

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	2016			2017			2018			2019			2020			County % Change 2016 to 2020
	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	
1,155	22,768	44,359	1,235	24,938	47,485	1,266	22,694	44,063	1,049	21,555	42,252	852	15,779	32,919	-26.2%	
17.8	14.1	15.9	19.1	15.4	17.0	19.5	14.1	15.8	16.2	13.3	15.1	13.1	9.8	11.8		

Child Abuse and Neglect Substantiations

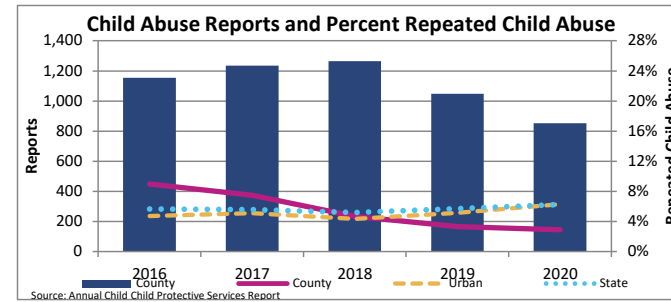
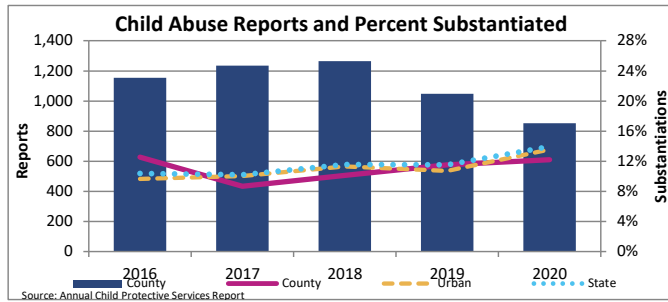
Founded or indicated reports of child abuse and/or neglect.

12.6%	9.7%	10.4%	8.7%	10.0%	10.2%	10.1%	11.3%	11.6%	11.5%	10.7%	11.5%	12.2%	13.6%	14.0%	-2.8%
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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.)

9.0%	4.7%	5.7%	7.5%	5.1%	5.6%	4.7%	4.3%	5.2%	3.3%	5.1%	5.7%	2.9%	6.3%	6.2%	-67.8%
1 in 11	1 in 21	1 in 18	1 in 13	1 in 20	1 in 18	1 in 21	1 in 23	1 in 19	1 in 30	1 in 19	1 in 18	1 in 35	1 in 16	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.

County	2016			2017			2018			2019			2020			County % Change 2016 to 2020
	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	
3,837	73,444	151,087	4,248	82,225	163,852	4,561	83,841	169,723	4,711	86,916	178,124	4,097	72,705	152,478	6.8%	

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.

9.5%	18.9%	20.9%	15.1%	20.0%	22.8%	19.0%	21.5%	23.6%	24.3%	21.4%	23.5%	27.5%	23.0%	25.6%	189.7%
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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.

434	19,147	43,702	830	23,056	53,319	1,271	25,614	58,982	1,609	25,847	60,755	1,649	23,425	56,999	280.0%
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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	2016			2017			2018			2019			2020			County % Change 2016 to 2020
	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	
2,939	90,893	190,413	1,524	81,260	186,855	1,235	84,995	194,761	4,190	83,710	187,280	3,827	82,552	>181,435	30.2%	

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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)

Indicator	2016			2017			2018			2019			2020			County % Change 2016 to 2020
	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	
Unduplicated Number of Children Served	812	15,584	24,543	807	15,999	25,381	797	15,712	25,441	NA	15,298	24,665	889	13,272	21,689	9.5%
(Rate per 1,000 children age 0-20)	10.3	8.0	7.3	10.2	8.3	7.5	10.1	8.1	7.5	11.3	7.9	7.3	11.3	6.9	6.4	

By Age

Age Group	2016 County	2016 Urban	2016 State	2017 County	2017 Urban	2017 State	2018 County	2018 Urban	2018 State	2019 County	2019 Urban	2019 State	2020 County	2020 Urban	2020 State	% Change
0-2	27.0%	18.8%	20.2%	25.9%	19.1%	20.3%	26.5%	19.2%	20.2%	24.0%	19.7%	20.2%	26.2%	20.0%	20.9%	-2.8%
3-5	21.8%	17.1%	17.0%	20.7%	17.4%	17.4%	21.2%	17.6%	17.9%	21.5%	17.4%	17.8%	20.6%	17.2%	17.8%	-5.6%
6-8	14.4%	13.3%	13.0%	16.5%	13.6%	13.3%	14.4%	13.5%	13.4%	15.0%	13.9%	13.8%	16.0%	13.5%	13.5%	10.9%
9-11	12.1%	11.3%	11.0%	10.3%	11.7%	11.4%	11.2%	12.1%	11.8%	12.2%	12.1%	11.7%	13.2%	12.0%	11.7%	9.0%
12-14	7.6%	11.2%	11.2%	8.9%	11.9%	11.6%	10.0%	12.0%	11.8%	11.3%	12.4%	12.3%	9.9%	12.7%	12.6%	29.6%
15-17	11.7%	19.2%	19.6%	10.8%	18.3%	18.6%	12.4%	18.7%	18.7%	11.6%	18.4%	18.5%	11.5%	17.9%	17.9%	-1.9%
18-20	5.4%	9.1%	7.9%	6.9%	8.0%	7.4%	4.3%	6.8%	6.3%	4.3%	6.0%	5.6%	2.7%	6.6%	5.6%	-50.2%
Infants (age 0-1)	17.2%	11.5%	12.8%	17.1%	11.8%	12.7%	18.3%	11.9%	12.7%	16.3%	12.5%	12.9%	18.2%	12.6%	13.2%	5.7%
Youth (age 13+)	21.9%	36.2%	35.5%	22.9%	34.6%	34.0%	23.8%	33.8%	33.1%	24.4%	33.0%	32.6%	21.1%	33.3%	32.3%	-3.5%

