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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<tr>
<th>Indicator</th>
<th>2016</th>
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<tr>
<td>Child Abuse and Neglect Reports</td>
<td>395 4,671 44,359</td>
<td>362 4,692 47,485</td>
<td>293 4,454 44,063</td>
<td>304 4,403 42,252</td>
<td>225 3,705 32,919</td>
<td>-43.0%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Child Abuse and Neglect Substantiations</td>
<td>15.2% 13.2% 10.4% 12.7% 10.2%</td>
<td>12.6% 14.1% 11.6% 12.0% 10.2%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Repeated Child Abuse and Neglect</td>
<td>15.0% 6.7% 5.7% 8.7% 5.9% 5.6% 13.5% 7.8% 5.2% 2.9% 8.7% 5.7% 11.4% 6.8% 6.2%</td>
<td>1 in 7 1 in 15 1 in 18 1 in 12 1 in 17 1 in 18 1 in 7 1 in 13 1 in 19 1 in 34 1 in 11 1 in 18 1 in 9 1 in 15 1 in 16</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>GPS Reports</td>
<td>1,648 16,395 151,087</td>
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<td>2,137 18,611 169,723</td>
<td>2,285 19,862 178,124</td>
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<td>Valid GPS Reports</td>
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<td>165 5,807 43,702 414 6,857 53,319 382 7,480 58,982 463 8,601 60,755 315 8,259 56,999</td>
<td>37.1%</td>
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<td>Children with Valid Allegations</td>
<td>1,030 24,517 190,413 1,675 28,231 186,855 2,015 28,544 194,761 1,002 24,606 187,280 1,482 25,330 &gt;181,435</td>
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## State of Child Welfare 2021

### Bradford (Rural)

**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

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**By Age**

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**Infants (age 0-1)**

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**By Race and Ethnicity**

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<td>Non-Hispanic White</td>
<td>89.0%</td>
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<td>42.5%</td>
<td>86.0%</td>
<td>86.6%</td>
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<td>Hispanic or Latino</td>
<td>3.1%</td>
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**By Gender**

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<tbody>
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<td>Male</td>
<td>61.0%</td>
<td>53.4%</td>
<td>51.2%</td>
<td>57.0%</td>
<td>52.2%</td>
<td>51.0%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Female</td>
<td>39.0%</td>
<td>46.6%</td>
<td>48.8%</td>
<td>43.0%</td>
<td>47.8%</td>
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**By Latest Placement Setting**

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<td>Family Setting &gt;56.1%</td>
<td>75.6%</td>
<td>79.9%</td>
<td>&gt;53.8%</td>
<td>77.4%</td>
<td>80.5%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Pre-adoptive Home S</td>
<td>3.4%</td>
<td>4.5%</td>
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<td>0.0%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Foster Family Home – Relative</td>
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<td>28.8%</td>
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<td>Foster Family Home – Non-Relative</td>
<td>42.7%</td>
<td>43.4%</td>
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<td>40.1%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Congregate Care Setting 19.5%</td>
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<td>15.8%</td>
<td>&gt;16.1%</td>
<td>18.4%</td>
<td>14.3%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Group Home</td>
<td>S</td>
<td>14.5%</td>
<td>9.1%</td>
<td>14.7%</td>
<td>8.8%</td>
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<td>Institution</td>
<td>S</td>
<td>4.0%</td>
<td>6.8%</td>
<td>16.1%</td>
<td>3.7%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Supervised Independent Living</td>
<td>S</td>
<td>0.8%</td>
<td>1.6%</td>
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<td>0.7%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Runaway</td>
<td>0.0%</td>
<td>0.2%</td>
<td>1.4%</td>
<td>0.0%</td>
<td>0.1%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Trial Home Visit 18.3%</td>
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<td>19.4%</td>
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### Children Entering Foster Care

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<th>All Entries into Foster Care During the Year</th>
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<td>36</td>
<td>945</td>
<td>10,567</td>
<td>53</td>
<td>987</td>
<td>10,781</td>
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<tr>
<td>962</td>
<td>51</td>
<td>10,095</td>
<td>61</td>
<td>834</td>
<td>7,286</td>
<td>69.4%</td>
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**Notes:**

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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.

Children Entering the First Time

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<th>First Time Entries During the Year (Rate per 1,000 children age 0-20)</th>
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<td>Rural</td>
<td>State</td>
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<tr>
<td>0-2</td>
<td>29</td>
<td>721</td>
<td>8,082</td>
<td>39</td>
<td>799</td>
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<td>3-5</td>
<td>1.8</td>
<td>2.7</td>
<td>2.4</td>
<td>2.4</td>
<td>3.0</td>
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<td>6-8</td>
<td>13.9%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Infants (age 0-1)</td>
<td>23.6%</td>
<td>26.3%</td>
<td>S 23.0%</td>
<td>26.5%</td>
<td>28.9%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Youth (age 13+)</td>
<td>48.3%</td>
<td>26.8%</td>
<td>26.6%</td>
<td>33.3%</td>
<td>30.0%</td>
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By Race and Ethnicity

| Non-Hispanic White | 89.7% | 89.5% | 49.4% | 76.9% | 87.1% | 47.6% | 80.0% | 87.6% | 48.3% | 95.5% | 88.3% | 47.6% | 90.2% | 86.2% | 49.7% |
| Non-Hispanic Black or African American | 2.5% | 28.6% | S 3.9% | 29.7% | S 4.0% | 29.3% | 1.5% | 1.9% | 28.4% | S 3.0% | 25.2% | -    |
| Non-Hispanic Other Race | 0.0% | 0.8% | 4.1% | S 1.3% | 3.4% | S 1.5% | 2.7% | 1.5% | 3.7% | S 3.5% | 5.3% | -    |
| Non-Hispanic Two or More Races | 4.0% | 5.4% | 0.0% | 4.1% | 3.4% | S 1.5% | 2.7% | 1.5% | 3.7% | S 3.5% | 5.3% | -    |
| Hispanic or Latino | 3.2% | 12.6% | S 3.6% | 13.0% | S 3.5% | 12.0% | 1.5% | 4.1% | 12.6% | S 1.8% | 11.6% | -    |

