.5%	-1.6%

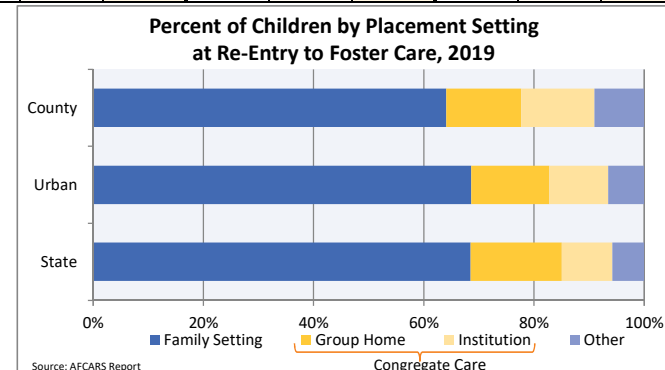
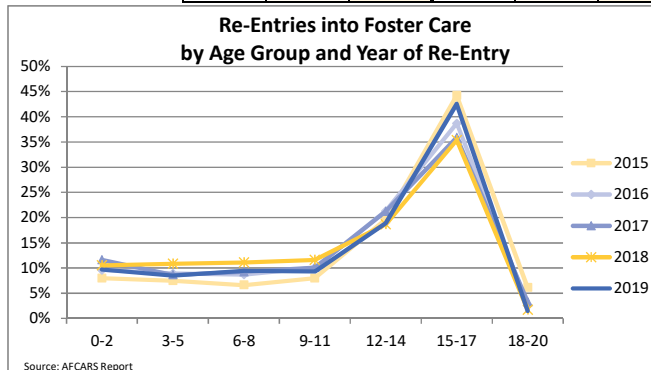
### By Gender

Gender	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County % Change 2015 to 2019
Male	46.4%	49.3%	50.5%	49.6%	48.8%	50.3%	46.9%	46.8%	49.6%	47.6%	48.4%	49.1%	48.2%	49.4%	51.2%	3.9%
Female	53.6%	50.7%	49.5%	50.4%	51.2%	49.7%	53.1%	53.2%	50.4%	52.4%	51.6%	50.9%	51.8%	50.6%	48.8%	-3.4%

### By Placement Setting at Re-Entry

Placement Setting	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County % Change 2015 to 2019
<b>Family Setting</b>	<b>53.4%</b>	<b>57.3%</b>	<b>58.0%</b>	<b>61.4%</b>	<b>62.9%</b>	<b>61.7%</b>	<b>64.0%</b>	<b>65.5%</b>	<b>63.9%</b>	<b>66.8%</b>	<b>68.1%</b>	<b>66.7%</b>	<b>64.1%</b>	<b>68.6%</b>	<b>68.5%</b>	<b>20.0%</b>
Pre-adoptive Home	1.4%	0.9%	0.6%	0.9%	1.1%	0.7%	0.5%	0.9%	0.6%	0.3%	0.7%	0.4%	0.4%	1.0%	0.6%	-71.8%
Foster Family Home – Relative	28.0%	28.7%	24.3%	32.2%	31.1%	26.3%	35.1%	34.7%	30.7%	32.6%	32.7%	28.3%	36.1%	36.5%	32.5%	28.8%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	23.9%	27.7%	33.1%	28.2%	30.7%	34.6%	28.4%	29.9%	32.6%	33.9%	34.8%	37.9%	27.6%	31.1%	35.3%	15.2%
<b>Congregate Care Setting</b>	<b>39.3%</b>	<b>37.0%</b>	<b>37.1%</b>	<b>32.1%</b>	<b>32.0%</b>	<b>34.0%</b>	<b>29.5%</b>	<b>29.4%</b>	<b>31.2%</b>	<b>26.1%</b>	<b>26.0%</b>	<b>28.0%</b>	<b>26.9%</b>	<b>24.9%</b>	<b>25.8%</b>	<b>-31.6%</b>
Group Home	15.6%	19.2%	22.3%	12.4%	15.5%	19.3%	14.0%	15.9%	19.9%	13.9%	14.9%	18.4%	13.6%	14.2%	16.6%	-12.6%
Institution	23.7%	17.8%	14.8%	19.7%	16.5%	14.8%	15.5%	13.5%	11.3%	12.2%	11.1%	9.6%	13.2%	10.7%	9.2%	-44.1%
<b>Supervised Independent Living</b>	<b>1.3%</b>	<b>2.0%</b>	<b>1.7%</b>	<b>0.8%</b>	<b>1.3%</b>	<b>1.3%</b>	<b>0.5%</b>	<b>1.2%</b>	<b>1.8%</b>	<b>0.7%</b>	<b>1.7%</b>	<b>1.8%</b>	<b>0.3%</b>	<b>1.1%</b>	<b>1.6%</b>	<b>-79.7%</b>
Runaway	6.0%	3.4%	2.4%	5.7%	3.5%	2.5%	6.0%	3.5%	2.5%	6.5%	3.8%	2.7%	8.8%	5.1%	3.6%	46.9%
Trial Home Visit	0.0%	0.3%	0.8%	0.0%	0.3%	0.5%	0.0%	0.4%	0.7%	0.0%	0.4%	0.8%	0.0%	0.3%	0.6%	-

