

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)

	2016			2017			2018			2019			2020			County % Change 2016 to 2020
	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	
	120	4,671	44,359	124	4,692	47,485	131	4,454	44,063	116	4,403	42,252	139	3,705	32,919	15.8%
	18.0	22.0	15.9	18.6	22.1	17.0	19.7	21.0	15.8	17.4	20.7	15.1	20.9	17.4	11.8	

Child Abuse and Neglect Substantiations

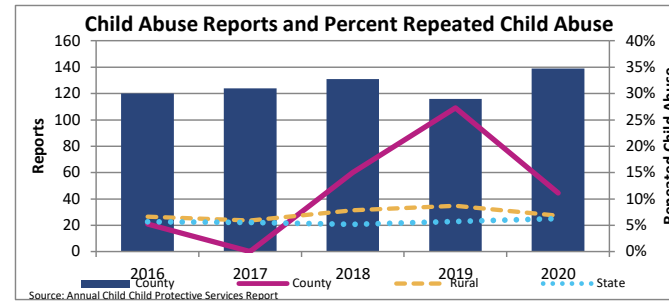
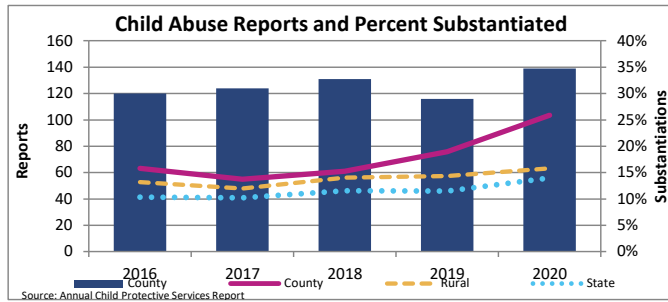
Founded or indicated reports of child abuse and/or neglect.

	15.8%	13.2%	10.4%	13.7%	12.0%	10.2%	15.3%	14.1%	11.6%	19.0%	14.3%	11.5%	25.9%	15.8%	14.0%	63.6%
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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.)

	5.3%	6.7%	5.7%	0.0%	5.9%	5.6%	15.0%	7.8%	5.2%	27.3%	8.7%	5.7%	11.1%	6.8%	6.2%	111.1%
	1 in 19	1 in 15	1 in 18	0	1 in 17	1 in 18	1 in 7	1 in 13	1 in 19	1 in 4	1 in 11	1 in 18	1 in 9	1 in 15	1 in 16	



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.

	2016			2017			2018			2019			2020			County % Change 2016 to 2020
	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	
	309	16,395	151,087	345	17,303	163,852	452	18,611	169,723	477	19,862	178,124	450	17,537	152,478	45.6%

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.

	8.7%	25.6%	20.9%	10.7%	27.2%	22.8%	10.4%	27.3%	23.6%	11.3%	29.2%	23.5%	14.7%	31.6%	25.6%	67.9%
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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.

	37	5,807	43,702	47	6,857	53,319	67	7,480	58,982	92	8,601	60,755	89	8,259	56,999	140.5%
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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.

	2016			2017			2018			2019			2020			County % Change 2016 to 2020
	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	
	1,413	24,517	190,413	1,375	28,231	186,855	1,443	28,544	194,761	1,658	24,606	187,280	1,807	25,330	>181,435	27.9%

State of Child Welfare 2021

Elk (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 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)

County	2016			2017			2018			2019			2020			County % Change 2016 to 2020
	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	
Elk	25	1,695	24,543	24	1,812	25,381	24	1,973	25,441	NA	2,074	24,665	29	1,918	21,689	16.0%
	3.3	6.5	7.3	3.2	6.9	7.5	3.2	7.5	7.5	2.8	7.9	7.3	3.9	7.3	6.4	

By Age

Age Group	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County % Change 2016 to 2020
0-2	S	22.0%	20.2%	S	20.7%	20.3%	S	20.1%	20.2%	4.8%	19.8%	20.2%	S	20.6%	20.9%	-
3-5	S	16.1%	17.0%	S	16.4%	17.4%	S	16.1%	17.9%	33.3%	16.8%	17.8%	S	17.3%	17.8%	-
6-8	S	12.4%	13.0%	S	11.9%	13.3%	S	12.7%	13.4%	4.8%	13.1%	13.8%	S	14.1%	13.5%	-
9-11	S	11.2%	11.0%	S	11.9%	11.4%	0.0%	11.4%	11.8%	4.8%	12.3%	11.7%	S	12.3%	11.7%	-
12-14	S	11.3%	11.2%	S	12.9%	11.6%	S	13.5%	11.8%	14.3%	13.5%	12.3%	S	13.7%	12.6%	-
15-17	S	22.7%	19.6%	S	20.6%	18.6%	S	22.0%	18.7%	28.6%	20.9%	18.5%	S	19.1%	17.9%	-
18-20	S	4.4%	7.9%	S	5.6%	7.4%	S	4.2%	6.3%	9.5%	3.6%	5.6%	S	3.0%	5.6%	-
Infants (age 0-1)	S	14.9%	12.8%	S	13.5%	12.7%	S	12.9%	12.7%	4.8%	13.0%	12.9%	S	12.7%	13.2%	-
Youth (age 13+)	S	34.8%	35.5%	45.8%	34.8%	34.0%	S	35.3%	33.1%	42.9%	34.4%	32.6%	S	31.9%	32.3%	-

