

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	
781	9,982	47,485	759	9,598	44,063	740	9,199	42,252	620	7,511	32,919	689	8,606	38,013	-11.8%
16.0	17.9	17.0	15.6	17.2	15.8	15.2	16.5	15.1	12.7	13.5	11.8	14.1	15.4	13.6	

Child Abuse and Neglect Substantiations

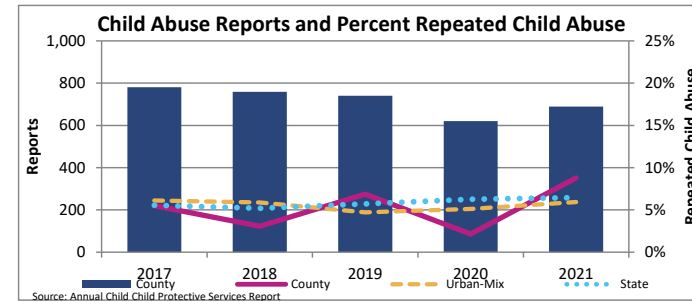
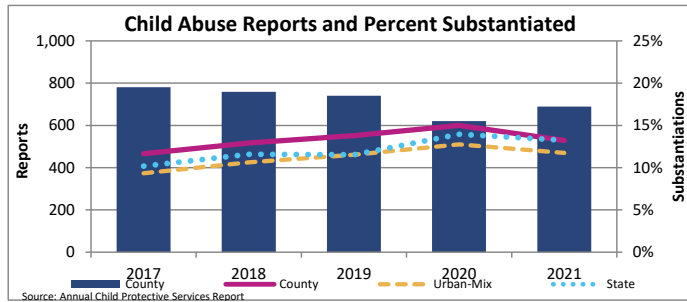
Founded or indicated reports of child abuse and/or neglect.

11.7%	9.3%	10.2%	12.9%	10.6%	11.6%	13.8%	11.5%	11.5%	15.0%	12.8%	14.0%	13.2%	11.7%	13.2%	13.4%
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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.)

5.5%	6.1%	5.6%	3.1%	5.9%	5.2%	6.9%	4.7%	5.7%	2.2%	5.1%	6.2%	8.8%	5.9%	6.5%	60.0%
1 in 18	1 in 16	1 in 18	1 in 33	1 in 17	1 in 19	1 in 15	1 in 21	1 in 18	1 in 47	1 in 20	1 in 16	1 in 11	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	
2,441	36,280	163,852	2,537	38,204	169,723	2,787	40,293	178,124	2,466	34,966	152,478	2,946	36,532	161,709	20.7%

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.

32.4%	23.0%	22.8%	38.0%	22.5%	23.6%	32.2%	21.4%	23.5%	31.0%	21.8%	25.6%	35.6%	23.6%	27.1%	10.0%
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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.

1,235	12,092	53,319	1,568	13,466	58,982	1,344	13,129	60,755	1,159	11,823	56,999	1,553	13,693	63,801	25.7%
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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	
2,615	38,791	186,855	2,665	42,267	194,761	2,741	38,717	187,280	2,267	38,581	>181,435	2,466	50,344	192,594	-5.7%

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)	325 5.3	4,312 6.3	25,381 7.5	382 6.3	4,264 6.2	25,441 7.5	NA 5.9	3,986 5.8	24,665 7.3	316 5.2	3,571 5.2	21,689 6.4	294 4.8	3,490 5.1	20,490 6.1	-9.5%

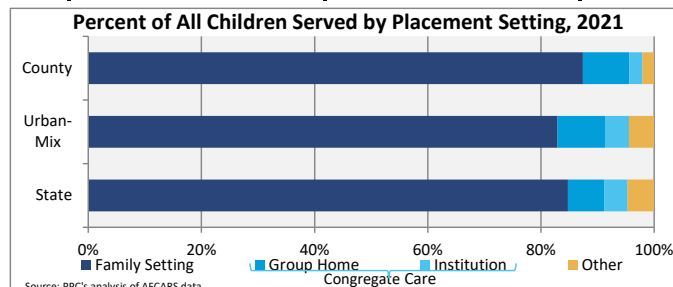
By Age		2017			2018			2019			2020			2021			County % Change 2017 to 2021
		County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	
	0-2	19.7%	22.3%	20.3%	18.8%	22.1%	20.2%	17.0%	21.3%	20.2%	17.1%	22.2%	20.9%	16.7%	22.6%	21.5%	-15.4%
	3-5	15.4%	17.2%	17.4%	18.1%	18.0%	17.9%	19.8%	18.4%	17.8%	19.6%	18.5%	17.8%	17.3%	17.1%	18.2%	12.8%
	6-8	12.6%	13.1%	13.3%	13.1%	12.7%	13.4%	14.5%	13.2%	13.8%	14.9%	13.7%	13.5%	13.3%	14.2%	13.7%	5.2%
	9-11	15.1%	11.5%	11.4%	12.0%	11.5%	11.8%	0.0%	10.6%	11.7%	10.1%	11.0%	11.7%	11.2%	11.5%	11.3%	-25.6%
	12-14	11.7%	10.1%	11.6%	10.5%	10.8%	11.8%	0.0%	11.9%	12.3%	11.4%	12.3%	12.6%	13.6%	12.3%	12.6%	16.4%
	15-17	19.7%	18.5%	18.6%	21.2%	18.0%	18.7%	19.6%	18.2%	18.5%	23.1%	17.4%	17.9%	19.0%	16.1%	16.4%	-3.3%
	18-20	5.8%	7.3%	7.4%	6.3%	6.8%	6.3%	7.0%	6.4%	5.6%	3.8%	5.0%	5.6%	8.8%	6.1%	6.4%	51.3%
	Infants (age 0-1)	12.0%	14.4%	12.7%	9.4%	14.3%	12.7%	10.3%	13.9%	12.9%	11.7%	14.0%	13.2%	9.9%	14.8%	13.7%	-17.8%
	Youth (age 13+)	35.4%	33.0%	34.0%	34.6%	31.9%	33.1%	34.1%	32.6%	32.6%	35.4%	30.9%	32.3%	38.1%	30.9%	31.3%	7.7%

