

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)

2017			2018			2019			2020			2021			County % Change 2017 to 2021
County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	
345	9,982	47,485	291	9,598	44,063	258	9,199	42,252	227	7,511	32,919	224	8,606	38,013	-35.1%
14.1	17.9	17.0	11.9	17.2	15.8	10.5	16.5	15.1	9.3	13.5	11.8	9.1	15.4	13.6	

Child Abuse and Neglect Substantiations

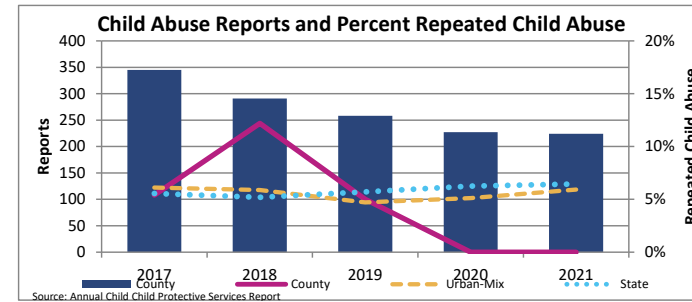
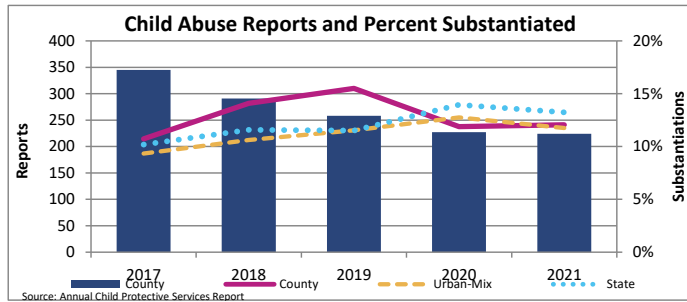
Founded or indicated reports of child abuse and/or neglect.

10.7%	9.3%	10.2%	14.1%	10.6%	11.6%	15.5%	11.5%	11.5%	11.9%	12.8%	14.0%	12.1%	11.7%	13.2%	12.4%
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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.)

5.4%	6.1%	5.6%	12.2%	5.9%	5.2%	5.0%	4.7%	5.7%	0.0%	5.1%	6.2%	0.0%	5.9%	6.5%	-100.0%
1 in 19	1 in 16	1 in 18	1 in 8	1 in 17	1 in 19	1 in 20	1 in 21	1 in 18	0	1 in 20	1 in 16	0	1 in 17	1 in 15	



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.

2017			2018			2019			2020			2021			County % Change 2017 to 2021
County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	
1,237	36,280	163,852	1,301	38,204	169,723	1,468	40,293	178,124	1,201	34,966	152,478	1,182	36,532	161,709	-4.4%

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.

30.5%	23.0%	22.8%	37.0%	22.5%	23.6%	30.8%	21.4%	23.5%	33.8%	21.8%	25.6%	37.0%	23.6%	27.1%	21.3%
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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.

500	12,092	53,319	638	13,466	58,982	599	13,129	60,755	546	11,823	56,999	621	13,693	63,801	24.2%
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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.

2017			2018			2019			2020			2021			County % Change 2017 to 2021
County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	
3,123	38,791	186,855	2,626	42,267	194,761	2,809	38,717	187,280	2,088	38,581	>181,435	2,292	50,344	192,594	-26.6%

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	2017			2018			2019			2020			2021			County % Change 2017 to 2021
	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	
Unduplicated Number of Children Served																
All Children in Foster Care During the Year (Rate per 1,000 children age 0-20)	104 2.3	4,312 6.3	25,381 7.5	91 2.0	4,264 6.2	25,441 7.5	NA 2.2	3,986 5.8	24,665 7.3	109 2.4	3,571 5.2	21,689 6.4	101 2.2	3,490 5.1	20,490 6.1	-2.9%

By Age		2017			2018			2019			2020			2021			County % Change 2017 to 2021
		County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	
	0-2	23.1%	22.3%	20.3%	25.3%	22.1%	20.2%	17.0%	21.3%	20.2%	14.7%	22.2%	20.9%	14.9%	22.6%	21.5%	-35.6%
	3-5	18.3%	17.2%	17.4%	14.3%	18.0%	17.9%	18.0%	18.4%	17.8%	16.5%	18.5%	17.8%	14.9%	17.1%	18.2%	-18.7%
	6-8	13.5%	13.1%	13.3%	S	12.7%	13.4%	11.0%	13.2%	13.8%	11.9%	13.7%	13.5%	14.9%	14.2%	13.7%	10.3%
	9-11	11.5%	11.5%	11.4%	15.4%	11.5%	11.8%	0.0%	10.6%	11.7%	<15.7%	11.0%	11.7%	<15.0%	11.5%	11.3%	<30.0%
	12-14	S	10.1%	11.6%	S	10.8%	11.8%	0.0%	11.9%	12.3%	12.8%	12.3%	12.6%	11.9%	12.3%	12.6%	-
	15-17	21.2%	18.5%	18.6%	23.1%	18.0%	18.7%	21.0%	18.2%	18.5%	21.1%	17.4%	17.9%	18.8%	16.1%	16.4%	-11.1%
	18-20	S	7.3%	7.4%	S	6.8%	6.3%	4.0%	6.4%	5.6%	S	5.0%	5.6%	S	6.1%	6.4%	-
	Infants (age 0-1)	S	14.4%	12.7%	14.3%	14.3%	12.7%	11.0%	13.9%	12.9%	10.1%	14.0%	13.2%	S	14.8%	13.7%	-
	Youth (age 13+)	31.7%	33.0%	34.0%	34.1%	31.9%	33.1%	35.0%	32.6%	32.6%	37.6%	30.9%	32.3%	36.6%	30.9%	31.3%	15.5%

