

## 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 | Rural | State  | County | Rural | State  | County | Rural | State  | County | Rural | State  | County | Rural | State  |                              |
| 18     | 4,692 | 47,485 | 23     | 4,454 | 44,063 | 30     | 4,403 | 42,252 | 22     | 3,705 | 32,919 | 21     | 4,195 | 38,013 | 16.7%                        |
| 18.8   | 22.1  | 17.0   | 24.0   | 21.0  | 15.8   | 31.3   | 20.7  | 15.1   | 23.0   | 17.4  | 11.8   | 21.9   | 19.8  | 13.6   |                              |

#### Child Abuse and Neglect Substantiations

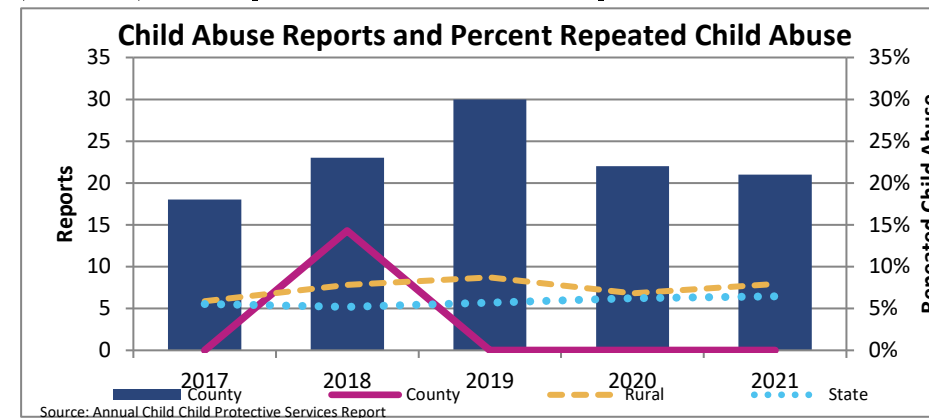
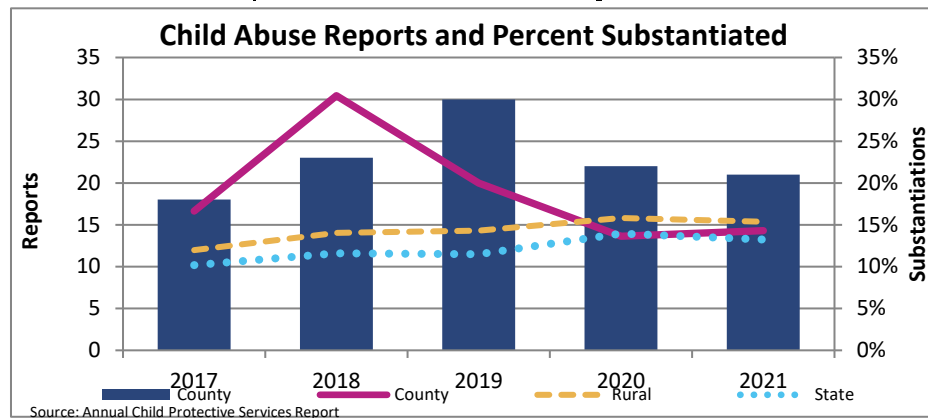
Founded or indicated reports of child abuse and/or neglect.

|       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |        |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|
| 16.7% | 12.0% | 10.2% | 30.4% | 14.1% | 11.6% | 20.0% | 14.3% | 11.5% | 13.6% | 15.8% | 14.0% | 14.3% | 15.4% | 13.2% | -14.3% |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|

#### Repeated Child Abuse and Neglect

Children with another substantiated incident of abuse and/or neglect following the first reported incident. (Data may be overstated.)

|      |         |         |        |         |         |      |         |         |      |         |         |      |         |         |   |
|------|---------|---------|--------|---------|---------|------|---------|---------|------|---------|---------|------|---------|---------|---|
| 0.0% | 5.9%    | 5.6%    | 14.3%  | 7.8%    | 5.2%    | 0.0% | 8.7%    | 5.7%    | 0.0% | 6.8%    | 6.2%    | 0.0% | 7.9%    | 6.5%    | - |
| 0    | 1 in 17 | 1 in 18 | 1 in 7 | 1 in 13 | 1 in 19 | 0    | 1 in 11 | 1 in 18 | 0    | 1 in 15 | 1 in 16 | 0    | 1 in 13 | 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 | Rural  | State   | County | Rural  | State   | County | Rural  | State   | County | Rural  | State   | County | Rural  | State   |                              |
| 55     | 17,303 | 163,852 | 63     | 18,611 | 169,723 | 59     | 19,862 | 178,124 | 38     | 17,537 | 152,478 | 70     | 18,161 | 161,709 | 27.3%                        |

#### 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.

|       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |        |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|
| 30.9% | 27.2% | 22.8% | 47.6% | 27.3% | 23.6% | 33.9% | 29.2% | 23.5% | 44.7% | 31.6% | 25.6% | 25.7% | 32.9% | 27.1% | -16.8% |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|

#### 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.

|    |       |        |    |       |        |    |       |        |    |       |        |    |       |        |       |
|----|-------|--------|----|-------|--------|----|-------|--------|----|-------|--------|----|-------|--------|-------|
| 19 | 6,857 | 53,319 | 35 | 7,480 | 58,982 | 22 | 8,601 | 60,755 | 19 | 8,259 | 56,999 | 23 | 8,711 | 63,801 | 21.1% |
|----|-------|--------|----|-------|--------|----|-------|--------|----|-------|--------|----|-------|--------|-------|

#### 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 | Rural  | State   | County | Rural  | State   | County | Rural  | State   | County | Rural  | State    | County | Rural  | State   |                              |
| 115    | 28,231 | 186,855 | 146    | 28,544 | 194,761 | 160    | 24,606 | 187,280 | 148    | 25,330 | >181,435 | 151    | 26,164 | 192,594 | 31.3%                        |

## 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)

| 2017   |       |        | 2018   |       |        | 2019   |       |        | 2020   |       |        | 2021   |       |        | County % Change<br>2017 to 2021 |
|--------|-------|--------|--------|-------|--------|--------|-------|--------|--------|-------|--------|--------|-------|--------|---------------------------------|
| County | Rural | State  | County | Rural | State  | County | Rural | State  | County | Rural | State  | County | Rural | State  |                                 |
| S      | 1,812 | 25,381 | S      | 1,973 | 25,441 | NA     | 2,074 | 24,665 | 0      | 1,918 | 21,689 | S      | 1,788 | 20,490 | -                               |
| S      | 6.9   | 7.5    | S      | 7.5   | 7.5    | 1.7    | 7.9   | 7.3    | 0.0    | 7.3   | 6.4    | S      | 6.8   | 6.1    | -                               |

#### By Age

| Age Group         | 2017 County | 2017 Rural | 2017 State | 2018 County | 2018 Rural | 2018 State | 2019 County | 2019 Rural | 2019 State | 2020 County | 2020 Rural | 2020 State | 2021 County | 2021 Rural | 2021 State | % Change |
|-------------------|-------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|----------|
| 0-2               | 0.0%        | 20.7%      | 20.3%      | S           | 20.1%      | 20.2%      | 0.0%        | 19.8%      | 20.2%      | 0.0%        | 20.6%      | 20.9%      | 0.0%        | 20.1%      | 21.5%      | -        |
| 3-5               | 0.0%        | 16.4%      | 17.4%      | S           | 16.1%      | 17.9%      | 100.0%      | 16.8%      | 17.8%      | 0.0%        | 17.3%      | 17.8%      | 0.0%        | 17.6%      | 18.2%      | -        |
| 6-8               | 0.0%        | 11.9%      | 13.3%      | 0.0%        | 12.7%      | 13.4%      | 0.0%        | 13.1%      | 13.8%      | 0.0%        | 14.1%      | 13.5%      | 0.0%        | 12.5%      | 13.7%      | -        |
| 9-11              | 0.0%        | 11.9%      | 11.4%      | 0.0%        | 11.4%      | 11.8%      | 0.0%        | 12.3%      | 11.7%      | 0.0%        | 12.3%      | 11.7%      | 0.0%        | 10.6%      | 11.3%      | -        |
| 12-14             | 0.0%        | 12.9%      | 11.6%      | 0.0%        | 13.5%      | 11.8%      | 0.0%        | 13.5%      | 12.3%      | 0.0%        | 13.7%      | 12.6%      | 0.0%        | 14.5%      | 12.6%      | -        |
| 15-17             | S           | 20.6%      | 18.6%      | S           | 22.0%      | 18.7%      | 0.0%        | 20.9%      | 18.5%      | 0.0%        | 19.1%      | 17.9%      | S           | 20.5%      | 16.4%      | -        |
| 18-20             | S           | 5.6%       | 7.4%       | 0.0%        | 4.2%       | 6.3%       | 0.0%        | 3.6%       | 5.6%       | 0.0%        | 3.0%       | 5.6%       | 0.0%        | 4.1%       | 6.4%       | -        |
| Infants (age 0-1) | 0.0%        | 13.5%      | 12.7%      | 0.0%        | 12.9%      | 12.7%      | 0.0%        | 13.0%      | 12.9%      | 0.0%        | 12.7%      | 13.2%      | 0.0%        | 13.4%      | 13.7%      | -        |
| Youth (age 13+)   | S           | 34.8%      | 34.0%      | S           | 35.3%      | 33.1%      | 0.0%        | 34.4%      | 32.6%      | 0.0%        | 31.9%      | 32.3%      | S           | 34.5%      | 31.3%      | -        |