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	<72.1%	57.1%	42.9%	66.8%	56.2%	43.7%	64.2%	55.6%	43.7%	<59.6%	54.9%	44.2%	<54.5%	54.5%	44.3%	-
	Non-Hispanic Black or African American	4.3%	12.8%	34.9%	9.4%	12.5%	33.9%	8.9%	12.4%	33.0%	9.8%	12.5%	32.0%	12.2%	13.0%	30.7%	184.3%
	Non-Hispanic Other Race	S	2.4%	2.9%	S	2.2%	2.3%	2.0%	2.1%	2.6%	S	3.3%	3.6%	S	4.2%	4.2%	-
	Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	10.5%	8.8%	6.2%	<11.4%	11.2%	7.1%	13.1%	13.1%	7.7%	16.1%	13.0%	8.0%	16.0%	13.2%	8.4%	52.8%
	Hispanic or Latino	11.1%	18.9%	13.2%	10.5%	18.0%	13.0%	11.7%	16.8%	12.9%	13.6%	16.3%	12.3%	16.3%	15.0%	12.3%	47.4%

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	51.1%	51.7%	51.0%	49.2%	50.6%	50.8%	48.6%	51.4%	50.8%	49.4%	52.4%	50.6%	46.3%	51.4%	50.5%	-9.4%
	Female	48.9%	48.3%	49.0%	50.8%	49.4%	49.2%	51.4%	48.6%	49.2%	50.6%	47.6%	49.4%	53.7%	48.6%	49.5%	9.8%

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	>85.8%	78.6%	80.5%	>83.0%	79.8%	81.6%	86.3%	80.0%	82.7%	>89.9%	82.5%	83.8%	87.4%	82.9%	84.8%	<1.9%
	Pre-adoptive Home	S	0.8%	4.0%	S	0.9%	4.5%	0.8%	0.9%	3.8%	S	0.9%	2.9%	0.0%	1.1%	2.3%	-
	Foster Family Home – Relative	35.1%	32.7%	36.4%	42.1%	33.3%	37.1%	46.6%	31.6%	38.7%	51.9%	33.6%	40.8%	40.1%	33.4%	42.0%	14.4%
	Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	50.8%	45.1%	40.1%	40.8%	45.7%	40.1%	38.8%	47.4%	40.3%	38.0%	48.0%	40.1%	47.3%	48.4%	40.5%	-6.9%
	Congregate Care Setting	13.2%	16.3%	14.9%	16.0%	15.2%	14.0%	13.4%	14.9%	12.7%	>6.3%	13.4%	11.5%	>8.2%	12.6%	10.5%	-
	Group Home	9.8%	11.7%	8.8%	11.3%	11.4%	8.5%	10.9%	10.9%	7.7%	6.3%	9.0%	6.7%	8.2%	8.4%	6.4%	-17.1%
	Institution	3.4%	4.6%	6.1%	4.7%	3.8%	5.6%	2.5%	3.9%	5.0%	S	4.4%	4.8%	S	4.2%	4.2%	-
	Supervised Independent Living	S	1.9%	1.5%	S	2.2%	1.5%	0.3%	2.6%	1.6%	S	<2.1%	1.3%	S	1.9%	1.2%	-
	Runaway	S	0.4%	1.4%	0.0%	0.4%	1.4%	0.0%	0.4%	1.4%	0.0%	S	1.9%	S	0.5%	1.7%	-
	Trial Home Visit	0.0%	2.8%	1.7%	S	2.4%	1.4%	0.0%	2.2%	1.5%	0.0%	1.9%	1.6%	0.0%	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	157	1,860	10,781	189	1,704	10,095	NA	1,521	9,448	118	1,181	7,286	119	1,412	7,316	-24.2%



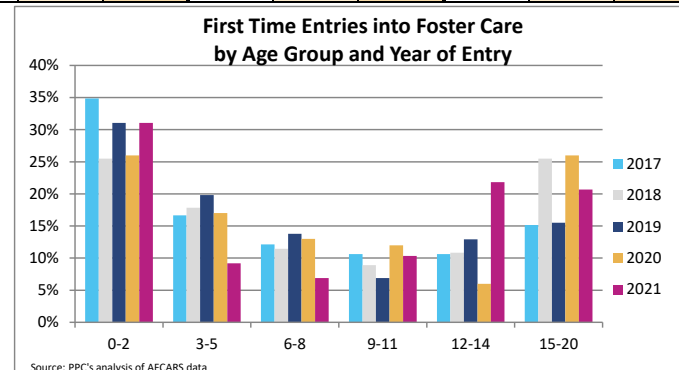
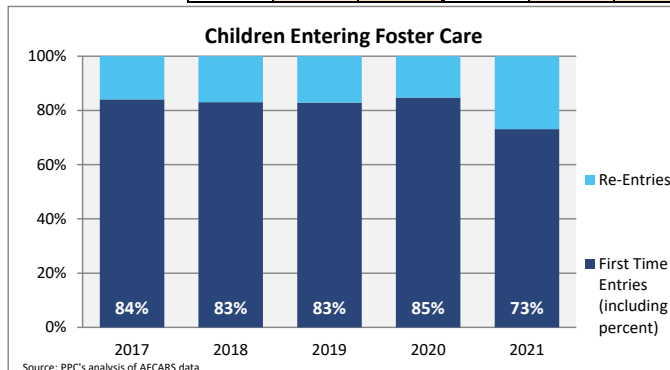
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FOSTER CARE - FIRST TIME ENTRIES