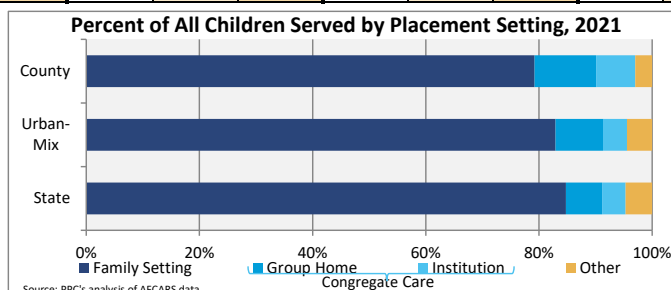
By Race and Ethnicity		2017			2018			2019			2020			2021			County % Change 2017 to 2021
		County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	
	Non-Hispanic White	71.2%	57.1%	42.9%	74.7%	56.2%	43.7%	79.0%	55.6%	43.7%	77.1%	54.9%	44.2%	72.3%	54.5%	44.3%	1.6%
	Non-Hispanic Black or African American	13.5%	12.8%	34.9%	13.2%	12.5%	33.9%	5.0%	12.4%	33.0%	S	12.5%	32.0%	S	13.0%	30.7%	-
	Non-Hispanic Other Race	S	2.4%	2.9%	S	2.2%	2.3%	5.0%	2.1%	2.6%	S	3.3%	3.6%	S	4.2%	4.2%	-
	Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	S	8.8%	6.2%	S	11.2%	7.1%	5.0%	13.1%	7.7%	S	13.0%	8.0%	S	13.2%	8.4%	-
	Hispanic or Latino	S	18.9%	13.2%	S	18.0%	13.0%	6.0%	16.8%	12.9%	S	16.3%	12.3%	S	15.0%	12.3%	-

By Sex		2017			2018			2019			2020			2021			County % Change 2017 to 2021
		County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	
	Male	62.5%	51.7%	51.0%	59.3%	50.6%	50.8%	57.0%	51.4%	50.8%	56.0%	52.4%	50.6%	60.4%	51.4%	50.5%	-3.4%
	Female	37.5%	48.3%	49.0%	40.7%	49.4%	49.2%	43.0%	48.6%	49.2%	44.0%	47.6%	49.4%	39.6%	48.6%	49.5%	5.6%

By Latest Placement Setting		2017			2018			2019			2020			2021			County % Change 2017 to 2021
		County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	
	Family Setting	70.2%	78.6%	80.5%	>79.0%	79.8%	81.6%	80.0%	80.0%	82.7%	72.5%	82.5%	83.8%	>72.3%	82.9%	84.8%	-
	Pre-adoptive Home	11.5%	0.8%	4.0%	18.7%	0.9%	4.5%	16.0%	0.9%	3.8%	11.0%	0.9%	2.9%	S	1.1%	2.3%	-
	Foster Family Home – Relative	10.6%	32.7%	36.4%	>13.1%	33.3%	37.1%	15.0%	31.6%	38.7%	17.4%	33.6%	40.8%	18.8%	33.4%	42.0%	77.9%
	Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	48.1%	45.1%	40.1%	47.3%	45.7%	40.1%	49.0%	47.4%	40.3%	44.0%	48.0%	40.1%	53.5%	48.4%	40.5%	11.2%
	Congregate Care Setting	>18.3%	16.3%	14.9%	15.4%	15.2%	14.0%	17.0%	14.9%	12.7%	24.8%	13.4%	11.5%	>10.9%	12.6%	10.5%	-
	Group Home	18.3%	11.7%	8.8%	S	11.4%	8.5%	11.0%	10.9%	7.7%	14.7%	9.0%	6.7%	10.9%	8.4%	6.4%	-40.4%
	Institution	S	4.6%	6.1%	S	3.8%	5.6%	6.0%	3.9%	5.0%	10.1%	4.4%	4.8%	S	4.2%	4.2%	-
	Supervised Independent Living	S	1.9%	1.5%	0.0%	2.2%	1.5%	1.0%	2.6%	1.6%	S	<2.1%	1.3%	S	1.9%	1.2%	-
	Runaway	0.0%	0.4%	1.4%	0.0%	0.4%	1.4%	0.0%	0.4%	1.4%	0.0%	S	1.9%	0.0%	0.5%	1.7%	-
	Trial Home Visit	S	2.8%	1.7%	S	2.4%	1.4%	2.0%	2.2%	1.5%	S	1.9%	1.6%	S	2.1%	1.8%	-

Children Entering Foster Care		2017			2018			2019			2020			2021			County % Change 2017 to 2021
		County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	
All Entries into Foster Care During the Year		36	1,860	10,781	35	1,704	10,095	NA	1,521	9,448	34	1,181	7,286	26	1,412	7,316	-27.8%

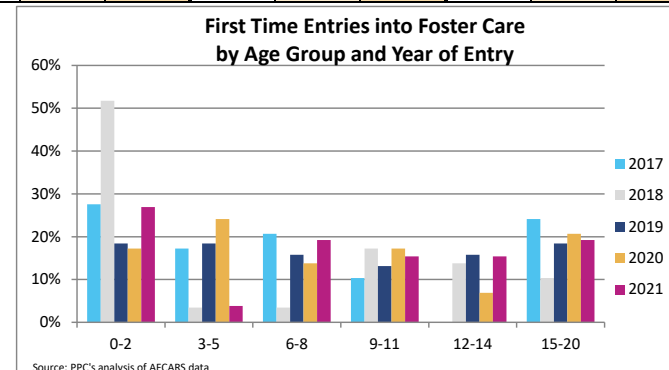
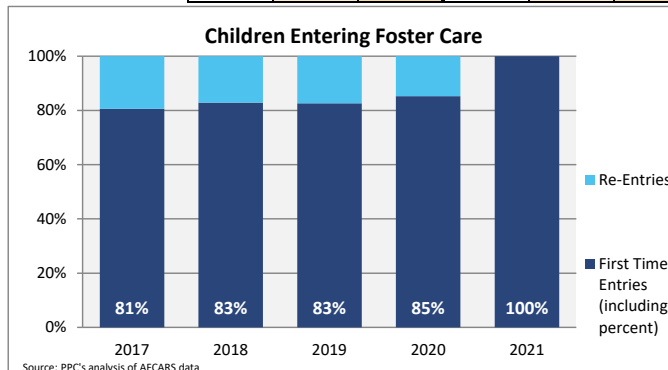
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FOSTER CARE - FIRST TIME ENTRIES