By Race and Ethnicity

Race/Ethnicity	2016 County	2016 Urban	2016 State	2017 County	2017 Urban	2017 State	2018 County	2018 Urban	2018 State	2019 County	2019 Urban	2019 State	2020 County	2020 Urban	2020 State	% Change
Non-Hispanic White	64.0%	27.1%	42.5%	62.3%	28.0%	42.9%	62.7%	28.2%	43.7%	62.2%	28.0%	43.7%	62.9%	28.4%	44.2%	-1.8%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	11.5%	49.8%	35.3%	11.4%	49.2%	34.9%	10.5%	48.9%	33.9%	12.1%	47.8%	33.0%	12.7%	46.7%	32.0%	11.0%
Non-Hispanic Other Race	S	4.2%	3.3%	S	3.5%	2.9%	S	2.6%	2.3%	1.7%	3.1%	2.6%	3.0%	4.1%	3.6%	-
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	<9.7%	4.3%	5.4%	<10.4%	5.5%	6.2%	<10.5%	6.1%	7.1%	9.2%	6.7%	7.7%	8.4%	7.0%	8.0%	-
Hispanic or Latino	14.7%	14.6%	13.4%	15.7%	13.9%	13.2%	15.4%	14.2%	13.0%	14.8%	14.4%	12.9%	12.9%	13.9%	12.3%	-11.7%

By Gender

Gender	2016 County	2016 Urban	2016 State	2017 County	2017 Urban	2017 State	2018 County	2018 Urban	2018 State	2019 County	2019 Urban	2019 State	2020 County	2020 Urban	2020 State	% Change
Male	50.4%	50.3%	51.2%	50.6%	50.1%	51.0%	50.7%	50.3%	50.8%	49.3%	50.0%	50.8%	49.8%	49.2%	50.6%	-1.1%
Female	49.6%	49.7%	48.8%	49.4%	49.9%	49.0%	49.3%	49.7%	49.2%	50.7%	50.0%	49.2%	50.2%	50.8%	49.4%	1.1%

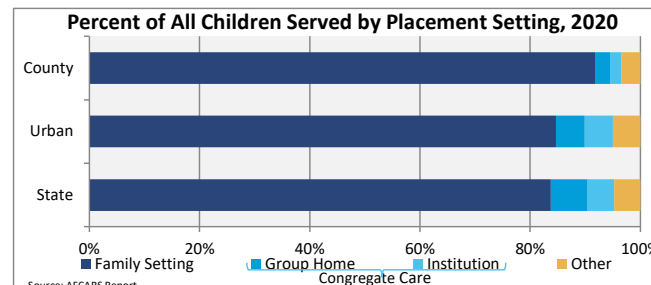
By Latest Placement Setting

Placement Setting	2016 County	2016 Urban	2016 State	2017 County	2017 Urban	2017 State	2018 County	2018 Urban	2018 State	2019 County	2019 Urban	2019 State	2020 County	2020 Urban	2020 State	% Change
Family Setting	87.8%	79.9%	79.0%	>86.1%	81.7%	80.5%	>87.0%	82.6%	81.6%	88.7%	84.1%	82.7%	>91.2%	84.7%	83.8%	>3.9%
Pre-adoptive Home	4.7%	6.0%	4.5%	S	5.5%	4.0%	S	6.4%	4.5%	1.0%	5.3%	3.8%	S	3.8%	2.9%	-
Foster Family Home – Relative	41.1%	37.7%	34.1%	43.1%	40.0%	36.4%	43.7%	40.9%	37.1%	43.0%	43.2%	38.7%	47.0%	45.4%	40.8%	14.3%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	42.0%	36.2%	40.5%	43.0%	36.2%	40.1%	43.3%	35.3%	40.1%	44.7%	35.6%	40.3%	44.2%	35.4%	40.1%	5.3%
Congregate Care Setting	7.6%	15.2%	15.8%	9.3%	14.0%	14.9%	8.9%	13.2%	14.0%	6.3%	11.4%	12.7%	4.7%	10.3%	11.5%	-38.1%
Group Home	4.1%	7.5%	9.1%	7.4%	7.2%	8.8%	6.0%	7.0%	8.5%	4.4%	6.1%	7.7%	2.7%	5.2%	6.7%	-33.6%
Institution	3.6%	7.7%	6.8%	1.9%	6.8%	6.1%	2.9%	6.2%	5.6%	1.9%	5.2%	5.0%	2.0%	5.1%	4.8%	-43.3%
Supervised Independent Living	S	1.9%	1.6%	<1.8%	1.7%	1.5%	2.6%	1.7%	1.5%	2.1%	1.7%	1.6%	S	1.3%	1.3%	-
Runaway	S	1.9%	1.4%	1.7%	1.9%	1.4%	S	2.0%	1.4%	0.2%	2.1%	1.4%	S	2.9%	1.9%	-
Trial Home Visit	2.7%	1.1%	2.2%	0.0%	0.7%	1.7%	0.0%	0.5%	1.4%	2.7%	0.7%	1.5%	2.2%	0.7%	1.6%	-17.0%

Children Entering Foster Care

All Entries into Foster Care During the Year

Indicator	2016 County	2016 Urban	2016 State	2017 County	2017 Urban	2017 State	2018 County	2018 Urban	2018 State	2019 County	2019 Urban	2019 State	2020 County	2020 Urban	2020 State	% Change
Children Entering Foster Care	430	6,153	10,567	421	6,387	10,781	367	5,854	10,095	NA	5,537	9,448	373	4,063	7,286	-13.3%



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	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	
Children Entering for the First Time	327	4,556	8,082	327	4,874	8,438	273	4,227	7,626	NA	4,133	7,266	307	2,919	5,540	-6.1%
First Time Entries During the Year (Rate per 1,000 children age 0-20)	4.1	2.4	2.4	4.1	2.5	2.5	3.5	2.2	2.3	4.2	2.1	2.2	3.9	1.5	1.6	-
First Time Entries as Percent of All Entries	76.0%	74.0%	76.5%	77.7%	76.3%	78.3%	74.4%	72.2%	75.5%	72.0%	74.6%	76.9%	82.3%	71.8%	76.0%	8.2%