#### By Race and Ethnicity

| Race/Ethnicity                         | 2017 County | 2017 Rural | 2017 State | 2018 County | 2018 Rural | 2018 State | 2019 County | 2019 Rural | 2019 State | 2020 County | 2020 Rural | 2020 State | 2021 County | 2021 Rural | 2021 State | % Change |
|--|-------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|----------|
| Non-Hispanic White                     | S           | 86.6%      | 42.9%      | S           | 87.1%      | 43.7%      | 100.0%      | 88.5%      | 43.7%      | 0.0%        | 88.0%      | 44.2%      | S           | 85.2%      | 44.3%      | -        |
| Non-Hispanic Black or African American | 0.0%        | 3.5%       | 34.9%      | 0.0%        | 3.8%       | 33.9%      | 0.0%        | 2.5%       | 33.0%      | 0.0%        | 3.1%       | 32.0%      | 0.0%        | 2.5%       | 30.7%      | -        |
| Non-Hispanic Other Race                | 0.0%        | 1.2%       | 2.9%       | 0.0%        | 1.5%       | 2.3%       | 0.0%        | 1.4%       | 2.6%       | 0.0%        | 1.9%       | 3.6%       | 0.0%        | 2.7%       | 4.2%       | -        |
| Non-Hispanic Two or More Races         | 0.0%        | 4.9%       | 6.2%       | 0.0%        | 4.1%       | 7.1%       | 0.0%        | 4.0%       | 7.7%       | 0.0%        | 4.3%       | 8.0%       | 0.0%        | 5.6%       | 8.4%       | -        |
| Hispanic or Latino                     | 0.0%        | 3.8%       | 13.2%      | 0.0%        | 3.6%       | 13.0%      | 0.0%        | 3.6%       | 12.9%      | 0.0%        | 2.7%       | 12.3%      | 0.0%        | 3.9%       | 12.3%      | -        |

#### By Sex

| Sex    | 2017 County | 2017 Rural | 2017 State | 2018 County | 2018 Rural | 2018 State | 2019 County | 2019 Rural | 2019 State | 2020 County | 2020 Rural | 2020 State | 2021 County | 2021 Rural | 2021 State | % Change |
|--------|-------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|----------|
| Male   | S           | 52.2%      | 51.0%      | S           | 52.2%      | 50.8%      | 50.0%       | 52.4%      | 50.8%      | 0.0%        | 52.1%      | 50.6%      | S           | 53.5%      | 50.5%      | -        |
| Female | S           | 47.8%      | 49.0%      | S           | 47.8%      | 49.2%      | 50.0%       | 47.6%      | 49.2%      | 0.0%        | 47.9%      | 49.4%      | S           | 46.5%      | 49.5%      | -        |

#### By Latest Placement Setting

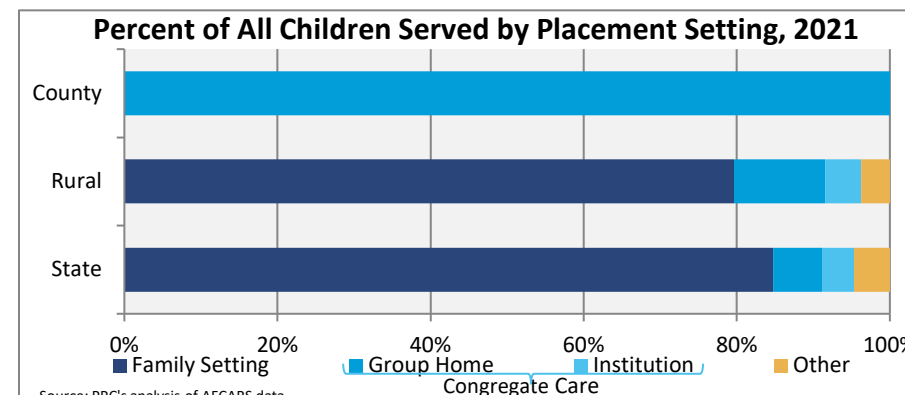
| Placement Setting                    | 2017 County     | 2017 Rural      | 2017 State   | 2018 County     | 2018 Rural   | 2018 State   | 2019 County   | 2019 Rural   | 2019 State   | 2020 County | 2020 Rural   | 2020 State   | 2021 County     | 2021 Rural   | 2021 State   | % Change |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|----------|
| <b>Family Setting</b>                | <b>0.0%</b>     | <b>77.4%</b>    | <b>80.5%</b> | <b>&gt;0.0%</b> | <b>78.7%</b> | <b>81.6%</b> | <b>100.0%</b> | <b>79.8%</b> | <b>82.7%</b> | <b>0.0%</b> | <b>81.0%</b> | <b>83.8%</b> | <b>0.0%</b>     | <b>79.6%</b> | <b>84.8%</b> | -        |
| Pre-adoptive Home                    | 0.0%            | 2.3%            | 4.0%         | 0.0%            | 3.2%         | 4.5%         | 0.0%          | 2.7%         | 3.8%         | 0.0%        | 2.7%         | 2.9%         | 0.0%            | 2.2%         | 2.3%         | -        |
| Foster Family Home – Relative        | 0.0%            | 30.0%           | 36.4%        | S               | 29.9%        | 37.1%        | 100.0%        | 32.4%        | 38.7%        | 0.0%        | 33.5%        | 40.8%        | 0.0%            | 35.4%        | 42.0%        | -        |
| Foster Family Home – Non-Relative    | 0.0%            | 45.0%           | 40.1%        | 0.0%            | 45.6%        | 40.1%        | 0.0%          | 44.6%        | 40.3%        | 0.0%        | 44.8%        | 40.1%        | 0.0%            | 42.1%        | 40.5%        | -        |
| <b>Congregate Care Setting</b>       | <b>&gt;0.0%</b> | <b>18.4%</b>    | <b>14.9%</b> | <b>&gt;0.0%</b> | <b>18.6%</b> | <b>14.0%</b> | <b>0.0%</b>   | <b>15.9%</b> | <b>12.7%</b> | <b>0.0%</b> | <b>13.6%</b> | <b>11.5%</b> | <b>&gt;0.0%</b> | <b>16.6%</b> | <b>10.5%</b> | -        |
| Group Home                           | S               | 14.7%           | 8.8%         | S               | 13.4%        | 8.5%         | 0.0%          | 11.5%        | 7.7%         | 0.0%        | 10.3%        | 6.7%         | S               | 11.9%        | 6.4%         | -        |
| Institution                          | 0.0%            | 3.7%            | 6.1%         | 0.0%            | 5.2%         | 5.6%         | 0.0%          | 4.3%         | 5.0%         | 0.0%        | 3.3%         | 4.8%         | 0.0%            | 4.7%         | 4.2%         | -        |
| <b>Supervised Independent Living</b> | <b>0.0%</b>     | <b>&lt;0.8%</b> | <b>1.5%</b>  | <b>0.0%</b>     | <b>S</b>     | <b>1.5%</b>  | <b>0.0%</b>   | <b>S</b>     | <b>1.6%</b>  | <b>0.0%</b> | <b>S</b>     | <b>1.3%</b>  | <b>0.0%</b>     | <b>S</b>     | <b>1.2%</b>  | -        |
| Runaway                              | 0.0%            | S               | 1.4%         | 0.0%            | S            | 1.4%         | 0.0%          | S            | 1.4%         | 0.0%        | S            | 1.9%         | 0.0%            | 0.0%         | 1.7%         | -        |
| Trial Home Visit                     | 0.0%            | 3.4%            | 1.7%         | 0.0%            | 2.2%         | 1.4%         | 0.0%          | 3.6%         | 1.5%         | 0.0%        | 4.9%         | 1.6%         | 0.0%            | <3.7%        | 1.8%         | -        |

#### Children Entering Foster Care

All Entries into Foster Care During the Year

| Year | County | Rural | State  | Year | County | Rural | State  | Year | County | Rural | State | Year | County | Rural | State | % Change |
|------|--------|-------|--------|------|--------|-------|--------|------|--------|-------|-------|------|--------|-------|-------|----------|
| 2017 | S      | 987   | 10,781 | 2018 | S      | 962   | 10,095 | 2019 | NA     | 1,009 | 9,448 | 2020 | 0      | 834   | 7,286 | -        |
| 2021 | S      | 851   | 7,316  |      |        |       |        |      |        |       |       |      |        |       |       | -        |

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



## FOSTER CARE - FIRST TIME ENTRIES

Data on first time entries provides information on children who have just begun their foster care experience during the past federal fiscal year. How the child welfare system is serving them may say something about current system practice and decision making.

### Indicator

#### Children Entering for the First Time

First Time Entries During the Year  
(Rate per 1,000 children age 0-20)

First Time Entries as Percent of All Entries

| Indicator                                    | 2017   |       |       | 2018   |       |       | 2019   |       |       | 2020   |       |       | 2021   |       |       | County % Change 2017 to 2021 |
|--|--------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|------------------------------|
|  | County | Rural | State | County | Rural | State | County | Rural | State | County | Rural | State | County | Rural | State |                              |
| First Time Entries During the Year           | S      | 799   | 8,438 | S      | 753   | 7,626 | NA     | 789   | 7,266 | 0      | 665   | 5,540 | S      | 665   | 5,635 | -                            |
| (Rate per 1,000 children age 0-20)           | S      | 3.0   | 2.5   | S      | 2.9   | 2.3   | 0.0    | 3.0   | 2.2   | 0.0    | 2.5   | 1.6   | S      | 2.5   | 1.7   | -                            |
| First Time Entries as Percent of All Entries | S      | 81.0% | 78.3% | S      | 78.3% | 75.5% | 0.0%   | 78.2% | 76.9% | 0.0%   | 79.7% | 76.0% | S      | 78.1% | 77.0% | -                            |

#### By Age

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

| Age Group         | 2017 County | 2017 Rural | 2017 State | 2018 County | 2018 Rural | 2018 State | 2019 County | 2019 Rural | 2019 State | 2020 County | 2020 Rural | 2020 State | 2021 County | 2021 Rural | 2021 State | % Change |
|-------------------|-------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|----------|
| 0-2               | 0.0%        | 29.8%      | 33.2%      | S           | 29.9%      | 34.4%      | 0.0%        | 31.6%      | 35.1%      | 0.0%        | 29.6%      | 38.2%      | 0.0%        | 29.9%      | 38.5%      | -        |
| 3-5               | 0.0%        | 14.6%      | 15.3%      | S           | 14.3%      | 15.4%      | 0.0%        | 16.5%      | 14.8%      | 0.0%        | 15.9%      | 14.5%      | 0.0%        | 15.8%      | 14.7%      | -        |
| 6-8               | 0.0%        | 11.1%      | 11.9%      | 0.0%        | 11.6%      | 11.5%      | 0.0%        | 12.3%      | 11.8%      | 0.0%        | 13.4%      | 11.4%      | 0.0%        | 11.7%      | 11.3%      | -        |
| 9-11              | 0.0%        | 10.8%      | 10.1%      | 0.0%        | 9.3%       | 10.3%      | 0.0%        | 10.8%      | 10.7%      | 0.0%        | 11.1%      | 9.7%       | 0.0%        | 9.9%       | 9.3%       | -        |
| 12-14             | 0.0%        | 14.6%      | 13.1%      | 0.0%        | 16.2%      | 12.8%      | 0.0%        | 13.7%      | 12.9%      | 0.0%        | 16.2%      | 12.5%      | 0.0%        | 15.5%      | 12.6%      | -        |
| 15-20             | S           | 19.0%      | 16.5%      | S           | 18.7%      | 15.6%      | 0.0%        | 15.2%      | 14.6%      | 0.0%        | 13.7%      | 13.7%      | S           | 17.1%      | 13.7%      | -        |
| Infants (age 0-1) | 0.0%        | 23.0%      | 26.5%      | 0.0%        | 22.3%      | 28.0%      | 0.0%        | 25.7%      | 29.1%      | 0.0%        | 22.3%      | 31.7%      | 0.0%        | 24.1%      | 32.3%      | -        |
| Youth (age 13+)   | S           | 30.0%      | 26.0%      | S           | 30.7%      | 24.7%      | 0.0%        | 20.7%      | 19.5%      | 0.0%        | 25.6%      | 22.6%      | S           | 28.7%      | 22.5%      | -        |