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	2017			2018			2019			2020			2021			County % Change 2017 to 2021
	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	
Children Entering for the First Time																
First Time Entries During the Year (Rate per 1,000 children age 0-20)	29	1,530	8,438	29	1,394	7,626	NA	1,243	7,266	29	977	5,540	26	1,158	5,635	-10.3%
First Time Entries as Percent of All Entries	0.6	2.2	2.5	0.6	2.0	2.3	0.8	1.8	2.2	0.6	1.4	1.6	0.6	1.7	1.7	24.1%
80.6%	82.3%	78.3%	82.9%	81.8%	75.5%	82.6%	81.7%	76.9%	85.3%	82.7%	76.0%	100.0%	82.0%	77.0%		
By Age																
0-2	S	34.0%	33.2%	51.7%	35.9%	34.4%	18.4%	34.4%	35.1%	S	38.5%	38.2%	S	37.6%	38.5%	-
3-5	S	16.3%	15.3%	S	17.1%	15.4%	18.4%	15.8%	14.8%	S	14.6%	14.5%	S	13.1%	14.7%	-
6-8	S	12.4%	11.9%	S	11.1%	11.5%	15.8%	12.1%	11.8%	S	13.3%	11.4%	S	12.0%	11.3%	-
9-11	S	10.9%	10.1%	S	9.3%	10.3%	13.2%	9.8%	10.7%	S	10.5%	9.7%	S	11.0%	9.3%	-
12-14	0.0%	10.8%	13.1%	S	11.1%	12.8%	15.8%	13.5%	12.9%	S	10.5%	12.5%	S	13.4%	12.6%	-
15-20	S	15.6%	16.5%	S	15.5%	15.6%	18.4%	14.3%	14.6%	S	12.5%	13.7%	S	13.0%	13.7%	-
Infants (age 0-1)	S	27.3%	26.5%	37.9%	29.5%	28.0%	18.4%	28.3%	29.1%	S	30.8%	31.7%	S	30.8%	32.3%	-
Youth (age 13+)	S	23.3%	26.0%	S	23.2%	24.7%	26.3%	19.0%	19.5%	S	20.9%	22.6%	S	22.9%	22.5%	-
By Race and Ethnicity																
Non-Hispanic White	72.4%	57.7%	47.6%	69.0%	57.3%	48.3%	78.9%	56.3%	47.6%	82.8%	57.3%	49.7%	65.4%	53.5%	50.0%	-9.7%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	S	13.1%	29.7%	S	13.0%	29.3%	0.0%	11.9%	28.4%	0.0%	13.2%	25.2%	S	13.3%	23.6%	-
Non-Hispanic Other Race	0.0%	2.1%	3.4%	S	3.3%	2.7%	10.5%	3.1%	3.7%	S	4.7%	5.3%	S	6.9%	5.8%	-
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	S	8.6%	6.3%	S	11.9%	7.7%	2.6%	13.0%	7.7%	S	11.4%	8.2%	S	11.7%	8.4%	-
Hispanic or Latino	S	18.6%	13.0%	S	14.5%	12.0%	7.9%	15.8%	12.6%	S	13.4%	11.6%	S	14.6%	12.1%	-
By Sex																
Male	58.6%	51.7%	51.0%	55.2%	48.9%	50.7%	50.0%	50.8%	50.8%	41.4%	51.5%	50.5%	>65.3%	49.7%	49.7%	<11.4%
Female	41.4%	48.3%	49.0%	44.8%	51.1%	49.3%	50.0%	49.2%	49.2%	58.6%	48.5%	49.5%	S	50.3%	50.3%	-
By First Reported Placement Setting																
Family Setting	>69.0%	>84.1%	83.6%	>82.8%	>83.9%	83.8%	73.7%	>85.2%	85.7%	>51.7%	>88.3%	>87.5%	>57.7%	>88.1%	>87.5%	-
Pre-adoptive Home	0.0%	S	0.3%	0.0%	S	0.2%	0.0%	S	0.4%	0.0%	S	S	0.0%	S	S	-
Foster Family Home – Relative	S	36.5%	39.1%	S	36.5%	39.9%	21.1%	34.8%	41.6%	S	41.2%	44.3%	S	38.4%	45.8%	-
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	69.0%	47.6%	44.2%	82.8%	47.4%	43.7%	52.6%	50.4%	43.7%	51.7%	47.1%	43.1%	57.7%	49.7%	41.7%	-16.3%
Congregate Care Setting	>0.0%	14.9%	15.0%	>0.0%	14.6%	14.3%	26.3%	13.5%	12.7%	>24.0%	11.0%	10.6%	>0.0%	10.8%	10.4%	-
Group Home	S	10.7%	9.1%	S	12.3%	9.4%	23.7%	11.5%	8.5%	S	8.9%	7.2%	S	8.8%	7.4%	-
Institution	0.0%	4.2%	5.9%	0.0%	2.3%	4.9%	2.6%	2.0%	4.2%	S	2.0%	3.4%	0.0%	2.0%	3.0%	-
Supervised Independent Living	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.0%	S	0.2%	0.0%	S	S	0.0%	S	0.2%	-
Runaway	0.0%	S	0.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.7%	0.0%	S	0.8%	0.0%	S	0.8%	0.0%	S	0.7%	-
Trial Home Visit	0.0%	0.8%	0.8%	0.0%	<1.5%	1.1%	0.0%	S	0.6%	0.0%	S	0.9%	S	S	<1.2%	-



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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.

