

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		Rural % Change 2016 to 2020	State % Change 2016 to 2020
Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State		
4,671	44,359	4,692	47,485	4,454	44,063	4,403	42,252	3,705	32,919	-20.7%	-25.8%
22.0	15.9	22.1	17.0	21.0	15.8	20.7	15.1	17.4	11.8		

Child Abuse and Neglect Substantiations

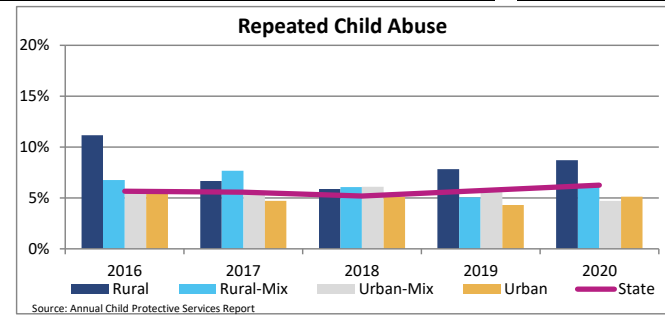
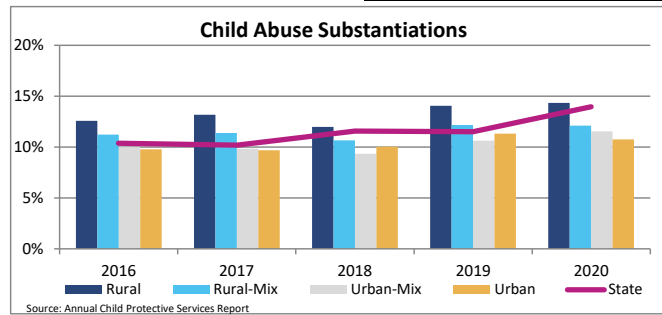
Founded or indicated reports of child abuse and/or neglect.

13.2%	10.4%	12.0%	10.2%	14.1%	11.6%	14.3%	11.5%	15.8%	14.0%	19.9%	34.6%
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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.)

6.7%	5.7%	5.9%	5.6%	7.8%	5.2%	8.7%	5.7%	6.8%	6.2%	2.6%	10.1%
1 in 15	1 in 18	1 in 17	1 in 18	1 in 13	1 in 19	1 in 11	1 in 18	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		Rural % Change 2016 to 2020	State % Change 2016 to 2020
Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State		
16,395	151,087	17,303	163,852	18,611	169,723	19,862	178,124	17,537	152,478	7.0%	17.9%

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.

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.

25.6%	20.9%	27.2%	22.8%	27.3%	23.6%	29.2%	23.5%	31.6%	25.6%	23.5%	12.4%
5,807	43,702	6,857	53,319	7,480	58,982	8,601	60,755	8,259	56,999	42.2%	39.0%

Unduplicated Number of Children Served

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

2015		2016		2017		2018		2019		% Change 2015 to 2019	% Change 2015 to 2019
Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State		
24,517	190,413	28,231	186,855	28,544	194,761	24,606	187,280	25,330	>181,435	3.3%	<-57.2%

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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)

	2016		2017		2018		2019		2020		Rural % Change 2016 to 2020	State % Change 2016 to 2020
	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State		
Unduplicated Number of Children Served	1,695	24,543	1,812	25,381	1,973	25,441	2,074	24,665	1,918	21,689	13.2%	-11.6%
(Rate per 1,000 children age 0-20)	6.5	7.3	6.9	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.9	7.3	7.3	6.4		

By Age

Age Group	2016 Rural	2016 State	2017 Rural	2017 State	2018 Rural	2018 State	2019 Rural	2019 State	2020 Rural	2020 State	Rural % Change 2016 to 2020	State % Change 2016 to 2020
0-2	22.0%	20.2%	20.7%	20.3%	20.1%	20.2%	19.8%	20.2%	20.6%	20.9%	-6.4%	3.5%
3-5	16.1%	17.0%	16.4%	17.4%	16.1%	17.9%	16.8%	17.8%	17.3%	17.8%	7.1%	4.8%
6-8	12.4%	13.0%	11.9%	13.3%	12.7%	13.4%	13.1%	13.8%	14.1%	13.5%	13.6%	3.8%
9-11	11.2%	11.0%	11.9%	11.4%	11.4%	11.8%	12.3%	11.7%	12.3%	11.7%	9.9%	6.0%
12-14	11.3%	11.2%	12.9%	11.6%	13.5%	11.8%	13.5%	12.3%	13.7%	12.6%	21.2%	12.2%
15-17	22.7%	19.6%	20.6%	18.6%	22.0%	18.7%	20.9%	18.5%	19.1%	17.9%	-15.8%	-8.9%
18-20	4.4%	7.9%	5.6%	7.4%	4.2%	6.3%	3.6%	5.6%	3.0%	5.6%	-30.7%	-28.9%
Infants (age 0-1)	14.9%	12.8%	13.5%	12.7%	12.9%	12.7%	13.0%	12.9%	12.7%	13.2%	-15.1%	3.1%
Youth (age 13+)	34.8%	35.5%	34.8%	34.0%	35.3%	33.1%	34.4%	32.6%	31.9%	32.3%	-8.3%	-9.2%