#### By Race and Ethnicity

Non-Hispanic White  
Non-Hispanic Black or African American  
Non-Hispanic Other Race  
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races  
Hispanic or Latino

| Race/Ethnicity                         | 2017 County | 2017 Rural | 2017 State | 2018 County | 2018 Rural | 2018 State | 2019 County | 2019 Rural | 2019 State | 2020 County | 2020 Rural | 2020 State | 2021 County | 2021 Rural | 2021 State | % Change |
|--|-------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|----------|
| Non-Hispanic White                     | S           | 87.1%      | 47.6%      | S           | 87.6%      | 48.3%      | 0.0%        | 88.3%      | 47.6%      | 0.0%        | 86.2%      | 49.7%      | S           | 81.8%      | 50.0%      | -        |
| Non-Hispanic Black or African American | 0.0%        | 3.9%       | 29.7%      | 0.0%        | 4.0%       | 29.3%      | 0.0%        | 1.9%       | 28.4%      | 0.0%        | 3.0%       | 25.2%      | 0.0%        | 1.8%       | 23.6%      | -        |
| Non-Hispanic Other Race                | 0.0%        | S          | 3.4%       | 0.0%        | 1.5%       | 2.7%       | 0.0%        | 1.5%       | 3.7%       | 0.0%        | 3.5%       | 5.3%       | 0.0%        | 3.6%       | 5.8%       | -        |
| Non-Hispanic Two or More Races         | 0.0%        | <4.3%      | 6.3%       | 0.0%        | 3.5%       | 7.7%       | 0.0%        | 4.2%       | 7.7%       | 0.0%        | 5.6%       | 8.2%       | 0.0%        | 7.8%       | 8.4%       | -        |
| Hispanic or Latino                     | 0.0%        | 3.6%       | 13.0%      | 0.0%        | 3.5%       | 12.0%      | 0.0%        | 4.1%       | 12.6%      | 0.0%        | 1.8%       | 11.6%      | 0.0%        | 5.0%       | 12.1%      | -        |

#### By Sex

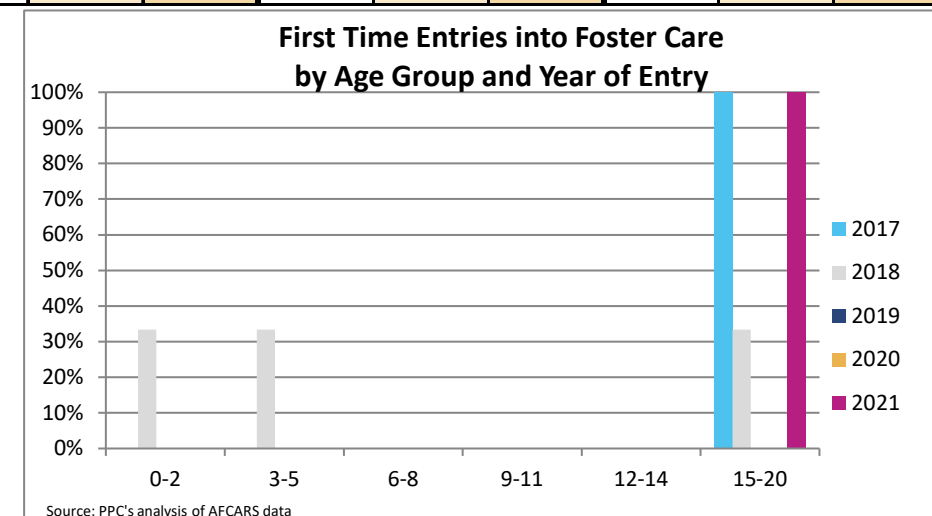
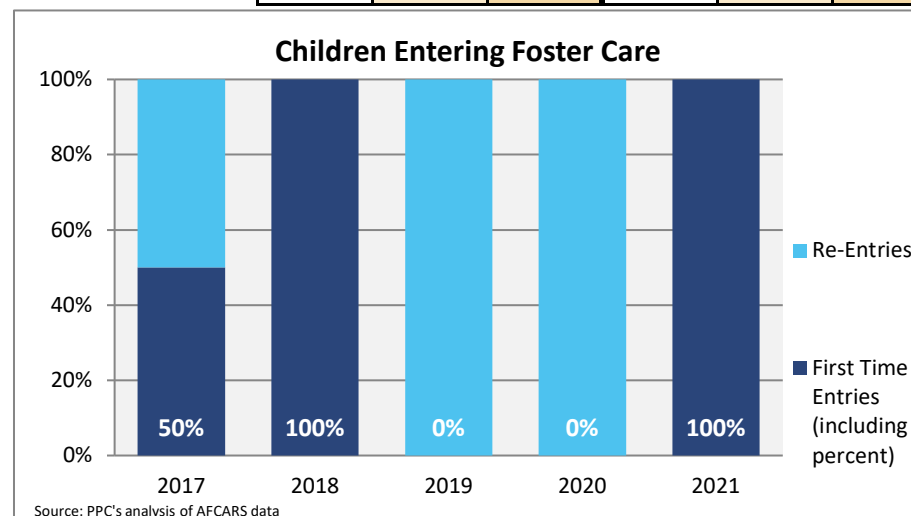
Male  
Female

| Sex    | 2017 County | 2017 Rural | 2017 State | 2018 County | 2018 Rural | 2018 State | 2019 County | 2019 Rural | 2019 State | 2020 County | 2020 Rural | 2020 State | 2021 County | 2021 Rural | 2021 State | % Change |
|--------|-------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|----------|
| Male   | 0.0%        | 49.8%      | 51.0%      | S           | 50.5%      | 50.7%      | 0.0%        | 50.6%      | 50.8%      | 0.0%        | 51.6%      | 50.5%      | 0.0%        | 53.2%      | 49.7%      | -        |
| Female | S           | 50.2%      | 49.0%      | S           | 49.5%      | 49.3%      | 0.0%        | 49.4%      | 49.2%      | 0.0%        | 48.4%      | 49.5%      | S           | 46.8%      | 50.3%      | -        |

#### By First Reported Placement Setting

**Family Setting**  
Pre-adoptive Home  
Foster Family Home – Relative  
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative  
**Congregate Care Setting**  
Group Home  
Institution  
**Supervised Independent Living**  
Runaway  
Trial Home Visit

| Placement Setting                 | 2017 County | 2017 Rural | 2017 State | 2018 County | 2018 Rural | 2018 State | 2019 County | 2019 Rural | 2019 State | 2020 County | 2020 Rural | 2020 State | 2021 County | 2021 Rural | 2021 State | % Change |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|----------|
| Family Setting                    | 0.0%        | >81.4%     | 83.6%      | >0.0%       | >79.9%     | 83.8%      | 0.0%        | >84.3%     | 85.7%      | 0.0%        | 85.9%      | >87.5%     | 0.0%        | >81.5%     | >87.5%     | -        |
| Pre-adoptive Home                 | 0.0%        | S          | 0.3%       | 0.0%        | S          | 0.2%       | 0.0%        | S          | 0.4%       | 0.0%        | 0.0%       | S          | 0.0%        | S          | S          | -        |
| Foster Family Home – Relative     | 0.0%        | 33.3%      | 39.1%      | S           | 34.7%      | 39.9%      | 0.0%        | 39.8%      | 41.6%      | 0.0%        | 39.5%      | 44.3%      | 0.0%        | 42.1%      | 45.8%      | -        |
| Foster Family Home – Non-Relative | 0.0%        | 48.1%      | 44.2%      | 0.0%        | 45.3%      | 43.7%      | 0.0%        | 44.5%      | 43.7%      | 0.0%        | 46.3%      | 43.1%      | 0.0%        | 39.4%      | 41.7%      | -        |
| Congregate Care Setting           | >0.0%       | 17.5%      | 15.0%      | >0.0%       | 18.5%      | 14.3%      | 0.0%        | 14.3%      | 12.7%      | 0.0%        | 12.3%      | 10.6%      | >0.0%       | 16.1%      | 10.4%      | -        |
| Group Home                        | S           | 15.1%      | 9.1%       | S           | 13.7%      | 9.4%       | 0.0%        | 11.2%      | 8.5%       | 0.0%        | 9.0%       | 7.2%       | S           | 12.3%      | 7.4%       | -        |
| Institution                       | 0.0%        | 2.4%       | 5.9%       | 0.0%        | 4.8%       | 4.9%       | 0.0%        | 3.2%       | 4.2%       | 0.0%        | 3.3%       | 3.4%       | 0.0%        | 3.8%       | 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%        | 0.0%       | 0.2%       | -        |
| Runaway                           | 0.0%        | 0.0%       | 0.5%       | 0.0%        | 0.0%       | 0.7%       | 0.0%        | S          | 0.8%       | 0.0%        | 0.0%       | 0.8%       | 0.0%        | 0.0%       | 0.7%       | -        |
| Trial Home Visit                  | 0.0%        | S          | 0.8%       | 0.0%        | <1.6%      | 1.1%       | 0.0%        | S          | 0.6%       | 0.0%        | <1.8%      | 0.9%       | 0.0%        | <2.4%      | <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