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	132	1,530	8,438	157	1,394	7,626	NA	1,243	7,266	100	977	5,540	87	1,158	5,635	-34.1%
(Rate per 1,000 children age 0-20)	2.2	2.2	2.5	2.6	2.0	2.3	1.9	1.8	2.2	1.6	1.4	1.6	1.4	1.7	1.7	
First Time Entries as Percent of All Entries	84.1%	82.3%	78.3%	83.1%	81.8%	75.5%	82.9%	81.7%	76.9%	84.7%	82.7%	76.0%	73.1%	82.0%	77.0%	-13.0%
By Age																
0-2	34.8%	34.0%	33.2%	25.5%	35.9%	34.4%	31.0%	34.4%	35.1%	26.0%	38.5%	38.2%	31.0%	37.6%	38.5%	-10.9%
3-5	16.7%	16.3%	15.3%	17.8%	17.1%	15.4%	19.8%	15.8%	14.8%	17.0%	14.6%	14.5%	S	13.1%	14.7%	-
6-8	12.1%	12.4%	11.9%	11.5%	11.1%	11.5%	13.8%	12.1%	11.8%	13.0%	13.3%	11.4%	S	12.0%	11.3%	-
9-11	10.6%	10.9%	10.1%	8.9%	9.3%	10.3%	6.9%	9.8%	10.7%	<12.1%	10.5%	9.7%	S	11.0%	9.3%	-
12-14	10.6%	10.8%	13.1%	10.8%	11.1%	12.8%	12.9%	13.5%	12.9%	S	10.5%	12.5%	21.8%	13.4%	12.6%	105.9%
15-20	15.2%	15.6%	16.5%	25.5%	15.5%	15.6%	15.5%	14.3%	14.6%	26.0%	12.5%	13.7%	20.7%	13.0%	13.7%	36.6%
Infants (age 0-1)	25.8%	27.3%	26.5%	19.1%	29.5%	28.0%	25.9%	28.3%	29.1%	21.0%	30.8%	31.7%	23.0%	30.8%	32.3%	-10.8%
Youth (age 13+)	22.7%	23.3%	26.0%	33.1%	23.2%	24.7%	19.8%	19.0%	19.5%	32.0%	20.9%	22.6%	37.9%	22.9%	22.5%	66.9%
By Race and Ethnicity																
Non-Hispanic White	69.7%	57.7%	47.6%	63.1%	57.3%	48.3%	62.9%	56.3%	47.6%	<63.1%	57.3%	49.7%	<51.8%	53.5%	50.0%	<-25.7%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	S	13.1%	29.7%	15.9%	13.0%	29.3%	6.9%	11.9%	28.4%	16.0%	13.2%	25.2%	18.4%	13.3%	23.6%	-
Non-Hispanic Other Race	S	2.1%	3.4%	S	3.3%	2.7%	0.0%	3.1%	3.7%	0.0%	4.7%	5.3%	S	6.9%	5.8%	-
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	9.8%	8.6%	6.3%	<8.4%	11.9%	7.7%	13.8%	13.0%	7.7%	14.0%	11.4%	8.2%	12.6%	11.7%	8.4%	28.4%
Hispanic or Latino	10.6%	18.6%	13.0%	9.6%	14.5%	12.0%	16.4%	15.8%	12.6%	S	13.4%	11.6%	16.1%	14.6%	12.1%	51.7%
By Sex																
Male	53.0%	51.7%	51.0%	42.0%	48.9%	50.7%	52.6%	50.8%	50.8%	55.0%	51.5%	50.5%	47.1%	49.7%	49.7%	-11.1%
Female	47.0%	48.3%	49.0%	58.0%	51.1%	49.3%	47.4%	49.2%	49.2%	45.0%	48.5%	49.5%	52.9%	50.3%	50.3%	12.6%
By First Reported Placement Setting																
Family Setting	>88.5%	>84.1%	83.6%	85.4%	>83.9%	83.8%	91.4%	>85.2%	85.7%	94.0%	>88.3%	>87.5%	88.5%	>88.1%	>87.5%	-
Pre-adoptive Home	0.0%	S	0.3%	0.0%	S	0.2%	0.9%	S	0.4%	0.0%	S	S	0.0%	S	S	-
Foster Family Home – Relative	>44.6%	36.5%	39.1%	52.2%	36.5%	39.9%	56.9%	34.8%	41.6%	58.0%	41.2%	44.3%	>40.1%	38.4%	45.8%	-
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	43.9%	47.6%	44.2%	33.1%	47.4%	43.7%	33.6%	50.4%	43.7%	36.0%	47.1%	43.1%	48.3%	49.7%	41.7%	9.9%
Congregate Care Setting	>8.3%	14.9%	15.0%	>10.8%	14.6%	14.3%	8.6%	13.5%	12.7%	6.0%	11.0%	10.6%	>0.0%	10.8%	10.4%	-
Group Home	8.3%	10.7%	9.1%	10.8%	12.3%	9.4%	7.8%	11.5%	8.5%	S	8.9%	7.2%	S	8.8%	7.4%	-
Institution	S	4.2%	5.9%	S	2.3%	4.9%	0.9%	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%	S	<1.5%	1.1%	0.0%	S	0.6%	0.0%	S	0.9%	0.0%	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.