By Race and Ethnicity

Race/Ethnicity	2016 Rural	2016 State	2017 Rural	2017 State	2018 Rural	2018 State	2019 Rural	2019 State	2020 Rural	2020 State	Rural % Change 2016 to 2020	State % Change 2016 to 2020
Non-Hispanic White	88.0%	42.5%	86.6%	42.9%	87.1%	43.7%	88.5%	43.7%	88.0%	44.2%	0.0%	3.9%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	3.1%	35.3%	3.5%	34.9%	3.8%	33.9%	2.5%	33.0%	3.1%	32.0%	0.3%	-9.4%
Non-Hispanic Other Race	0.9%	3.3%	1.2%	2.9%	1.5%	2.3%	1.4%	2.6%	1.9%	3.6%	118.0%	7.5%
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	4.9%	5.4%	4.9%	6.2%	4.1%	7.1%	4.0%	7.7%	4.3%	8.0%	-12.7%	48.0%
Hispanic or Latino	3.1%	13.4%	3.8%	13.2%	3.6%	13.0%	3.6%	12.9%	2.7%	12.3%	-13.3%	-8.8%

By Gender

Gender	2016 Rural	2016 State	2017 Rural	2017 State	2018 Rural	2018 State	2019 Rural	2019 State	2020 Rural	2020 State	Rural % Change 2016 to 2020	State % Change 2016 to 2020
Male	53.4%	51.2%	52.2%	51.0%	52.2%	50.8%	52.4%	50.8%	52.1%	50.6%	-2.4%	-1.2%
Female	46.6%	48.8%	47.8%	49.0%	47.8%	49.2%	47.6%	49.2%	47.9%	49.4%	2.8%	1.2%

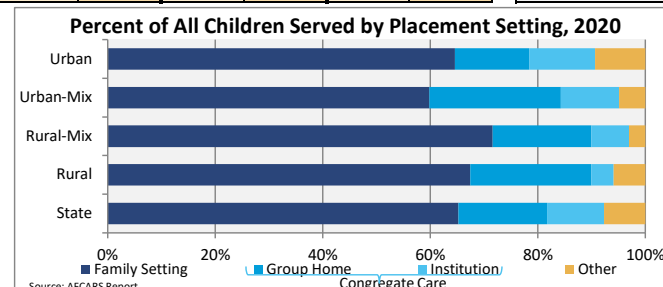
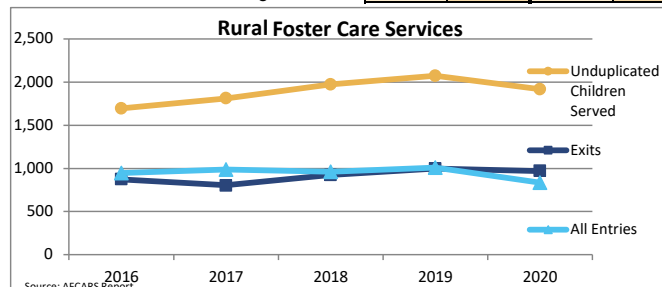
By Latest Placement Setting

Placement Setting	2016 Rural	2016 State	2017 Rural	2017 State	2018 Rural	2018 State	2019 Rural	2019 State	2020 Rural	2020 State	Rural % Change 2016 to 2020	State % Change 2016 to 2020
Family Setting	75.6%	79.0%	77.4%	80.5%	78.7%	81.6%	79.8%	82.7%	81.0%	83.8%	7.1%	6.0%
Pre-adoptive Home	3.4%	4.5%	2.3%	4.0%	3.2%	4.5%	2.7%	3.8%	2.7%	2.9%	-20.8%	-36.0%
Foster Family Home – Relative	28.8%	34.1%	30.0%	36.4%	29.9%	37.1%	32.4%	38.7%	33.5%	40.8%	16.0%	19.8%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	43.4%	40.5%	45.0%	40.1%	45.6%	40.1%	44.6%	40.3%	44.8%	40.1%	3.3%	-0.9%
Congregate Care Setting	18.4%	15.8%	18.4%	14.9%	18.6%	14.0%	15.9%	12.7%	13.6%	11.5%	-26.1%	-27.5%
Group Home	14.5%	9.1%	14.7%	8.8%	13.4%	8.5%	11.5%	7.7%	10.3%	6.7%	-28.6%	-26.1%
Institution	4.0%	6.8%	3.7%	6.1%	5.2%	5.6%	4.3%	5.0%	3.3%	4.8%	-16.9%	-29.3%
Supervised Independent Living	<0.9%	1.6%	<0.8%	1.5%	S	1.5%	S	1.6%	S	1.3%	-	-20.4%
Runaway	S	1.4%	S	1.4%	S	1.4%	S	1.4%	S	1.9%	-	38.7%
Trial Home Visit	5.0%	2.2%	3.4%	1.7%	2.2%	1.4%	3.6%	1.5%	4.9%	1.6%	-1.1%	-27.8%

Children Entering Foster Care

All Entries into Foster Care During the Year

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Rural % Change 2016 to 2020	State % Change 2016 to 2020
All Entries	945	10,567	987	10,781	962	-11.7%	-31.0%



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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	2016		2017		2018		2019		2020		Rural % Change 2016 to 2020	State % Change 2016 to 2020
	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State		
Children Entering for the First Time	721	8,082	799	8,438	753	7,626	789	7,266	665	5,540	-7.8%	-31.5%
First Time Entries During the Year (Rate per 1,000 children age 0-20)	2.7	2.4	3.0	2.5	2.9	2.3	3.0	2.2	2.5	1.6	4.5%	-0.6%
First Time Entries as Percent of All Entries	76.3%	76.5%	81.0%	78.3%	78.3%	75.5%	78.2%	76.9%	79.7%	76.0%		