By Age

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

Age Group	2016 County	2016 Urban	2016 State	2017 County	2017 Urban	2017 State	2018 County	2018 Urban	2018 State	2019 County	2019 Urban	2019 State	2020 County	2020 Urban	2020 State	% Change
0-2	36.4%	32.5%	33.3%	43.4%	33.4%	33.2%	41.4%	35.2%	34.4%	37.9%	36.0%	35.1%	47.2%	40.0%	38.2%	29.8%
3-5	20.5%	14.6%	14.7%	15.6%	14.6%	15.3%	19.4%	14.3%	15.4%	19.1%	14.3%	14.8%	14.3%	13.4%	14.5%	-30.1%
6-8	15.0%	12.8%	12.5%	13.8%	12.1%	11.9%	11.4%	11.4%	11.5%	13.1%	11.8%	11.8%	11.7%	11.0%	11.4%	-21.7%
9-11	10.4%	10.1%	9.6%	8.9%	10.0%	10.1%	10.3%	10.8%	10.3%	9.3%	11.2%	10.7%	11.1%	9.6%	9.7%	6.5%
12-14	6.1%	12.7%	12.6%	8.3%	13.4%	13.1%	8.8%	12.9%	12.8%	9.6%	12.5%	12.9%	5.5%	12.3%	12.5%	-9.5%
15-20	11.6%	17.3%	17.4%	10.1%	16.4%	16.5%	8.8%	15.5%	15.6%	11.0%	14.2%	14.6%	10.1%	13.6%	13.7%	-13.1%
Infants (age 0-1)	27.2%	25.5%	26.3%	33.3%	26.9%	26.5%	37.0%	29.1%	28.0%	29.6%	30.2%	29.1%	40.1%	34.0%	31.7%	47.2%
Youth (age 13+)	16.2%	26.4%	26.6%	15.0%	26.1%	26.0%	15.4%	24.6%	24.7%	13.4%	18.8%	19.5%	13.7%	22.0%	22.6%	-15.6%

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 County	2016 Urban	2016 State	2017 County	2017 Urban	2017 State	2018 County	2018 Urban	2018 State	2019 County	2019 Urban	2019 State	2020 County	2020 Urban	2020 State	% Change
Non-Hispanic White	62.1%	32.0%	49.4%	56.0%	32.2%	47.6%	59.3%	30.8%	48.3%	57.3%	30.0%	47.6%	61.2%	31.2%	49.7%	-1.4%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	12.8%	44.2%	28.6%	15.9%	43.3%	29.7%	13.2%	44.9%	29.3%	15.5%	43.5%	28.4%	13.7%	39.9%	25.2%	6.5%
Non-Hispanic Other Race	S	5.5%	4.1%	S	4.3%	3.4%	S	2.9%	2.7%	3.0%	4.4%	3.7%	6.2%	6.1%	5.3%	-
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	<9.9%	4.2%	5.4%	<9.3%	5.8%	6.3%	<10.4%	6.7%	7.7%	7.8%	7.2%	7.7%	8.5%	8.0%	8.2%	-
Hispanic or Latino	15.0%	14.1%	12.6%	18.3%	14.4%	13.0%	15.0%	14.7%	12.0%	16.4%	14.9%	12.6%	10.4%	14.8%	11.6%	-30.4%

By Gender

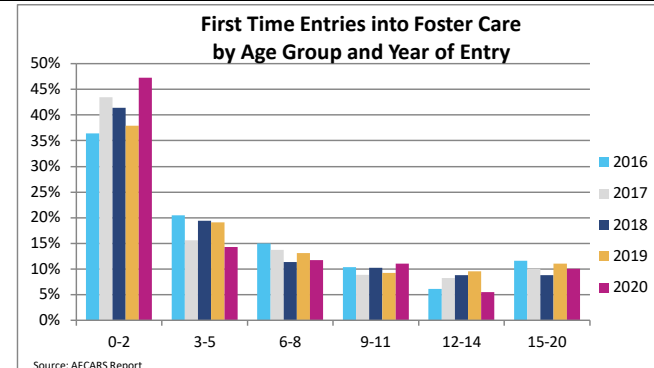
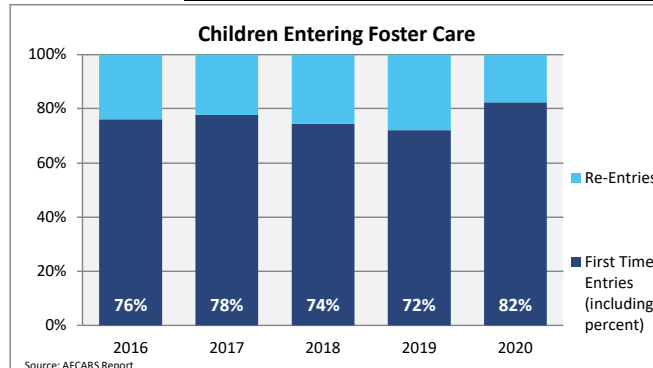
Male
Female

Gender	2016 County	2016 Urban	2016 State	2017 County	2017 Urban	2017 State	2018 County	2018 Urban	2018 State	2019 County	2019 Urban	2019 State	2020 County	2020 Urban	2020 State	% Change
Male	50.8%	49.3%	50.8%	51.4%	50.1%	51.0%	49.8%	51.0%	50.7%	49.3%	50.4%	50.8%	48.9%	48.9%	50.5%	-3.8%
Female	49.2%	50.7%	49.2%	48.6%	49.9%	49.0%	50.2%	49.0%	49.3%	50.7%	49.6%	49.2%	51.1%	51.1%	49.5%	3.9%