#### Children Re-Entering Foster Care

Re-Entries During the Year  
Re-Entries as Percent of All Entries

|   | 2017   |       |       | 2018   |       |       | 2019   |       |       | 2020   |       |       | 2021   |       |       | County % Change<br>2017 to 2021 |
|---|--------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|---------------------------------|
|   | County | Rural | State | County | Rural | State | County | Rural | State | County | Rural | State | County | Rural | State |                                 |
| S | 188    | 2,343 | 0     | 209    | 2,469 | NA    | 220    | 2,182 | 0     | 169    | 1,746 | 0     | 186    | 1,681 | -     |                                 |
| S | 19.0%  | 21.7% | 0.0%  | 21.7%  | 24.5% | 0.0%  | 21.8%  | 23.1% | 0.0%  | 20.3%  | 24.0% | 0.0%  | 21.9%  | 23.0% | -     |                                 |

### By Age

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

|                   | 2017 | 2018  | 2019  | 2020 | 2021  | County % Change<br>2017 to 2021 |      |       |       |      |       |       |      |       |       |   |
|-------------------|------|-------|-------|------|-------|---------------------------------|------|-------|-------|------|-------|-------|------|-------|-------|---|
| 0-2               | 0.0% | 11.7% | 11.4% | 0.0% | 10.5% | 10.8%                           | 0.0% | 11.4% | 11.9% | 0.0% | 14.8% | 10.5% | 0.0% | 11.3% | 12.3% | - |
| 3-5               | 0.0% | 12.8% | 11.1% | 0.0% | 17.2% | 12.6%                           | 0.0% | 12.7% | 12.7% | 0.0% | 17.2% | 10.9% | 0.0% | 13.4% | 12.8% | - |
| 6-8               | 0.0% | 9.0%  | 11.7% | 0.0% | 12.4% | 12.1%                           | 0.0% | 14.1% | 11.9% | 0.0% | 10.1% | 11.0% | 0.0% | 10.2% | 10.9% | - |
| 9-11              | 0.0% | 12.2% | 10.6% | 0.0% | 9.6%  | 11.5%                           | 0.0% | 13.2% | 10.4% | 0.0% | 8.9%  | 12.0% | 0.0% | 8.6%  | 11.0% | - |
| 12-14             | 0.0% | 18.6% | 17.2% | 0.0% | 12.0% | 17.7%                           | 0.0% | 20.9% | 18.7% | 0.0% | 21.9% | 17.7% | 0.0% | 28.5% | 20.2% | - |
| 15-20             | S    | 35.6% | 38.2% | 0.0% | 38.3% | 35.4%                           | 0.0% | 27.7% | 34.4% | 0.0% | 27.2% | 37.9% | 0.0% | 28.0% | 32.7% | - |
| Infants (age 0-1) | 0.0% | 6.9%  | 6.6%  | 0.0% | 7.7%  | 6.4%                            | 0.0% | S     | 6.9%  | 0.0% | S     | 7.3%  | 0.0% | 8.6%  | 9.2%  | - |
| Youth (age 13+)   | S    | 47.9% | 51.1% | 0.0% | 47.8% | 48.6%                           | 0.0% | 45.5% | 48.7% | 0.0% | 45.0% | 51.1% | 0.0% | 55.9% | 47.7% | - |

### By Race and Ethnicity

Non-Hispanic White  
Non-Hispanic Black or African American  
Non-Hispanic Other Race  
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races  
Hispanic or Latino

|  | 2017 | 2018  | 2019  | 2020 | 2021  | County % Change<br>2017 to 2021 |      |       |       |      |       |       |      |       |       |   |
|--|------|-------|-------|------|-------|---------------------------------|------|-------|-------|------|-------|-------|------|-------|-------|---|
| Non-Hispanic White                     | S    | 91.5% | 40.6% | 0.0% | 89.0% | 39.6%                           | 0.0% | 87.7% | 50.7% | 0.0% | 88.2% | 39.1% | 0.0% | 86.0% | 42.8% | - |
| Non-Hispanic Black or African American | 0.0% | S     | 39.4% | 0.0% | S     | 40.5%                           | 0.0% | S     | 47.1% | 0.0% | S     | 38.8% | 0.0% | S     | 35.2% | - |
| Non-Hispanic Other Race                | 0.0% | 0.0%  | 1.7%  | 0.0% | S     | 1.8%                            | 0.0% | 0.0%  | 1.9%  | 0.0% | S     | 3.4%  | 0.0% | S     | 3.9%  | - |
| Non-Hispanic Two or More Races         | 0.0% | S     | 6.3%  | 0.0% | S     | 7.1%                            | 0.0% | S     | 10.8% | 0.0% | S     | 6.8%  | 0.0% | S     | 6.5%  | - |
| Hispanic or Latino                     | 0.0% | S     | 11.9% | 0.0% | S     | 11.1%                           | 0.0% | S     | 14.4% | 0.0% | S     | 12.0% | 0.0% | S     | 11.6% | - |

### By Sex

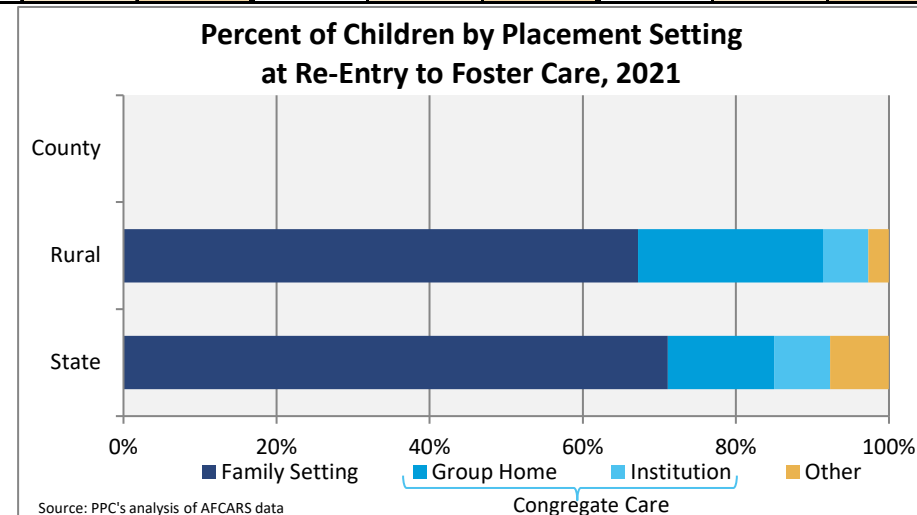
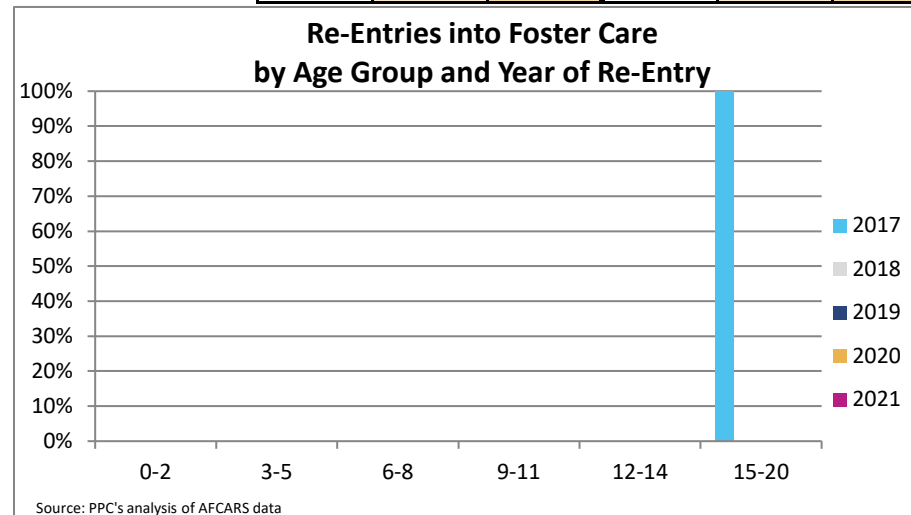
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|        | 2017 | 2018  | 2019  | 2020 | 2021  | County % Change<br>2017 to 2021 |      |       |       |      |       |       |      |       |       |   |
|--------|------|-------|-------|------|-------|---------------------------------|------|-------|-------|------|-------|-------|------|-------|-------|---|
| Male   | S    | 56.4% | 49.6% | 0.0% | 54.5% | 49.1%                           | 0.0% | 56.8% | 51.2% | 0.0% | 54.4% | 49.0% | 0.0% | 54.3% | 48.4% | - |
| Female | 0.0% | 43.6% | 50.4% | 0.0% | 45.5% | 50.9%                           | 0.0% | 43.2% | 48.8% | 0.0% | 45.6% | 51.0% | 0.0% | 45.7% | 51.6% | - |

### By Placement Setting at Re-Entry

Family Setting  
Pre-adoptive Home  
Foster Family Home – Relative  
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative  
Congregate Care Setting  
Group Home  
Institution  
Supervised Independent Living  
Runaway  
Trial Home Visit

|                                   | 2017  | 2018   | 2019  | 2020 | 2021  | County % Change<br>2017 to 2021 |      |       |       |      |        |        |      |       |        |   |
|-----------------------------------|-------|--------|-------|------|-------|---------------------------------|------|-------|-------|------|--------|--------|------|-------|--------|---|
| Family Setting                    | 0.0%  | 62.8%  | 63.9% | 0.0% | 65.1% | 66.7%                           | 0.0% | 69.1% | 68.5% | 0.0% | 67.5%  | >65.0% | 0.0% | 67.2% | >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     | 0.0%  | 25.0%  | 30.7% | 0.0% | 22.5% | 28.3%                           | 0.0% | 29.1% | 32.5% | 0.0% | 28.4%  | 34.8%  | 0.0% | 28.5% | 36.4%  | - |
| Foster Family Home – Non-Relative | 0.0%  | 37.8%  | 32.6% | 0.0% | 42.6% | 37.9%                           | 0.0% | 40.0% | 35.3% | 0.0% | 39.1%  | 30.1%  | 0.0% | 38.7% | 34.7%  | - |
| Congregate Care Setting           | >0.0% | >36.6% | 31.2% | 0.0% | 30.1% | 28.0%                           | 0.0% | 28.2% | 25.8% | 0.0% | >22.5% | 27.1%  | 0.0% | 30.1% | 21.2%  | - |
| Group Home                        | S     | >30.2% | 19.9% | 0.0% | 24.4% | 18.4%                           | 0.0% | 22.3% | 16.6% | 0.0% | 22.5%  | 16.5%  | 0.0% | 24.2% | 13.9%  | - |
| Institution                       | 0.0%  | 6.4%   | 11.3% | 0.0% | 5.7%  | 9.6%                            | 0.0% | 5.9%  | 9.2%  | 0.0% | S      | 10.6%  | 0.0% | 5.9%  | 7.3%   | - |
| Supervised Independent Living     | 0.0%  | S      | 1.8%  | 0.0% | S     | 1.8%                            | 0.0% | S     | 1.6%  | 0.0% | S      | 1.4%   | 0.0% | 0.0%  | 2.2%   | - |
| Runaway                           | 0.0%  | 0.0%   | 2.5%  | 0.0% | S     | 2.7%                            | 0.0% | 0.0%  | 3.6%  | 0.0% | 0.0%   | 5.4%   | 0.0% | S     | 4.2%   | - |
| Trial Home Visit                  | 0.0%  | 0.0%   | 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