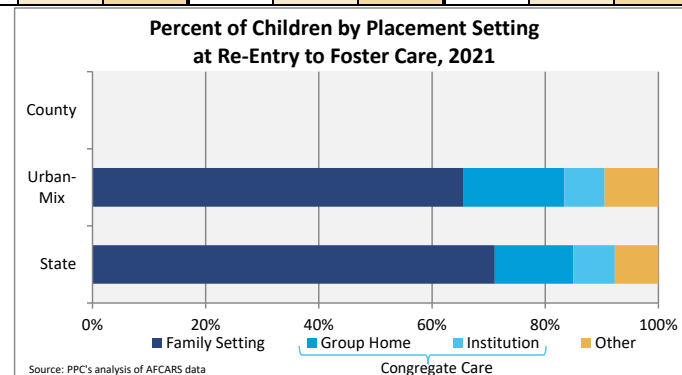
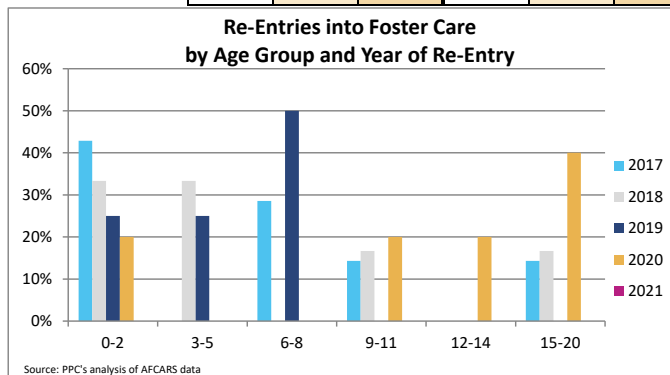
Indicator	2017			2018			2019			2020			2021			County % Change 2017 to 2021
	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	
Children Re-Entering Foster Care																
Re-Entries During the Year	S	330	2,343	S	310	2,469	NA	278	2,182	S	204	1,746	0	254	1,681	-
Re-Entries as Percent of All Entries	S	17.7%	21.7%	S	18.2%	24.5%	17.4%	18.3%	23.1%	S	17.3%	24.0%	0.0%	18.0%	23.0%	-

By Age		2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	County % Change 2017 to 2021
0-2	S	8.2%	11.4%	10.0%	11.3%	9.8%	-
3-5	0.0%	10.0%	11.1%	10.6%	12.3%	12.8%	-
6-8	S	9.4%	11.7%	0.0%	11.3%	10.9%	-
9-11	S	10.6%	10.6%	10.0%	12.3%	11.0%	-
12-14	0.0%	14.8%	17.2%	0.0%	15.2%	17.7%	-
15-20	S	47.0%	38.2%	0.0%	37.7%	32.7%	-
Infants (age 0-1)	S	4.5%	6.6%	5.8%	7.3%	9.2%	-
Youth (age 13+)	S	59.7%	51.1%	57.7%	51.1%	47.7%	-

By Race and Ethnicity		2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	County % Change 2017 to 2021
Non-Hispanic White	S	58.5%	40.6%	51.6%	56.9%	58.3%	-
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	S	15.2%	39.4%	17.1%	13.7%	15.4%	-
Non-Hispanic Other Race	0.0%	S	1.7%	S	S	S	-
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	0.0%	<10.5%	6.3%	<14.7%	<11.5%	<12.8%	-
Hispanic or Latino	0.0%	15.2%	11.9%	13.9%	13.2%	9.4%	-

By Sex		2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	County % Change 2017 to 2021
Male	S	52.4%	49.6%	47.7%	55.4%	49.6%	-
Female	S	47.6%	50.4%	52.3%	44.6%	51.0%	-

By Placement Setting at Re-Entry		2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	County % Change 2017 to 2021
Family Setting	>0.0%	54.8%	63.9%	>83.2%	56.8%	66.7%	100.0%
Pre-adoptive Home	0.0%	0.0%	0.6%	0.0%	0.4%	0.0%	0.0%
Foster Family Home – Relative	0.0%	24.5%	30.7%	S	28.3%	0.0%	21.2%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	S	30.3%	32.6%	S	36.8%	37.9%	100.0%
Congregate Care Setting	>0.0%	37.0%	31.2%	>0.0%	38.1%	28.0%	0.0%
Group Home	S	29.7%	19.9%	S	32.3%	18.4%	23.0%
Institution	0.0%	7.3%	11.3%	0.0%	5.8%	9.6%	S
Supervised Independent Living	0.0%	5.8%	1.8%	0.0%	3.9%	1.8%	4.7%
Runaway	0.0%	S	2.5%	0.0%	S	2.7%	S
Trial Home Visit	0.0%	S	0.7%	0.0%	S	0.8%	S



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FOSTER CARE - PLACEMENT REASONS

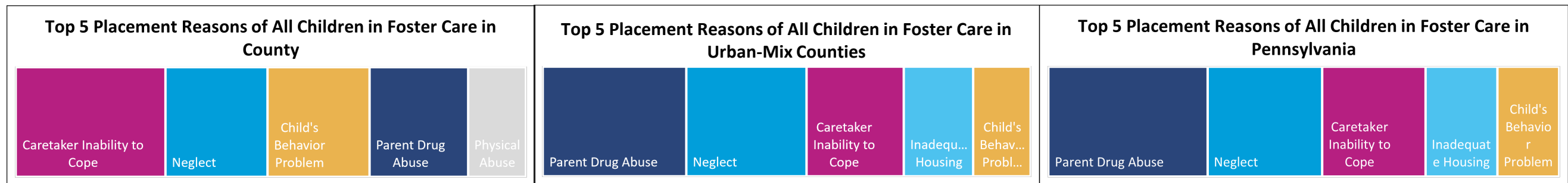
County child welfare agencies are required to report the reasons in which a child experiences a placement episode. There are 15 factors defined by the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) technical bulletin issued by the Administration for Children and Families which are federally required data elements that the state must track and report.

A child can have more than one placement reason.