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 County	2016 Urban	2016 State	2017 County	2017 Urban	2017 State	2018 County	2018 Urban	2018 State	2019 County	2019 Urban	2019 State	2020 County	2020 Urban	2020 State	% Change
Family Setting	91.1%	82.3%	82.3%	>90.8%	83.7%	83.6%	>90.3%	84.4%	83.8%	94.6%	87.1%	85.7%	>96.3%	>88.2%	>87.5%	>5.7%
Pre-adoptive Home	0.0%	0.2%	0.2%	S	0.3%	0.3%	0.0%	0.3%	0.2%	0.9%	0.6%	0.4%	0.0%	S	S	-
Foster Family Home – Relative	52.6%	37.5%	37.5%	49.2%	42.8%	39.1%	>50.4%	44.1%	39.9%	49.0%	46.9%	41.6%	>51.7%	48.4%	44.3%	-
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	38.5%	44.6%	44.6%	41.6%	40.6%	44.2%	39.9%	40.0%	43.7%	44.8%	39.7%	43.7%	44.6%	39.7%	43.1%	15.8%
Congregate Care Setting	>4.9%	15.9%	15.9%	>7.3%	14.6%	15.0%	>5.9%	13.5%	14.3%	4.5%	11.0%	12.7%	2.6%	9.2%	10.6%	<-46.8%
Group Home	4.9%	9.7%	9.7%	7.3%	7.7%	9.1%	5.9%	7.6%	9.4%	3.3%	6.6%	8.5%	S	5.7%	7.2%	-
Institution	S	6.2%	6.2%	S	6.9%	5.9%	S	6.0%	4.9%	1.2%	4.4%	4.2%	S	3.5%	3.4%	-
Supervised Independent Living	0.0%	0.2%	0.2%	S	0.4%	0.2%	0.0%	0.3%	0.2%	0.0%	S	0.2%	0.0%	S	S	-
Runaway	S	0.6%	0.6%	S	0.8%	0.5%	0.0%	1.1%	0.7%	0.3%	1.3%	0.8%	0.0%	1.5%	0.8%	-
Trial Home Visit	S	1.0%	1.0%	0.0%	0.5%	0.8%	0.0%	0.7%	1.1%	0.6%	<0.5%	0.6%	S	<0.9%	0.9%	-



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S = rate suppressed due to count less than 11 persons

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
	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	
103	1,597	2,485	94	1,513	2,343	94	1,627	2,469	NA	1,404	2,182	66	1,144	1,746	-35.9%	
24.0%	26.0%	23.5%	22.3%	23.7%	21.7%	25.6%	27.8%	24.5%	28.0%	25.4%	23.1%	17.7%	28.2%	24.0%	-26.1%	

By Age

Age Group	2016 County	2016 Urban	2016 State	2017 County	2017 Urban	2017 State	2018 County	2018 Urban	2018 State	2019 County	2019 Urban	2019 State	2020 County	2020 Urban	2020 State	% Change
0-2	19.4%	12.0%	11.2%	12.8%	11.3%	11.4%	16.0%	11.2%	10.8%	17.7%	11.5%	11.9%	S	9.6%	10.5%	-
3-5	14.6%	9.4%	9.7%	18.1%	10.4%	11.1%	11.7%	12.2%	12.6%	17.7%	11.3%	12.7%	18.2%	9.9%	10.9%	24.8%
6-8	17.5%	9.8%	10.1%	14.9%	11.6%	11.7%	18.1%	12.3%	12.1%	16.2%	10.9%	11.9%	19.7%	9.9%	11.0%	12.7%
9-11	12.6%	9.1%	9.6%	<16.1%	10.8%	10.6%	S	11.9%	11.5%	13.8%	10.2%	10.4%	S	12.4%	12.0%	-
12-14	12.6%	18.8%	18.5%	S	18.4%	17.2%	<19.2%	18.3%	17.7%	20.0%	18.8%	18.7%	S	17.7%	17.7%	-
15-20	23.3%	40.9%	40.9%	30.9%	37.5%	38.2%	24.5%	34.2%	35.4%	14.6%	37.3%	34.4%	25.8%	40.5%	37.9%	10.5%
Infants (age 0-1)	10.7%	8.0%	7.4%	S	6.5%	6.6%	S	6.6%	6.4%	10.8%	6.8%	6.9%	S	6.6%	7.3%	-
Youth (age 13+)	30.1%	55.5%	55.3%	37.2%	51.4%	51.1%	37.2%	47.9%	48.6%	30.0%	51.4%	48.7%	33.3%	53.5%	51.1%	10.8%

By Race and Ethnicity

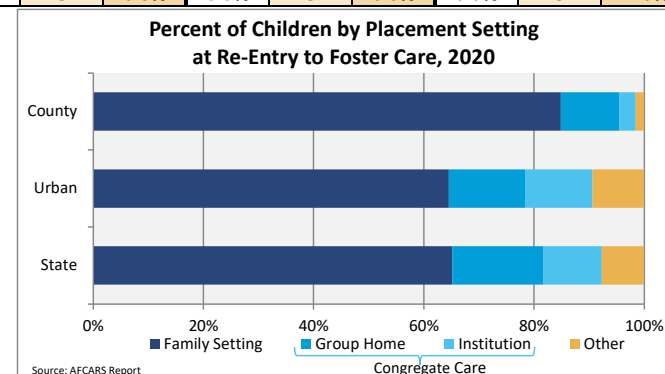
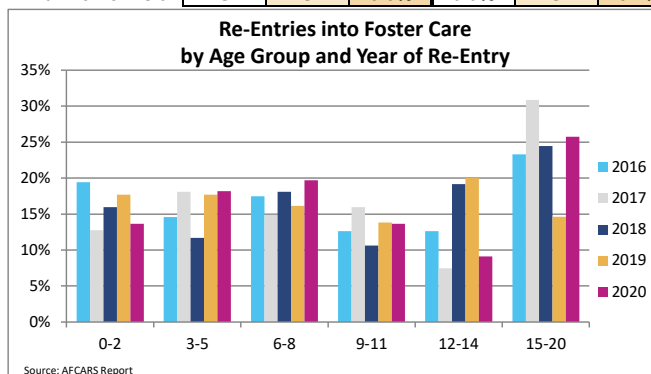
Race/Ethnicity	2016 County	2016 Urban	2016 State	2017 County	2017 Urban	2017 State	2018 County	2018 Urban	2018 State	2019 County	2019 Urban	2019 State	2020 County	2020 Urban	2020 State	% Change
Non-Hispanic White	59.2%	23.0%	39.5%	71.3%	24.5%	40.6%	64.9%	23.9%	39.6%	61.5%	24.5%	40.6%	56.1%	21.5%	39.1%	-5.3%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	14.6%	54.9%	40.1%	S	55.3%	39.4%	S	56.1%	40.5%	16.2%	52.9%	37.7%	19.7%	54.6%	38.8%	35.3%
Non-Hispanic Other Race	S	4.4%	3.1%	0.0%	2.0%	1.7%	0.0%	1.7%	1.8%	0.0%	1.7%	1.5%	S	3.6%	3.4%	-
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	<13.7%	4.7%	5.8%	S	5.7%	6.3%	17.0%	5.8%	7.1%	7.7%	6.9%	8.6%	S	6.1%	6.8%	-
Hispanic or Latino	11.7%	13.0%	11.6%	12.8%	12.6%	11.9%	S	12.5%	11.1%	14.6%	14.0%	11.5%	S	14.2%	12.0%	-