By Race and Ethnicity

Race/Ethnicity	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County % Change 2016 to 2020
Non-Hispanic White	100.0%	88.0%	42.5%	100.0%	86.6%	42.9%	<91.8%	87.1%	43.7%	100.0%	88.5%	43.7%	100.0%	88.0%	44.2%	0.0%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	0.0%	3.1%	35.3%	0.0%	3.5%	34.9%	S	3.8%	33.9%	0.0%	2.5%	33.0%	0.0%	3.1%	32.0%	-
Non-Hispanic Other Race	0.0%	0.9%	3.3%	0.0%	1.2%	2.9%	0.0%	1.5%	2.3%	0.0%	1.4%	2.6%	0.0%	1.9%	3.6%	-
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	0.0%	4.9%	5.4%	0.0%	4.9%	6.2%	0.0%	4.1%	7.1%	0.0%	4.0%	7.7%	0.0%	4.3%	8.0%	-
Hispanic or Latino	0.0%	3.1%	13.4%	0.0%	3.8%	13.2%	0.0%	3.6%	13.0%	0.0%	3.6%	12.9%	0.0%	2.7%	12.3%	-

By Gender

Gender	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County % Change 2016 to 2020
Male	56.0%	53.4%	51.2%	>66.6%	52.2%	51.0%	>70.7%	52.2%	50.8%	66.7%	52.4%	50.8%	62.1%	52.1%	50.6%	10.8%
Female	44.0%	46.6%	48.8%	S	47.8%	49.0%	S	47.8%	49.2%	33.3%	47.6%	49.2%	37.9%	47.9%	49.4%	-13.8%

By Latest Placement Setting

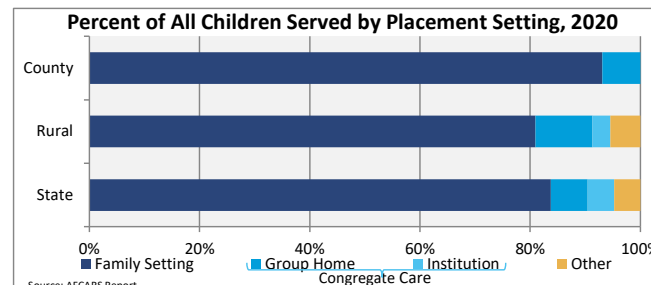
Placement Setting	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County % Change 2016 to 2020
Family Setting	>44.0%	75.6%	79.0%	>66.7%	77.4%	80.5%	>66.7%	78.7%	81.6%	81.0%	79.8%	82.7%	>93.0%	81.0%	83.8%	-
Pre-adoptive Home	0.0%	3.4%	4.5%	0.0%	2.3%	4.0%	0.0%	3.2%	4.5%	0.0%	2.7%	3.8%	0.0%	2.7%	2.9%	-
Foster Family Home – Relative	S	28.8%	34.1%	S	30.0%	36.4%	S	29.9%	37.1%	33.3%	32.4%	38.7%	>37.8%	33.5%	40.8%	-
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	44.0%	43.4%	40.5%	66.7%	45.0%	40.1%	66.7%	45.6%	40.1%	47.6%	44.6%	40.3%	55.2%	44.8%	40.1%	25.4%
Congregate Care Setting	>19.9%	18.4%	15.8%	>16.6%	18.4%	14.9%	>0.0%	18.6%	14.0%	19.0%	15.9%	12.7%	>0.0%	13.6%	11.5%	-
Group Home	S	14.5%	9.1%	S	14.7%	8.8%	S	13.4%	8.5%	9.5%	11.5%	7.7%	S	10.3%	6.7%	-
Institution	S	4.0%	6.8%	S	3.7%	6.1%	0.0%	5.2%	5.6%	9.5%	4.3%	5.0%	0.0%	3.3%	4.8%	-
Supervised Independent Living	0.0%	0.8%	1.6%	0.0%	0.7%	1.5%	0.0%	0.5%	1.5%	0.0%	0.5%	1.6%	0.0%	0.5%	1.3%	-
Runaway	0.0%	0.2%	1.4%	0.0%	0.1%	1.4%	0.0%	0.1%	1.4%	0.0%	0.2%	1.4%	0.0%	0.1%	1.9%	-
Trial Home Visit	0.0%	5.0%	2.2%	0.0%	3.4%	1.7%	0.0%	2.2%	1.4%	0.0%	3.6%	1.5%	0.0%	4.9%	1.6%	-

Children Entering Foster Care

All Entries into Foster Care During the Year

County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County % Change 2016 to 2020	
Elk	11	945	10,567	S	987	10,781	S	962	10,095	NA	1,009	9,448	17	834	7,286	54.5%

NA = Data not currently available
S = rate suppressed due to count less than 11 persons