By Age

Age Group	2016 Rural	2016 State	2017 Rural	2017 State	2018 Rural	2018 State	2019 Rural	2019 State	2020 Rural	2020 State	Rural % Change 2016 to 2020	State % Change 2016 to 2020
0-2	29.5%	33.3%	29.8%	33.2%	29.9%	34.4%	31.6%	35.1%	29.6%	38.2%	0.3%	14.8%
3-5	15.4%	14.7%	14.6%	15.3%	14.3%	15.4%	16.5%	14.8%	15.9%	14.5%	3.5%	-1.1%
6-8	13.9%	12.5%	11.1%	11.9%	11.6%	11.5%	12.3%	11.8%	13.4%	11.4%	-3.5%	-9.1%
9-11	11.2%	9.6%	10.8%	10.1%	9.3%	10.3%	10.8%	10.7%	11.1%	9.7%	-0.9%	1.3%
12-14	11.5%	12.6%	14.6%	13.1%	16.2%	12.8%	13.7%	12.9%	16.2%	12.5%	41.1%	-0.4%
15-20	18.4%	17.4%	19.0%	16.5%	18.7%	15.6%	15.2%	14.6%	13.7%	13.7%	-25.8%	-21.2%
Infants (age 0-1)	23.6%	26.3%	23.0%	26.5%	22.3%	28.0%	25.7%	29.1%	22.3%	31.7%	-5.6%	20.5%
Youth (age 13+)	26.8%	26.6%	30.0%	26.0%	30.7%	24.7%	20.7%	19.5%	25.6%	22.6%	-4.5%	-14.9%

By Race and Ethnicity

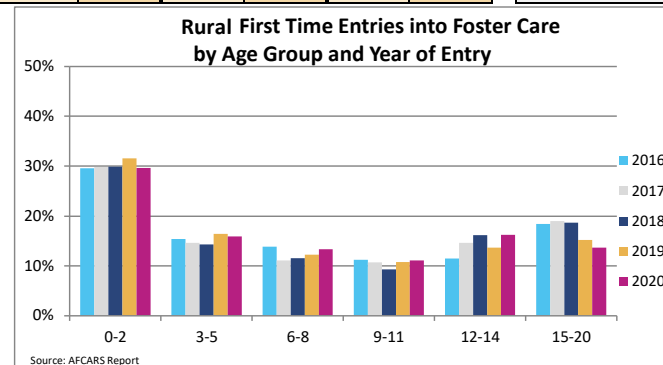
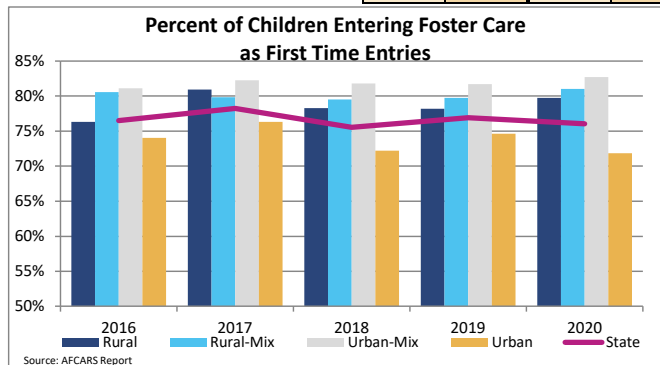
Race/Ethnicity	2016 Rural	2016 State	2017 Rural	2017 State	2018 Rural	2018 State	2019 Rural	2019 State	2020 Rural	2020 State	Rural % Change 2016 to 2020	State % Change 2016 to 2020
Non-Hispanic White	89.5%	49.4%	87.1%	47.6%	87.6%	48.3%	88.3%	47.6%	86.2%	49.7%	-3.7%	0.5%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	2.5%	28.6%	3.9%	29.7%	4.0%	29.3%	1.9%	28.4%	3.0%	25.2%	20.5%	-11.9%
Non-Hispanic Other Race	S	4.1%	S	3.4%	1.5%	2.7%	1.5%	3.7%	3.5%	5.3%	-	29.9%
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	<4.2%	5.4%	<4.3%	6.3%	3.5%	7.7%	4.2%	7.7%	5.6%	8.2%	>32.5%	54.0%
Hispanic or Latino	3.2%	12.6%	3.6%	13.0%	3.5%	12.0%	4.1%	12.6%	1.8%	11.6%	-43.4%	-7.6%

By Gender

Gender	2016 Rural	2016 State	2017 Rural	2017 State	2018 Rural	2018 State	2019 Rural	2019 State	2020 Rural	2020 State	Rural % Change 2016 to 2020	State % Change 2016 to 2020
Male	53.5%	50.8%	49.8%	51.0%	50.5%	50.7%	50.6%	50.8%	51.6%	50.5%	-3.7%	-0.6%
Female	46.5%	49.2%	50.2%	49.0%	49.5%	49.3%	49.4%	49.2%	48.4%	49.5%	4.2%	0.6%

By First Reported Placement Setting

Placement Setting	2016 Rural	2016 State	2017 Rural	2017 State	2018 Rural	2018 State	2019 Rural	2019 State	2020 Rural	2020 State	Rural % Change 2016 to 2020	State % Change 2016 to 2020
Family Setting	81.0%	82.3%	>81.4%	83.6%	>79.9%	83.8%	>84.3%	85.7%	85.9%	>87.5%	6.0%	>6.3%
Pre-adoptive Home	0.0%	0.2%	S	0.3%	S	0.2%	S	0.4%	0.0%	S	-	-
Foster Family Home – Relative	35.0%	37.5%	33.3%	39.1%	34.7%	39.9%	39.8%	41.6%	39.5%	44.3%	13.2%	18.2%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	46.0%	44.6%	48.1%	44.2%	45.3%	43.7%	44.5%	43.7%	46.3%	43.1%	0.6%	-3.2%
Congregate Care Setting	16.2%	15.9%	17.5%	15.0%	18.5%	14.3%	14.3%	12.7%	12.3%	10.6%	-24.0%	-33.6%
Group Home	12.8%	9.7%	15.1%	9.1%	13.7%	9.4%	11.2%	8.5%	9.0%	7.2%	-29.3%	-25.7%
Institution	3.5%	6.2%	2.4%	5.9%	4.8%	4.9%	3.2%	4.2%	3.3%	3.4%	-4.6%	-45.8%
Supervised Independent Living	0.0%	0.2%	0.0%	0.2%	0.0%	0.2%	S	0.2%	S	S	-	-
Runaway	S	0.6%	0.0%	0.5%	0.0%	0.7%	S	0.8%	0.0%	0.8%	-	44.7%
Trial Home Visit	<2.7%	1.0%	S	0.8%	<1.6%	1.1%	S	0.6%	<1.8%	0.9%	-	-14.6%