Indicator

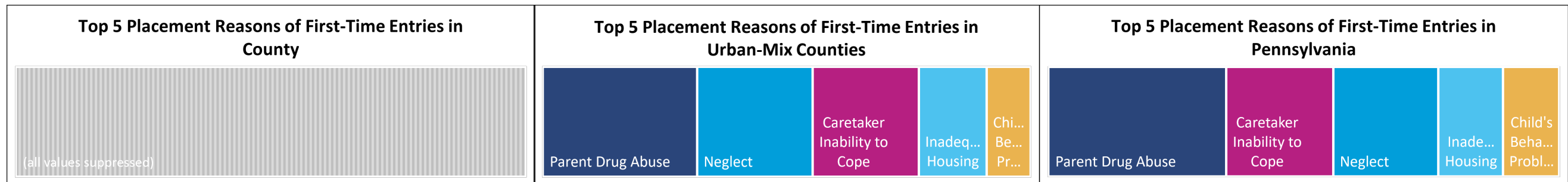
Top Five Placement Reasons Of All Children in Foster Care During the Year

2021		
County	Urban-Mix	State
43.6% Caretaker Inability to Cope	41.9% Parent Drug Abuse	35.2% Parent Drug Abuse
29.7% Neglect	35.1% Neglect	25.4% Neglect
29.7% Child's Behavior Problem	28.3% Caretaker Inability to Cope	22.8% Caretaker Inability to Cope
28.7% Parent Drug Abuse	20.2% Inadequate Housing	15.9% Inadequate Housing
16.8% Physical Abuse	16.7% Child's Behavior Problem	13.7% Child's Behavior Problem



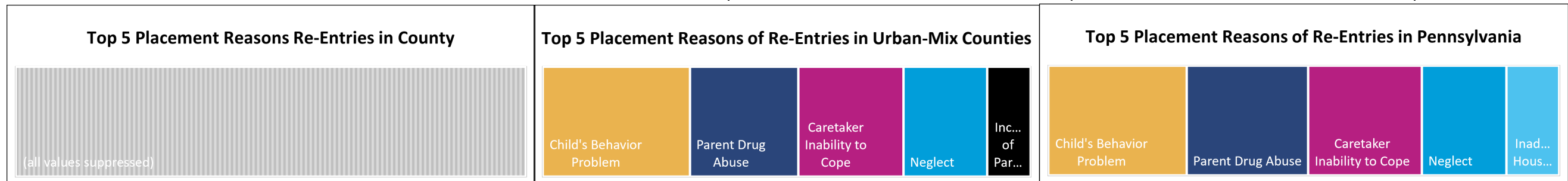
Of First-Time Entries into Foster Care

S (all values suppressed)	46.0% Parent Drug Abuse	40.8% Parent Drug Abuse
S (remaining values suppressed)	34.4% Neglect	24.6% Caretaker Inability to Cope
S (remaining values suppressed)	31.7% Caretaker Inability to Cope	24.1% Neglect
S (remaining values suppressed)	20.2% Inadequate Housing	14.9% Inadequate Housing
S (remaining values suppressed)	13.0% Child's Behavior Problem	12.9% Child's Behavior Problem



Of Re-Entries into Foster Care

S (all values suppressed)	37.4% Child's Behavior Problem	28.3% Child's Behavior Problem
S (remaining values suppressed)	27.6% Parent Drug Abuse	24.9% Parent Drug Abuse
S (remaining values suppressed)	26.8% Caretaker Inability to Cope	23.3% Caretaker Inability to Cope
S (remaining values suppressed)	21.3% Neglect	17.3% Neglect
S (remaining values suppressed)	11.0% Incarceration of Parent(s)	10.8% Inadequate Housing



Placement reasons include abandonment, caretaker inability to cope due to illness or other reasons, child alcohol abuse, child disability, child drug abuse, child's behavior problem, death of parent(s), incarceration of parent(s), inadequate housing, neglect, parent alcohol abuse, parent drug abuse, physical abuse, relinquishment, sexual abuse.

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.

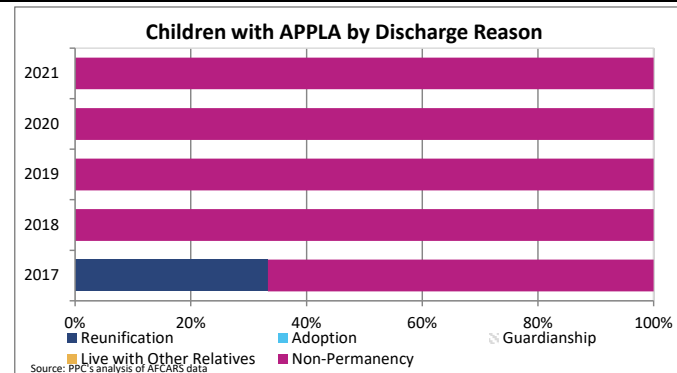
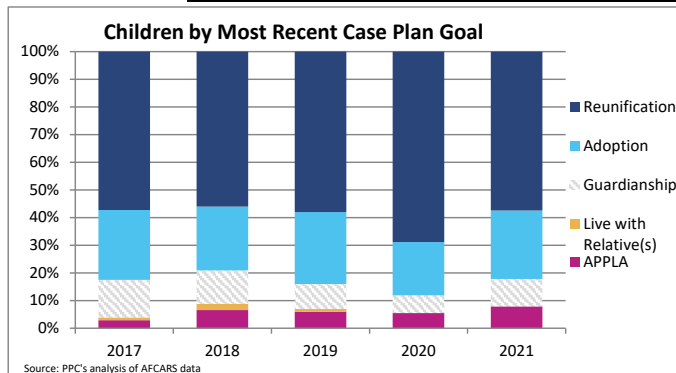
Indicator	2017			2018			2019			2020			2021			County % Change 2017 to 2021
	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	
Percent of Children by Case Plan Goal																
Family-Based Permanency Goals	>96.1%	95.2%	94.0%	>91.2%	95.9%	95.1%	94.0%	95.8%	95.5%	>88.1%	96.8%	96.4%	>82.2%	96.5%	96.8%	-
Reunify With Parent(s) or Principal Caretaker(s)	57.3%	67.3%	66.7%	56.0%	64.9%	65.3%	58.0%	62.9%	63.7%	68.8%	63.0%	65.8%	57.4%	62.9%	65.6%	0.3%
Adoption	25.2%	21.8%	21.2%	23.1%	24.9%	23.6%	26.0%	26.0%	24.5%	19.3%	27.6%	23.7%	24.8%	28.0%	25.0%	-1.9%
Guardianship	13.6%	3.5%	4.8%	12.1%	3.6%	5.1%	9.0%	5.0%	5.9%	S	4.2%	5.4%	S	4.1%	5.3%	-
Live with Relative(s)	S	2.6%	1.3%	S	2.5%	1.2%	1.0%	1.9%	1.5%	0.0%	2.0%	1.4%	0.0%	1.5%	1.0%	-
Another Planned Permanent Living Arrangement (APPLA)	>0.0%	4.8%	6.0%	>0.0%	4.1%	4.9%	6.0%	4.2%	4.5%	>0.0%	3.2%	3.6%	>0.0%	3.5%	3.2%	-
Long Term Foster Care	0.0%	2.7%	0.7%	0.0%	2.0%	0.6%	0.0%	0.3%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.5%	-
Emancipation	S	2.1%	5.3%	S	2.1%	4.3%	6.0%	3.9%	4.4%	S	3.2%	3.1%	S	3.5%	2.7%	-

