

## 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	
264	4,692	47,485	295	4,454	44,063	287	4,403	42,252	256	3,705	32,919	253	4,195	38,013	-4.2%
28.9	22.1	17.0	32.2	21.0	15.8	31.4	20.7	15.1	28.0	17.4	11.8	27.7	19.8	13.6	

#### Child Abuse and Neglect Substantiations

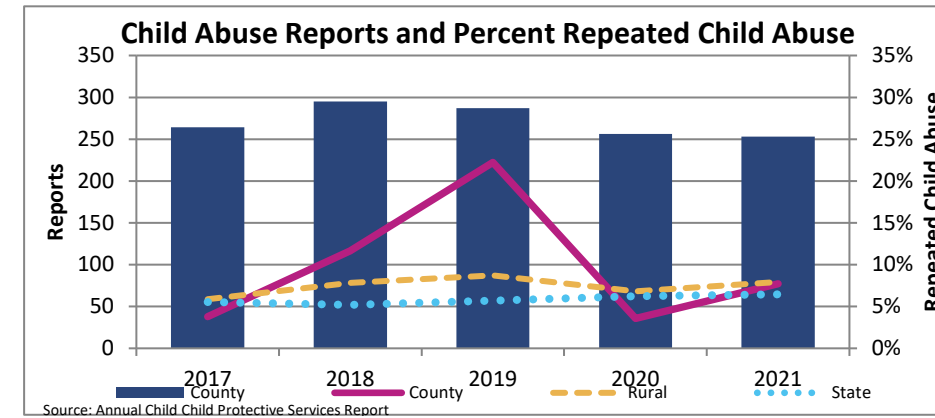
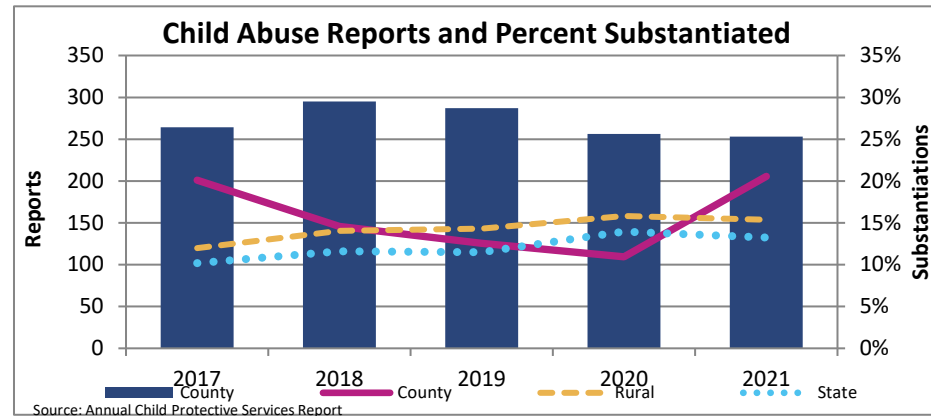
Founded or indicated reports of child abuse and/or neglect.

20.1%	12.0%	10.2%	14.6%	14.1%	11.6%	12.5%	14.3%	11.5%	10.9%	15.8%	14.0%	20.6%	15.4%	13.2%	2.4%
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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.)

3.8%	5.9%	5.6%	11.6%	7.8%	5.2%	22.2%	8.7%	5.7%	3.6%	6.8%	6.2%	7.7%	7.9%	6.5%	103.8%
1 in 27	1 in 17	1 in 18	1 in 9	1 in 13	1 in 19	1 in 5	1 in 11	1 in 18	1 in 28	1 in 15	1 in 16	1 in 13	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	
1,011	17,303	163,852	1,037	18,611	169,723	1,128	19,862	178,124	1,151	17,537	152,478	1,134	18,161	161,709	12.2%

#### 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.

21.1%	27.2%	22.8%	22.7%	27.3%	23.6%	20.8%	29.2%	23.5%	30.6%	31.6%	25.6%	36.3%	32.9%	27.1%	72.4%
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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.

340	6,857	53,319	381	7,480	58,982	350	8,601	60,755	590	8,259	56,999	619	8,711	63,801	82.1%
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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	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	
758	28,231	186,855	794	28,544	194,761	0	24,606	187,280	819	25,330	>181,435	885	26,164	192,594	16.8%

## FOSTER CARE - SERVED

Foster care is meant to be a temporary intervention to assure the safety and well-being of a child. A child who spends long periods in foster care is more likely than other children to drop out of school, have mental health challenges, and experience unemployment and/or homeless as an adult. The following shows the past five years of data regarding children served in foster care during each federal fiscal year.

### Indicator

#### Unduplicated Number of Children Served

All Children in Foster Care During the Year  
(Rate per 1,000 children age 0-20)