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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

Indicator	2016		2017		2018		2019		2020		Rural % Change 2016 to 2020	State % Change 2016 to 2020
	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State		
Children Re-Entering Foster Care	224	2,485	188	2,343	209	2,469	220	2,182	169	1,746	-24.6%	-29.7%
	23.7%	23.5%	19.0%	21.7%	21.7%	24.5%	21.8%	23.1%	20.3%	24.0%	-14.5%	1.9%

By Age

Age Group	2016 Rural	2016 State	2017 Rural	2017 State	2018 Rural	2018 State	2019 Rural	2019 State	2020 Rural	2020 State	Rural % Change 2016 to 2020	State % Change 2016 to 2020
0-2	9.4%	11.2%	11.7%	11.4%	10.5%	10.8%	11.4%	11.9%	14.8%	10.5%	57.8%	-6.1%
3-5	11.2%	9.7%	12.8%	11.1%	17.2%	12.6%	12.7%	12.7%	17.2%	10.9%	53.8%	12.2%
6-8	10.3%	10.1%	9.0%	11.7%	12.4%	12.1%	14.1%	11.9%	10.1%	11.0%	-2.0%	8.9%
9-11	12.1%	9.6%	12.2%	10.6%	9.6%	11.5%	13.2%	10.4%	8.9%	12.0%	-26.4%	25.1%
12-14	15.2%	18.5%	18.6%	17.2%	12.0%	17.7%	20.9%	18.7%	21.9%	17.7%	44.2%	-4.2%
15-20	42.0%	40.9%	35.6%	38.2%	38.3%	35.4%	27.7%	34.4%	27.2%	37.9%	-35.1%	-7.4%
Infants (age 0-1)	6.3%	7.4%	6.9%	6.6%	7.7%	6.4%	S	6.9%	10.7%	7.3%	70.4%	-1.5%
Youth (age 13+)	55.4%	55.3%	47.9%	51.1%	47.8%	48.6%	45.5%	48.7%	45.0%	51.1%	-18.8%	-7.6%

By Race and Ethnicity

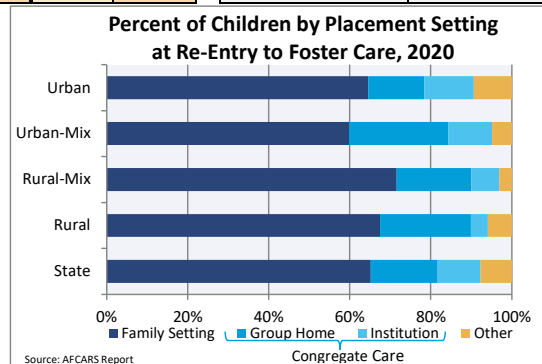
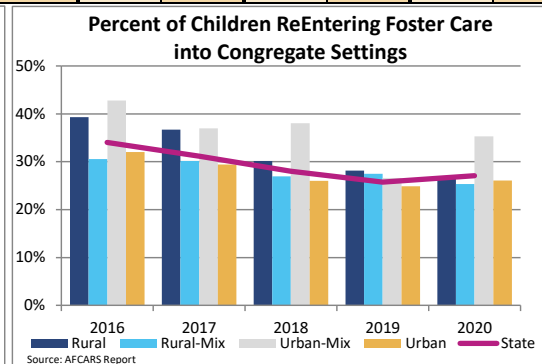
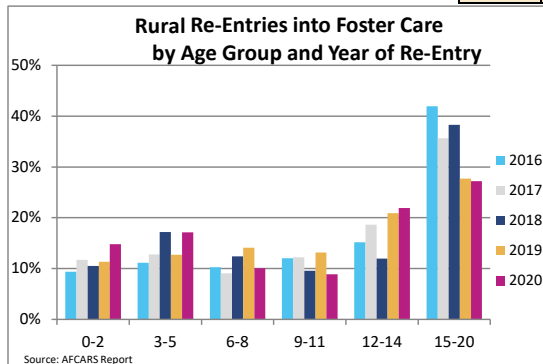
Race/Ethnicity	2016 Rural	2016 State	2017 Rural	2017 State	2018 Rural	2018 State	2019 Rural	2019 State	2020 Rural	2020 State	Rural % Change 2016 to 2020	State % Change 2016 to 2020
Non-Hispanic White	87.5%	39.5%	91.5%	40.6%	89.0%	39.6%	87.7%	40.6%	88.2%	39.1%	0.8%	-1.1%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	S	40.1%	S	39.4%	S	40.5%	S	37.7%	S	38.8%	-	-3.3%
Non-Hispanic Other Race	S	3.1%	0.0%	1.7%	S	1.8%	0.0%	1.5%	S	3.4%	-	10.9%
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	4.9%	5.8%	S	6.3%	S	7.1%	S	8.6%	S	6.8%	-	17.4%
Hispanic or Latino	S	11.6%	S	11.9%	S	11.1%	S	11.5%	S	12.0%	-	3.3%