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	2016			2017			2018			2019			2020			County % Change 2016 to 2020
	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	
Children Entering for the First Time	S	721	8,082	S	799	8,438	S	753	7,626	NA	789	7,266	16	665	5,540	-
First Time Entries During the Year (Rate per 1,000 children age 0-20)	S	2.7	2.4	S	3.0	2.5	S	2.9	2.3	0.8	3.0	2.2	2.1	2.5	1.6	-
First Time Entries as Percent of All Entries	S	76.3%	76.5%	S	81.0%	78.3%	S	78.3%	75.5%	85.7%	78.2%	76.9%	94.1%	79.7%	76.0%	-

By Age

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

Age Group	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	% Change
0-2	29.5%	29.8%	29.9%	31.6%	29.6%	-
3-5	15.4%	14.6%	14.3%	16.5%	15.9%	-
6-8	13.9%	11.1%	11.6%	12.3%	13.4%	-
9-11	11.2%	10.8%	9.3%	10.8%	11.1%	-
12-14	11.5%	14.6%	16.2%	13.7%	16.2%	-
15-20	18.4%	16.5%	18.7%	15.2%	13.7%	-
Infants (age 0-1)	23.6%	23.0%	22.3%	25.7%	22.3%	-
Youth (age 13+)	26.8%	30.0%	30.7%	20.7%	25.6%	-

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	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	% Change
Non-Hispanic White	89.5%	87.1%	87.6%	88.3%	86.2%	-
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	0.0%	3.9%	4.0%	1.9%	3.0%	-
Non-Hispanic Other Race	0.0%	1.3%	1.5%	1.5%	3.5%	-
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	0.0%	4.1%	3.5%	4.2%	5.6%	-
Hispanic or Latino	0.0%	3.6%	3.5%	4.1%	1.8%	-

By Gender

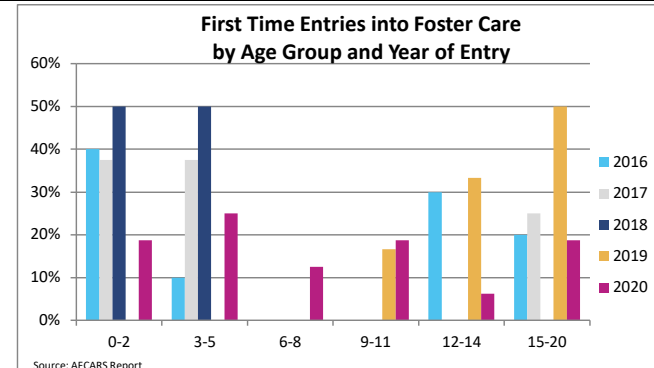
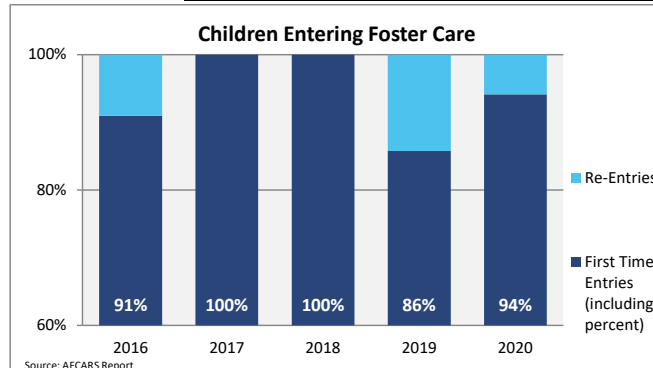
Male
Female

Gender	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	% Change
Male	53.5%	49.8%	50.5%	50.6%	51.6%	-
Female	46.5%	50.2%	49.5%	49.4%	48.4%	-

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	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	% Change
Family Setting	>79.9%	>81.4%	>79.9%	>84.3%	>87.5%	<9.5%
Pre-adoptive Home	0.0%	S	S	S	S	-
Foster Family Home – Relative	37.5%	33.3%	34.7%	39.8%	39.5%	-
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	44.6%	48.1%	45.3%	44.5%	43.1%	-
Congregate Care Setting	>0.0%	17.5%	14.3%	14.3%	12.3%	-
Group Home	9.7%	15.1%	13.7%	11.2%	9.0%	-
Institution	0.0%	2.4%	4.8%	3.2%	3.3%	-
Supervised Independent Living	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	S	S	-
Runaway	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	S	0.0%	-
Trial Home Visit	0.0%	S	<1.6%	S	0.9%	-



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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	2016			2017			2018			2019			2020			County % Change 2016 to 2020
	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State		
S	224	2,485	0	188	2,343	0	209	2,469	NA	220	2,182	S	169	1,746	-	
S	23.7%	23.5%	0.0%	19.0%	21.7%	0.0%	21.7%	24.5%	14.3%	21.8%	23.1%	S	20.3%	24.0%	-	