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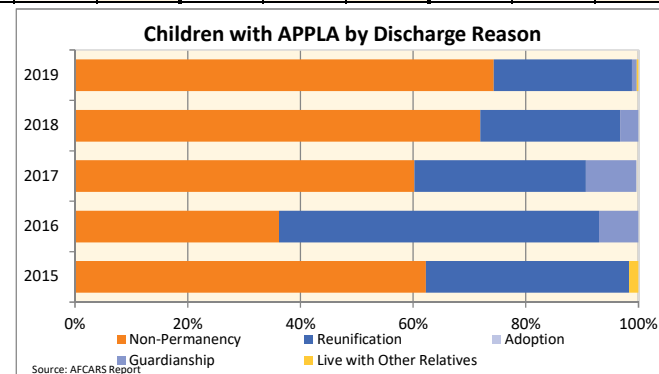
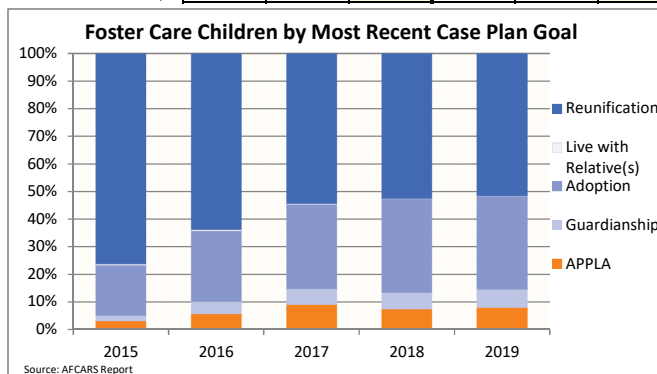
## FOSTER CARE - GOALS

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.

Indicator	2015			2016			2017			2018			2019			County % Change 2015 to 2019
	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	
<b>Percent of Children by Case Plan Goal</b>																
<b>Family-Based Permanency Goals</b>	<b>96.9%</b>	<b>95.6%</b>	<b>95.2%</b>	<b>94.3%</b>	<b>94.6%</b>	<b>95.0%</b>	<b>91.0%</b>	<b>92.5%</b>	<b>94.0%</b>	<b>92.5%</b>	<b>93.9%</b>	<b>95.1%</b>	<b>92.0%</b>	<b>94.5%</b>	<b>95.5%</b>	<b>-5.1%</b>
Reunify With Parent(s) or Principal Caretaker(s)	76.2%	74.8%	73.1%	63.8%	69.1%	69.8%	54.3%	64.4%	66.7%	52.5%	62.9%	65.3%	51.6%	62.3%	63.7%	-32.3%
Adoption	18.1%	16.5%	17.4%	25.5%	19.9%	19.5%	30.6%	22.1%	21.2%	33.8%	24.8%	23.6%	33.7%	24.7%	24.5%	85.7%
Guardianship	2.0%	1.6%	3.0%	4.5%	4.4%	4.3%	5.7%	5.0%	4.8%	6.0%	5.4%	5.1%	6.6%	6.0%	5.9%	224.2%
Live with Relative(s)	0.6%	2.8%	1.7%	0.5%	1.3%	1.5%	0.3%	1.0%	1.3%	0.3%	0.8%	1.2%	0.1%	1.4%	1.5%	-75.6%
<b>Another Planned Permanent Living Arrangement (APPLA)</b>	<b>3.1%</b>	<b>4.4%</b>	<b>4.8%</b>	<b>5.7%</b>	<b>5.4%</b>	<b>5.0%</b>	<b>9.0%</b>	<b>7.5%</b>	<b>6.0%</b>	<b>7.5%</b>	<b>6.1%</b>	<b>4.9%</b>	<b>8.0%</b>	<b>5.5%</b>	<b>4.5%</b>	<b>159.9%</b>
Long Term Foster Care	0.0%	0.5%	1.2%	0.0%	0.4%	1.0%	0.0%	0.3%	0.7%	0.0%	0.3%	0.6%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	-
Emancipation	3.1%	3.9%	3.6%	5.7%	5.0%	4.0%	9.0%	7.2%	5.3%	7.5%	5.9%	4.3%	8.0%	5.5%	4.4%	159.9%