By Gender

Gender	2016 County	2016 Urban	2016 State	2017 County	2017 Urban	2017 State	2018 County	2018 Urban	2018 State	2019 County	2019 Urban	2019 State	2020 County	2020 Urban	2020 State	% Change
Male	49.5%	48.8%	50.3%	46.8%	46.8%	49.6%	52.1%	48.4%	49.1%	47.7%	49.4%	51.2%	51.5%	46.1%	49.0%	4.0%
Female	50.5%	51.2%	49.7%	53.2%	53.2%	50.4%	47.9%	51.6%	50.9%	52.3%	50.6%	48.8%	48.5%	53.9%	51.0%	-4.0%

By Placement Setting at Re-Entry

Placement Setting	2016 County	2016 Urban	2016 State	2017 County	2017 Urban	2017 State	2018 County	2018 Urban	2018 State	2019 County	2019 Urban	2019 State	2020 County	2020 Urban	2020 State	% Change
Family Setting	>74.8%	62.9%	61.7%	76.6%	65.5%	63.9%	79.8%	68.1%	66.7%	87.7%	68.6%	68.5%	>84.7%	>64.2%	>65.0%	-
Pre-adoptive Home	S	1.1%	0.7%	0.0%	0.9%	0.6%	0.0%	0.7%	0.4%	0.0%	1.0%	0.6%	0.0%	S	S	-
Foster Family Home – Relative	29.1%	31.1%	26.3%	40.4%	34.7%	30.7%	28.7%	32.7%	28.3%	36.9%	36.5%	32.5%	>54.4%	38.1%	34.8%	>86.8%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	45.6%	30.7%	34.6%	36.2%	29.9%	32.6%	51.1%	34.8%	37.9%	50.8%	31.1%	35.3%	30.3%	26.2%	30.1%	-33.6%
Congregate Care Setting	17.5%	32.0%	34.0%	>18.1%	29.4%	31.2%	>14.9%	26.0%	28.0%	12.3%	24.9%	25.8%	13.6%	26.1%	27.1%	-22.0%
Group Home	S	15.5%	19.3%	18.1%	15.9%	19.9%	14.9%	14.9%	18.4%	11.5%	14.2%	16.6%	S	13.8%	16.5%	-
Institution	S	16.5%	14.8%	S	13.5%	11.3%	S	11.1%	9.6%	0.8%	10.7%	9.2%	S	12.2%	10.6%	-
Supervised Independent Living	S	<1.4%	1.3%	S	<1.3%	1.8%	S	<1.8%	1.8%	0.0%	<1.2%	1.6%	S	<1.2%	1.4%	-
Runaway	S	3.5%	2.5%	S	3.5%	2.5%	0.0%	3.8%	2.7%	0.0%	5.1%	3.6%	0.0%	8.1%	5.4%	-
Trial Home Visit	S	S	0.5%	0.0%	S	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	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	
Family-Based Permanency Goals	94.7%	94.6%	95.0%	95.4%	92.5%	94.0%	97.6%	93.9%	95.1%	99.2%	94.5%	95.5%	99.7%	95.3%	96.4%	5.2%
Reunify With Parent(s) or Principal Caretaker(s)	73.9%	69.1%	69.8%	82.8%	64.4%	66.7%	79.3%	62.9%	65.3%	79.2%	62.3%	63.7%	77.5%	65.3%	65.8%	4.9%
Adoption	8.4%	19.9%	19.5%	9.2%	22.1%	21.2%	14.1%	24.8%	23.6%	16.3%	24.7%	24.5%	18.8%	22.8%	23.7%	124.3%
Guardianship	5.9%	4.4%	4.3%	2.0%	5.0%	4.8%	1.8%	5.4%	5.1%	2.2%	6.0%	5.9%	2.0%	5.7%	5.4%	-65.7%
Live with Relative(s)	6.5%	1.3%	1.5%	1.5%	1.0%	1.3%	2.5%	0.8%	1.2%	1.5%	1.4%	1.5%	1.3%	1.5%	1.4%	-79.3%
Another Planned Permanent Living Arrangement (APPLA)	5.3%	5.4%	5.0%	4.6%	7.5%	6.0%	>1.5%	6.1%	4.9%	0.8%	>5.5%	4.5%	>0.0%	4.7%	3.6%	>-100.0%
Long Term Foster Care	1.4%	0.4%	1.0%	1.6%	0.3%	0.7%	S	0.3%	0.6%	0.0%	S	0.1%	0.0%	0.8%	0.5%	-100.0%
Emancipation	3.9%	5.0%	4.0%	3.0%	7.2%	5.3%	1.5%	5.9%	4.3%	0.8%	5.5%	4.4%	S	3.9%	3.1%	-

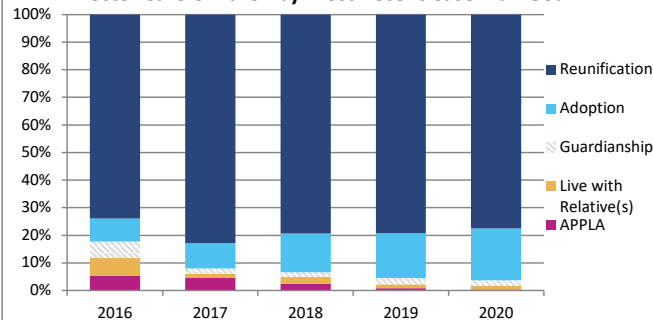
APPLA By Age as % of Age Group Served

Age Group	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County % Change 2016 to 2020
0-15	S	0.3%	0.2%	S	1.6%	1.0%	S	1.6%	1.0%	0.0%	S	S	S	S	S	-
16-20	34.2%	17.1%	21.6%	28.8%	29.6%	25.1%	28.8%	29.6%	25.1%	6.1%	5.5%	23.5%	S	23.9%	19.6%	-