By Age

Age Group	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County % Change 2016 to 2020
0-2	0.0%	9.4%	11.2%	0.0%	11.7%	11.4%	0.0%	10.5%	10.8%	0.0%	11.4%	11.9%	0.0%	14.8%	10.5%	-
3-5	0.0%	11.2%	9.7%	0.0%	12.8%	11.1%	0.0%	17.2%	12.6%	0.0%	12.7%	12.7%	0.0%	17.2%	10.9%	-
6-8	0.0%	10.3%	10.1%	0.0%	9.0%	11.7%	0.0%	12.4%	12.1%	0.0%	14.1%	11.9%	0.0%	10.1%	11.0%	-
9-11	0.0%	12.1%	9.6%	0.0%	12.2%	10.6%	0.0%	9.6%	11.5%	0.0%	13.2%	10.4%	0.0%	8.9%	12.0%	-
12-14	0.0%	15.2%	18.5%	0.0%	18.6%	17.2%	0.0%	12.0%	17.7%	0.0%	20.9%	18.7%	S	21.9%	17.7%	-
15-20	S	42.0%	40.9%	0.0%	35.6%	38.2%	0.0%	38.3%	35.4%	100.0%	27.7%	34.4%	0.0%	27.2%	37.9%	-
Infants (age 0-1)	0.0%	6.3%	7.4%	0.0%	6.9%	6.6%	0.0%	7.7%	6.4%	0.0%	4.5%	6.9%	0.0%	10.7%	7.3%	-
Youth (age 13+)	S	55.4%	55.3%	0.0%	47.9%	51.1%	0.0%	47.8%	48.6%	100.0%	45.5%	48.7%	S	45.0%	51.1%	-

By Race and Ethnicity

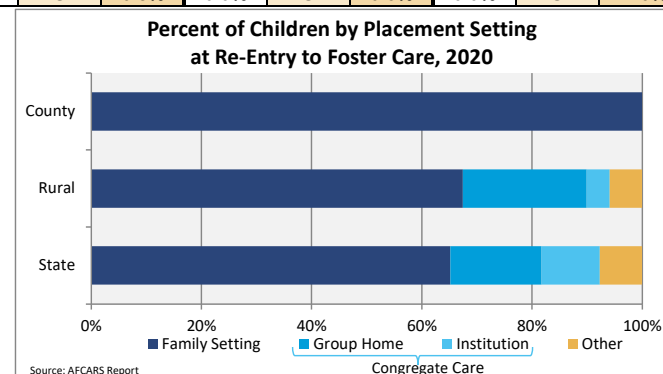
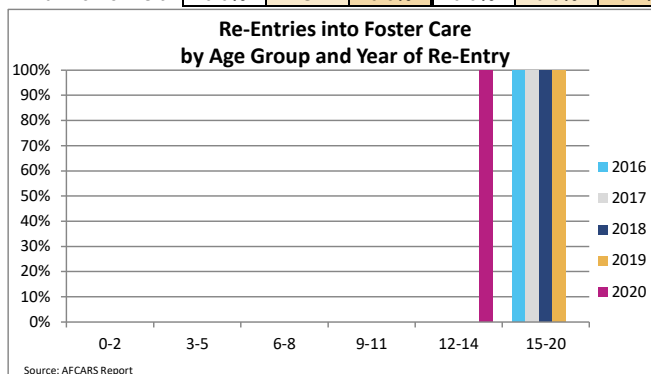
Race/Ethnicity	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County % Change 2016 to 2020
Non-Hispanic White	S	87.5%	39.5%	0.0%	91.5%	40.6%	0.0%	89.0%	39.6%	100.0%	87.7%	40.6%	S	88.2%	39.1%	-
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	0.0%	4.0%	40.1%	0.0%	1.6%	39.4%	0.0%	3.8%	40.5%	0.0%	3.2%	37.7%	0.0%	4.1%	38.8%	-
Non-Hispanic Other Race	0.0%	0.9%	3.1%	0.0%	0.0%	1.7%	0.0%	2.4%	1.8%	0.0%	0.0%	1.5%	0.0%	2.4%	3.4%	-
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	0.0%	4.9%	5.8%	0.0%	4.3%	6.3%	0.0%	2.9%	7.1%	0.0%	4.5%	8.6%	0.0%	2.4%	6.8%	-
Hispanic or Latino	0.0%	2.7%	11.6%	0.0%	2.7%	11.9%	0.0%	1.9%	11.1%	0.0%	4.5%	11.5%	0.0%	3.0%	12.0%	-

By Gender

Gender	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County % Change 2016 to 2020
Male	S	57.6%	50.3%	0.0%	56.4%	49.6%	0.0%	54.5%	49.1%	0.0%	56.8%	51.2%	S	54.4%	49.0%	-
Female	S	42.4%	49.7%	0.0%	43.6%	50.4%	0.0%	45.5%	50.9%	100.0%	43.2%	48.8%	S	45.6%	51.0%	-