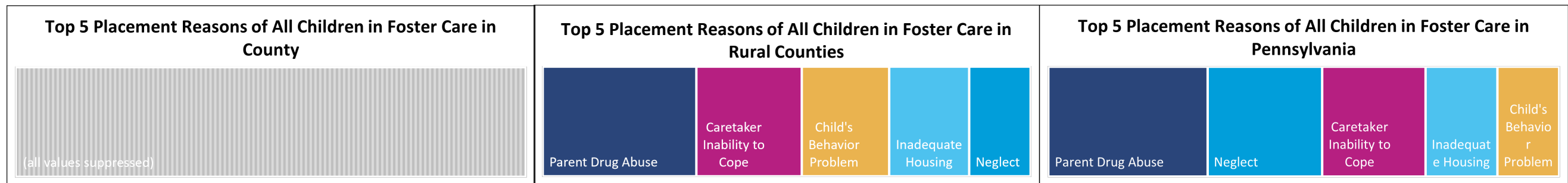
County child welfare agencies are required to report the reasons in which a child experiences a placement episode. There are 15 factors defined by the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) technical bulletin issued by the Administration for Children and Families which are federally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

A child can have more than one placement reason.

### Indicator

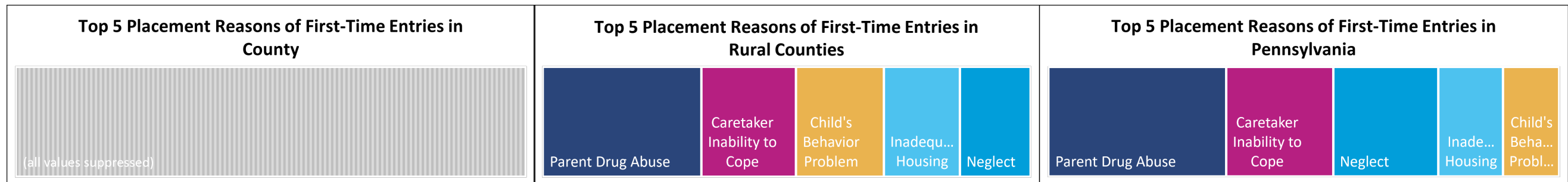
#### Top Five Placement Reasons Of All Children in Foster Care During the Year

| 2021                            |                                   |                                   |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| County                          | Rural                             | State                             |
| S (all values suppressed)       | 37.1% Parent Drug Abuse           | 35.2% Parent Drug Abuse           |
| S (remaining values suppressed) | 25.5% Caretaker Inability to Cope | 25.4% Neglect                     |
| S (remaining values suppressed) | 21.1% Child's Behavior Problem    | 22.8% Caretaker Inability to Cope |
| S (remaining values suppressed) | 19.4% Inadequate Housing          | 15.9% Inadequate Housing          |
| S (remaining values suppressed) | 14.8% Neglect                     | 13.7% Child's Behavior Problem    |



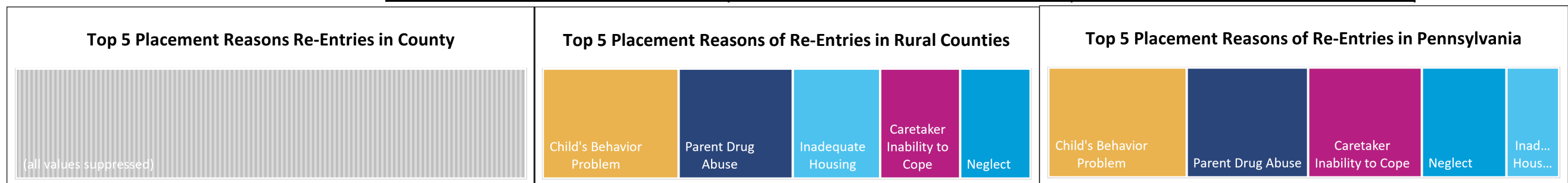
#### Of First-Time Entries into Foster Care

|                                 |                                   |                                   |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| S (all values suppressed)       | 39.5% Parent Drug Abuse           | 40.8% Parent Drug Abuse           |
| S (remaining values suppressed) | 23.6% Caretaker Inability to Cope | 24.6% Caretaker Inability to Cope |
| S (remaining values suppressed) | 22.0% Child's Behavior Problem    | 24.1% Neglect                     |
| S (remaining values suppressed) | 18.9% Inadequate Housing          | 14.9% Inadequate Housing          |
| S (remaining values suppressed) | 17.6% Neglect                     | 12.9% Child's Behavior Problem    |



#### Of Re-Entries into Foster Care

|                                 |                                   |                                   |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| S (all values suppressed)       | 30.1% Child's Behavior Problem    | 28.3% Child's Behavior Problem    |
| S (remaining values suppressed) | 25.3% Parent Drug Abuse           | 24.9% Parent Drug Abuse           |
| S (remaining values suppressed) | 19.4% Inadequate Housing          | 23.3% Caretaker Inability to Cope |
| S (remaining values suppressed) | 17.7% Caretaker Inability to Cope | 17.3% Neglect                     |
| S (remaining values suppressed) | 15.6% Neglect                     | 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

#### Percent of Children by Case Plan Goal

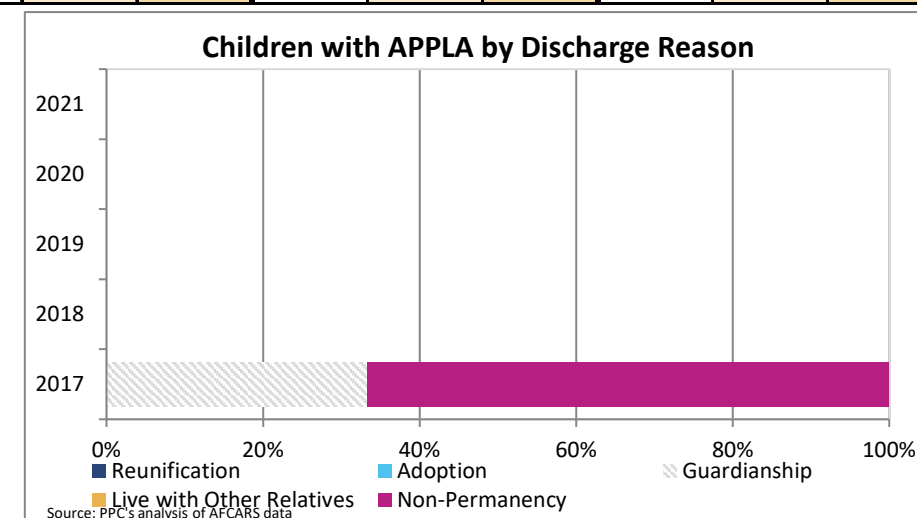
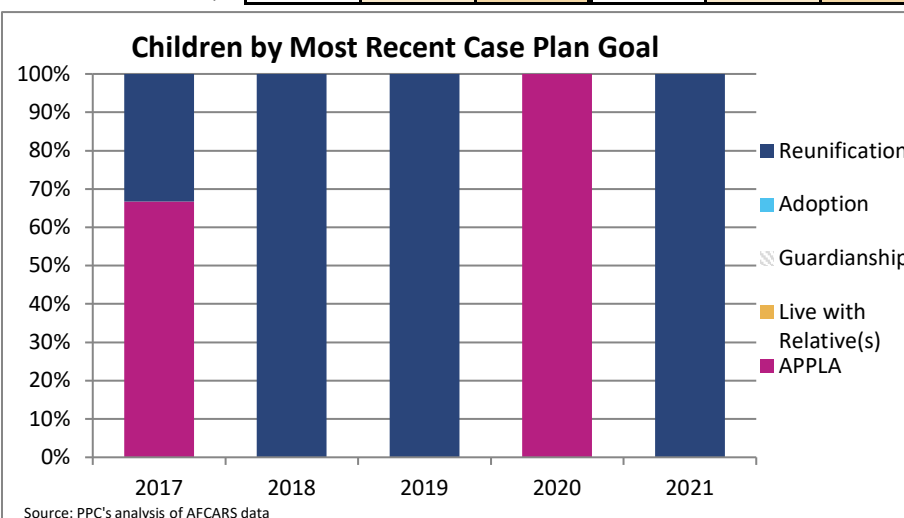
| Indicator   | 2017   |       |       | 2018   |       |       | 2019   |       |       | 2020   |       |       | 2021   |       |       | County % Change 2017 to 2021 |
|---|--------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|------------------------------|
|   | County | Rural | State | County | Rural | State | County | Rural | State | County | Rural | State | County | Rural | State |                              |
| <b>Family-Based Permanency Goals</b>                        | >0.0%  | 98.0% | 94.0% | >0.0%  | 98.2% | 95.1% | 100.0% | 98.3% | 95.5% | 0.0%   | 99.0% | 96.4% | >0.0%  | 98.9% | 96.8% | -                            |
| Reunify With Parent(s) or Principal Caretaker(s)            | S      | 72.3% | 66.7% | S      | 71.6% | 65.3% | 100.0% | 70.4% | 63.7% | 0.0%   | 70.6% | 65.8% | S      | 70.3% | 65.6% | -                            |
| Adoption  | 0.0%   | 19.5% | 21.2% | 0.0%   | 20.2% | 23.6% | 0.0%   | 20.9% | 24.5% | 0.0%   | 22.2% | 23.7% | 0.0%   | 22.9% | 25.0% | -                            |
| Guardianship  | 0.0%   | 5.0%  | 4.8%  | 0.0%   | 5.0%  | 5.1%  | 0.0%   | 5.5%  | 5.9%  | 0.0%   | 5.2%  | 5.4%  | 0.0%   | 5.1%  | 5.3%  | -                            |
| Live with Relative(s)                                       | 0.0%   | 1.3%  | 1.3%  | 0.0%   | 1.5%  | 1.2%  | 0.0%   | 1.5%  | 1.5%  | 0.0%   | 1.0%  | 1.4%  | 0.0%   | 0.6%  | 1.0%  | -                            |
| <b>Another Planned Permanent Living Arrangement (APPLA)</b> | >0.0%  | >1.6% | 6.0%  | 0.0%   | >1.5% | 4.9%  | 0.0%   | 1.7%  | 4.5%  | 0.0%   | 1.0%  | 3.6%  | 0.0%   | 1.1%  | 3.2%  | -                            |
| Long Term Foster Care                                       | 0.0%   | S     | 0.7%  | 0.0%   | S     | 0.6%  | 0.0%   | 0.0%  | 0.1%  | 0.0%   | 0.0%  | 0.5%  | 0.0%   | 0.0%  | 0.5%  | -                            |
| Emancipation  | S      | 1.6%  | 5.3%  | 0.0%   | 1.5%  | 4.3%  | 0.0%   | 1.7%  | 4.4%  | 0.0%   | 1.0%  | 3.1%  | 0.0%   | 1.1%  | 2.7%  | -                            |