APPLA By Age as % of Age Group Served

Age Group	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County % Change 2017 to 2021
0-15	0.0%	S	1.0%	0.0%	S	1.0%	0.0%	S	S	0.0%	0.0%	S	0.0%	S	S	-
16-20	S	22.8%	25.1%	S	22.8%	25.1%	31.6%	4.1%	23.5%	S	18.2%	19.6%	S	20.4%	17.5%	-

APPLA By Discharge Reason

Discharge Reason	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County % Change 2017 to 2021
Exit to Permanent Arrangements	>0.0%	11.6%	22.7%	0.0%	>0.0%	19.5%	0.0%	>0.0%	16.4%	0.0%	7.4%	24.1%	0.0%	13.7%	19.6%	-
Reunification	S	S	17.3%	0.0%	S	16.9%	0.0%	S	15.0%	0.0%	S	23.0%	0.0%	S	18.5%	-
(number of months until reunification)	39.7	20.4	11.8	0.0	25.9	18.6	0.0	26.4	19.2	0.0	26.7	25.1	0.0	29.6	34.1	-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%	S	4.9%	0.0%	0.0%	2.3%	0.0%	S	S	0.0%	S	S	0.0%	S	S	-
(number of month until guardianship)	0.0	32.2	23.6	0.0	0.0	25.6	0.0	18.0	23.8	0.0	54.3	32.5	0.0	35.9	42.9	-
Live with Other Relatives	0.0%	S	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	24.1	21.4	0.0	0.0	32.9	0.0	0.0	49.6	0.0	0.0	61.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	-
Exit to Non-Permanent Arrangements	>0.0%	87.6%	76.8%	100.0%	89.6%	80.5%	100.0%	>90.4%	83.5%	100.0%	92.6%	75.6%	100.0%	86.3%	80.4%	-
Emancipation	S	85.1%	66.7%	S	86.5%	72.1%	100.0%	90.4%	74.3%	S	92.6%	68.0%	S	86.3%	68.2%	-
(number of months until emancipation)	18.4	19.8	26.2	10.5	36.2	27.6	19.0	25.7	30.7	8.7	30.2	26.1	37.3	30.6	30.9	102.7%
Transfer to Another Agency	0.0%	S	8.2%	0.0%	S	5.3%	0.0%	S	7.1%	0.0%	0.0%	6.1%	0.0%	0.0%	7.5%	-
(number of months until transfer)	0.0	43.7	3.7	0.0	33.9	19.4	0.0	73.4	17.9	0.0	0.0	16.0	0.0	0.0	22.4	-
Runaway	0.0%	S	1.9%	0.0%	S	3.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.1%	0.0%	0.0%	S	0.0%	0.0%	4.7%	-
(number of months until running away)	0.0	57.0	32.0	0.0	2.4	22.4	0.0	0.0	26.9	0.0	0.0	22.8	0.0	0.0	36.1	-
Death of Child	0.0%	S	S	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	S	0.0%	0.0%	S	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-
(number of months until death of a child)	0.0	54.0	62.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.7	0.0	0.0	115.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	-



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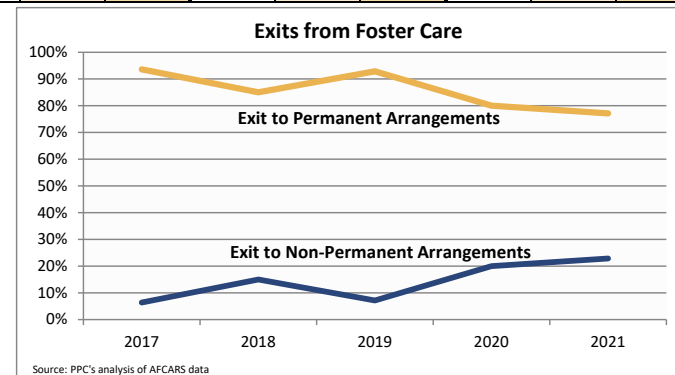
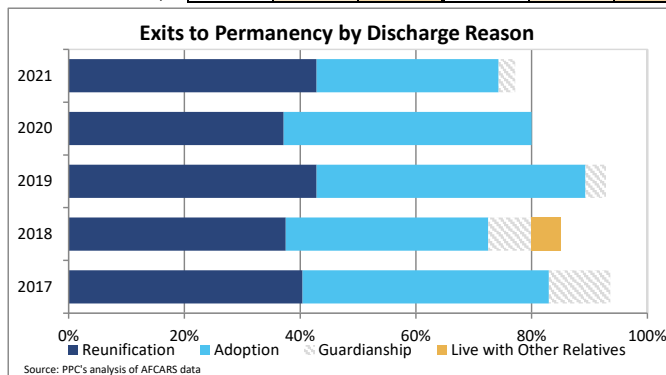
FOSTER CARE - EXITS