By Placement Setting at Re-Entry

Placement Setting	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County % Change 2016 to 2020
Family Setting	0.0%	58.5%	61.7%	0.0%	62.8%	63.9%	0.0%	65.1%	66.7%	0.0%	69.1%	68.5%	>0.0%	67.5%	>65.0%	-
Pre-adoptive Home	0.0%	0.0%	0.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.6%	0.0%	0.0%	S	-
Foster Family Home – Relative	0.0%	17.9%	26.3%	0.0%	25.0%	30.7%	0.0%	22.5%	28.3%	0.0%	29.1%	32.5%	0.0%	28.4%	34.8%	-
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	0.0%	40.6%	34.6%	0.0%	37.8%	32.6%	0.0%	42.6%	37.9%	0.0%	40.0%	35.3%	S	39.1%	30.1%	-
Congregate Care Setting	>0.0%	39.3%	34.0%	0.0%	>36.6%	31.2%	0.0%	30.1%	28.0%	100.0%	28.2%	25.8%	0.0%	>22.5%	27.1%	-100.0%
Group Home	S	25.9%	19.3%	0.0%	30.3%	19.9%	0.0%	24.4%	18.4%	100.0%	22.3%	16.6%	0.0%	22.5%	16.5%	-
Institution	0.0%	13.4%	14.8%	0.0%	>6.3%	11.3%	0.0%	5.7%	9.6%	0.0%	5.9%	9.2%	0.0%	S	10.6%	-
Supervised Independent Living	0.0%	S	1.3%	0.0%	S	1.8%	0.0%	S	1.8%	0.0%	S	1.6%	0.0%	S	1.4%	-
Runaway	0.0%	0.0%	2.5%	0.0%	0.0%	2.5%	0.0%	S	2.7%	0.0%	0.0%	3.6%	0.0%	0.0%	5.4%	-
Trial Home Visit	0.0%	S	0.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.7%	0.0%	S	0.8%	0.0%	S	0.6%	0.0%	S	<1.0%	-



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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

Percent of Children by Case Plan Goal

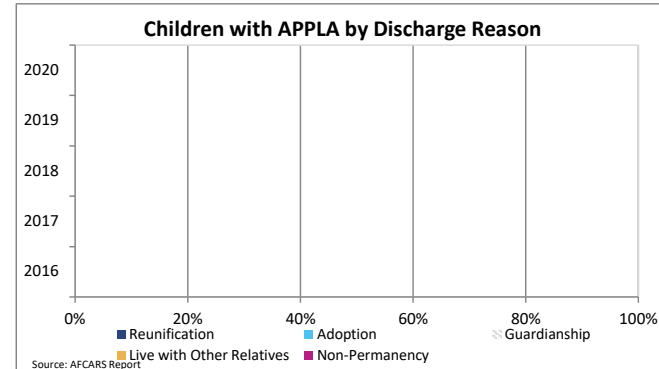
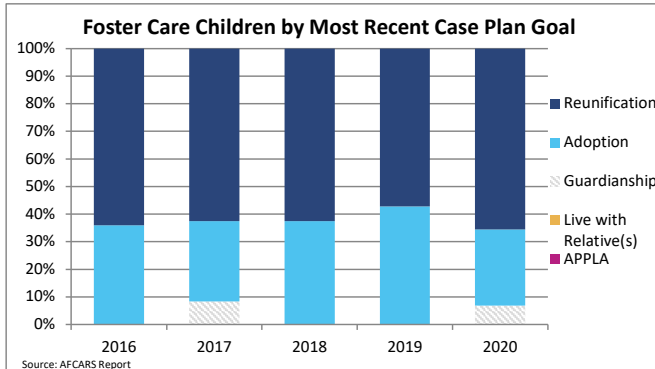
Indicator	2016			2017			2018			2019			2020			County % Change 2016 to 2020
	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	
Family-Based Permanency Goals	>64.0%	97.7%	95.0%	100.0%	98.0%	94.0%	>62.5%	98.2%	95.1%	100.0%	98.3%	95.5%	100.0%	99.0%	96.4%	<56.3%
Reunify With Parent(s) or Principal Caretaker(s)	64.0%	72.6%	69.8%	62.5%	72.3%	66.7%	62.5%	71.6%	65.3%	57.1%	70.4%	63.7%	65.5%	70.6%	65.8%	2.4%
Adoption	S	18.3%	19.5%	S	19.5%	21.2%	S	20.2%	23.6%	42.9%	20.9%	24.5%	S	22.2%	23.7%	-
Guardianship	0.0%	4.6%	4.3%	S	5.0%	4.8%	0.0%	5.0%	5.1%	0.0%	5.5%	5.9%	S	5.2%	5.4%	-
Live with Relative(s)	0.0%	2.2%	1.5%	0.0%	1.3%	1.3%	0.0%	1.5%	1.2%	0.0%	1.5%	1.5%	0.0%	1.0%	1.4%	-
Another Planned Permanent Living Arrangement (APPLA)	0.0%	>2.0%	5.0%	0.0%	>1.6%	6.0%	0.0%	>1.5%	4.9%	0.0%	1.7%	4.5%	0.0%	1.0%	3.6%	-
Long Term Foster Care	0.0%	S	1.0%	0.0%	S	0.7%	0.0%	S	0.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.5%	-
Emancipation	0.0%	2.0%	4.0%	0.0%	1.6%	5.3%	0.0%	1.5%	4.3%	0.0%	1.7%	4.4%	0.0%	1.0%	3.1%	-