By Gender

Gender	2016 Rural	2016 State	2017 Rural	2017 State	2018 Rural	2018 State	2019 Rural	2019 State	2020 Rural	2020 State	Rural % Change 2016 to 2020	State % Change 2016 to 2020
Male	57.6%	50.3%	56.4%	49.6%	54.5%	49.1%	56.8%	51.2%	54.4%	49.0%	-5.5%	-2.7%
Female	42.4%	49.7%	43.6%	50.4%	45.5%	50.9%	43.2%	48.8%	45.6%	51.0%	7.4%	2.8%

By Placement Setting at Re-Entry

Placement Setting	2016 Rural	2016 State	2017 Rural	2017 State	2018 Rural	2018 State	2019 Rural	2019 State	2020 Rural	2020 State	Rural % Change 2016 to 2020	State % Change 2016 to 2020
Family Setting	58.5%	61.7%	62.8%	63.9%	65.1%	66.7%	69.1%	68.5%	67.5%	>65.0%	15.3%	>5.3%
Pre-adoptive Home	0.0%	0.7%	0.0%	0.6%	0.0%	0.4%	0.0%	0.6%	0.0%	S	-	-
Foster Family Home – Relative	17.9%	26.3%	25.0%	30.7%	22.5%	28.3%	29.1%	32.5%	28.4%	34.8%	59.1%	32.3%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	40.6%	34.6%	37.8%	32.6%	42.6%	37.9%	40.0%	35.3%	39.1%	30.1%	-3.9%	-13.0%
Congregate Care Setting	39.3%	34.0%	>36.6%	31.2%	30.1%	28.0%	28.2%	25.8%	>22.5%	27.1%	>-42.8%	-20.4%
Group Home	25.9%	19.3%	30.3%	19.9%	24.4%	18.4%	22.3%	16.6%	22.5%	16.5%	-13.2%	-14.3%
Institution	13.4%	14.8%	>6.3%	11.3%	5.7%	9.6%	5.9%	9.2%	S	10.6%	-	-28.3%
Supervised Independent Living	S	1.3%	S	1.8%	S	1.8%	S	1.6%	S	1.4%	-	13.5%
Runaway	0.0%	2.5%	0.0%	2.5%	S	2.7%	0.0%	3.6%	0.0%	5.4%	-	116.9%
Trial Home Visit	S	0.5%	0.0%	0.7%	S	0.8%	S	0.6%	S	<1.0%	-	<88.9%



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

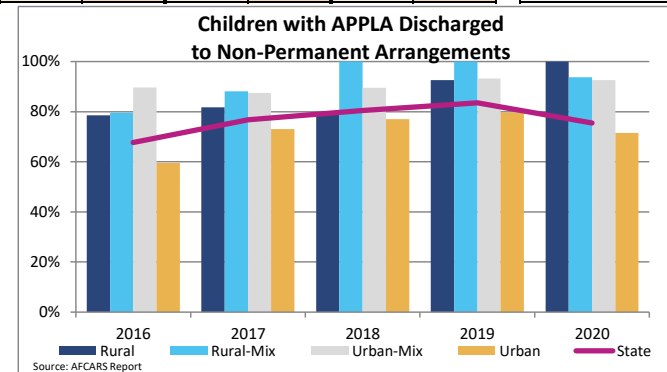
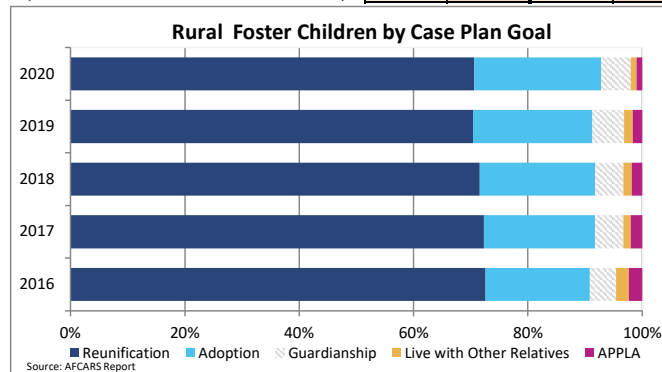
Indicator	2016		2017		2018		2019		2020		Rural % Change 2016 to 2020	State % Change 2016 to 2020
	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State		
Family-Based Permanency Goals	97.7%	95.0%	98.0%	94.0%	98.2%	95.1%	98.3%	95.5%	99.0%	96.4%	1.4%	1.4%
Reunify With Parent(s) or Principal Caretaker(s)	72.6%	69.8%	72.3%	66.7%	71.6%	65.3%	70.4%	63.7%	70.6%	65.8%	-2.7%	-5.7%
Adoption	18.3%	19.5%	19.5%	21.2%	20.2%	23.6%	20.9%	24.5%	22.2%	23.7%	21.3%	21.4%
Guardianship	4.6%	4.3%	5.0%	4.8%	5.0%	5.1%	5.5%	5.9%	5.2%	5.4%	13.0%	27.3%
Live with Relative(s)	2.2%	1.5%	1.3%	1.3%	1.5%	1.2%	1.5%	1.5%	1.0%	1.4%	-55.3%	-3.4%
Another Planned Permanent Living Arrangement (APPLA)	>2.0%	5.0%	>1.6%	6.0%	>1.5%	4.9%	1.7%	4.5%	1.0%	3.6%	>-50.5%	-26.9%
Long Term Foster Care	S	1.0%	S	0.7%	S	0.6%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.5%	-	-50.4%
Emancipation	2.0%	4.0%	1.6%	5.3%	1.5%	4.3%	1.7%	4.4%	1.0%	3.1%	-49.7%	-21.1%