#### APPLA By Age as % of Age Group Served

| Age Group | County | Rural | State | County | Rural | State | County | Rural | State | County | Rural | State | County | Rural | State | County % Change 2017 to 2021 |
|-----------|--------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|------------------------------|
| 0-15      | 0.0%   | S     | 1.0%  | 0.0%   | S     | 1.0%  | 0.0%   | S     | S     | -      | 0.0%  | S     | -      | 0.0%  | S     | -                            |
| 16-20     | S      | 9.3%  | 25.1% | 66.7%  | 9.3%  | 25.1% | 0.0%   | 1.6%  | 23.5% | 0.0%   | 6.2%  | 19.6% | 0.0%   | 6.2%  | 17.5% | -                            |

#### APPLA By Discharge Reason

| Discharge Reason                               | County | Rural  | State | County | Rural  | State | County | Rural  | State | County | Rural  | State | County | Rural | State | County % Change 2017 to 2021 |
|--|--------|--------|-------|--------|--------|-------|--------|--------|-------|--------|--------|-------|--------|-------|-------|------------------------------|
| <b>Exit to Permanent Arrangements</b>          | >0.0%  | >0.0%  | 22.7% | 0.0%   | >0.0%  | 19.5% | 0.0%   | >0.0%  | 16.4% | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 24.1% | 0.0%   | >0.0% | 19.6% | -                            |
| Reunification                                  | 0.0%   | S      | 17.3% | 0.0%   | S      | 16.9% | 0.0%   | S      | 15.0% | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 23.0% | 0.0%   | S     | 18.5% | -                            |
| (number of months until reunification)         | 0.0    | 17.3   | 11.8  | 0.0    | 11.9   | 18.6  | 0.0    | 2.1    | 19.2  | 0.0    | 0.0    | 25.1  | 0.0    | 30.4  | 34.1  | -                            |
| Adoption                                       | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%  | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%  | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%  | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%  | 0.0%   | 0.0%  | 0.0%  | -                            |
| (number of months until adoption)              | 0.0    | 0.0    | 0.0   | 0.0    | 0.0    | 0.0   | 0.0    | 0.0    | 0.0   | 0.0    | 0.0    | 0.0   | 0.0    | 0.0   | 0.0   | -                            |
| Guardianship                                   | S      | S      | 4.9%  | 0.0%   | S      | 2.3%  | 0.0%   | S      | S     | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | S     | 0.0%   | 0.0%  | S     | -                            |
| (number of month until guardianship)           | 23.8   | 22.5   | 23.6  | 0.0    | 28.5   | 25.6  | 0.0    | 11.2   | 23.8  | 0.0    | 0.0    | 32.5  | 0.0    | 0.0   | 42.9  | -100.0%                      |
| Live with Other Relatives                      | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | S     | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | S     | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | S     | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | S     | 0.0%   | 0.0%  | S     | -                            |
| (number of months until living with relatives) | 0.0    | 0.0    | 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   | -                            |
| <b>Exit to Non-Permanent Arrangements</b>      | >0.0%  | >77.3% | 76.8% | 0.0%   | >68.4% | 80.5% | 0.0%   | >85.2% | 83.5% | 0.0%   | 100.0% | 75.6% | 0.0%   | 85.7% | 80.4% | -                            |
| Emancipation                                   | S      | 77.3%  | 66.7% | 0.0%   | 68.4%  | 72.1% | 0.0%   | 85.2%  | 74.3% | 0.0%   | 100.0% | 68.0% | 0.0%   | 85.7% | 68.2% | -                            |
| (number of months until emancipation)          | 33.9   | 27.2   | 26.2  | 0.0    | 45.2   | 27.6  | 0.0    | 63.9   | 30.7  | 0.0    | 31.2   | 26.1  | 0.0    | 41.2  | 30.9  | -100.0%                      |
| Transfer to Another Agency                     | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 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    | 0.0    | 3.7   | 0.0    | 109.1  | 19.4  | 0.0    | 19.3   | 17.9  | 0.0    | 0.0    | 16.0  | 0.0    | 0.0   | 22.4  | -                            |
| Runaway  | 0.0%   | S      | 1.9%  | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 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    | 34.3   | 32.0  | 0.0    | 0.0    | 22.4  | 0.0    | 0.0    | 26.9  | 0.0    | 0.0    | 22.8  | 0.0    | 0.0   | 36.1  | -                            |
| <b>Death of Child</b>                          | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 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    | 0.0    | 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

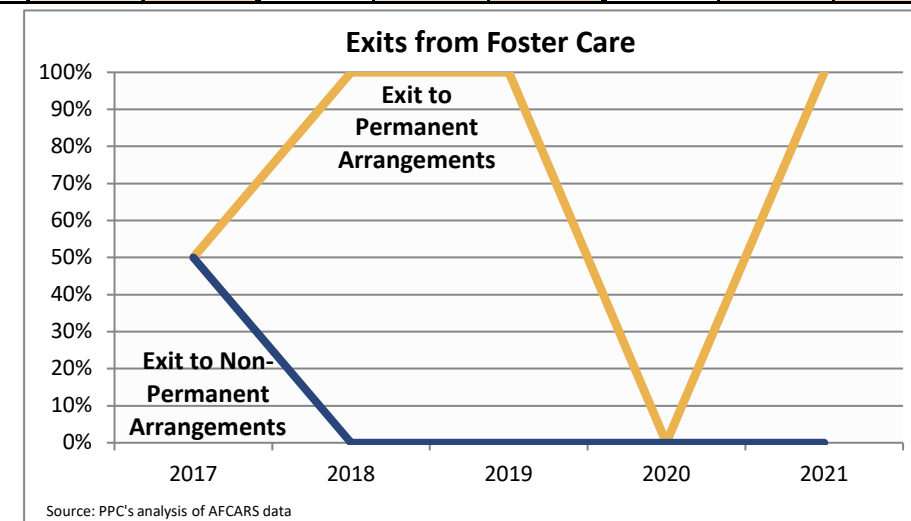
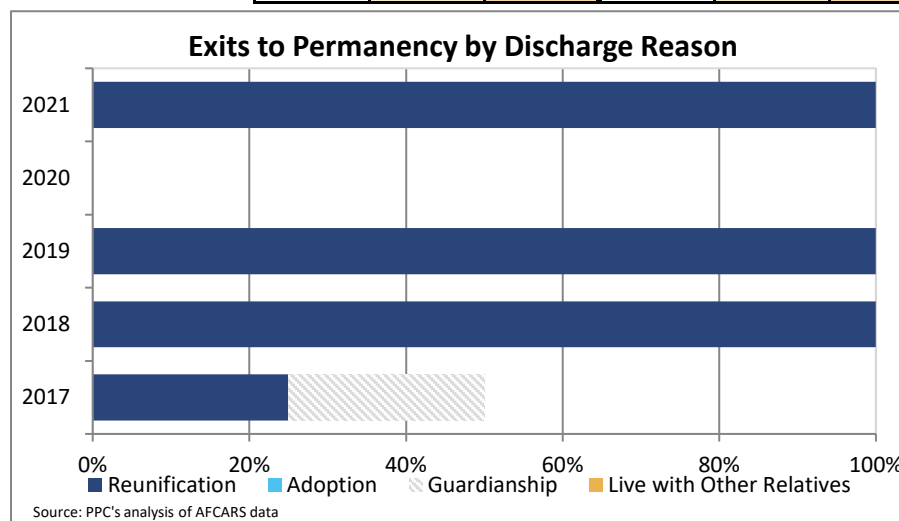
#### Children Exiting Foster Care

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

| Indicator                               | 2017   |       |        | 2018   |       |        | 2019   |       |        | 2020   |       |       | 2021   |       |       | County % Change 2017 to 2021 |
|---|--------|-------|--------|--------|-------|--------|--------|-------|--------|--------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|------------------------------|
|   | County | Rural | State  | County | Rural | State  | County | Rural | State  | County | Rural | State | County | Rural | State |                              |
| Total Children Leaving Foster Care      | S      | 803   | 10,276 | S      | 924   | 10,694 | NA     | 998   | 10,801 | 0      | 970   | 8,712 | S      | 839   | 8,439 | -                            |
| Percent of Children Leaving Foster Care | S      | 44.3% | 40.5%  | S      | 46.8% | 42.0%  | 100.0% | 52.0% | 43.8%  | -      | 50.6% | 40.2% | S      | 46.9% | 41.2% | -                            |
| (number of months until leaving)        | 12.4   | 8.2   | 11.9   | 0.1    | 10.6  | 13.0   | 10.0   | 11.1  | 15.9   | 0.0    | 11.4  | 15.4  | 4.2    | 13.4  | 33.2  | -65.9%                       |