APPLA By Age as % of Age Group Served	2015			2016			2017			2018			2019			County % Change 2015 to 2019
	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	
0-15	0.3%	0.7%	0.4%	0.2%	0.3%	0.2%	2.9%	1.6%	1.0%	2.9%	1.6%	1.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-94.5%
16-20	11.5%	20.5%	19.4%	23.1%	17.1%	21.6%	32.8%	29.6%	25.1%	32.8%	29.6%	25.1%	39.2%	5.5%	23.5%	239.9%

APPLA By Discharge Reason	2015			2016			2017			2018			2019			County % Change 2015 to 2019
	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	
<b>Exit to Permanent Arrangements</b>	<b>37.7%</b>	<b>22.8%</b>	<b>23.0%</b>	<b>63.8%</b>	<b>40.4%</b>	<b>32.1%</b>	<b>39.4%</b>	<b>26.5%</b>	<b>22.7%</b>	<b>28.1%</b>	<b>22.9%</b>	<b>19.5%</b>	<b>25.6%</b>	<b>20.0%</b>	<b>16.4%</b>	<b>-32.0%</b>
Reunification	36.1%	16.6%	17.6%	56.8%	34.7%	27.0%	30.4%	20.5%	17.3%	24.8%	19.7%	16.9%	24.5%	18.7%	15.0%	-32.1%
(number of months until reunification)	35.1	23.3	27.5	30.5	35.8	30.4	10.3	22.4	11.8	16.4	31.9	18.6	18.4	19.7	19.2	-47.5%
Adoption	0.0%	0.4%	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	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	31.2	31.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-
Guardianship	0.0%	1.2%	1.4%	7.0%	5.0%	4.2%	9.0%	5.9%	4.9%	3.2%	2.8%	2.3%	0.9%	1.1%	1.3%	-
(number of month until guardianship)	0.0	34.9	18.0	32.7	41.4	32.0	25.8	18.6	23.6	28.4	25.5	25.6	28.8	32.9	23.8	-
Live with Other Relatives	1.6%	4.6%	3.7%	0.0%	0.7%	0.9%	0.0%	0.2%	0.5%	0.0%	0.4%	0.3%	0.3%	0.2%	0.1%	-82.4%
(number of months until living with relatives)	93.1	47.0	37.1	0.0	37.8	39.8	0.0	17.3	21.4	0.0	32.9	32.9	49.6	49.6	49.6	-46.8%
<b>Exit to Non-Permanent Arrangements</b>	<b>62.3%</b>	<b>77.2%</b>	<b>76.4%</b>	<b>36.2%</b>	<b>59.6%</b>	<b>68.6%</b>	<b>60.3%</b>	<b>73.1%</b>	<b>76.8%</b>	<b>71.9%</b>	<b>77.1%</b>	<b>80.5%</b>	<b>74.4%</b>	<b>79.8%</b>	<b>83.5%</b>	<b>19.4%</b>
Emancipation	47.5%	69.9%	71.7%	25.9%	52.3%	62.2%	41.0%	60.1%	66.7%	58.4%	67.3%	72.1%	60.5%	68.6%	74.3%	27.3%
(number of months until emancipation)	56.2	32.4	34.3	29.4	37.8	30.6	24.1	29.7	26.2	25.0	34.1	27.6	31.1	36.2	30.7	-44.6%
Transfer to Another Agency	8.2%	3.9%	2.7%	8.2%	5.7%	5.0%	18.6%	10.8%	8.2%	9.4%	6.0%	5.3%	12.1%	8.3%	7.1%	47.7%
(number of months until transfer)	44.6	71.2	40.7	20.7	57.5	27.6	3.5	5.5	3.7	13.2	25.0	19.4	14.2	21.6	17.9	-68.1%
Runaway	6.6%	3.5%	2.0%	2.1%	1.6%	1.4%	0.6%	2.2%	1.9%	4.2%	3.8%	3.0%	1.7%	2.8%	2.1%	-73.6%
(number of months until running away)	38.9	28.8	23.4	14.1	6.5	14.1	12.4	32.3	32.0	19.0	56.7	22.4	14.5	23.2	26.9	-62.7%
<b>Death of Child</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>0.3%</b>	<b>0.4%</b>	<b>0.5%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>-</b>
(number of months until death of a child)	0.0	0.0	9.0	0.0	0.0	143.7	23.0	47.1	62.6	23.0	0.0	62.6	0.0	6.0	5.7	-