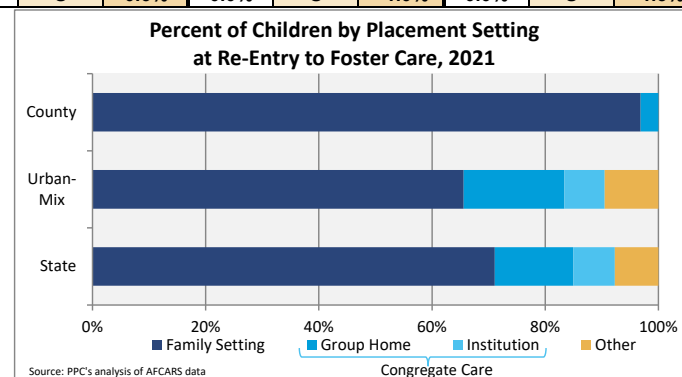
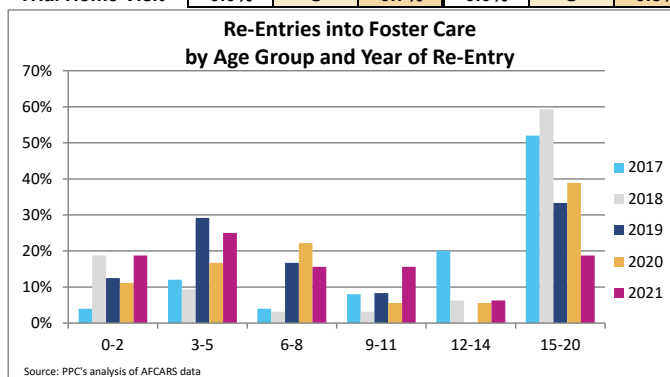
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Children Re-Entering Foster Care																
Re-Entries During the Year	25	330	2,343	32	310	2,469	NA	278	2,182	18	204	1,746	32	254	1,681	28.0%
Re-Entries as Percent of All Entries	15.9%	17.7%	21.7%	16.9%	18.2%	24.5%	17.1%	18.3%	23.1%	15.3%	17.3%	24.0%	26.9%	18.0%	23.0%	68.9%

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	S	8.2%	11.4%	S	10.0%	10.8%	12.5%	17.6%	11.9%	S	11.3%	10.5%	S	9.8%	12.3%	-
	3-5	S	10.0%	11.1%	S	10.6%	12.6%	29.2%	13.3%	12.7%	S	12.3%	10.9%	S	13.0%	12.8%	-
	6-8	S	9.4%	11.7%	S	8.1%	12.1%	16.7%	13.7%	11.9%	S	11.3%	11.0%	S	12.2%	10.9%	-
	9-11	S	10.6%	10.6%	S	10.0%	11.5%	8.3%	9.0%	10.4%	S	12.3%	12.0%	S	13.4%	11.0%	-
	12-14	S	14.8%	17.2%	S	17.7%	17.7%	0.0%	14.4%	18.7%	S	15.2%	17.7%	S	15.4%	20.2%	-
	15-20	52.0%	47.0%	38.2%	59.4%	43.5%	35.4%	33.3%	32.0%	34.4%	S	37.7%	37.9%	S	36.2%	32.7%	-
	Infants (age 0-1)	S	4.5%	6.6%	S	5.8%	6.4%	12.5%	10.4%	6.9%	0.0%	S	7.3%	S	8.7%	9.2%	-
	Youth (age 13+)	68.0%	59.7%	51.1%	65.6%	57.7%	48.6%	33.3%	42.8%	48.7%	S	50.5%	51.1%	S	47.2%	47.7%	-

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	68.0%	58.5%	40.6%	71.9%	51.6%	39.6%	62.5%	49.6%	50.7%	72.2%	56.9%	39.1%	56.3%	58.3%	42.8%	-17.3%
	Non-Hispanic Black or African American	S	15.2%	39.4%	S	17.1%	40.5%	0.0%	16.9%	47.1%	0.0%	13.7%	38.8%	S	15.4%	35.2%	-
	Non-Hispanic Other Race	0.0%	S	1.7%	0.0%	S	1.8%	4.2%	S	1.9%	S	S	3.4%	0.0%	S	3.9%	-
	Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	S	<10.5%	6.3%	S	<14.7%	7.1%	25.0%	<20.0%	10.8%	S	<11.5%	6.8%	S	<12.8%	6.5%	-
	Hispanic or Latino	S	15.2%	11.9%	S	13.9%	11.1%	8.3%	12.2%	14.4%	S	13.2%	12.0%	S	9.4%	11.6%	-

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	>59.9%	52.4%	49.6%	>68.7%	47.7%	49.1%	54.2%	57.9%	51.2%	S	55.4%	49.0%	40.6%	49.6%	48.4%	<-32.2%
	Female	S	47.6%	50.4%	S	52.3%	50.9%	45.8%	42.1%	48.8%	S	44.6%	51.0%	59.4%	50.4%	51.6%	-

By Placement Setting at Re-Entry		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	>52.0%	54.8%	63.9%	>37.5%	56.8%	66.7%	83.3%	67.6%	68.5%	>55.5%	59.8%	>65.0%	>75.0%	65.6%	>71.1%	-
	Pre-adoptive Home	0.0%	0.0%	0.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.6%	0.0%	0.0%	S	0.0%	0.0%	S	-
	Foster Family Home – Relative	S	24.5%	30.7%	S	20.0%	28.3%	54.2%	21.2%	32.5%	S	24.5%	34.8%	S	20.9%	36.4%	-
	Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	52.0%	30.3%	32.6%	37.5%	36.8%	37.9%	29.2%	46.4%	35.3%	S	35.3%	30.1%	75.0%	44.7%	34.7%	44.2%
	Congregate Care Setting	>0.0%	37.0%	31.2%	>37.5%	38.1%	28.0%	16.7%	>23.0%	25.8%	38.9%	35.3%	27.1%	>0.0%	24.9%	21.2%	-
	Group Home	S	29.7%	19.9%	37.5%	32.3%	18.4%	8.3%	23.0%	16.6%	S	24.5%	16.5%	S	17.8%	13.9%	-
	Institution	0.0%	7.3%	11.3%	S	5.8%	9.6%	8.3%	S	9.2%	S	10.8%	10.6%	0.0%	7.1%	7.3%	-
	Supervised Independent Living	0.0%	5.8%	1.8%	0.0%	3.9%	1.8%	0.0%	4.7%	1.6%	S	S	1.4%	0.0%	8.3%	2.2%	-
	Runaway	S	S	2.5%	0.0%	S	2.7%	0.0%	S	3.6%	0.0%	0.0%	5.4%	0.0%	S	4.2%	-
	Trial Home Visit	0.0%	S	0.7%	0.0%	S	0.8%	0.0%	S	0.6%	0.0%	S	<1.0%	0.0%	S	<1.3%	-