APPLA By Discharge Reason

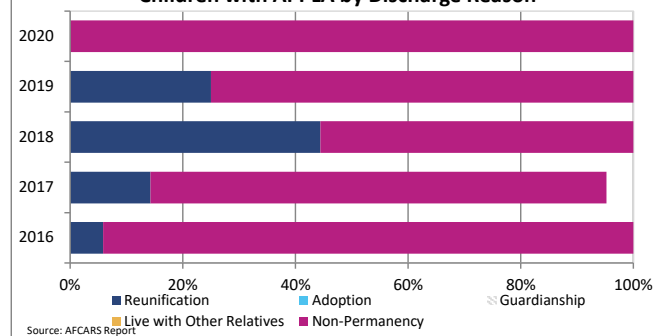
Discharge Reason	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County % Change 2016 to 2020
Exit to Permanent Arrangements	>0.0%	>39.7%	32.1%	>0.0%	>26.3%	22.7%	>0.0%	>22.5%	19.5%	25.0%	20.0%	16.4%	0.0%	28.0%	24.1%	-
Reunification	S	34.7%	27.0%	S	20.5%	17.3%	S	19.7%	16.9%	25.0%	18.7%	15.0%	0.0%	26.9%	23.0%	-
(number of months until reunification)	19.0	35.8	30.4	13.0	22.4	11.8	30.5	31.9	18.6	4.0	19.7	19.2	0.0	25.1	25.1	-100.0%
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%	5.0%	4.2%	0.0%	5.9%	4.9%	0.0%	2.8%	2.3%	0.0%	S	S	0.0%	S	S	-
(number of month until guardianship)	0.0	41.4	32.0	0.0	18.6	23.6	0.0	25.5	25.6	0.0	32.9	23.8	0.0	21.9	32.5	-
Live with Other Relatives	0.0%	S	S	0.0%	S	S	0.0%	S	S	0.0%	S	S	0.0%	S	S	-
(number of months until living with relatives)	0.0	37.8	39.8	0.0	17.3	21.4	0.0	32.9	32.9	0.0	49.6	49.6	0.0	61.6	61.6	-
Exit to Non-Permanent Arrangements	94.1%	>58.0%	67.7%	81.0%	73.1%	76.8%	>0.0%	77.1%	80.5%	75.0%	79.8%	83.5%	100.0%	>69.7%	75.6%	6.3%
Emancipation	94.1%	52.3%	61.3%	81.0%	60.1%	66.7%	S	67.3%	72.1%	75.0%	68.6%	74.3%	S	62.3%	68.0%	-
(number of months until emancipation)	30.6	37.8	30.6	15.9	29.7	26.2	40.4	34.1	27.6	65.1	36.2	30.7	32.9	22.7	26.1	7.6%
Transfer to Another Agency	0.0%	5.7%	5.0%	0.0%	10.8%	8.2%	0.0%	6.0%	5.3%	0.0%	8.3%	7.1%	0.0%	7.4%	6.1%	-
(number of months until transfer)	0.0	57.5	27.6	0.0	5.5	3.7	0.0	25.0	19.4	0.0	21.6	17.9	0.0	16.0	16.0	-
Runaway	0.0%	S	S	0.0%	2.2%	1.9%	0.0%	3.8%	3.0%	0.0%	2.8%	2.1%	0.0%	S	S	-
(number of months until running away)	0.0	6.5	14.1	0.0	32.3	32.0	0.0	56.7	22.4	0.0	23.2	26.9	0.0	28.7	22.8	-
Death of Child	0.0%	0.0%	S	S	S	S	0.0%	0.0%	S	0.0%	S	0.1%	0.0%	S	0.4%	-
(number of months until death of a child)	0.0	0.0	143.7	71.2	47.1	62.6	71.2	0.0	62.6	0.0	6.0	5.7	0.0	115.9	115.9	-

Foster Care Children by Most Recent Case Plan Goal



Source: AFCARS Report

Children with APPLA by Discharge Reason



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

Children Exiting Foster Care

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

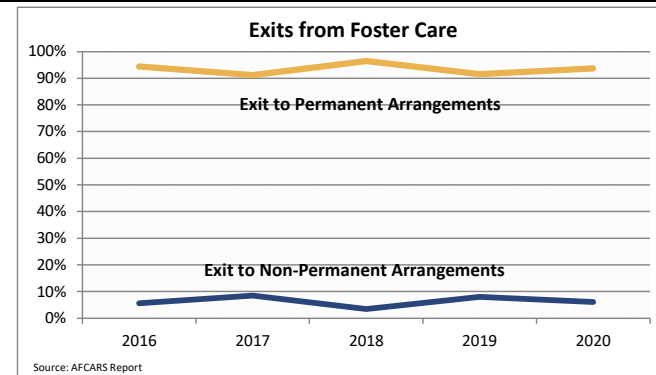
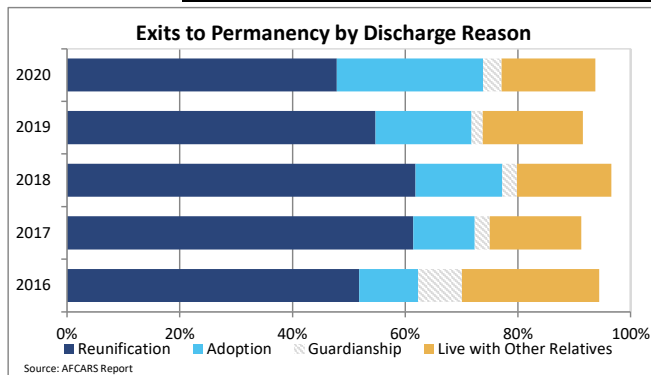
Indicator	2016			2017			2018			2019			2020			County % Change 2016 to 2020
	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	
Total Children Leaving Foster Care	411	6,649	10,635	376	6,412	10,276	377	6,347	10,694	NA	6,577	10,801	397	5,063	8,712	-3.4%
Percent of Children Leaving Foster Care	50.6%	42.7%	43.3%	46.6%	40.1%	40.5%	47.3%	40.4%	42.0%	44.9%	43.0%	43.8%	44.7%	38.1%	40.2%	-11.8%
(number of months until leaving)	3.2	12.8	11.7	4.4	11.7	11.9	3.9	12.8	13.0	5.6	15.2	15.9	9.8	15.7	15.4	211.5%