## 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

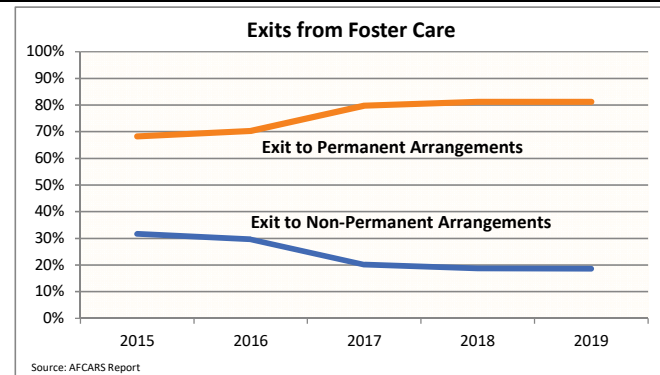
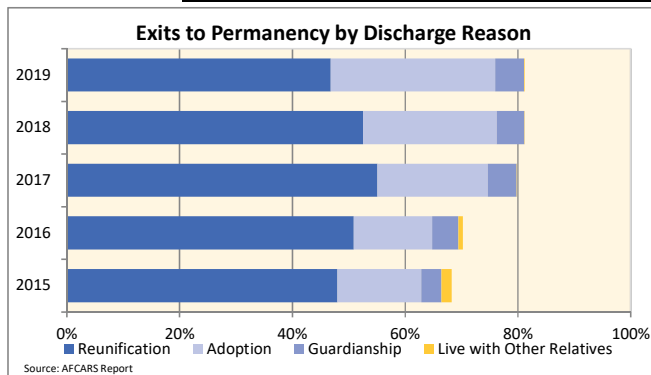
Total Children Leaving Foster Care  
Percent of Children Leaving Foster Care  
(number of months until leaving)

Indicator	2015			2016			2017			2018			2019			County % Change 2015 to 2019
	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	
Total Children Leaving Foster Care	2,283	5,592	9,471	3,315	6,649	10,635	3,068	6,412	10,276	3,197	6,347	10,694	ND	6,577	10,801	-
Percent of Children Leaving Foster Care	32.4%	38.4%	41.2%	41.3%	42.7%	43.3%	37.8%	40.1%	40.5%	40.0%	40.4%	42.0%	43.7%	43.0%	43.8%	34.6%
(number of months until leaving)	13.6	13.2	11.4	14.1	12.8	11.7	14.9	11.7	11.9	16.6	12.8	13.0	21.5	15.2	15.9	58.0%