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	2017			2018			2019			2020			2021			County % Change 2017 to 2021
	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	
Children Exiting Foster Care																
Total Children Leaving Foster Care	47	1,733	10,276	40	1,838	10,694	NA	1,618	10,801	35	1,478	8,712	35	1,413	8,439	-25.5%
Percent of Children Leaving Foster Care (number of months until leaving)	45.2%	40.2%	40.5%	44.0%	43.1%	42.0%	28.0%	45.3%	43.8%	32.1%	41.4%	40.2%	34.7%	40.5%	41.2%	-23.3%
	21.8	13.2	11.9	15.9	15.9	13.0	20.3	16.9	15.9	17.0	16.5	15.4	21.1	19.4	33.2	-3.3%

By Discharge Reason

	2017	2017	2017	2018	2018	2018	2019	2019	2019	2020	2020	2020	2021	2021	2021	County % Change 2017 to 2021
	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	
Exit to Permanent Arrangements	>83.0%	89.5%	87.2%	85.0%	90.5%	88.6%	92.9%	84.5%	86.6%	80.0%	88.7%	86.2%	>74.3%	88.8%	87.1%	-
Reunification	40.4%	52.6%	55.1%	37.5%	43.5%	52.5%	42.9%	42.1%	49.8%	37.1%	41.9%	50.8%	42.9%	45.6%	49.8%	6.0%
(number of months until reunification)	10.1	7.5	6.6	10.1	8.1	6.4	0.3	8.0	7.4	11.7	10.4	8.4	11.6	7.3	9.0	15.3%
Adoption	42.6%	27.4%	20.2%	35.0%	36.9%	23.9%	46.4%	32.8%	25.2%	42.9%	37.1%	23.5%	31.4%	35.2%	25.4%	-26.1%
(number of months until adoption)	25.6	23.5	29.2	21.6	27.6	30.5	24.3	26.0	31.0	21.7	24.9	29.8	30.0	28.3	32.2	17.3%
Guardianship	S	4.4%	6.7%	S	5.8%	7.5%	3.6%	6.8%	7.6%	0.0%	6.0%	7.7%	S	4.2%	7.6%	-
(number of month until guardianship)	21.8	16.3	20.1	23.5	17.9	19.4	66.1	26.3	22.8	0.0	19.0	22.3	24.9	21.8	23.5	14.0%
Live with Other Relatives	0.0%	5.1%	5.1%	S	4.3%	4.6%	0.0%	2.8%	4.1%	0.0%	3.7%	4.1%	0.0%	3.9%	4.3%	-
(number of months until living with relatives)	0.0	8.4	2.2	1.2	9.0	2.1	0.0	4.7	2.5	0.0	9.9	2.4	0.0	24.5	2.0	-
Exit to Non-Permanent Arrangements	>0.0%	>10.2%	12.7%	>0.0%	>9.2%	11.4%	7.1%	>15.1%	13.2%	>0.0%	11.2%	13.7%	>0.0%	11.0%	12.8%	-
Emancipation	S	8.9%	7.9%	S	7.1%	7.3%	7.1%	14.1%	9.3%	S	10.3%	9.5%	S	9.9%	7.9%	-
(number of months until emancipation)	23.8	20.5	22.0	14.4	25.3	23.7	19.0	21.7	26.2	15.9	26.4	22.9	36.8	24.2	24.3	54.4%
Transfer to Another Agency	0.0%	1.3%	4.3%	0.0%	2.1%	3.5%	0.0%	1.1%	3.5%	0.0%	0.9%	3.7%	0.0%	1.1%	4.1%	-
(number of months until transfer)	0.0	12.0	6.9	0.0	10.0	7.9	0.0	21.5	5.5	0.0	7.8	6.6	0.0	7.2	8.0	-
Runaway	0.0%	S	0.5%	0.0%	S	0.6%	0.0%	S	0.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.8%	-
(number of months until running away)	0.0	37.9	19.4	0.0	8.2	14.0	0.0	11.3	14.1	0.0	0.0	11.4	0.0	0.0	17.8	-
Death of Child	0.0%	S	0.1%	0.0%	S	S	0.0%	S	0.1%	0.0%	S	0.2%	0.0%	S	0.1%	-
(number of months until death of a child)	0.0	19.3	18.8	0.0	14.2	5.5	0.0	6.8	12.6	0.0	6.2	6.1	0.0	2.6	5.9	-



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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.

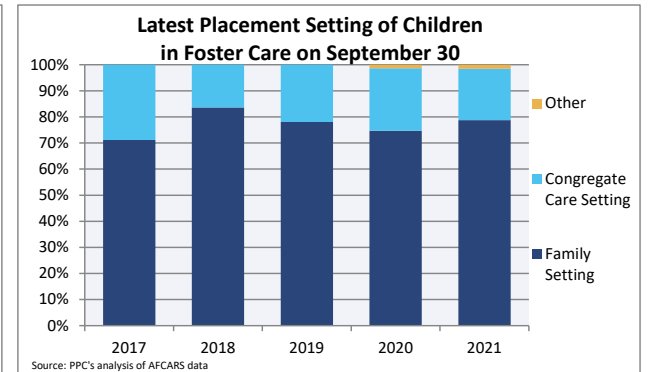
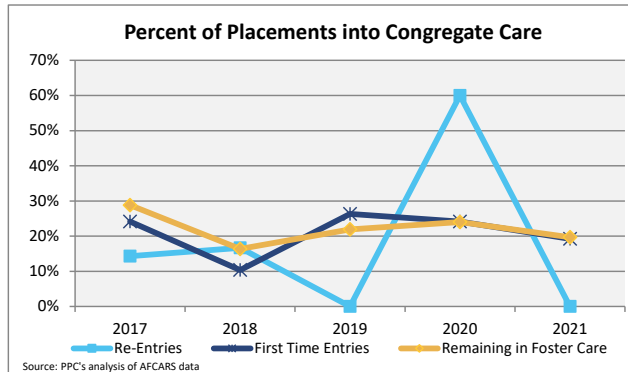
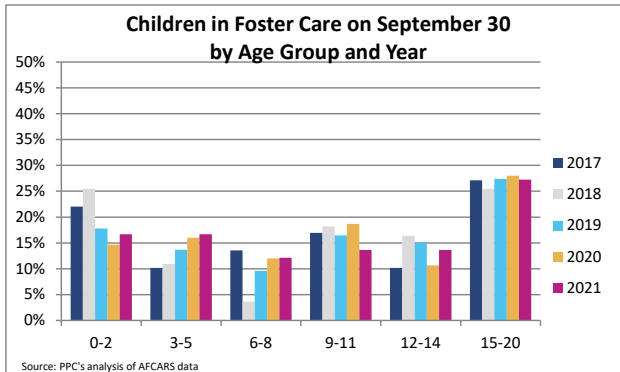
Indicator	2017			2018			2019			2020			2021			County % Change 2017 to 2021
	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	
Children Remaining in Foster Care																
Children in Foster Care on Last Day	59	2,710	16,381	55	2,574	16,074	NA	2,466	15,082	75	2,168	13,949	66	2,163	13,033	11.9%
(number of months children have been in care)	13.6	12.2	13.4	12.4	12.4	14.2	12.0	12.4	14.0	13.6	15.1	16.4	20.0	13.5	16.8	46.7%