APPLA By Age as % of Age Group Served

Age Group	2016 Rural	2016 State	2017 Rural	2017 State	2018 Rural	2018 State	2019 Rural	2019 State	2020 Rural	2020 State	Rural % Change 2016 to 2020	State % Change 2016 to 2020
0-15	S	0.2%	S	1.0%	S	1.0%	S	S	0.0%	S	-	-
16-20	14.7%	21.6%	9.3%	25.1%	9.3%	25.1%	1.6%	23.5%	6.2%	19.6%	-57.5%	-9.5%

APPLA By Discharge Reason

Discharge Reason	2016 Rural	2016 State	2017 Rural	2017 State	2018 Rural	2018 State	2019 Rural	2019 State	2020 Rural	2020 State	Rural % Change 2016 to 2020	State % Change 2016 to 2020
Exit to Permanent Arrangements	17.9%	32.1%	18.2%	22.7%	21.1%	19.5%	7.4%	16.4%	0.0%	24.1%	-100.0%	-25.1%
Reunification	S	27.0%	S	17.3%	S	16.9%	S	15.0%	0.0%	23.0%	-	-14.9%
(number of months until reunification)	50.0	30.4	17.3	11.8	11.9	18.6	2.1	19.2	0.0	25.1	-100.0%	-17.5%
Adoption	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	-	-
Guardianship	S	4.2%	S	4.9%	S	2.3%	S	S	0.0%	S	-	-
(number of month until guardianship)	129.1	32.0	22.5	23.6	28.5	25.6	11.2	23.8	0.0	32.5	-100.0%	1.3%
Live with Other Relatives	0.0%	S	0.0%	S	0.0%	S	0.0%	S	0.0%	S	-	-
(number of months until living with relatives)	0.0	39.8	0.0	21.4	0.0	32.9	0.0	49.6	0.0	61.6	-	55.0%
Exit to Non-Permanent Arrangements	78.6%	67.7%	>77.3%	76.8%	>68.4%	80.5%	>85.2%	83.5%	100.0%	75.6%	27.3%	11.6%
Emancipation	78.6%	61.3%	77.3%	66.7%	68.4%	72.1%	85.2%	74.3%	100.0%	68.0%	27.3%	10.9%
(number of months until emancipation)	29.8	30.6	27.2	26.2	45.2	27.6	63.9	30.7	31.2	26.1	4.8%	-14.7%
Transfer to Another Agency	0.0%	5.0%	0.0%	8.2%	S	5.3%	S	7.1%	0.0%	6.1%	-	21.5%
(number of months until transfer)	0.0	27.6	0.0	3.7	109.1	19.4	19.3	17.9	0.0	16.0	-	-42.0%
Runaway	0.0%	S	S	1.9%	0.0%	3.0%	0.0%	2.1%	0.0%	S	-	-
(number of months until running away)	0.0	14.1	34.3	32.0	0.0	22.4	0.0	26.9	0.0	22.8	-	61.5%
Death of Child	S	S	0.0%	S	0.0%	S	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.4%	-	-
(number of months until death of a child)	143.7	143.7	0.0	62.6	0.0	62.6	0.0	5.7	0.0	115.9	-100.0%	-19.4%



S = rate suppressed due to count less than 11 persons

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

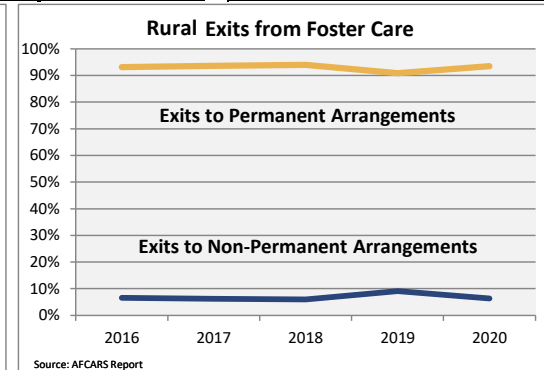
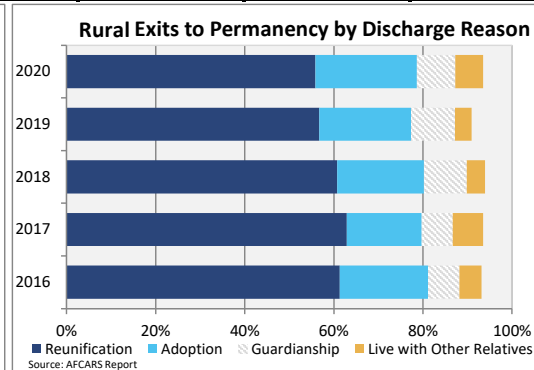
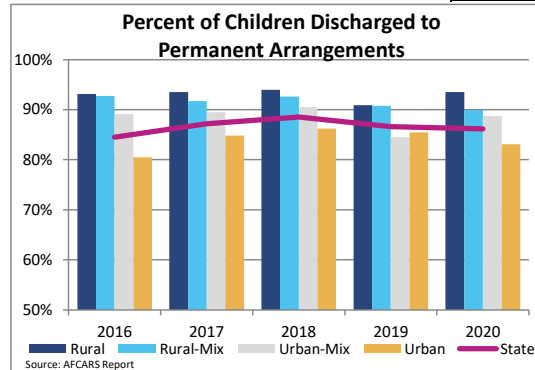
Children Exiting Foster Care

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

	2016		2017		2018		2019		2020		Rural % Change 2016 to 2020	State % Change 2016 to 2020
	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State		
Total Children Leaving Foster Care	874	10,635	803	10,276	924	10,694	998	10,801	970	8,712	11.0%	-18.1%
Percent of Children Leaving Foster Care	51.6%	43.3%	44.3%	40.5%	46.8%	42.0%	48.1%	43.8%	50.6%	40.2%	-1.9%	-7.3%
(number of months until leaving)	12.1	11.7	8.2	11.9	10.6	13.0	11.1	15.9	11.4	15.4	-6.2%	31.7%