Indicator	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	
Unduplicated Number of Children Served	176	1,812	25,381	194	1,973	25,441	NA	2,074	24,665	148	1,918	21,689	146	1,788	20,490	-17.0%
(Rate per 1,000 children age 0-20)	15.8	6.9	7.5	17.5	7.5	7.5	18.3	7.9	7.3	13.3	7.3	6.4	13.1	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	19.9%	20.7%	20.3%	15.5%	20.1%	20.2%	18.2%	19.8%	20.2%	18.9%	20.6%	20.9%	21.9%	20.1%	21.5%	10.2%
3-5	11.4%	16.4%	17.4%	13.4%	16.1%	17.9%	11.3%	16.8%	17.8%	16.9%	17.3%	17.8%	17.8%	17.6%	18.2%	56.7%
6-8	<14.3%	11.9%	13.3%	<12.0%	12.7%	13.4%	11.3%	13.1%	13.8%	10.8%	14.1%	13.5%	8.2%	12.5%	13.7%	>-42.5%
9-11	15.9%	11.9%	11.4%	13.9%	11.4%	11.8%	0.0%	12.3%	11.7%	<12.3%	12.3%	11.7%	<8.3%	10.6%	11.3%	<-47.8%
12-14	14.8%	12.9%	11.6%	17.0%	13.5%	11.8%	0.0%	13.5%	12.3%	14.2%	13.7%	12.6%	18.5%	14.5%	12.6%	25.2%
15-17	19.3%	20.6%	18.6%	24.7%	22.0%	18.7%	25.6%	20.9%	18.5%	25.0%	19.1%	17.9%	23.3%	20.5%	16.4%	20.5%
18-20	S	5.6%	7.4%	S	4.2%	6.3%	3.4%	3.6%	5.6%	S	3.0%	5.6%	S	4.1%	6.4%	-
Infants (age 0-1)	13.6%	13.5%	12.7%	10.8%	12.9%	12.7%	10.8%	13.0%	12.9%	12.2%	12.7%	13.2%	15.8%	13.4%	13.7%	15.5%
Youth (age 13+)	33.0%	34.8%	34.0%	37.1%	35.3%	33.1%	41.9%	34.4%	32.6%	39.2%	31.9%	32.3%	37.0%	34.5%	31.3%	12.2%

### 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	88.1%	86.6%	42.9%	93.8%	87.1%	43.7%	92.6%	88.5%	43.7%	93.2%	88.0%	44.2%	82.2%	85.2%	44.3%	-6.7%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	S	3.5%	34.9%	S	3.8%	33.9%	1.0%	2.5%	33.0%	S	3.1%	32.0%	S	2.5%	30.7%	-
Non-Hispanic Other Race	S	1.2%	2.9%	S	1.5%	2.3%	0.5%	1.4%	2.6%	0.0%	1.9%	3.6%	0.0%	2.7%	4.2%	-
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	S	4.9%	6.2%	S	4.1%	7.1%	3.4%	4.0%	7.7%	S	4.3%	8.0%	11.6%	5.6%	8.4%	-
Hispanic or Latino	S	3.8%	13.2%	S	3.6%	13.0%	2.5%	3.6%	12.9%	S	2.7%	12.3%	S	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	53.4%	52.2%	51.0%	58.2%	52.2%	50.8%	54.2%	52.4%	50.8%	54.1%	52.1%	50.6%	57.5%	53.5%	50.5%	7.7%
Female	46.6%	47.8%	49.0%	41.8%	47.8%	49.2%	45.8%	47.6%	49.2%	45.9%	47.9%	49.4%	42.5%	46.5%	49.5%	-8.9%

### By Latest Placement Setting

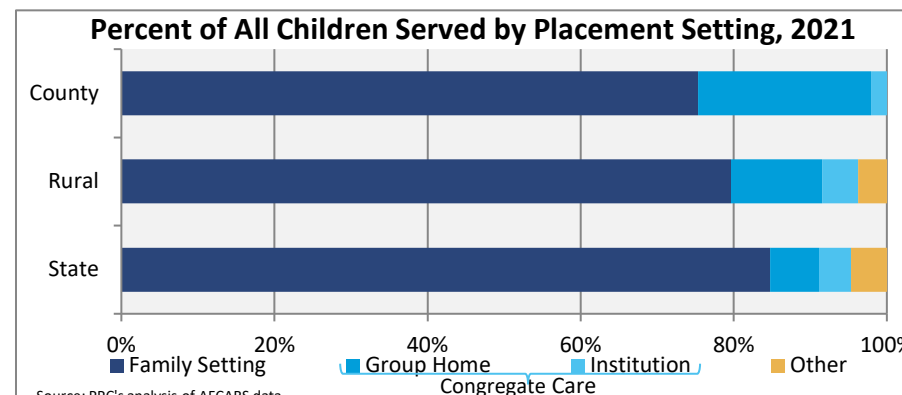
Placement Setting	2017 County	2017 Rural	2017 State	2018 County	2018 Rural	2018 State	2019 County	2019 Rural	2019 State	2020 County	2020 Rural	2020 State	2021 County	2021 Rural	2021 State	% Change
<b>Family Setting</b>	<b>&gt;83.5%</b>	<b>77.4%</b>	<b>80.5%</b>	<b>&gt;79.8%</b>	<b>78.7%</b>	<b>81.6%</b>	<b>78.8%</b>	<b>79.8%</b>	<b>82.7%</b>	<b>&gt;76.9%</b>	<b>81.0%</b>	<b>83.8%</b>	<b>&gt;75.3%</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	>32.9%	30.0%	36.4%	32.5%	29.9%	37.1%	35.0%	32.4%	38.7%	>26.9%	33.5%	40.8%	29.5%	35.4%	42.0%	<-10.5%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	50.6%	45.0%	40.1%	>47.3%	45.6%	40.1%	43.8%	44.6%	40.3%	50.0%	44.8%	40.1%	>45.8%	42.1%	40.5%	>-9.4%
<b>Congregate Care Setting</b>	<b>&gt;15.3%</b>	<b>18.4%</b>	<b>14.9%</b>	<b>&gt;19.6%</b>	<b>18.6%</b>	<b>14.0%</b>	<b>21.2%</b>	<b>15.9%</b>	<b>12.7%</b>	<b>&gt;20.3%</b>	<b>13.6%</b>	<b>11.5%</b>	<b>&gt;22.6%</b>	<b>16.6%</b>	<b>10.5%</b>	-
Group Home	15.3%	14.7%	8.8%	19.6%	13.4%	8.5%	19.7%	11.5%	7.7%	20.3%	10.3%	6.7%	22.6%	11.9%	6.4%	47.3%
Institution	S	3.7%	6.1%	S	5.2%	5.6%	1.5%	4.3%	5.0%	S	3.3%	4.8%	S	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