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)

Discharge Reason	2016	2016	2016	2017	2017	2017	2018	2018	2018	2019	2019	2019	2020	2020	2020	County % Change 2016 to 2020
	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	
Exit to Permanent Arrangements	94.4%	80.4%	84.5%	>88.6%	84.8%	87.2%	>93.9%	86.2%	88.6%	91.5%	85.5%	86.6%	93.7%	83.1%	86.2%	-0.7%
Reunification	51.8%	53.5%	54.5%	61.4%	55.0%	55.1%	61.8%	53.0%	52.5%	54.8%	49.7%	49.8%	47.9%	52.3%	50.8%	-7.7%
(number of months until reunification)	1.5	6.4	6.7	3.7	6.3	6.6	2.0	6.4	6.4	4.6	7.8	7.4	6.9	8.3	8.4	344.7%
Adoption	10.5%	16.4%	18.7%	10.9%	19.1%	20.2%	15.4%	22.7%	23.9%	17.0%	24.8%	25.2%	25.9%	19.4%	23.5%	148.0%
(number of months until adoption)	26.9	31.2	28.7	23.9	30.2	29.2	33.5	31.8	30.5	34.1	32.6	31.0	30.4	31.6	29.8	13.1%
Guardianship	7.8%	6.5%	6.6%	S	6.4%	6.7%	S	7.0%	7.5%	2.0%	7.3%	7.6%	3.3%	8.0%	7.7%	-57.9%
(number of month until guardianship)	14.6	24.3	19.4	27.3	23.7	20.1	16.6	26.1	19.4	20.4	25.7	22.8	24.3	23.2	22.3	66.9%
Live with Other Relatives	24.3%	4.0%	4.7%	16.2%	4.4%	5.1%	16.7%	3.5%	4.6%	17.8%	3.6%	4.1%	16.6%	3.5%	4.1%	-31.7%
(number of months until living with relatives)	1.1	6.7	2.2	0.9	5.4	2.2	1.2	6.0	2.1	2.1	9.5	2.5	0.4	11.2	2.4	-65.7%
Exit to Non-Permanent Arrangements	>4.1%	19.4%	15.4%	8.5%	15.1%	12.7%	3.4%	13.7%	11.4%	8.0%	14.4%	13.2%	6.0%	16.7%	13.7%	<47.4%
Emancipation	4.1%	6.6%	6.8%	7.2%	8.3%	7.9%	3.4%	8.1%	7.3%	7.8%	8.6%	9.3%	5.3%	10.2%	9.5%	27.9%
(number of months until emancipation)	28.5	30.0	23.4	11.8	26.7	22.0	29.0	24.7	23.7	23.7	26.9	26.2	23.3	24.9	22.9	-18.4%
Transfer to Another Agency	S	11.8%	7.9%	S	6.1%	4.3%	0.0%	4.7%	3.5%	0.3%	5.1%	3.5%	S	5.8%	3.7%	-
(number of months until transfer)	0.9	18.3	7.6	14.5	12.2	6.9	0.0	14.6	7.9	9.1	14.0	5.5	6.0	21.6	6.6	548.2%
Runaway	0.0%	1.0%	0.7%	S	0.7%	0.5%	0.0%	1.0%	0.6%	0.0%	0.7%	0.5%	S	0.7%	0.4%	-
(number of months until running away)	0.0	10.0	11.2	6.7	15.3	19.4	0.0	22.6	14.0	0.0	15.1	14.1	0.1	9.9	11.4	-
Death of Child	0.0%	S	0.1%	S	S	0.1%	0.0%	S	S	0.5%	0.2%	0.1%	S	S	0.2%	-
(number of months until death of a child)	0.0	15.0	13.2	71.2	30.0	18.8	0.0	20.7	5.5	8.1	27.1	12.6	0.9	14.4	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
	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	
	434	10,036	15,382	464	10,525	16,381	452	10,320	16,074	NA	9,658	15,082	509	8,983	13,949	17.3%
	12.3	13.6	13.2	12.0	13.7	13.4	15.4	14.1	14.2	12.0	13.6	14.0	14.6	17.3	16.4	18.1%

By Age

0-2	24.4%	19.9%	21.3%	28.4%	20.4%	21.5%	26.1%	20.5%	21.0%	23.2%	20.9%	21.6%	29.5%	21.2%	22.2%	20.7%
3-5	20.7%	17.1%	17.0%	21.1%	17.5%	17.5%	20.4%	17.2%	17.5%	23.0%	17.1%	17.7%	19.1%	17.7%	18.0%	-8.1%
6-8	15.2%	13.7%	13.2%	16.4%	13.7%	13.7%	15.3%	13.8%	13.6%	16.1%	14.0%	13.8%	15.5%	14.1%	13.9%	2.1%
9-11	11.3%	12.1%	11.6%	9.3%	12.0%	11.8%	12.2%	12.5%	12.2%	13.8%	12.4%	12.1%	13.0%	12.4%	12.1%	14.8%
12-14	8.3%	12.1%	12.0%	8.6%	12.5%	12.1%	9.7%	12.4%	12.3%	12.5%	13.4%	13.3%	9.4%	13.1%	13.1%	13.7%
15-20	20.0%	25.0%	19.6%	16.2%	23.9%	18.2%	16.4%	23.6%	18.3%	11.4%	22.3%	17.7%	13.6%	21.5%	17.2%	-32.4%
Infants (age 0-1)	15.7%	12.3%	13.8%	18.8%	13.1%	13.8%	17.9%	13.2%	13.7%	15.7%	13.9%	14.4%	20.8%	13.7%	14.5%	32.9%
Youth (age 13+)	24.9%	33.6%	33.5%	21.3%	32.6%	31.9%	22.6%	32.2%	31.9%	23.9%	35.6%	34.8%	19.8%	30.5%	29.9%	-20.3%