#### By Discharge Reason

Discharge Reason	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	County % Change 2015 to 2019
<b>Exit to Permanent Arrangements</b>	<b>68.2%</b>	<b>81.0%</b>	<b>87.2%</b>	<b>81.2%</b>	<b>86.6%</b>	<b>18.9%</b>
Reunification	48.0%	52.8%	55.1%	52.5%	46.8%	-2.5%
(number of months until reunification)	8.5	7.4	6.6	9.0	10.4	22.0%
Adoption	14.9%	16.5%	20.2%	23.7%	24.8%	96.1%
(number of months until adoption)	35.5	31.6	29.2	31.8	32.6	8.6%
Guardianship	3.6%	6.9%	6.7%	4.9%	7.3%	41.6%
(number of month until guardianship)	28.8	27.2	20.1	30.8	25.7	21.2%
Live with Other Relatives	1.8%	4.7%	5.1%	0.1%	4.1%	-94.9%
(number of months until living with relatives)	14.0	9.6	2.2	35.3	2.5	237.6%
<b>Exit to Non-Permanent Arrangements</b>	<b>31.7%</b>	<b>18.9%</b>	<b>12.7%</b>	<b>13.7%</b>	<b>13.2%</b>	<b>-41.1%</b>
Emancipation	7.2%	7.8%	7.9%	8.1%	8.6%	22.8%
(number of months until emancipation)	44.5	28.1	22.0	22.0	26.2	-39.3%
Transfer to Another Agency	20.6%	9.0%	4.3%	4.7%	5.1%	-55.9%
(number of months until transfer)	6.8	28.1	6.9	14.6	4.9	-27.7%
Runaway	3.9%	2.1%	0.5%	1.0%	0.7%	-80.9%
(number of months until running away)	19.5	14.1	15.2	22.6	14.1	-55.1%
<b>Death of Child</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>109.8%</b>
(number of months until death of a child)	23.1	10.8	28.6	20.7	12.6	-19.7%

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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

#### Children Remaining in Foster Care

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

Indicator	2015			2016			2017			2018			2019			County % Change 2015 to 2019
	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	
Children in Foster Care on Last Day	5,390	9,950	14,859	5,436	10,036	15,382	5,710	10,525	16,381	5,509	10,320	16,074	ND	9,658	15,082	-
(number of months children have been in care)	13.5	13.7	12.5	15.9	13.6	13.2	16.9	13.7	13.4	17.6	14.1	14.2	18.0	13.6	14.0	33.0%

### By Age

Age Group	2015 County	2015 Urban	2015 State	2016 County	2016 Urban	2016 State	2017 County	2017 Urban	2017 State	2018 County	2018 Urban	2018 State	2019 County	2019 Urban	2019 State	County % Change 2015 to 2019
0-2	18.3%	20.1%	21.0%	18.3%	19.9%	21.3%	19.0%	20.4%	21.5%	18.4%	20.5%	21.0%	18.7%	20.9%	21.6%	1.9%
3-5	17.1%	17.0%	16.7%	17.9%	17.1%	17.0%	17.7%	17.5%	17.5%	17.7%	17.2%	17.5%	16.9%	17.1%	17.7%	-1.5%
6-8	12.7%	13.0%	12.9%	14.3%	13.7%	13.2%	14.1%	13.7%	13.7%	13.8%	13.8%	13.6%	14.1%	14.0%	13.8%	10.4%
9-11	11.6%	10.9%	10.7%	13.4%	12.1%	11.6%	12.9%	12.0%	11.8%	13.3%	12.5%	12.2%	12.9%	12.4%	12.1%	11.8%
12-14	12.0%	11.3%	11.7%	13.5%	12.1%	12.0%	13.5%	12.5%	12.1%	13.8%	12.4%	12.3%	14.3%	13.4%	13.3%	18.9%
15-17	20.5%	20.1%	20.2%	18.8%	19.1%	19.6%	18.4%	18.1%	18.2%	18.8%	18.0%	18.3%	18.8%	17.4%	17.7%	-8.3%
18-20	7.7%	7.8%	6.8%	3.8%	5.9%	5.3%	4.4%	5.8%	5.3%	4.2%	5.6%	5.2%	4.4%	4.8%	3.8%	-43.4%
Infants (age 0-1)	11.4%	13.0%	13.9%	10.9%	12.3%	13.8%	11.6%	13.1%	13.8%	11.3%	13.2%	13.7%	11.6%	13.9%	14.4%	2.4%
Youth (age 13+)	36.6%	35.7%	35.2%	32.2%	33.6%	33.5%	32.0%	32.6%	31.9%	32.2%	32.2%	31.9%	37.4%	35.6%	34.8%	2.3%