Indicator	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
Children Entering Foster Care	110	987	10,781	85	962	10,095	NA	1,009	9,448	63	834	7,286	72	851	7,316	-34.5%

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



Source: PPC's analysis of AFCARS data

## 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

	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	80	799	8,438	67	753	7,626	NA	789	7,266	41	665	5,540	53	665	5,635	-33.8%
(Rate per 1,000 children age 0-20)	7.2	3.0	2.5	6.0	2.9	2.3	4.3	3.0	2.2	3.7	2.5	1.6	4.8	2.5	1.7	
First Time Entries as Percent of All Entries	72.7%	81.0%	78.3%	78.8%	78.3%	75.5%	60.8%	78.2%	76.9%	65.1%	79.7%	76.0%	73.6%	78.1%	77.0%	1.2%

#### 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 2017 to 2021
	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	
0-2	28.8%	29.8%	33.2%	26.9%	29.9%	34.4%	37.5%	31.6%	35.1%	26.8%	29.6%	38.2%	35.8%	29.9%	38.5%	24.7%
3-5	13.8%	14.6%	15.3%	S	14.3%	15.4%	12.5%	16.5%	14.8%	S	15.9%	14.5%	20.8%	15.8%	14.7%	50.9%
6-8	18.8%	11.1%	11.9%	S	11.6%	11.5%	14.6%	12.3%	11.8%	S	13.4%	11.4%	S	11.7%	11.3%	-
9-11	S	10.8%	10.1%	S	9.3%	10.3%	0.0%	10.8%	10.7%	S	11.1%	9.7%	S	9.9%	9.3%	-
12-14	15.0%	14.6%	13.1%	S	16.2%	12.8%	14.6%	13.7%	12.9%	S	16.2%	12.5%	20.8%	15.5%	12.6%	38.4%
15-20	S	19.0%	16.5%	25.4%	18.7%	15.6%	20.8%	15.2%	14.6%	S	13.7%	13.7%	S	17.1%	13.7%	-
Infants (age 0-1)	22.5%	23.0%	26.5%	20.9%	22.3%	28.0%	31.3%	25.7%	29.1%	S	22.3%	31.7%	32.1%	24.1%	32.3%	42.6%
Youth (age 13+)	22.5%	30.0%	26.0%	37.3%	30.7%	24.7%	27.1%	20.7%	19.5%	S	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

	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	
Non-Hispanic White	91.3%	87.1%	47.6%	97.0%	87.6%	48.3%	87.5%	88.3%	47.6%	90.2%	86.2%	49.7%	73.6%	81.8%	50.0%	-19.4%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	S	3.9%	29.7%	0.0%	4.0%	29.3%	0.0%	1.9%	28.4%	S	3.0%	25.2%	S	1.8%	23.6%	-
Non-Hispanic Other Race	S	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	S	<4.3%	6.3%	S	3.5%	7.7%	6.3%	4.2%	7.7%	S	5.6%	8.2%	20.8%	7.8%	8.4%	-
Hispanic or Latino	S	3.6%	13.0%	S	3.5%	12.0%	6.3%	4.1%	12.6%	0.0%	1.8%	11.6%	S	5.0%	12.1%	-

#### By Sex

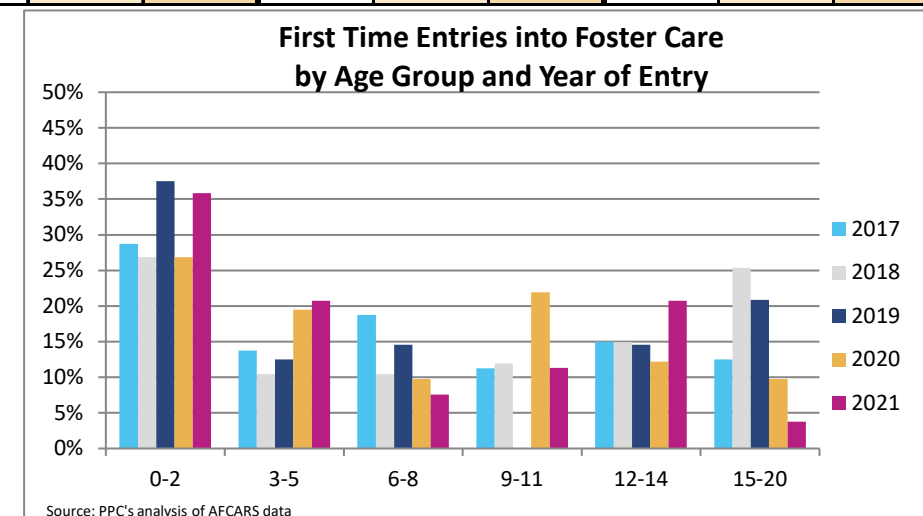
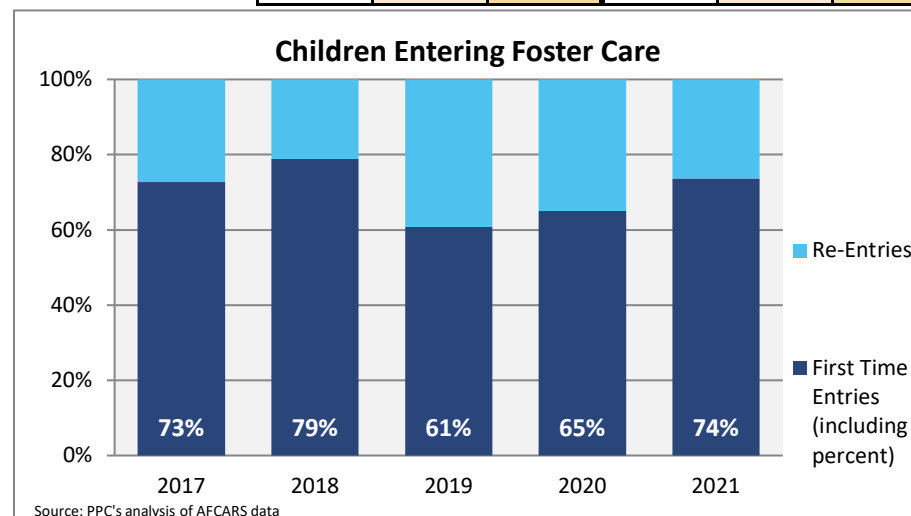
Male  
Female