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FOSTER CARE - PLACEMENT REASONS

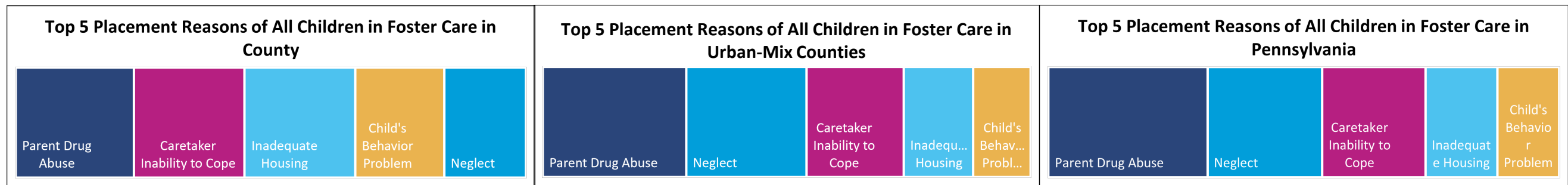
County child welfare agencies are required to report the reasons in which a child experiences a placement episode. There are 15 factors defined by the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) technical bulletin issued by the Administration for Children and Families which are federally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

A child can have more than one placement reason.

Indicator

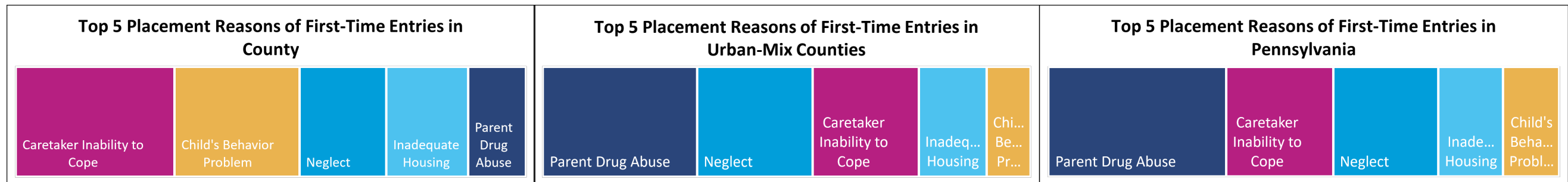
Top Five Placement Reasons Of All Children in Foster Care During the Year

2021		
County	Urban-Mix	State
27.6% Parent Drug Abuse	41.9% Parent Drug Abuse	35.2% Parent Drug Abuse
25.9% Caretaker Inability to Cope	35.1% Neglect	25.4% Neglect
25.9% Inadequate Housing	28.3% Caretaker Inability to Cope	22.8% Caretaker Inability to Cope
20.7% Child's Behavior Problem	20.2% Inadequate Housing	15.9% Inadequate Housing
19.0% Neglect	16.7% Child's Behavior Problem	13.7% Child's Behavior Problem



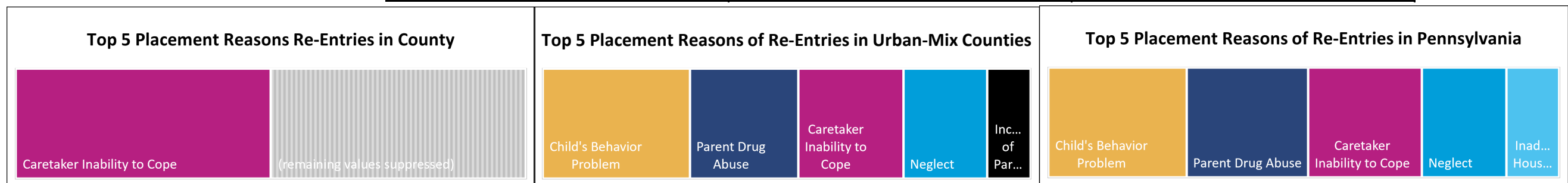
Of First-Time Entries into Foster Care

37.9% Caretaker Inability to Cope	46.0% Parent Drug Abuse	40.8% Parent Drug Abuse
29.9% Child's Behavior Problem	34.4% Neglect	24.6% Caretaker Inability to Cope
20.7% Neglect	31.7% Caretaker Inability to Cope	24.1% Neglect
19.5% Inadequate Housing	20.2% Inadequate Housing	14.9% Inadequate Housing
13.8% Parent Drug Abuse	13.0% Child's Behavior Problem	12.9% Child's Behavior Problem



Of Re-Entries into Foster Care

34.4% Caretaker Inability to Cope	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.