### By Race and Ethnicity

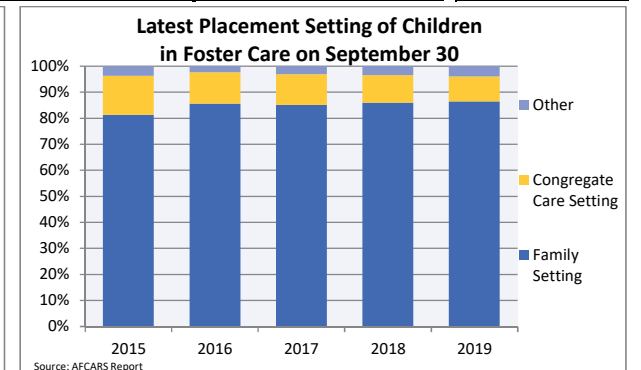
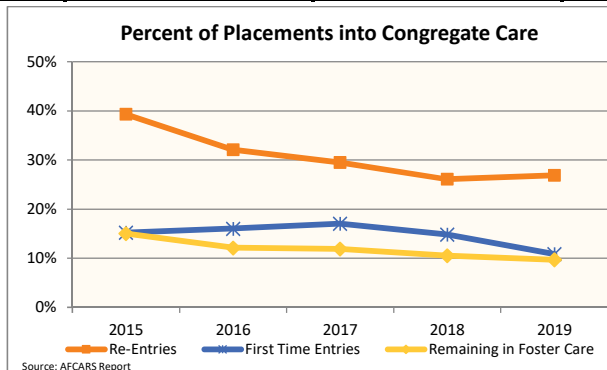
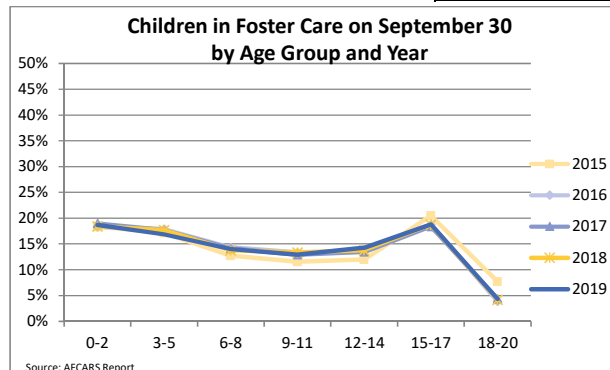
Race/Ethnicity	2015 County	2015 Urban	2015 State	2016 County	2016 Urban	2016 State	2017 County	2017 Urban	2017 State	2018 County	2018 Urban	2018 State	2019 County	2019 Urban	2019 State	County % Change 2015 to 2019
Non-Hispanic White	11.7%	23.5%	37.9%	12.7%	26.7%	41.0%	13.9%	27.5%	42.1%	13.6%	27.2%	42.2%	12.6%	27.7%	42.3%	7.4%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	68.3%	49.4%	36.9%	67.5%	51.3%	37.0%	65.9%	50.2%	35.8%	67.1%	50.1%	35.4%	66.5%	48.6%	34.4%	-2.6%
Non-Hispanic Other Race	1.4%	7.8%	6.0%	2.1%	3.4%	2.9%	2.9%	3.2%	2.7%	1.3%	2.5%	2.3%	1.8%	2.9%	2.6%	33.2%
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	2.3%	3.9%	4.9%	2.5%	4.5%	5.5%	2.7%	5.4%	6.1%	2.7%	6.1%	7.1%	3.1%	6.6%	7.8%	36.8%
Hispanic or Latino	16.3%	15.4%	14.3%	15.1%	14.2%	13.6%	14.5%	13.6%	13.2%	15.3%	14.1%	13.0%	15.9%	14.2%	13.0%	-2.3%

### By Gender

Gender	2015 County	2015 Urban	2015 State	2016 County	2016 Urban	2016 State	2017 County	2017 Urban	2017 State	2018 County	2018 Urban	2018 State	2019 County	2019 Urban	2019 State	County % Change 2015 to 2019
Male	50.8%	50.6%	51.3%	50.5%	50.2%	51.2%	50.5%	50.3%	51.2%	49.0%	50.3%	50.9%	47.5%	49.4%	50.6%	-6.5%
Female	49.2%	49.4%	48.7%	49.5%	49.8%	48.8%	49.5%	49.7%	48.8%	51.0%	49.7%	49.1%	52.5%	50.6%	49.4%	6.7%