	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	
Male	52.5%	49.8%	51.0%	62.7%	50.5%	50.7%	47.9%	50.6%	50.8%	65.9%	51.6%	50.5%	56.6%	53.2%	49.7%	7.8%
Female	47.5%	50.2%	49.0%	37.3%	49.5%	49.3%	52.1%	49.4%	49.2%	34.1%	48.4%	49.5%	43.4%	46.8%	50.3%	-8.6%

#### 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

	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 Setting</b>	<b>83.8%</b>	<b>&gt;81.4%</b>	<b>83.6%</b>	<b>80.6%</b>	<b>&gt;79.9%</b>	<b>83.8%</b>	<b>75.0%</b>	<b>&gt;84.3%</b>	<b>85.7%</b>	<b>&gt;68.3%</b>	<b>85.9%</b>	<b>&gt;87.5%</b>	<b>&gt;82.9%</b>	<b>&gt;81.5%</b>	<b>&gt;87.5%</b>	<b>&gt;-1.0%</b>
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	40.0%	33.3%	39.1%	35.8%	34.7%	39.9%	27.1%	39.8%	41.6%	S	39.5%	44.3%	52.8%	42.1%	45.8%	32.1%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	43.8%	48.1%	44.2%	44.8%	45.3%	43.7%	47.9%	44.5%	43.7%	68.3%	46.3%	43.1%	>30.1%	39.4%	41.7%	>-31.2%
<b>Congregate Care Setting</b>	<b>16.3%</b>	<b>17.5%</b>	<b>15.0%</b>	<b>19.4%</b>	<b>18.5%</b>	<b>14.3%</b>	<b>25.0%</b>	<b>14.3%</b>	<b>12.7%</b>	<b>&gt;19.4%</b>	<b>12.3%</b>	<b>10.6%</b>	<b>&gt;0.0%</b>	<b>16.1%</b>	<b>10.4%</b>	<b>&gt;-100.0%</b>
Group Home	16.3%	15.1%	9.1%	19.4%	13.7%	9.4%	22.9%	11.2%	8.5%	S	9.0%	7.2%	S	12.3%	7.4%	-
Institution	0.0%	2.4%	5.9%	0.0%	4.8%	4.9%	2.1%	3.2%	4.2%	S	3.3%	3.4%	0.0%	3.8%	3.0%	-
<b>Supervised Independent Living</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>-</b>
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 2017 to 2021
	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	
	30	188	2,343	18	209	2,469	NA	220	2,182	22	169	1,746	19	186	1,681	-36.7%
	27.3%	19.0%	21.7%	21.2%	21.7%	24.5%	39.2%	21.8%	23.1%	34.9%	20.3%	24.0%	26.4%	21.9%	23.0%	-3.2%

### 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 2017 to 2021										
0-2	S	11.7%	11.4%	0.0%	10.5%	10.8%	6.5%	11.4%	11.9%	0.0%	14.8%	10.5%	0.0%	11.3%	12.3%	-
3-5	S	12.8%	11.1%	S	17.2%	12.6%	6.5%	12.7%	12.7%	S	17.2%	10.9%	S	13.4%	12.8%	-
6-8	S	9.0%	11.7%	S	12.4%	12.1%	9.7%	14.1%	11.9%	S	10.1%	11.0%	S	10.2%	10.9%	-
9-11	S	12.2%	10.6%	S	9.6%	11.5%	12.9%	13.2%	10.4%	S	8.9%	12.0%	S	8.6%	11.0%	-
12-14	S	18.6%	17.2%	S	12.0%	17.7%	25.8%	20.9%	18.7%	S	21.9%	17.7%	S	28.5%	20.2%	-
15-20	S	35.6%	38.2%	S	38.3%	35.4%	38.7%	27.7%	34.4%	S	27.2%	37.9%	S	28.0%	32.7%	-
Infants (age 0-1)	S	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+)	40.0%	47.9%	51.1%	S	47.8%	48.6%	64.5%	45.5%	48.7%	68.2%	45.0%	51.1%	63.2%	55.9%	47.7%	57.9%

### 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 2017 to 2021										
Non-Hispanic White	90.0%	91.5%	40.6%	<94.5%	89.0%	39.6%	83.9%	87.7%	50.7%	90.9%	88.2%	39.1%	78.9%	86.0%	42.8%	-12.3%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	0.0%	S	39.4%	0.0%	S	40.5%	6.5%	S	47.1%	S	S	38.8%	0.0%	S	35.2%	-
Non-Hispanic Other Race	0.0%	0.0%	1.7%	S	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	S	S	6.3%	0.0%	S	7.1%	6.5%	S	10.8%	S	S	6.8%	S	S	6.5%	-
Hispanic or Latino	S	S	11.9%	0.0%	S	11.1%	3.2%	S	14.4%	0.0%	S	12.0%	S	S	11.6%	-