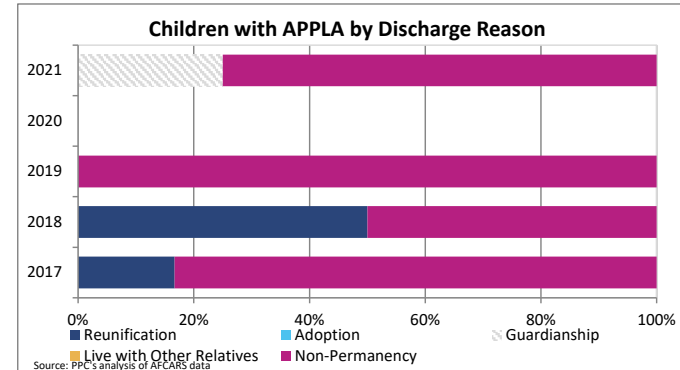
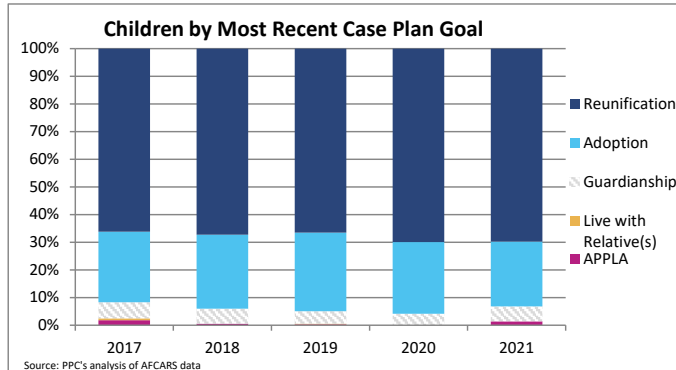
Indicator	2017			2018			2019			2020			2021			County % Change 2017 to 2021
	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	
Percent of Children by Case Plan Goal																
Family-Based Permanency Goals	>97.5%	95.2%	94.0%	99.5%	95.9%	95.1%	99.7%	95.8%	95.5%	100.0%	96.8%	96.4%	98.6%	96.5%	96.8%	<1.2%
Reunify With Parent(s) or Principal Caretaker(s)	66.2%	67.3%	66.7%	67.3%	64.9%	65.3%	66.5%	62.9%	63.7%	69.9%	63.0%	65.8%	69.7%	62.9%	65.6%	5.4%
Adoption	25.5%	21.8%	21.2%	26.7%	24.9%	23.6%	28.5%	26.0%	24.5%	25.9%	27.6%	23.7%	23.5%	28.0%	25.0%	-8.1%
Guardianship	5.8%	3.5%	4.8%	5.5%	3.6%	5.1%	4.5%	5.0%	5.9%	4.1%	4.2%	5.4%	5.4%	4.1%	5.3%	-6.9%
Live with Relative(s)	S	2.6%	1.3%	0.0%	2.5%	1.2%	0.3%	1.9%	1.5%	0.0%	2.0%	1.4%	0.0%	1.5%	1.0%	-
Another Planned Permanent Living Arrangement (APPLA)	>1.7%	4.8%	6.0%	0.5%	4.1%	4.9%	0.3%	4.2%	4.5%	0.0%	3.2%	3.6%	>0.0%	3.5%	3.2%	-
Long Term Foster Care	S	2.7%	0.7%	S	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%	0.3%	3.9%	4.4%	0.0%	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	S	S	1.0%	0.4%	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%	1.3%	4.1%	23.5%	0.0%	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%	S	S	16.9%	0.0%	S	15.0%	0.0%	S	23.0%	0.0%	S	18.5%	-
(number of months until reunification)	4.1	20.4	11.8	23.4	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	S	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	28.9	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	83.3%	87.6%	76.8%	>0.0%	89.6%	80.5%	100.0%	>90.4%	83.5%	0.0%	92.6%	75.6%	>0.0%	86.3%	80.4%	-
Emancipation	S	85.1%	66.7%	S	86.5%	72.1%	100.0%	90.4%	74.3%	0.0%	92.6%	68.0%	S	86.3%	68.2%	-
(number of months until emancipation)	4.6	19.8	26.2	149.8	36.2	27.6	8.8	25.7	30.7	0.0	30.2	26.1	10.2	30.6	30.9	120.6%
Transfer to Another Agency	S	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	-100.0%
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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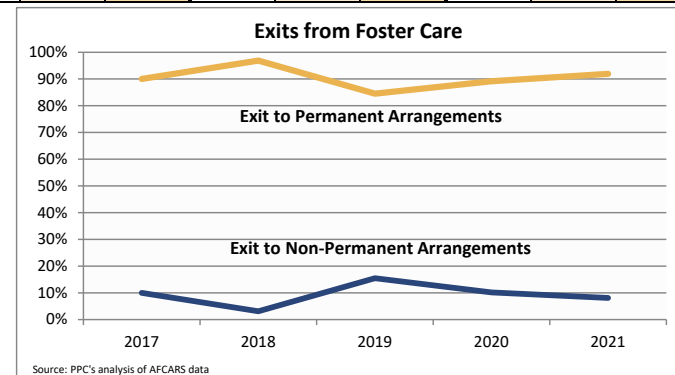
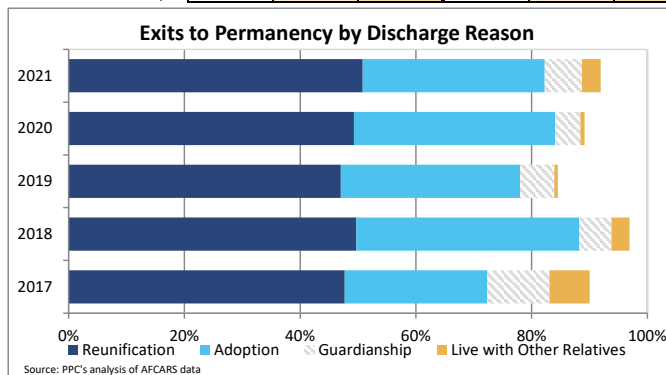
FOSTER CARE - EXITS

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	130	1,733	10,276	161	1,838	10,694	NA	1,618	10,801	138	1,478	8,712	124	1,413	8,439	-4.6%
Percent of Children Leaving Foster Care (number of months until leaving)	40.0%	40.2%	40.5%	42.1%	43.1%	42.0%	46.9%	45.3%	43.8%	43.7%	41.4%	40.2%	42.2%	40.5%	41.2%	5.4%
	9.7	13.2	11.9	13.6	15.9	13.0	15.9	16.9	15.9	12.7	16.5	15.4	15.2	19.4	33.2	57.7%