By Discharge Reason

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Rural % Change 2016 to 2020	State % Change 2016 to 2020					
Exit to Permanent Arrangements	93.1%	84.5%	93.5%	87.2%	93.9%	88.6%	90.9%	86.6%	93.5%	86.2%	0.4%	2.0%
Reunification	61.3%	54.5%	62.9%	55.1%	60.7%	52.5%	56.7%	49.8%	55.9%	50.8%	-8.9%	-6.7%
(number of months until reunification)	5.6	6.7	4.8	6.6	5.7	6.4	7.0	7.4	7.0	8.4	25.2%	25.6%
Adoption	19.8%	18.7%	16.8%	20.2%	19.5%	23.9%	20.6%	25.2%	22.8%	23.5%	15.1%	26.1%
(number of months until adoption)	29.6	28.7	21.1	29.2	25.1	30.5	25.8	31.0	30.2	29.8	1.8%	3.8%
Guardianship	7.1%	6.6%	7.0%	6.7%	9.6%	7.5%	9.8%	7.6%	8.6%	7.7%	20.6%	16.5%
(number of month until guardianship)	18.9	19.4	12.9	20.1	15.9	19.4	18.1	22.8	15.3	22.3	-18.7%	14.7%
Live with Other Relatives	4.9%	4.7%	6.8%	5.1%	4.1%	4.6%	3.7%	4.1%	6.3%	4.1%	27.8%	-13.5%
(number of months until living with relatives)	4.4	2.2	3.6	2.2	6.8	2.1	2.1	2.5	4.4	2.4	-1.2%	11.4%
Exit to Non-Permanent Arrangements	>6.1%	15.4%	6.2%	12.7%	6.1%	11.4%	>8.2%	13.2%	>6.1%	13.7%	-	-11.2%
Emancipation	6.1%	6.8%	5.4%	7.9%	4.5%	7.3%	8.2%	9.3%	6.1%	9.5%	0.3%	40.7%
(number of months until emancipation)	24.9	23.4	20.8	22.0	37.8	23.7	29.9	26.2	12.3	22.9	-50.8%	-2.5%
Transfer to Another Agency	S	7.9%	S	4.3%	1.5%	3.5%	S	3.5%	S	3.7%	-	-53.0%
(number of months until transfer)	17.7	7.6	2.9	6.9	25.5	7.9	12.2	5.5	0.2	6.6	-98.7%	-12.7%
Runaway	0.0%	0.7%	S	0.5%	0.0%	0.6%	0.0%	0.5%	0.0%	0.4%	-	-40.6%
(number of months until running away)	0.0	11.2	24.4	19.4	0.0	14.0	0.0	14.1	0.0	11.4	-	1.9%
Death of Child	S	0.1%	S	0.1%	0.0%	S	0.0%	0.1%	S	0.2%	-	62.8%
(number of months until death of a child)	76.1	13.2	6.5	18.8	0.0	5.5	0.0	12.6	90.0	6.1	18.3%	-53.7%



FOSTER CARE - REMAINING IN CARE

Data on children remaining in foster care provides information on children who did not leave foster care during the year but are still in foster care on the last day of the federal fiscal year. This data includes all children in foster care on September 30. Some of these children may have just entered foster care days prior to the end of the fiscal year and others may have been in foster care for many years.

Indicator

Children Remaining in Foster Care

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

Indicator	2016		2017		2018		2019		2020		Rural % Change 2016 to 2020	State % Change 2016 to 2020
	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State		
Children Remaining in Foster Care	918	15,382	1,097	16,381	1,142	16,074	1,153	15,082	1,005	13,949	9.5%	-9.3%
	9.7	13.2	9.9	13.4	10.4	14.2	11.4	14.0	10.2	16.4	5.0%	24.1%

By Age

Age Group	2016 Rural	2016 State	2017 Rural	2017 State	2018 Rural	2018 State	2019 Rural	2019 State	2020 Rural	2020 State	Rural % Change	State % Change
0-2	21.7%	21.3%	21.7%	21.5%	18.7%	21.0%	22.1%	21.6%	22.4%	22.2%	3.3%	4.0%
3-5	16.4%	17.0%	15.6%	17.5%	16.6%	17.5%	16.7%	17.7%	17.5%	18.0%	6.5%	5.6%
6-8	12.4%	13.2%	13.7%	13.7%	13.0%	13.6%	13.9%	13.8%	12.6%	13.9%	1.8%	4.8%
9-11	12.0%	11.6%	12.4%	11.8%	12.1%	12.2%	12.8%	12.1%	12.1%	12.1%	1.3%	4.0%
12-14	11.7%	12.0%	13.9%	12.1%	13.9%	12.3%	14.4%	13.3%	15.3%	13.1%	31.5%	9.8%
15-20	25.8%	24.9%	22.8%	23.5%	25.7%	23.5%	20.0%	21.5%	20.0%	20.8%	-22.5%	-16.4%
Infants (age 0-1)	15.3%	13.8%	13.9%	13.8%	12.3%	13.7%	15.4%	14.4%	14.3%	14.5%	-6.0%	5.3%
Youth (age 13+)	33.9%	33.5%	32.0%	31.9%	34.7%	31.9%	34.4%	34.8%	31.0%	29.9%	-8.4%	-10.7%