### By Latest Placement Setting

Placement Setting	2015 County	2015 Urban	2015 State	2016 County	2016 Urban	2016 State	2017 County	2017 Urban	2017 State	2018 County	2018 Urban	2018 State	2019 County	2019 Urban	2019 State	County % Change 2015 to 2019
<b>Family Setting</b>	<b>81.3%</b>	<b>81.2%</b>	<b>80.6%</b>	<b>85.6%</b>	<b>83.5%</b>	<b>82.5%</b>	<b>85.1%</b>	<b>84.6%</b>	<b>83.4%</b>	<b>86.0%</b>	<b>85.1%</b>	<b>84.0%</b>	<b>86.4%</b>	<b>86.3%</b>	<b>85.1%</b>	<b>6.3%</b>
Pre-adoptive Home	6.7%	4.2%	3.2%	8.8%	7.5%	5.3%	6.0%	6.0%	4.1%	3.8%	5.7%	4.0%	1.3%	4.6%	3.2%	-80.2%
Foster Family Home – Relative	36.8%	36.7%	32.8%	42.1%	38.9%	35.1%	42.7%	41.6%	37.9%	44.6%	42.1%	37.8%	47.1%	44.6%	39.4%	27.8%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	37.7%	40.4%	44.5%	34.6%	37.1%	42.1%	36.5%	36.9%	41.4%	37.5%	37.2%	42.2%	38.0%	37.1%	42.5%	0.8%
<b>Congregate Care Setting</b>	<b>15.0%</b>	<b>15.2%</b>	<b>16.0%</b>	<b>12.1%</b>	<b>13.8%</b>	<b>14.7%</b>	<b>11.9%</b>	<b>12.6%</b>	<b>13.7%</b>	<b>10.6%</b>	<b>11.8%</b>	<b>13.2%</b>	<b>9.7%</b>	<b>10.4%</b>	<b>11.9%</b>	<b>-35.6%</b>
Group Home	6.2%	7.6%	9.0%	5.3%	6.8%	8.4%	5.7%	6.6%	8.2%	5.2%	6.3%	7.9%	5.0%	5.5%	7.0%	-18.8%
Institution	8.8%	7.6%	7.0%	6.9%	6.9%	6.3%	6.2%	6.0%	5.5%	5.4%	5.5%	5.3%	4.6%	4.8%	4.9%	-47.4%
<b>Supervised Independent Living</b>	<b>1.0%</b>	<b>1.5%</b>	<b>1.4%</b>	<b>0.7%</b>	<b>1.6%</b>	<b>1.3%</b>	<b>1.0%</b>	<b>1.6%</b>	<b>1.5%</b>	<b>1.2%</b>	<b>1.6%</b>	<b>1.5%</b>	<b>1.2%</b>	<b>1.5%</b>	<b>1.3%</b>	<b>17.5%</b>
Runaway	2.6%	1.5%	1.1%	1.6%	1.0%	0.7%	2.0%	1.2%	0.8%	2.3%	1.3%	0.9%	2.7%	1.7%	1.2%	2.5%
Trial Home Visit	0.0%	0.5%	1.0%	0.0%	0.3%	0.7%	0.0%	0.1%	0.6%	0.0%	0.1%	0.4%	0.0%	0.2%	0.5%	-



## 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.

2015			2016			2017			2018			2019			County % Change 2015 to 2019
County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	
33.9%	32.0%	32.8%	39.5%	35.5%	33.6%	37.3%	33.5%	32.2%	37.2%	31.8%	31.2%	36.0%	31.2%	31.1%	6.3%

## 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.

2015			2016			2017			2018			2019			County % Change 2015 to 2019
County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	
25.3%	35.9%	39.0%	21.5%	32.1%	36.0%	30.8%	37.7%	39.2%	34.4%	37.6%	37.4%	32.9%	37.3%	38.7%	29.7%

## 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.

2015			2016			2017			2018			2019			County % Change 2015 to 2019
County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	
40.2%	26.6%	24.1%	51.5%	28.5%	24.8%	40.6%	25.7%	23.0%	33.9%	22.9%	21.4%	35.3%	25.6%	22.3%	-12.4%

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