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	>83.1%	89.5%	87.2%	96.9%	90.5%	88.6%	84.5%	84.5%	86.6%	89.1%	88.7%	86.2%	91.9%	88.8%	87.1%	<10.6%
Reunification	47.7%	52.6%	55.1%	49.7%	43.5%	52.5%	47.0%	42.1%	49.8%	49.3%	41.9%	50.8%	50.8%	45.6%	49.8%	6.5%
(number of months until reunification)	5.8	7.5	6.6	4.5	8.1	6.4	7.8	8.0	7.4	4.6	10.4	8.4	7.7	7.3	9.0	33.9%
Adoption	24.6%	27.4%	20.2%	38.5%	36.9%	23.9%	31.0%	32.8%	25.2%	34.8%	37.1%	23.5%	31.5%	35.2%	25.4%	27.8%
(number of months until adoption)	21.3	23.5	29.2	18.9	27.6	30.5	22.3	26.0	31.0	23.8	24.9	29.8	26.7	28.3	32.2	25.5%
Guardianship	10.8%	4.4%	6.7%	S	5.8%	7.5%	6.0%	6.8%	7.6%	S	6.0%	7.7%	S	4.2%	7.6%	-
(number of month until guardianship)	12.5	16.3	20.1	26.9	17.9	19.4	20.8	26.3	22.8	20.1	19.0	22.3	23.5	21.8	23.5	87.6%
Live with Other Relatives	S	5.1%	5.1%	S	4.3%	4.6%	0.6%	2.8%	4.1%	S	3.7%	4.1%	S	3.9%	4.3%	-
(number of months until living with relatives)	2.0	8.4	2.2	14.7	9.0	2.1	1.6	4.7	2.5	21.1	9.9	2.4	22.0	24.5	2.0	1015.8%
Exit to Non-Permanent Arrangements	>9.2%	>10.2%	12.7%	>0.0%	>9.2%	11.4%	15.5%	>15.1%	13.2%	>9.4%	11.2%	13.7%	8.1%	11.0%	12.8%	<-12.3%
Emancipation	9.2%	8.9%	7.9%	S	7.1%	7.3%	14.3%	14.1%	9.3%	9.4%	10.3%	9.5%	S	9.9%	7.9%	-
(number of months until emancipation)	5.8	20.5	22.0	18.7	25.3	23.7	14.2	21.7	26.2	12.2	26.4	22.9	12.0	24.2	24.3	104.5%
Transfer to Another Agency	S	1.3%	4.3%	0.0%	2.1%	3.5%	0.6%	1.1%	3.5%	S	0.9%	3.7%	S	1.1%	4.1%	-
(number of months until transfer)	0.0	12.0	6.9	0.0	10.0	7.9	4.2	21.5	5.5	1.9	7.8	6.6	0.1	7.2	8.0	299.4%
Runaway	0.0%	S	0.5%	0.0%	S	0.6%	0.6%	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	6.8	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%	0.7%	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	6.2	6.2	6.1	0.0	2.6	5.9	-

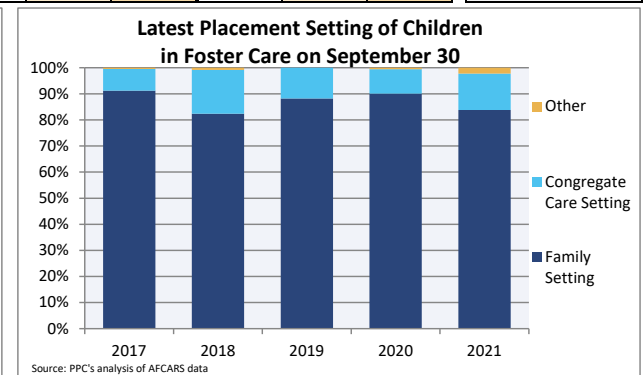
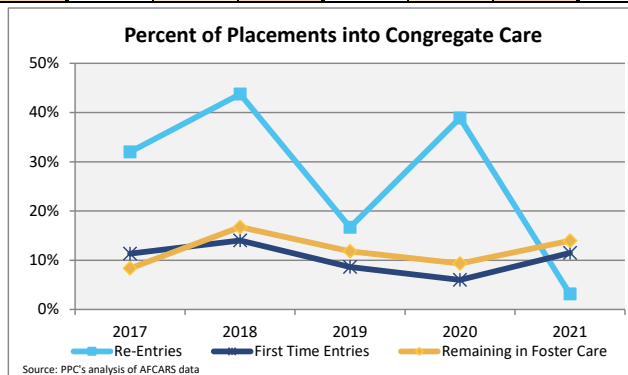
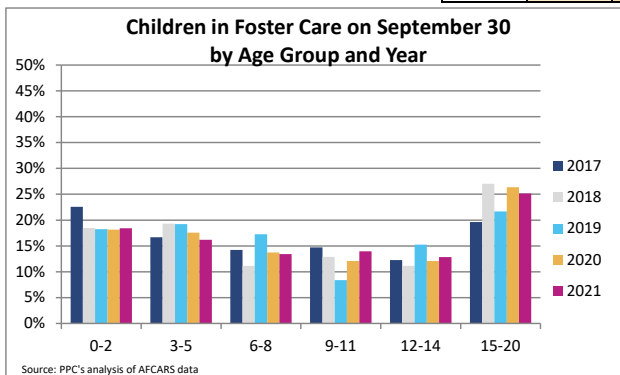


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FOSTER CARE - REMAINING IN CARE