### By Sex

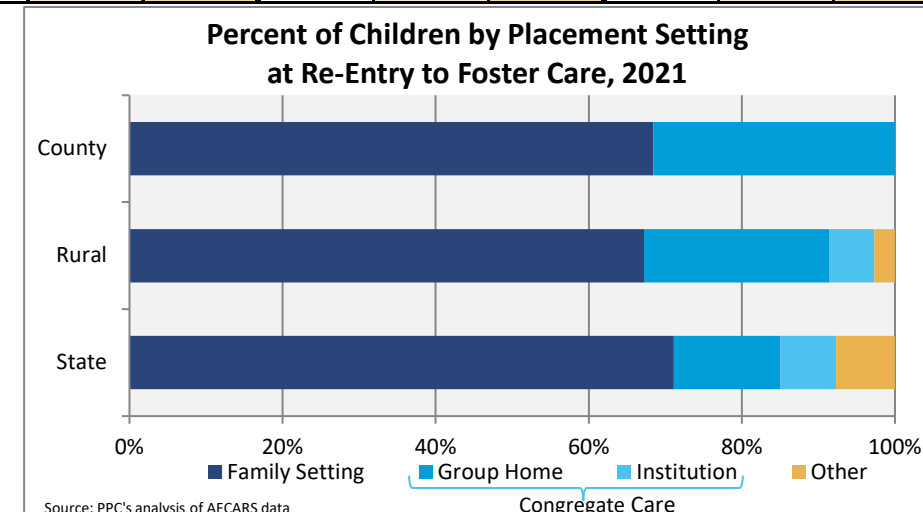
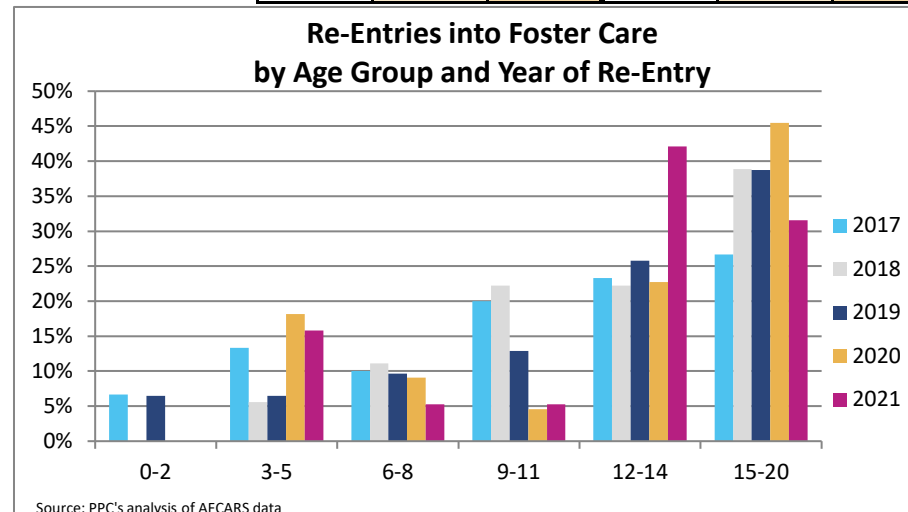
Male  
Female

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	County % Change 2017 to 2021										
Male	50.0%	56.4%	49.6%	>72.1%	54.5%	49.1%	54.8%	56.8%	51.2%	>68.1%	54.4%	49.0%	>57.8%	54.3%	48.4%	>15.6%
Female	50.0%	43.6%	50.4%	S	45.5%	50.9%	45.2%	43.2%	48.8%	S	45.6%	51.0%	S	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 2017 to 2021										
<b>Family Setting</b>	>43.3%	62.8%	63.9%	>55.5%	65.1%	66.7%	64.5%	69.1%	68.5%	54.5%	67.5%	>65.0%	>68.3%	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	43.3%	25.0%	30.7%	S	22.5%	28.3%	38.7%	29.1%	32.5%	S	28.4%	34.8%	0.0%	28.5%	36.4%	-100.0%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	S	37.8%	32.6%	S	42.6%	37.9%	25.8%	40.0%	35.3%	S	39.1%	30.1%	>68.3%	38.7%	34.7%	-
<b>Congregate Care Setting</b>	>29.9%	>36.6%	31.2%	>0.0%	30.1%	28.0%	35.5%	28.2%	25.8%	45.5%	>22.5%	27.1%	>0.0%	30.1%	21.2%	-
Group Home	S	>30.2%	19.9%	S	24.4%	18.4%	35.5%	22.3%	16.6%	S	22.5%	16.5%	S	24.2%	13.9%	-
Institution	S	6.4%	11.3%	0.0%	5.7%	9.6%	0.0%	5.9%	9.2%	S	S	10.6%	0.0%	5.9%	7.3%	-
<b>Supervised Independent Living</b>	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

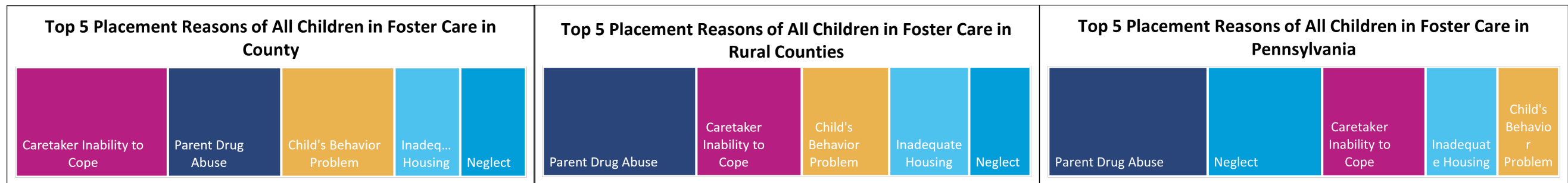
County child welfare agencies are required to report the reasons in which a child experiences a placement episode. There are 15 factors defined by the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) technical bulletin issued by the Administration for Children and Families which are federally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

A child can have more than one placement reason.