APPLA By Age as % of Age Group Served

Age Group	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County % Change 2016 to 2020
0-15	0.0%	S	0.2%	0.0%	S	1.0%	0.0%	S	1.0%	0.0%	S	S	0.0%	0.0%	S	-
16-20	0.0%	14.7%	21.6%	0.0%	9.3%	25.1%	0.0%	9.3%	25.1%	0.0%	1.6%	23.5%	0.0%	6.2%	19.6%	-

APPLA By Discharge Reason

Discharge Reason	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County % Change 2016 to 2020
Exit to Permanent Arrangements	0.0%	17.9%	32.1%	0.0%	18.2%	22.7%	0.0%	21.1%	19.5%	0.0%	7.4%	16.4%	0.0%	0.0%	24.1%	-
Reunification	0.0%	S	27.0%	0.0%	S	17.3%	0.0%	S	16.9%	0.0%	S	15.0%	0.0%	0.0%	23.0%	-
(number of months until reunification)	0.0	50.0	30.4	0.0	17.3	11.8	0.0	11.9	18.6	0.0	2.1	19.2	0.0	0.0	25.1	-
Adoption	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	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	0.0	0.0	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%	S	4.2%	0.0%	S	4.9%	0.0%	S	2.3%	0.0%	S	S	0.0%	0.0%	S	-
(number of month until guardianship)	0.0	129.1	32.0	0.0	22.5	23.6	0.0	28.5	25.6	0.0	11.2	23.8	0.0	0.0	32.5	-
Live with Other Relatives	0.0%	0.0%	S	0.0%	0.0%	S	0.0%	0.0%	S	0.0%	0.0%	S	0.0%	0.0%	S	-
(number of months until living with relatives)	0.0	0.0	39.8	0.0	0.0	21.4	0.0	0.0	32.9	0.0	0.0	49.6	0.0	0.0	61.6	-
Exit to Non-Permanent Arrangements	0.0%	78.6%	67.7%	0.0%	>77.3%	76.8%	0.0%	>68.4%	80.5%	0.0%	>85.2%	83.5%	0.0%	100.0%	75.6%	-
Emancipation	0.0%	78.6%	61.3%	0.0%	77.3%	66.7%	0.0%	68.4%	72.1%	0.0%	85.2%	74.3%	0.0%	100.0%	68.0%	-
(number of months until emancipation)	0.0	29.8	30.6	0.0	27.2	26.2	0.0	45.2	27.6	0.0	63.9	30.7	0.0	31.2	26.1	-
Transfer to Another Agency	0.0%	0.0%	5.0%	0.0%	0.0%	8.2%	0.0%	S	5.3%	0.0%	S	7.1%	0.0%	0.0%	6.1%	-
(number of months until transfer)	0.0	0.0	27.6	0.0	0.0	3.7	0.0	109.1	19.4	0.0	19.3	17.9	0.0	0.0	16.0	-
Runaway	0.0%	0.0%	S	0.0%	S	1.9%	0.0%	0.0%	3.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.1%	0.0%	0.0%	S	-
(number of months until running away)	0.0	0.0	14.1	0.0	34.3	32.0	0.0	0.0	22.4	0.0	0.0	26.9	0.0	0.0	22.8	-
Death of Child	0.0%	S	S	0.0%	0.0%	S	0.0%	0.0%	S	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.4%	-
(number of months until death of a child)	0.0	143.7	143.7	0.0	0.0	62.6	0.0	0.0	62.6	0.0	0.0	5.7	0.0	0.0	115.9	-



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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

Children Exiting Foster Care

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

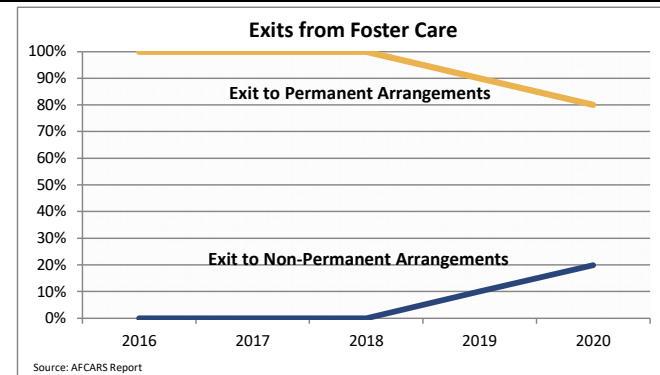
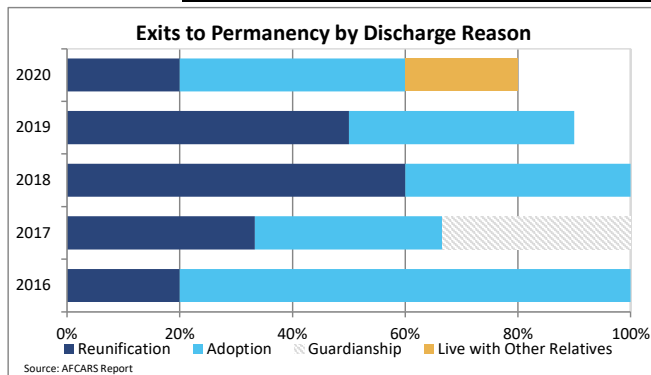
County	2016			2017			2018			2019			2020			County % Change 2016 to 2020
	Rural	State		County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	
S	874	10,635		S	803	10,276	S	924	10,694	NA	998	10,801	S	970	8,712	-
S	51.6%	43.3%		S	44.3%	40.5%	S	46.8%	42.0%	47.6%	48.1%	43.8%	S	50.6%	40.2%	-
S	12.1	11.7		S	8.2	11.9	S	10.6	13.0	14.9	11.1	15.9	S	11.4	15.4	-