By Age		2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	County % Change 2017 to 2021
0-2		22.0%	25.5%	17.8%	14.7%	16.7%	-24.4%
3-5	S	22.6%	22.8%	18.9%	22.2%	16.4%	-
6-8	S	17.5%	21.0%	17.7%	16.0%	17.9%	-
9-11	S	13.2%	13.6%	13.3%	14.3%	13.6%	-
12-14	S	13.7%	9.6%	13.8%	S	13.9%	-
15-20	S	12.3%	11.4%	11.0%	11.6%	12.1%	-
	S	11.8%	12.2%	16.4%	18.7%	12.1%	-
	S	10.4%	11.7%	13.7%	S	13.1%	-
	S	27.1%	12.3%	15.1%	13.7%	13.0%	-
	S	23.9%	25.5%	20.8%	28.0%	27.3%	0.6%
	S	18.2%	18.3%	17.7%	20.8%	17.2%	-
Infants (age 0-1)	S	14.8%	13.7%	14.9%	S	15.1%	-
Youth (age 13+)	S	13.8%	13.7%	14.4%	S	14.5%	-
	S	35.6%	31.9%	34.5%	30.0%	29.9%	2.2%
	S	31.3%	32.6%	34.5%	34.8%	36.4%	-
	S	31.9%	31.9%	42.5%	34.7%	30.0%	-
	S	34.5%	34.8%	34.7%	30.0%	29.9%	-

By Race and Ethnicity		2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	County % Change 2017 to 2021
Non-Hispanic White		74.6%	76.4%	74.0%	74.7%	71.2%	-4.5%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	S	56.7%	56.3%	53.8%	54.1%	55.2%	-
Non-Hispanic Other Race	S	13.0%	12.3%	12.6%	S	13.1%	-
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	S	2.3%	2.4%	2.7%	S	4.5%	-
Hispanic or Latino	S	2.7%	2.3%	2.6%	S	3.7%	-
	S	8.7%	11.7%	13.3%	S	11.9%	-
	S	6.1%	7.1%	7.8%	S	8.3%	-
	S	19.4%	17.3%	17.6%	S	15.3%	-
	S	13.2%	13.0%	13.0%	S	12.5%	-

By Sex		2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	County % Change 2017 to 2021
Male		59.3%	60.0%	63.0%	58.7%	57.6%	-2.9%
Female		40.7%	40.0%	37.0%	41.3%	42.4%	4.3%
		51.9%	51.1%	52.6%	52.0%	50.8%	-
		48.1%	48.9%	47.4%	48.0%	49.2%	-
		51.2%	50.9%	50.6%	50.8%	50.2%	-
		48.8%	49.1%	49.4%	41.3%	42.4%	-
		60.0%	51.1%	52.6%	58.7%	57.6%	-
		40.0%	48.9%	47.4%	41.3%	42.4%	-
		51.2%	50.9%	50.6%	50.8%	50.2%	-
		48.8%	49.1%	49.4%	41.3%	42.4%	-

By Latest Placement Setting		2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	County % Change 2017 to 2021
Family Setting		>71.1%	83.6%	78.1%	74.7%	>74.2%	-
Pre-adoptive Home	S	80.8%	79.5%	82.4%	84.0%	83.5%	-
Foster Family Home – Relative	S	0.6%	0.6%	0.7%	0.0%	0.9%	-
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	S	33.8%	37.8%	39.4%	33.1%	33.4%	-
Congregate Care Setting		>25.4%	16.4%	14.9%	>14.7%	13.6%	<-22.5%
Group Home	S	15.9%	16.9%	11.9%	13.9%	10.7%	-
Institution	S	12.0%	12.8%	10.1%	8.9%	9.0%	-
Supervised Independent Living		0.0%	2.3%	1.6%	<1.3%	1.9%	-
Runaway	S	<2.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-
Trial Home Visit	S	0.8%	0.0%	0.5%	0.7%	0.7%	-
	S	1.1%	<1.1%	<0.9%	0.0%	<0.7%	-
	S	0.6%	0.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-
	S	0.0%	0.9%	1.2%	1.5%	1.1%	-
	S	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-



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.

2017			2018			2019			2020			2021			County % Change 2017 to 2021
County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	
32.0%	30.6%	32.2%	22.4%	30.1%	31.8%	34.1%	32.0%	31.1%	20.5%	30.9%	28.4%	26.3%	26.2%	25.6%	-17.8%

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.

2017			2018			2019			2020			2021			County % Change 2017 to 2021
County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	
S	36.4%	39.2%	32.1%	32.5%	37.3%	19.2%	32.6%	38.7%	<25.7%	29.7%	36.8%	<33.4%	28.7%	36.6%	-

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.

2017			2018			2019			2020			2021			County % Change 2017 to 2021
County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	
S	21.8%	23.0%	10.5%	16.8%	21.4%	25.0%	19.3%	22.3%	<83.4%	16.8%	20.2%	<77.0%	16.0%	18.1%	-

S = rate suppressed due to count less than 11 persons

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