### Indicator

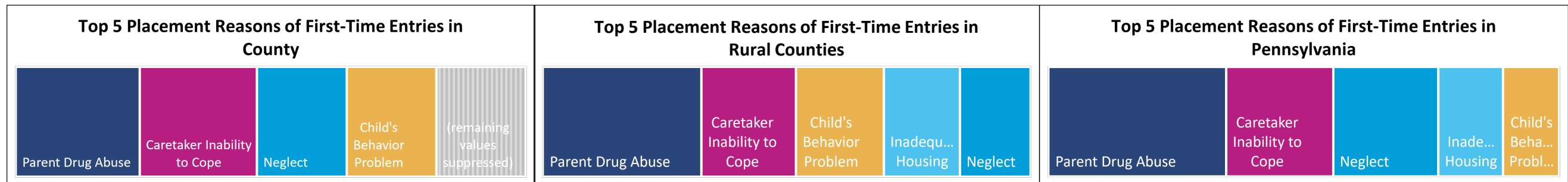
#### Top Five Placement Reasons Of All Children in Foster Care During the Year

2021		
County	Rural	State
34.9% Caretaker Inability to Cope	37.1% Parent Drug Abuse	35.2% Parent Drug Abuse
26.0% Parent Drug Abuse	25.5% Caretaker Inability to Cope	25.4% Neglect
26.0% Child's Behavior Problem	21.1% Child's Behavior Problem	22.8% Caretaker Inability to Cope
21.2% Inadequate Housing	19.4% Inadequate Housing	15.9% Inadequate Housing
15.1% Neglect	14.8% Neglect	13.7% Child's Behavior Problem



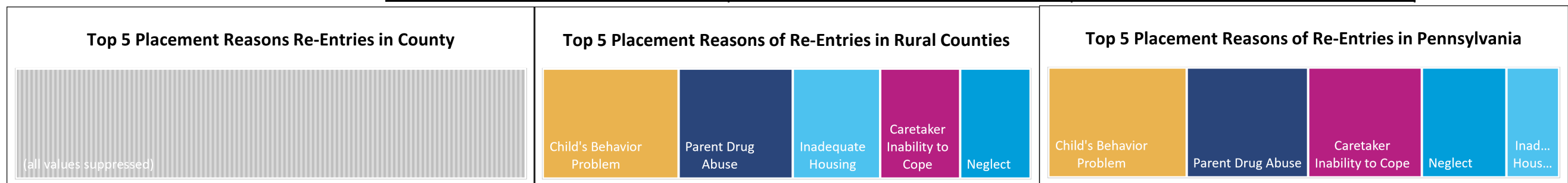
#### Of First-Time Entries into Foster Care

34.0% Parent Drug Abuse	39.5% Parent Drug Abuse	40.8% Parent Drug Abuse
32.1% Caretaker Inability to Cope	23.6% Caretaker Inability to Cope	24.6% Caretaker Inability to Cope
24.5% Neglect	22.0% Child's Behavior Problem	24.1% Neglect
22.6% Child's Behavior Problem	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

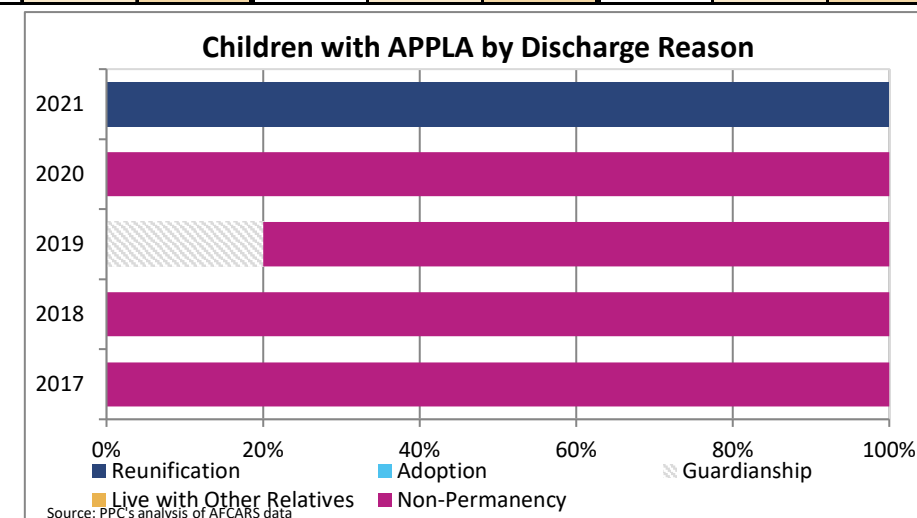
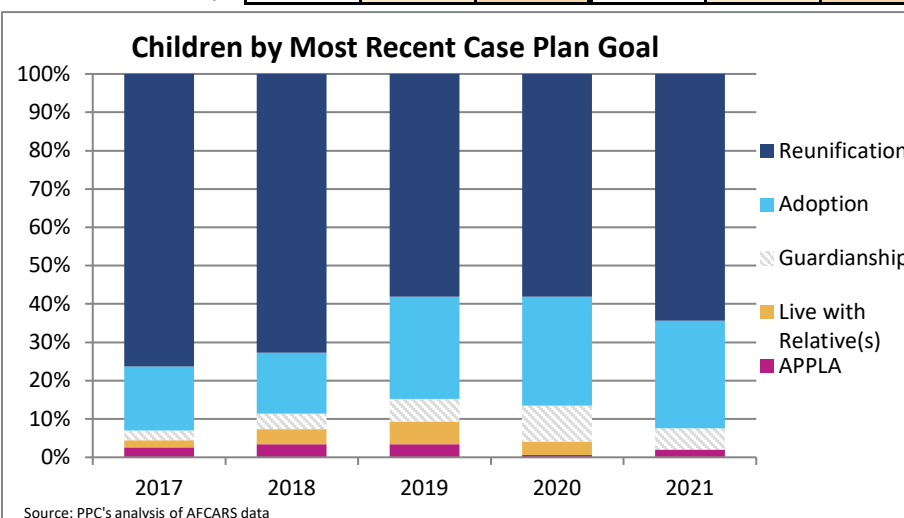
Indicator	2017			2018			2019			2020			2021			County % Change 2017 to 2021
	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	
<b>Family-Based Permanency Goals</b>	>97.3%	98.0%	94.0%	96.6%	98.2%	95.1%	96.6%	98.3%	95.5%	>95.9%	99.0%	96.4%	>92.5%	98.9%	96.8%	-
Reunify With Parent(s) or Principal Caretaker(s)	76.3%	72.3%	66.7%	72.7%	71.6%	65.3%	58.1%	70.4%	63.7%	58.1%	70.6%	65.8%	64.4%	70.3%	65.6%	-15.6%
Adoption	16.7%	19.5%	21.2%	15.9%	20.2%	23.6%	26.6%	20.9%	24.5%	28.4%	22.2%	23.7%	28.1%	22.9%	25.0%	68.5%
Guardianship	S	5.0%	4.8%	S	5.0%	5.1%	5.9%	5.5%	5.9%	9.5%	5.2%	5.4%	S	5.1%	5.3%	-
Live with Relative(s)	S	1.3%	1.3%	S	1.5%	1.2%	5.9%	1.5%	1.5%	S	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%	3.4%	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%	S	1.5%	4.3%	3.4%	1.7%	4.4%	S	1.0%	3.1%	S	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%	S	S	1.0%	0.6%	S	S	0.0%	0.0%	S	0.0%	0.0%	S	-
16-20	S	9.3%	25.1%	S	9.3%	25.1%	13.6%	1.6%	23.5%	S	6.2%	19.6%	S	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%	20.0%	>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%	S	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	17.8	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	0.0%	S	4.9%	0.0%	S	2.3%	20.0%	S	S	0.0%	0.0%	S	0.0%	0.0%	S	-
(number of month until guardianship)	0.0	22.5	23.6	0.0	28.5	25.6	11.2	11.2	23.8	0.0	0.0	32.5	0.0	0.0	42.9	-
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>	100.0%	>77.3%	76.8%	100.0%	>68.4%	80.5%	80.0%	>85.2%	83.5%	100.0%	100.0%	75.6%	0.0%	85.7%	80.4%	-100.0%
Emancipation	S	77.3%	66.7%	S	68.4%	72.1%	80.0%	85.2%	74.3%	S	100.0%	68.0%	0.0%	85.7%	68.2%	-
(number of months until emancipation)	9.2	27.2	26.2	39.8	45.2	27.6	50.1	63.9	30.7	4.1	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