### By Discharge Reason

| Discharge Reason                               | 2017            | 2018         | 2019         | 2020            | 2021         | County % Change 2017 to 2021 |                    |                 |              |             |                 |              |             |                 |              |          |
|--|-----------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|--------------|-------------|-----------------|--------------|-------------|-----------------|--------------|----------|
| <b>Exit to Permanent Arrangements</b>          | <b>50.0%</b>    | <b>93.5%</b> | <b>87.2%</b> | <b>&gt;0.0%</b> | <b>93.6%</b> | <b>87.1%</b>                 | <b>&gt;-100.0%</b> |                 |              |             |                 |              |             |                 |              |          |
| Reunification                                  | S               | 62.9%        | 55.1%        | S               | 60.7%        | 52.5%                        | 100.0%             | 56.7%           | 49.8%        | 0.0%        | 55.9%           | 50.8%        | S           | 54.6%           | 49.8%        | -        |
| (number of months until reunification)         | 0.1             | 4.8          | 6.6          | 0.1             | 5.7          | 6.4                          | 10.0               | 7.0             | 7.4          | 0.0         | 7.0             | 8.4          | 4.2         | 5.5             | 9.0          | 6350.8%  |
| Adoption                                       | 0.0%            | 16.8%        | 20.2%        | 0.0%            | 19.5%        | 23.9%                        | 0.0%               | 20.6%           | 25.2%        | 0.0%        | 22.8%           | 23.5%        | 0.0%        | 24.0%           | 25.4%        | -        |
| (number of months until adoption)              | 0.0             | 21.1         | 29.2         | 0.0             | 25.1         | 30.5                         | 0.0                | 25.8            | 31.0         | 0.0         | 30.2            | 29.8         | 0.0         | 28.5            | 32.2         | -        |
| Guardianship                                   | S               | 7.0%         | 6.7%         | 0.0%            | 9.6%         | 7.5%                         | 0.0%               | 9.8%            | 7.6%         | 0.0%        | 8.6%            | 7.7%         | 0.0%        | 11.7%           | 7.6%         | -        |
| (number of month until guardianship)           | 23.8            | 12.9         | 20.1         | 0.0             | 15.9         | 19.4                         | 0.0                | 18.1            | 22.8         | 0.0         | 15.3            | 22.3         | 0.0         | 16.8            | 23.5         | -100.0%  |
| Live with Other Relatives                      | 0.0%            | 6.8%         | 5.1%         | 0.0%            | 4.1%         | 4.6%                         | 0.0%               | 3.7%            | 4.1%         | 0.0%        | 6.3%            | 4.1%         | 0.0%        | 3.3%            | 4.3%         | -        |
| (number of months until living with relatives) | 0.0             | 3.6          | 2.2          | 0.0             | 6.8          | 2.1                          | 0.0                | 2.1             | 2.5          | 0.0         | 4.4             | 2.4          | 0.0         | 8.1             | 2.0          | -        |
| <b>Exit to Non-Permanent Arrangements</b>      | <b>&gt;0.0%</b> | <b>6.2%</b>  | <b>12.7%</b> | <b>0.0%</b>     | <b>6.1%</b>  | <b>11.4%</b>                 | <b>0.0%</b>        | <b>&gt;8.2%</b> | <b>13.2%</b> | <b>0.0%</b> | <b>&gt;6.1%</b> | <b>13.7%</b> | <b>0.0%</b> | <b>&gt;5.4%</b> | <b>12.8%</b> | <b>-</b> |
| Emancipation                                   | S               | 5.4%         | 7.9%         | 0.0%            | 4.5%         | 7.3%                         | 0.0%               | 8.2%            | 9.3%         | 0.0%        | 6.1%            | 9.5%         | 0.0%        | 5.4%            | 7.9%         | -        |
| (number of months until emancipation)          | 33.9            | 20.8         | 22.0         | 0.0             | 37.8         | 23.7                         | 0.0                | 29.9            | 26.2         | 0.0         | 12.3            | 22.9         | 0.0         | 26.4            | 24.3         | -100.0%  |
| Transfer to Another Agency                     | 0.0%            | S            | 4.3%         | 0.0%            | 1.5%         | 3.5%                         | 0.0%               | S               | 3.5%         | 0.0%        | S               | 3.7%         | 0.0%        | S               | 4.1%         | -        |
| (number of months until transfer)              | 0.0             | 2.9          | 6.9          | 0.0             | 25.5         | 7.9                          | 0.0                | 12.2            | 5.5          | 0.0         | 0.2             | 6.6          | 0.0         | 10.6            | 8.0          | -        |
| Runaway  | 0.0%            | S            | 0.5%         | 0.0%            | 0.0%         | 0.6%                         | 0.0%               | 0.0%            | 0.5%         | 0.0%        | 0.0%            | 0.4%         | 0.0%        | 0.0%            | 0.8%         | -        |
| (number of months until running away)          | 0.0             | 24.4         | 19.4         | 0.0             | 0.0          | 14.0                         | 0.0                | 0.0             | 14.1         | 0.0         | 0.0             | 11.4         | 0.0         | 0.0             | 17.8         | -        |
| <b>Death of Child</b>                          | <b>0.0%</b>     | <b>S</b>     | <b>0.1%</b>  | <b>0.0%</b>     | <b>0.0%</b>  | <b>S</b>                     | <b>0.0%</b>        | <b>0.0%</b>     | <b>0.1%</b>  | <b>0.0%</b> | <b>S</b>        | <b>0.2%</b>  | <b>0.0%</b> | <b>S</b>        | <b>0.1%</b>  | <b>-</b> |
| (number of months until death of a child)      | 0.0             | 6.5          | 18.8         | 0.0             | 0.0          | 5.5                          | 0.0                | 0.0             | 12.6         | 0.0         | 90.0            | 6.1          | 0.0         | 10.0            | 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

#### Children Remaining in Foster Care

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

| Indicator                         | 2017   |       |        | 2018   |       |        | 2019   |       |        | 2020   |       |        | 2021   |       |        | County % Change<br>2017 to 2021 |
|-----------------------------------|--------|-------|--------|--------|-------|--------|--------|-------|--------|--------|-------|--------|--------|-------|--------|---------------------------------|
|                                   | County | Rural | State  | County | Rural | State  | County | Rural | State  | County | Rural | State  | County | Rural | State  |                                 |
| Children Remaining in Foster Care | 0      | 1,097 | 16,381 | S      | 1,142 | 16,074 | NA     | 1,153 | 15,082 | 0      | 1,005 | 13,949 | 0      | 1,017 | 13,033 | -                               |
|                                   | 0.0    | 9.9   | 13.4   | 1.1    | 10.4  | 14.2   | 0.0    | 11.4  | 14.0   | 0.0    | 10.2  | 16.4   | 0.0    | 10.2  | 16.8   | -                               |

### By Age

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

| Age Group         | 2017 County | 2017 Rural | 2017 State | 2018 County | 2018 Rural | 2018 State | 2019 County | 2019 Rural | 2019 State | 2020 County | 2020 Rural | 2020 State | 2021 County | 2021 Rural | 2021 State | % Change |
|-------------------|-------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|----------|
| 0-2               | 0.0%        | 21.7%      | 21.5%      | S           | 18.7%      | 21.0%      | 0.0%        | 22.1%      | 21.6%      | 0.0%        | 22.4%      | 22.2%      | 0.0%        | 21.9%      | 23.0%      | -        |
| 3-5               | 0.0%        | 15.6%      | 17.5%      | S           | 16.6%      | 17.5%      | 0.0%        | 16.7%      | 17.7%      | 0.0%        | 17.5%      | 18.0%      | 0.0%        | 17.8%      | 17.9%      | -        |
| 6-8               | 0.0%        | 13.7%      | 13.7%      | 0.0%        | 13.0%      | 13.6%      | 0.0%        | 13.9%      | 13.8%      | 0.0%        | 12.6%      | 13.9%      | 0.0%        | 12.0%      | 13.6%      | -        |
| 9-11              | 0.0%        | 12.4%      | 11.8%      | 0.0%        | 12.1%      | 12.2%      | 0.0%        | 12.8%      | 12.1%      | 0.0%        | 12.1%      | 12.1%      | 0.0%        | 9.7%       | 11.5%      | -        |
| 12-14             | 0.0%        | 13.9%      | 12.1%      | 0.0%        | 13.9%      | 12.3%      | 0.0%        | 14.4%      | 13.3%      | 0.0%        | 15.3%      | 13.1%      | 0.0%        | 17.4%      | 13.0%      | -        |
| 15-20             | 0.0%        | 22.8%      | 18.2%      | 0.0%        | 25.7%      | 18.3%      | 0.0%        | 20.0%      | 17.7%      | 0.0%        | 20.0%      | 17.2%      | 0.0%        | 21.1%      | 16.7%      | -        |
| Infants (age 0-1) | 0.0%        | 13.9%      | 13.8%      | 0.0%        | 12.3%      | 13.7%      | 0.0%        | 15.4%      | 14.4%      | 0.0%        | 14.3%      | 14.5%      | 0.0%        | 15.1%      | 15.0%      | -        |
| Youth (age 13+)   | 0.0%        | 32.0%      | 31.9%      | 0.0%        | 34.7%      | 31.9%      | 0.0%        | 34.4%      | 34.8%      | 0.0%        | 31.0%      | 29.9%      | 0.0%        | 32.7%      | 29.7%      | -        |

### By Race and Ethnicity

Non-Hispanic White  
Non-Hispanic Black or African American  
Non-Hispanic Other Race  
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races  
Hispanic or Latino

| Race/Ethnicity                         | 2017 County | 2017 Rural | 2017 State | 2018 County | 2018 Rural | 2018 State | 2019 County | 2019 Rural | 2019 State | 2020 County | 2020 Rural | 2020 State | 2021 County | 2021 Rural | 2021 State | % Change |
|--|-------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|----------|
| Non-Hispanic White                     | 0.0%        | 87.0%      | 42.1%      | S           | 89.2%      | 42.2%      | 0.0%        | 88.8%      | 42.3%      | 0.0%        | 87.9%      | 41.8%      | 0.0%        | 85.0%      | 43.1%      | -        |
| Non-Hispanic Black or African American | 0.0%        | 3.2%       | 35.8%      | 0.0%        | 3.0%       | 35.4%      | 0.0%        | 2.8%       | 34.4%      | 0.0%        | 3.0%       | 33.7%      | 0.0%        | 2.4%       | 32.2%      | -        |
| Non-Hispanic Other Race                | 0.0%        | 1.4%       | 2.7%       | 0.0%        | 1.4%       | 2.3%       | 0.0%        | S          | 2.6%       | 0.0%        | 2.4%       | 3.7%       | 0.0%        | 3.0%       | 4.5%       | -        |
| Non-Hispanic Two or More Races         | 0.0%        | 4.3%       | 6.1%       | 0.0%        | 3.5%       | 7.1%       | 0.0%        | <4.4%      | 7.8%       | 0.0%        | 4.0%       | 8.3%       | 0.0%        | 6.4%       | 8.0%       | -        |
| Hispanic or Latino                     | 0.0%        | 4.2%       | 13.2%      | 0.0%        | 2.9%       | 13.0%      | 0.0%        | 3.5%       | 13.0%      | 0.0%        | 2.8%       | 12.5%      | 0.0%        | 3.2%       | 12.2%      | -        |