By Gender

| Male | 55.2% | 53.5% | 50.8% | 43.6% | 49.8% | 51.0% | 51.1% | 50.5% | 50.7% | 48.5% | 50.6% | 50.8% | 49.0% | 51.6% | 50.5% |
| Female | 44.8% | 46.5% | 49.2% | 56.4% | 50.2% | 49.0% | 48.9% | 49.5% | 49.3% | 51.5% | 49.4% | 49.2% | 51.0% | 48.4% | 49.5% |

By First Reported Placement Setting

| Family Setting | >55.2% | 82.3% | 82.3% | >46.2% | >81.4% | 83.6% | >82.1% | >79.9% | 83.8% | 75.8% | >84.3% | 85.7% | 78.4% | 85.9% | >87.5% |
| Pre-adoptive Home | 0.0% | 0.2% | 0.2% | 0.0% | 0.3% | S 0.2% | 0.0% | S 0.2% | 0.0% | S 0.4% | 0.0% | S 0.0% | 0.0% | S 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Foster Family Home – Relative | 37.5% | 37.5% | S 33.9% | 39.1% | >28.8% | 34.7% | 39.5% | 19.7% | 39.8% | 41.6% | 23.5% | 39.5% | 44.9% | S 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Foster Family Home – Non-Relative | 55.2% | 44.6% | 44.6% | 46.2% | 48.1% | 44.2% | 53.3% | 45.3% | 43.7% | 56.1% | 44.5% | 43.7% | 54.9% | 46.3% | 43.1% |
| Congregate Care Setting | 27.6% | 15.9% | 15.9% | 14.5% | 17.5% | 15.0% | >0.0% | 15.8% | 14.3% | 18.2% | 14.3% | 12.7% | >9.7% | 12.3% | 10.6% |
| Group Home | 9.7% | 9.7% | S 15.1% | 9.1% | 0.0% | 13.7% | 9.4% | 7.6% | 11.2% | 8.5% | S 9.0% | 7.2% | -    | -    |
| Institution | 6.2% | 6.2% | S 2.4% | 5.9% | S 4.8% | 4.9% | 10.6% | 3.2% | 4.2% | S 3.3% | 3.4% | -    | -    |
| Supervised Independent Living | 0.0% | 0.2% | 0.2% | 0.0% | 0.2% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.2% | 0.2% | S 0.2% | 0.0% | S 0.0% | 0.0% | S 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Runaway | 0.0% | 0.6% | 0.6% | 0.0% | 0.5% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.7% | 0.0% | S 0.8% | 0.0% | S 0.0% | 0.0% | S 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Trial Home Visit | 1.0% | 1.0% | S 0.8% | 0.0% | <1.6% | 1.1% | 4.5% | S 0.6% | S 0.0% | S <1.8% | 0.9% | -    | -    |

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

Children Entering Foster Care

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<td>74%</td>
<td>88%</td>
<td>78%</td>
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<td>First Time Entries (including percent)</td>
<td>0%</td>
<td>20%</td>
<td>40%</td>
<td>60%</td>
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Pennsylvania Partnerships for Children 2021 (October 2021)
### State of Child Welfare 2021
#### Bradford (Rural)

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**

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<td>S</td>
<td>14</td>
<td>188</td>
</tr>
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<td>2018</td>
<td>S</td>
<td>209</td>
<td>2,469</td>
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<td>220</td>
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<td>2020</td>
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**Re-Entries as Percent of All Entries**

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### Percent of Children by Placement Setting at Re-Entry to Foster Care, 2020

![Diagram showing percent of children by placement setting at re-entry to foster care, 2020](image-url)

**Source:** AFCARS Report

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PA Partnerships for Children 2021 (October 2021)
### 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.

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### APPLA by Discharge Reason

**Exit to Permanent Arrangements**

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**Exit to Non-Permanent Arrangements**

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

- **Reunification**
- **Adoption**
- **Guardianship**
- **Live with Relative(s)**
- **APPLA**

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### Children with APPLA by Discharge Reason

- **Reunification**
- ** Adoption**
- **Guardianship**
- **Live with Relative(s)**
- **Non-Permanent**

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**Source:** AFCARS Report

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**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 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 County % Change 2016 to 2020

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<th>Total Children Leaving Foster Care</th>
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| (number of months until leaving) | 17.9 | 12.1 | 11.7 | 5.7 | 8.2 | 11.9 | 6.0 | 10.6 | 13.0 | 9.8 | 11.1 | 15.9 | 10.1 | 11.4 | 15.4 | 38.1% |

### By Discharge Reason

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**State of Child Welfare 2021 Bradford (Rural)**

**Exits to Permanency by Discharge Reason**

**Exits from Foster Care**

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[Image sources: papartnerships.org, Pennsylvania Partnerships for Children 2021 (October 2021)]
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.

### Indicators

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<td>Male</td>
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### 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.

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**ND** = PA DHS did not provide data

### 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.

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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.

**Indicator**
- **Failed 1-Year Reunification (Re-entry)**
  - Children who re-entered foster care in fewer than 12 months following reunification with parents or relatives.

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**S** = rate suppressed due to count less than 11 persons

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