By Discharge Reason

Exit to Permanent Arrangements
Reunification
(number of months until reunification)
Adoption
(number of months until adoption)
Guardianship
(number of month until guardianship)
Live with Other Relatives
(number of months until living with relatives)
Exit to Non-Permanent Arrangements
Emancipation
(number of months until emancipation)
Transfer to Another Agency
(number of months until transfer)
Runaway
(number of months until running away)
Death of Child
(number of months until death of a child)

County	2016			2017			2018			2019			2020			County % Change 2016 to 2020
Rural	State		County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State		
100.0%	93.1%	84.5%	100.0%	93.5%	87.2%	100.0%	93.9%	88.6%	90.0%	90.9%	86.6%	80.0%	93.5%	86.2%	-20.0%	
S	61.3%	54.5%	S	62.9%	55.1%	S	60.7%	52.5%	50.0%	56.7%	49.8%	S	55.9%	50.8%	-	
9.2	5.6	6.7	4.0	4.8	6.6	10.5	5.7	6.4	6.7	7.0	7.4	3.6	7.0	8.4	-60.4%	
S	19.8%	18.7%	S	16.8%	20.2%	S	19.5%	23.9%	40.0%	20.6%	25.2%	S	22.8%	23.5%	-	
26.8	29.6	28.7	22.1	21.1	29.2	17.3	25.1	30.5	35.5	25.8	31.0	60.1	30.2	29.8	124.0%	
0.0%	7.1%	6.6%	S	7.0%	6.7%	0.0%	9.6%	7.5%	0.0%	9.8%	7.6%	0.0%	8.6%	7.7%	-	
0.0	18.9	19.4	8.7	12.9	20.1	0.0	15.9	19.4	0.0	18.1	22.8	0.0	15.3	22.3	-	
0.0%	4.9%	4.7%	0.0%	6.8%	5.1%	0.0%	4.1%	4.6%	0.0%	3.7%	4.1%	S	6.3%	4.1%	-	
0.0	4.4	2.2	0.0	3.6	2.2	0.0	6.8	2.1	0.0	2.1	2.5	5.5	4.4	2.4	-	
0.0%	>6.1%	15.4%	0.0%	6.2%	12.7%	0.0%	6.1%	11.4%	10.0%	>8.2%	13.2%	>0.0%	>6.1%	13.7%	-	
0.0%	6.1%	6.8%	0.0%	5.4%	7.9%	0.0%	4.5%	7.3%	0.0%	8.2%	9.3%	S	6.1%	9.5%	-	
0.0	24.9	23.4	0.0	20.8	22.0	0.0	37.8	23.7	0.0	29.9	26.2	6.3	12.3	22.9	-	
0.0%	S	7.9%	0.0%	S	4.3%	0.0%	1.5%	3.5%	10.0%	S	3.5%	0.0%	S	3.7%	-	
0.0	17.7	7.6	0.0	2.9	6.9	0.0	25.5	7.9	34.6	12.2	5.5	0.0	0.2	6.6	-	
0.0%	0.0%	0.7%	0.0%	S	0.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.4%	-	
0.0	0.0	11.2	0.0	24.4	19.4	0.0	0.0	14.0	0.0	0.0	14.1	0.0	0.0	11.4	-	
0.0%	S	0.1%	0.0%	S	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	S	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	S	0.2%	-	
0.0	76.1	13.2	0.0	6.5	18.8	0.0	0.0	5.5	0.0	0.0	12.6	0.0	90.0	6.1	-	

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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)

County	2016			2017			2018			2019			2020			County % Change 2016 to 2020
	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State		
Elk	918	15,382	18	1,097	16,381	14	1,142	16,074	NA	1,153	15,082	24	1,005	13,949	50.0%	
	5.5	13.2	13.9	9.9	13.4	24.7	10.4	14.2	23.0	11.4	14.0	6.6	10.2	16.4	18.7%	

By Age

Age Group	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	% Change
0-2	S 21.7%	S 21.7%	S 18.7%	S 22.1%	S 22.4%	-
3-5	S 16.4%	S 15.6%	S 16.6%	S 16.7%	S 17.5%	-
6-8	0.0%	S 13.7%	S 13.0%	S 13.9%	S 12.6%	-
9-11	S 12.0%	S 12.4%	S 12.1%	S 12.8%	S 12.1%	-
12-14	S 11.7%	S 13.9%	S 13.9%	S 14.4%	S 15.3%	-
15-20	S 25.8%	S 22.8%	S 25.7%	S 20.0%	S 17.2%	-
Infants (age 0-1)	S 15.3%	S 13.9%	S 12.3%	S 15.4%	S 14.3%	-
Youth (age 13+)	S 33.9%	S 32.0%	S 34.7%	S 34.4%	S 31.0%	-