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 (number of months children have been in care)	204 10.4	2,710 12.2	16,381 13.4	233 10.0	2,574 12.4	16,074 14.2	NA 11.0	2,466 12.4	15,082 14.0	182 14.2	2,168 15.1	13,949 16.4	179 14.6	2,163 13.5	13,033 16.8	-12.3% 40.1%
By Age																
0-2	22.5%	22.6%	21.5%	18.5%	22.8%	21.0%	18.2%	22.3%	21.6%	18.1%	22.8%	22.2%	18.4%	24.1%	23.0%	-18.2%
3-5	16.7%	17.5%	17.5%	19.3%	17.6%	17.5%	19.2%	18.9%	17.7%	17.6%	17.3%	18.0%	16.2%	16.4%	17.9%	-2.8%
6-8	14.2%	13.2%	13.7%	11.2%	11.9%	13.6%	17.2%	13.3%	13.8%	13.7%	14.3%	13.9%	13.4%	13.5%	13.6%	-5.7%
9-11	14.7%	12.3%	11.8%	12.9%	11.4%	12.2%	8.4%	11.0%	12.1%	12.1%	11.6%	12.1%	14.0%	12.3%	11.5%	-5.0%
12-14	12.3%	10.4%	12.1%	11.2%	11.7%	12.3%	15.3%	13.7%	13.3%	12.1%	13.1%	13.1%	12.8%	12.7%	13.0%	4.8%
15-20	19.6%	23.9%	18.2%	27.0%	24.6%	18.3%	21.7%	20.8%	17.7%	26.4%	20.8%	17.2%	25.1%	21.0%	16.7%	28.2%
Infants (age 0-1)	12.3%	14.8%	13.8%	9.9%	15.3%	13.7%	11.3%	14.9%	14.4%	13.2%	15.1%	14.5%	8.9%	16.5%	15.0%	-27.1%
Youth (age 13+)	29.4%	31.3%	31.9%	34.3%	32.6%	31.9%	36.9%	34.5%	34.8%	36.3%	30.0%	29.9%	33.5%	30.0%	29.7%	14.0%
By Race and Ethnicity																
Non-Hispanic White	69.1%	56.7%	42.1%	<67.1%	56.3%	42.2%	57.6%	53.8%	42.3%	56.6%	54.1%	41.8%	<58.8%	55.2%	43.1%	<-14.9%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	S	13.0%	35.8%	11.6%	12.3%	35.4%	9.4%	12.6%	34.4%	<10.5%	12.9%	33.7%	14.5%	13.1%	32.2%	-
Non-Hispanic Other Race	S	2.3%	2.7%	S	2.4%	2.3%	2.0%	2.7%	2.6%	S	3.3%	3.7%	S	4.5%	4.5%	-
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	<12.8%	8.7%	6.1%	9.9%	11.7%	7.1%	16.3%	13.3%	7.8%	15.9%	14.1%	8.3%	15.6%	11.9%	8.0%	>22.2%
Hispanic or Latino	11.3%	19.4%	13.2%	9.0%	17.3%	13.0%	14.8%	17.6%	13.0%	15.9%	15.5%	12.5%	10.6%	15.3%	12.2%	-5.9%
By Sex																
Male	52.9%	51.9%	51.2%	47.2%	51.1%	50.9%	48.3%	52.6%	50.6%	46.7%	52.0%	50.8%	45.3%	51.5%	50.2%	-14.5%
Female	47.1%	48.1%	48.8%	52.8%	48.9%	49.1%	51.7%	47.4%	49.4%	53.3%	48.0%	49.2%	54.7%	48.5%	49.8%	16.3%
By Latest Placement Setting																
Family Setting	>90.7%	80.8%	83.4%	>81.5%	79.5%	84.0%	88.2%	82.4%	85.1%	90.1%	84.0%	86.3%	83.8%	83.5%	86.6%	<-7.6%
Pre-adoptive Home	S	0.6%	4.1%	S	0.6%	4.0%	0.5%	0.7%	3.2%	0.0%	0.5%	2.7%	0.0%	0.9%	1.3%	-
Foster Family Home – Relative	38.7%	33.8%	37.9%	42.5%	31.5%	37.8%	51.2%	30.6%	39.4%	51.6%	33.1%	41.5%	36.3%	33.4%	43.0%	-6.2%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	52.0%	46.4%	41.4%	39.1%	47.3%	42.2%	36.5%	51.1%	42.5%	38.5%	50.4%	42.2%	47.5%	49.2%	42.4%	-8.6%
Congregate Care Setting	>5.9%	15.9%	13.7%	16.7%	16.9%	13.2%	11.8%	14.9%	11.9%	>6.6%	13.9%	10.7%	>10.6%	13.6%	10.4%	-
Group Home	5.9%	12.0%	8.2%	11.6%	12.8%	7.9%	9.4%	10.1%	7.0%	6.6%	8.9%	5.9%	10.6%	9.0%	6.4%	80.4%
Institution	S	3.9%	5.5%	5.2%	4.2%	5.3%	2.5%	4.7%	4.9%	S	5.1%	4.8%	S	4.6%	4.1%	-
Supervised Independent Living	S	<2.0%	1.5%	S	2.3%	1.5%	0.0%	1.6%	1.3%	S	<1.3%	1.0%	S	1.9%	1.2%	-
Runaway	0.0%	S	0.8%	0.0%	S	0.9%	0.0%	S	1.2%	0.0%	S	1.5%	0.0%	S	1.1%	-
Trial Home Visit	0.0%	1.1%	0.6%	S	<1.1%	0.4%	0.0%	<0.9%	0.5%	0.0%	0.7%	0.4%	0.0%	<0.7%	0.7%	-



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	
25.0%	30.6%	32.2%	20.1%	30.1%	31.8%	27.8%	32.0%	31.1%	28.6%	30.9%	28.4%	23.1%	26.2%	25.6%	-7.7%

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	
43.5%	36.4%	39.2%	23.0%	32.5%	37.3%	35.8%	32.6%	38.7%	34.5%	29.7%	36.8%	48.5%	28.7%	36.6%	11.4%

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	
19.1%	21.8%	23.0%	22.4%	16.8%	21.4%	18.5%	19.3%	22.3%	20.5%	16.8%	20.2%	22.1%	16.0%	18.1%	15.5%

S = rate suppressed due to count less than 11 persons

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