### By Sex

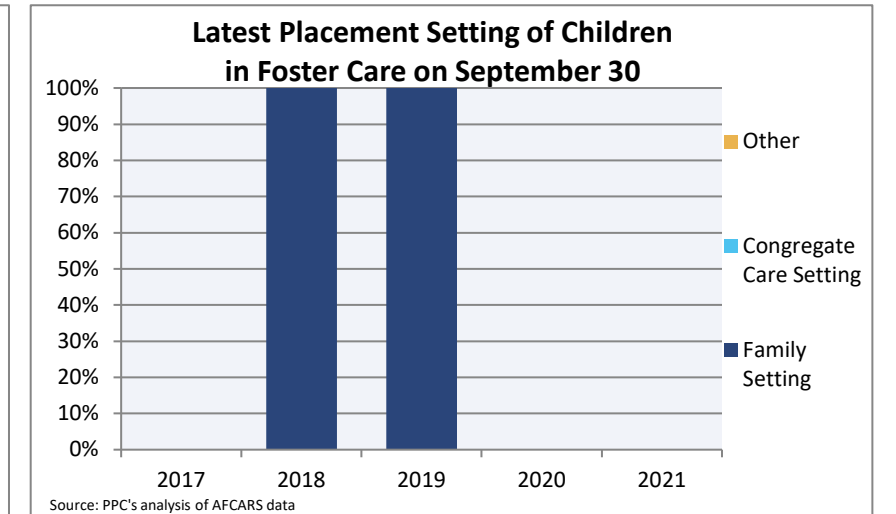
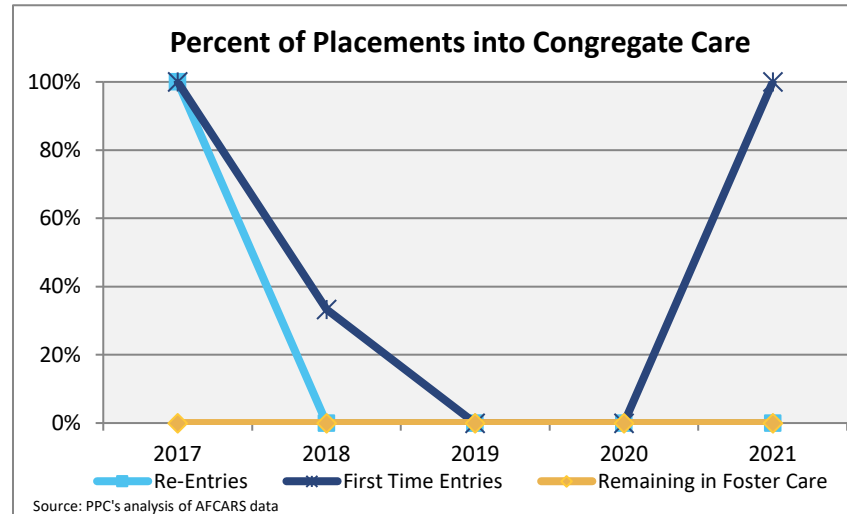
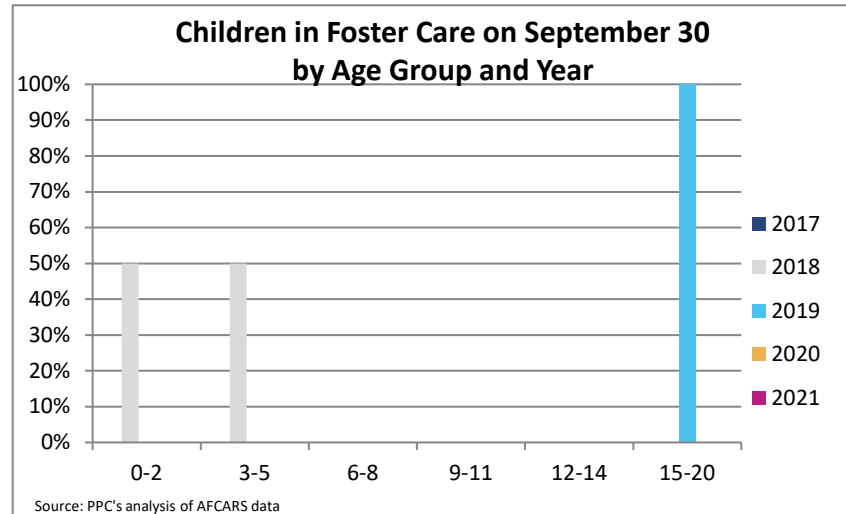
Male  
Female

| Sex    | 2017 County | 2017 Rural | 2017 State | 2018 County | 2018 Rural | 2018 State | 2019 County | 2019 Rural | 2019 State | 2020 County | 2020 Rural | 2020 State | 2021 County | 2021 Rural | 2021 State | % Change |
|--------|-------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|----------|
| Male   | 0.0%        | 52.8%      | 51.2%      | S           | 52.5%      | 50.9%      | 0.0%        | 52.4%      | 50.6%      | 0.0%        | 53.3%      | 50.8%      | 0.0%        | 54.3%      | 50.2%      | -        |
| Female | 0.0%        | 47.2%      | 48.8%      | S           | 47.5%      | 49.1%      | 0.0%        | 47.6%      | 49.4%      | 0.0%        | 46.7%      | 49.2%      | 0.0%        | 45.7%      | 49.8%      | -        |

### By Latest Placement Setting

**Family Setting**  
Pre-adoptive Home  
Foster Family Home – Relative  
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative  
**Congregate Care Setting**  
Group Home  
Institution  
**Supervised Independent Living**  
Runaway  
Trial Home Visit

| Placement Setting                 | 2017 County | 2017 Rural | 2017 State | 2018 County | 2018 Rural | 2018 State | 2019 County | 2019 Rural | 2019 State | 2020 County | 2020 Rural | 2020 State | 2021 County | 2021 Rural | 2021 State | % Change |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|----------|
| Family Setting                    | 0.0%        | 79.1%      | 83.4%      | >0.0%       | 81.5%      | 84.0%      | 0.0%        | 82.3%      | 85.1%      | 0.0%        | 82.6%      | 86.3%      | 0.0%        | >80.2%     | 86.6%      | -        |
| Pre-adoptive Home                 | 0.0%        | 1.5%       | 4.1%       | 0.0%        | 2.1%       | 4.0%       | 0.0%        | 1.4%       | 3.2%       | 0.0%        | 2.7%       | 2.7%       | 0.0%        | S          | 1.3%       | -        |
| Foster Family Home – Relative     | 0.0%        | 30.6%      | 37.9%      | S           | 29.1%      | 37.8%      | 0.0%        | 31.0%      | 39.4%      | 0.0%        | 30.9%      | 41.5%      | 0.0%        | 33.3%      | 43.0%      | -        |
| Foster Family Home – Non-Relative | 0.0%        | 47.0%      | 41.4%      | 0.0%        | 50.4%      | 42.2%      | 0.0%        | 50.0%      | 42.5%      | 0.0%        | 49.0%      | 42.2%      | 0.0%        | 46.9%      | 42.4%      | -        |
| Congregate Care Setting           | 0.0%        | 18.6%      | 13.7%      | 0.0%        | 17.4%      | 13.2%      | 0.0%        | 15.6%      | 11.9%      | 0.0%        | 15.3%      | 10.7%      | 0.0%        | 17.3%      | 10.4%      | -        |
| Group Home                        | 0.0%        | 14.2%      | 8.2%       | 0.0%        | 11.8%      | 7.9%       | 0.0%        | 11.4%      | 7.0%       | 0.0%        | 11.1%      | 5.9%       | 0.0%        | 12.6%      | 6.4%       | -        |
| Institution                       | 0.0%        | 4.4%       | 5.5%       | 0.0%        | 5.6%       | 5.3%       | 0.0%        | 4.2%       | 4.9%       | 0.0%        | 4.2%       | 4.8%       | 0.0%        | 4.7%       | 4.1%       | -        |
| Supervised Independent Living     | 0.0%        | S          | 1.5%       | 0.0%        | S          | 1.5%       | 0.0%        | S          | 1.3%       | 0.0%        | S          | 1.0%       | 0.0%        | S          | 1.2%       | -        |
| Runaway                           | 0.0%        | 0.0%       | 0.8%       | 0.0%        | 0.0%       | 0.9%       | 0.0%        | S          | 1.2%       | 0.0%        | 0.0%       | 1.5%       | 0.0%        | 0.0%       | 1.1%       | -        |
| Trial Home Visit                  | 0.0%        | <1.9%      | 0.6%       | 0.0%        | S          | 0.4%       | 0.0%        | 1.6%       | 0.5%       | 0.0%        | <1.9%      | 0.4%       | 0.0%        | 1.8%       | 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<br>2017 to 2021 |
|--------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|---------------------------------|
| County | Rural | State | County | Rural | State | County | Rural | State | County | Rural | State | County | Rural | State |                                 |
| 0.0%   | 30.8% | 32.2% | 0.0%   | 30.8% | 31.8% | -      | 35.2% | 31.1% | 0.0%   | 30.5% | 28.4% | -      | 29.9% | 25.6% | -                               |

## 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<br>2017 to 2021 |
|--------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|---------------------------------|
| County | Rural | State | County | Rural | State | County | Rural | State | County | Rural | State | County | Rural | State |                                 |
| 0.0%   | 48.3% | 39.2% | -      | 41.1% | 37.3% | 100.0% | 44.4% | 38.7% | -      | 45.9% | 36.8% | -      | 47.8% | 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<br>2017 to 2021 |
|--------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|---------------------------------|
| County | Rural | State | County | Rural | State | County | Rural | State | County | Rural | State | County | Rural | State |                                 |
| 0.0%   | 19.5% | 23.0% | 50.0%  | 22.2% | 21.4% | 0.0%   | 21.8% | 22.3% | 0.0%   | 16.5% | 20.2% | -      | 13.6% | 18.1% | -                               |

S = rate suppressed due to count less than 11 persons



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