By Race and Ethnicity

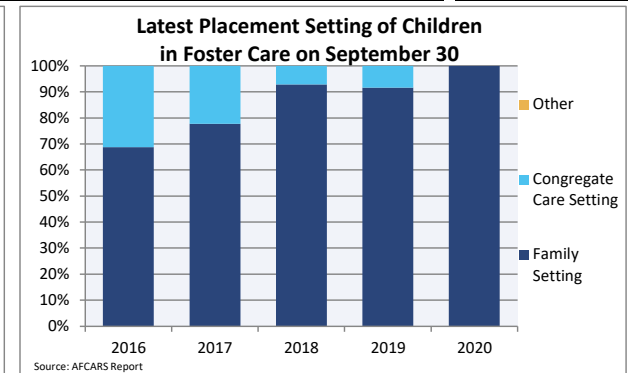
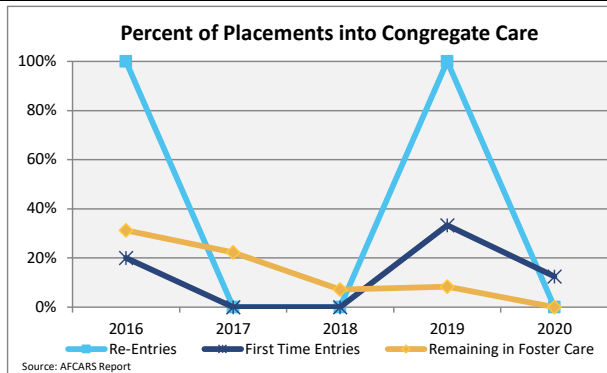
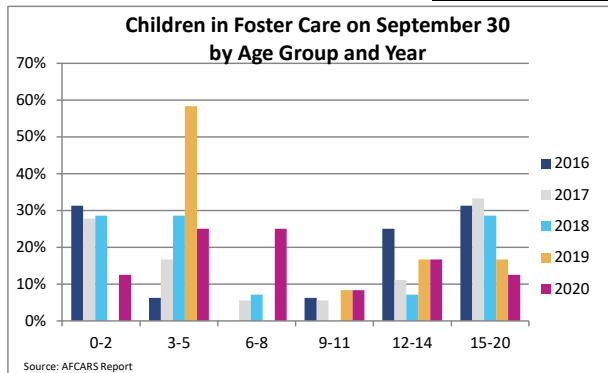
Race/Ethnicity	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	% Change
Non-Hispanic White	100.0%	87.0%	100.0%	88.8%	87.9%	0.0%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	0.0%	3.2%	0.0%	2.8%	3.0%	-
Non-Hispanic Other Race	0.0%	1.4%	0.0%	S 2.6%	2.4%	-
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	0.0%	4.3%	0.0%	<4.4%	4.0%	-
Hispanic or Latino	0.0%	4.2%	0.0%	3.5%	2.8%	-

By Gender

Gender	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	% Change
Male	>68.7%	52.8%	S 52.5%	52.4%	>62.4%	-
Female	S 45.2%	48.8%	S 47.5%	47.6%	S 46.7%	-

By Latest Placement Setting

Placement Setting	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	% Change
Family Setting	68.8%	79.1%	81.5%	82.3%	85.1%	-
Pre-adoptive Home	0.0%	1.5%	2.1%	1.4%	3.2%	-
Foster Family Home – Relative	S 28.5%	30.6%	S 29.1%	31.0%	S 30.9%	-
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	S 49.2%	47.0%	S 50.4%	50.0%	58.3%	-
Congregate Care Setting	31.3%	18.6%	17.4%	15.6%	11.9%	-100.0%
Group Home	S 14.9%	14.2%	S 11.8%	11.4%	7.0%	-
Institution	S 3.4%	4.4%	5.6%	4.2%	4.9%	-
Supervised Independent Living	0.0%	S 1.5%	S 1.5%	S 1.3%	0.0%	-
Runaway	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	S 1.2%	0.0%	-
Trial Home Visit	0.0%	<1.9%	S 0.4%	1.6%	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.

2016			2017			2018			2019			2020			County % Change 2016 to 2020
County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	
25.0%	29.0%	33.6%	45.5%	30.8%	32.2%	63.6%	30.5%	31.2%	33.3%	35.1%	31.1%	S	ND	ND	-

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.

2016			2017			2018			2019			2020			County % Change 2016 to 2020
County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	
33.3%	52.2%	36.0%	10.0%	48.3%	39.2%	42.9%	41.0%	37.4%	42.9%	44.3%	38.7%	S	ND	ND	-

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.

2016			2017			2018			2019			2020			County % Change 2016 to 2020
County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	
10.0%	19.5%	24.8%	0.0%	19.5%	23.0%	0.0%	22.2%	21.4%	0.0%	21.8%	22.3%	S	ND	ND	-

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