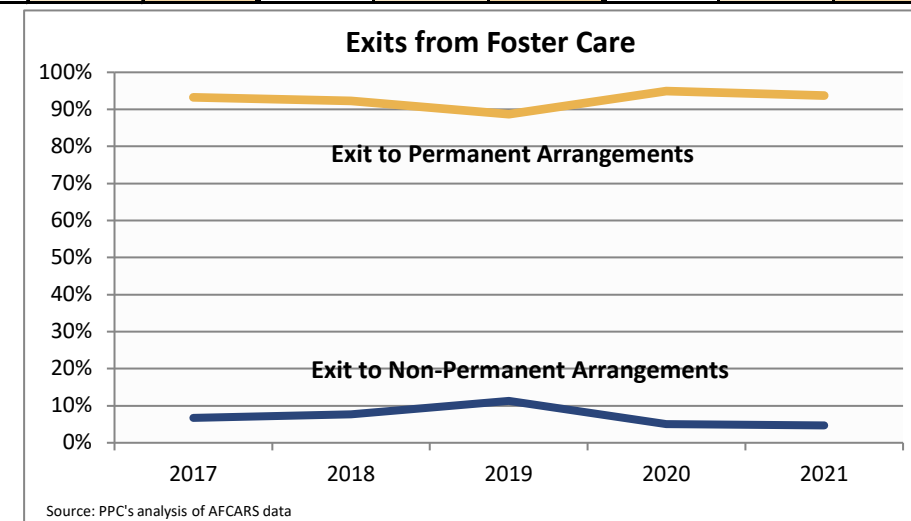
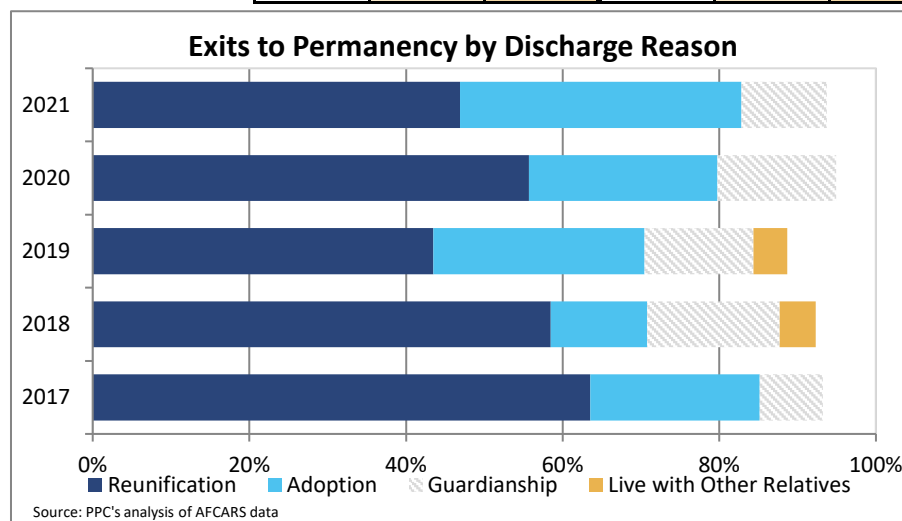
Total Children Leaving Foster Care  
Percent of Children Leaving Foster Care  
(number of months until leaving)