By Race and Ethnicity

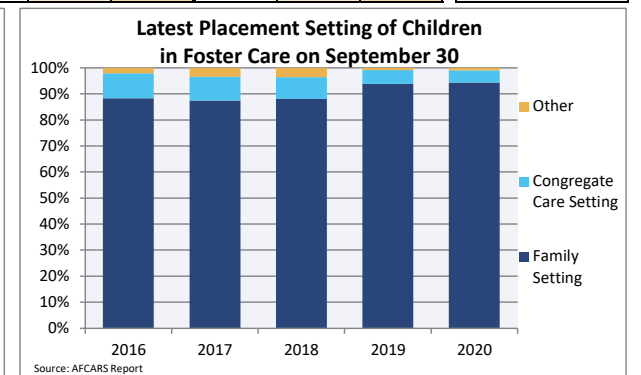
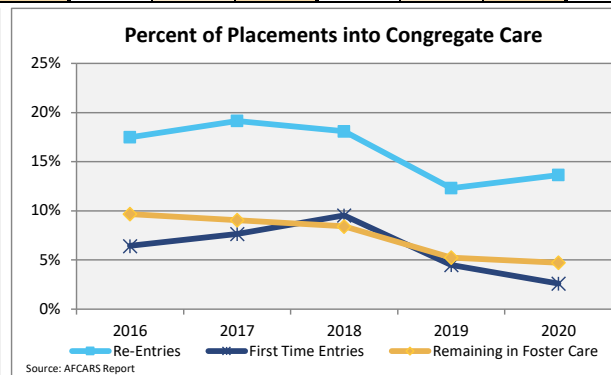
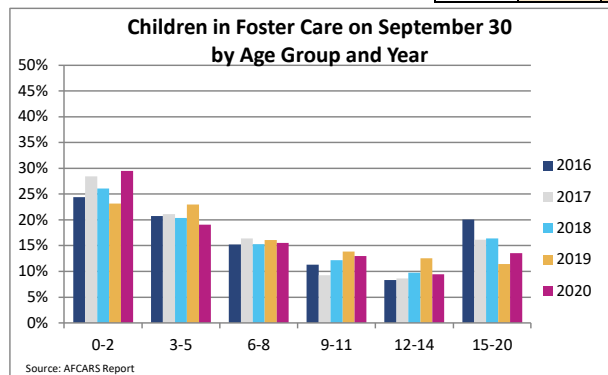
Non-Hispanic White	64.7%	26.7%	41.0%	64.0%	27.5%	42.1%	65.0%	27.2%	42.2%	64.3%	27.7%	42.3%	62.5%	27.4%	41.8%	-3.5%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	7.8%	51.3%	37.0%	9.9%	50.2%	35.8%	9.1%	50.1%	35.4%	11.0%	48.6%	34.4%	13.8%	47.3%	33.7%	75.5%
Non-Hispanic Other Race	0.0%	3.4%	2.9%	S	3.2%	2.7%	S	2.5%	2.3%	1.5%	2.9%	2.6%	3.3%	4.0%	3.7%	-
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	11.5%	4.5%	5.5%	<9.6%	5.4%	6.1%	<11.4%	6.1%	7.1%	8.0%	6.6%	7.8%	7.5%	7.2%	8.3%	-35.2%
Hispanic or Latino	15.9%	14.2%	13.6%	16.4%	13.6%	13.2%	13.5%	14.1%	13.0%	15.1%	14.2%	13.0%	13.0%	14.1%	12.5%	-18.4%

By Gender

Male	51.2%	50.2%	51.2%	51.1%	50.3%	51.2%	50.7%	50.3%	50.9%	50.5%	49.4%	50.6%	50.5%	49.5%	50.8%	-1.3%
Female	48.8%	49.8%	48.8%	48.9%	49.7%	48.8%	49.3%	49.7%	49.1%	49.5%	50.6%	49.4%	49.5%	50.5%	49.2%	1.4%

By Latest Placement Setting

Family Setting	>85.9%	83.5%	82.5%	>86.4%	84.6%	83.4%	>86.7%	85.1%	84.0%	93.8%	86.3%	85.1%	>93.7%	87.3%	86.3%	-
Pre-adoptive Home	S	7.5%	5.3%	S	6.0%	4.1%	S	5.7%	4.0%	0.9%	4.6%	3.2%	S	3.6%	2.7%	-
Foster Family Home – Relative	39.9%	38.9%	35.1%	41.8%	41.6%	37.9%	39.6%	42.1%	37.8%	43.9%	44.6%	39.4%	41.7%	46.3%	41.5%	4.5%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	46.1%	37.1%	42.1%	44.6%	36.9%	41.4%	47.1%	37.2%	42.2%	49.0%	37.1%	42.5%	52.1%	37.4%	42.2%	13.0%
Congregate Care Setting	9.7%	13.8%	14.7%	>8.4%	12.6%	13.7%	>6.4%	11.8%	13.2%	5.2%	10.4%	11.9%	>2.8%	9.3%	10.7%	>99.7%
Group Home	5.1%	6.8%	8.4%	8.4%	6.6%	8.2%	6.4%	6.3%	7.9%	3.4%	5.5%	7.0%	2.8%	4.5%	5.9%	-45.7%
Institution	4.6%	6.9%	6.3%	S	6.0%	5.5%	S	5.5%	5.3%	1.9%	4.8%	4.9%	S	4.8%	4.8%	-
Supervised Independent Living	S	1.6%	1.3%	2.6%	<1.7%	1.5%	3.5%	1.6%	1.5%	0.7%	1.5%	1.3%	S	<1.2%	1.0%	-
Runaway	S	1.0%	0.7%	S	1.2%	0.8%	0.0%	1.3%	0.9%	0.2%	1.7%	1.2%	0.0%	2.2%	1.5%	-
Trial Home Visit	0.0%	0.3%	0.7%	0.0%	S	0.6%	0.0%	0.1%	0.4%	0.0%	0.2%	0.5%	S	S	0.4%	-



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	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	
38.3%	35.5%	33.6%	43.3%	33.5%	32.2%	38.5%	31.8%	31.2%	29.5%	31.2%	31.1%	31.3%	27.7%	ND	-18.4%

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	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	
51.0%	32.1%	36.0%	58.6%	37.7%	39.2%	54.8%	37.6%	37.4%	58.7%	37.3%	38.7%	53.9%	ND	ND	5.6%

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	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	
13.6%	28.5%	24.8%	16.2%	25.7%	23.0%	13.2%	22.9%	21.4%	18.8%	25.6%	22.3%	20.3%	ND	ND	48.8%

ND = PA DHS did not provide data
S = rate suppressed due to count less than 11 persons

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