By Race and Ethnicity

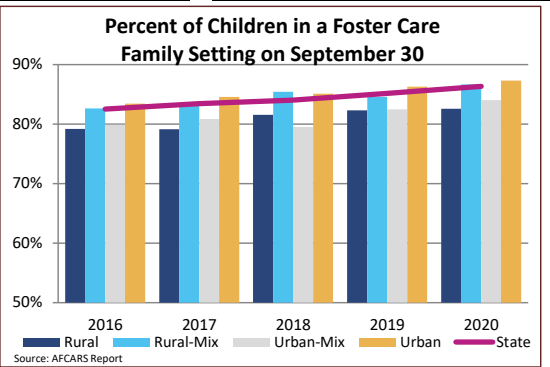
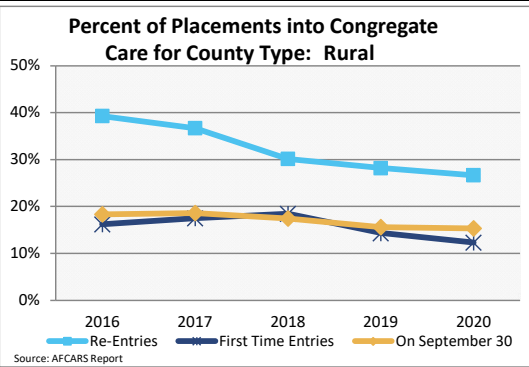
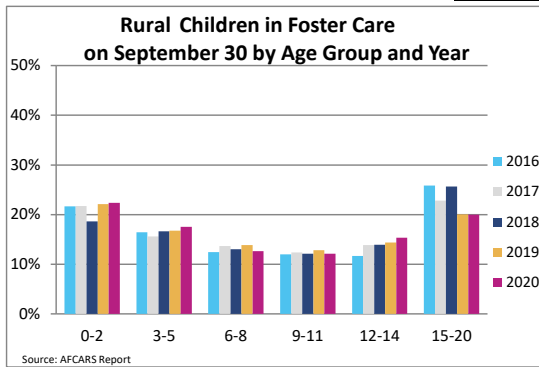
Race/Ethnicity	2016 Rural	2016 State	2017 Rural	2017 State	2018 Rural	2018 State	2019 Rural	2019 State	2020 Rural	2020 State	Rural % Change	State % Change
Non-Hispanic White	86.5%	41.0%	87.0%	42.1%	89.2%	42.2%	88.8%	42.3%	87.9%	41.8%	1.6%	2.0%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	3.3%	37.0%	3.2%	35.8%	3.0%	35.4%	2.8%	34.4%	3.0%	33.7%	-8.7%	-9.1%
Non-Hispanic Other Race	S	2.9%	1.4%	2.7%	1.4%	2.3%	S	2.6%	2.4%	3.7%	-	27.7%
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	<5.2%	5.5%	4.3%	6.1%	3.5%	7.1%	<4.4%	7.8%	4.0%	8.3%	>-23.5%	50.2%
Hispanic or Latino	4.1%	13.6%	4.2%	13.2%	2.9%	13.0%	3.5%	13.0%	2.8%	12.5%	-32.7%	-7.8%

By Gender

Gender	2016 Rural	2016 State	2017 Rural	2017 State	2018 Rural	2018 State	2019 Rural	2019 State	2020 Rural	2020 State	Rural % Change	State % Change
Male	54.8%	51.2%	52.8%	51.2%	52.5%	50.9%	52.4%	50.6%	53.3%	50.8%	-2.7%	-0.8%
Female	45.2%	48.8%	47.2%	48.8%	47.5%	49.1%	47.6%	49.4%	46.7%	49.2%	3.2%	0.8%

By Latest Placement Setting

Placement Setting	2016 Rural	2016 State	2017 Rural	2017 State	2018 Rural	2018 State	2019 Rural	2019 State	2020 Rural	2020 State	Rural % Change	State % Change
Family Setting	79.2%	82.5%	79.1%	83.4%	81.5%	84.0%	82.3%	85.1%	82.6%	86.3%	4.3%	4.7%
Pre-adoptive Home	1.4%	5.3%	1.5%	4.1%	2.1%	4.0%	1.4%	3.2%	2.7%	2.7%	89.7%	-49.5%
Foster Family Home – Relative	28.5%	35.1%	30.6%	37.9%	29.1%	37.8%	31.0%	39.4%	30.9%	41.5%	8.4%	18.2%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	49.2%	42.1%	47.0%	41.4%	50.4%	42.2%	50.0%	42.5%	49.0%	42.2%	-0.6%	0.2%
Congregate Care Setting	18.3%	14.7%	18.6%	13.7%	17.4%	13.2%	15.6%	11.9%	15.3%	10.7%	-16.3%	-26.8%
Group Home	14.9%	8.4%	14.2%	8.2%	11.8%	7.9%	11.4%	7.0%	11.1%	5.9%	-25.3%	-29.1%
Institution	3.4%	6.3%	4.4%	5.5%	5.6%	5.3%	4.2%	4.9%	4.2%	4.8%	23.8%	-23.8%
Supervised Independent Living	S	1.3%	S	1.5%	S	1.5%	S	1.3%	S	1.0%	-	-25.1%
Runaway	S	0.7%	0.0%	0.8%	0.0%	0.9%	S	1.2%	0.0%	1.5%	-	97.1%
Trial Home Visit	1.4%	0.7%	<1.9%	0.6%	S	0.4%	1.6%	0.5%	<1.9%	0.4%	<34.2%	-42.5%



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		Rural % Change 2016 to 2020	State % Change 2016 to 2020
Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State		
29.0%	33.6%	30.8%	32.2%	30.5%	31.2%	35.1%	31.1%	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		Rural % Change 2016 to 2020	State % Change 2016 to 2020
Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State		
52.2%	36.0%	48.3%	39.2%	41.0%	37.4%	44.3%	38.7%	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		Rural % Change 2016 to 2020	State % Change 2016 to 2020
Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State		
19.5%	24.8%	19.5%	23.0%	22.2%	21.4%	21.8%	22.3%	ND	ND	-	-

ND = PA DHS did not provide data



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