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	74	803	10,276	65	924	10,694	NA	998	10,801	79	970	8,712	64	839	8,439	-13.5%
Percent of Children Leaving Foster Care	42.0%	44.3%	40.5%	33.5%	46.8%	42.0%	56.7%	52.0%	43.8%	53.4%	50.6%	40.2%	43.8%	46.9%	41.2%	4.3%
(number of months until leaving)	7.0	8.2	11.9	6.2	10.6	13.0	15.8	11.1	15.9	8.4	11.4	15.4	11.6	13.4	33.2	66.5%

### By Discharge Reason

Discharge Reason	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>Exit to Permanent Arrangements</b>	<b>&gt;85.1%</b>	<b>93.5%</b>	<b>87.2%</b>	<b>92.3%</b>	<b>93.9%</b>	<b>88.6%</b>	<b>88.7%</b>	<b>90.9%</b>	<b>86.6%</b>	<b>94.9%</b>	<b>93.5%</b>	<b>86.2%</b>	<b>&gt;82.8%</b>	<b>93.6%</b>	<b>87.1%</b>	-
Reunification	63.5%	62.9%	55.1%	58.5%	60.7%	52.5%	43.5%	56.7%	49.8%	55.7%	55.9%	50.8%	46.9%	54.6%	49.8%	-26.2%
(number of months until reunification)	2.3	4.8	6.6	3.3	5.7	6.4	4.9	7.0	7.4	3.5	7.0	8.4	2.3	5.5	9.0	2.9%
Adoption	21.6%	16.8%	20.2%	S	19.5%	23.9%	27.0%	20.6%	25.2%	24.1%	22.8%	23.5%	35.9%	24.0%	25.4%	66.2%
(number of months until adoption)	17.5	21.1	29.2	30.6	25.1	30.5	27.4	25.8	31.0	30.5	30.2	29.8	35.1	28.5	32.2	100.9%
Guardianship	S	7.0%	6.7%	16.9%	9.6%	7.5%	13.9%	9.8%	7.6%	15.2%	8.6%	7.7%	S	11.7%	7.6%	-
(number of month until guardianship)	9.6	12.9	20.1	12.6	15.9	19.4	15.9	18.1	22.8	7.7	15.3	22.3	7.4	16.8	23.5	-23.3%
Live with Other Relatives	0.0%	6.8%	5.1%	S	4.1%	4.6%	4.3%	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	2.5	6.8	2.1	6.1	2.1	2.5	0.0	4.4	2.4	0.0	8.1	2.0	-
<b>Exit to Non-Permanent Arrangements</b>	<b>6.8%</b>	<b>6.2%</b>	<b>12.7%</b>	<b>&gt;0.0%</b>	<b>6.1%</b>	<b>11.4%</b>	<b>11.3%</b>	<b>&gt;8.2%</b>	<b>13.2%</b>	<b>&gt;0.0%</b>	<b>&gt;6.1%</b>	<b>13.7%</b>	<b>&gt;0.0%</b>	<b>&gt;5.4%</b>	<b>12.8%</b>	<b>&gt;-100.0%</b>
Emancipation	S	5.4%	7.9%	S	4.5%	7.3%	10.4%	8.2%	9.3%	S	6.1%	9.5%	S	5.4%	7.9%	-
(number of months until emancipation)	13.7	20.8	22.0	9.8	37.8	23.7	28.8	29.9	26.2	11.8	12.3	22.9	7.6	26.4	24.3	-45.0%
Transfer to Another Agency	S	S	4.3%	0.0%	1.5%	3.5%	0.9%	S	3.5%	0.0%	S	3.7%	0.0%	S	4.1%	-
(number of months until transfer)	2.5	2.9	6.9	0.0	25.5	7.9	11.8	12.2	5.5	0.0	0.2	6.6	0.0	10.6	8.0	-100.0%
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>1.6%</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>0.1%</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	10.0	10.0	5.9	-

NA = Data not currently available  
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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 2017 to 2021
	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	
Children Remaining in Foster Care	111	1,097	16,381	134	1,142	16,074	NA	1,153	15,082	77	1,005	13,949	87	1,017	13,033	-21.6%
(number of months children have been in care)	7.2	9.9	13.4	14.8	10.4	14.2	12.0	11.4	14.0	12.6	10.2	16.4	8.5	10.2	16.8	18.2%

### 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	19.8%	21.7%	21.5%	14.2%	18.7%	21.0%	22.4%	22.1%	21.6%	22.1%	22.4%	22.2%	26.4%	21.9%	23.0%	33.4%
3-5	10.8%	15.6%	17.5%	17.2%	16.6%	17.5%	11.2%	16.7%	17.7%	19.5%	17.5%	18.0%	16.1%	17.8%	17.9%	48.9%
6-8	17.1%	13.7%	13.7%	10.4%	13.0%	13.6%	12.2%	13.9%	13.8%	S	12.6%	13.9%	S	12.0%	13.6%	-
9-11	18.9%	12.4%	11.8%	14.9%	12.1%	12.2%	11.2%	12.8%	12.1%	S	12.1%	12.1%	S	9.7%	11.5%	-
12-14	12.6%	13.9%	12.1%	16.4%	13.9%	12.3%	19.4%	14.4%	13.3%	16.9%	15.3%	13.1%	20.7%	17.4%	13.0%	64.0%
15-20	20.7%	22.8%	18.2%	24.7%	25.7%	18.3%	23.5%	20.0%	17.7%	S	20.0%	17.2%	S	21.1%	16.7%	-
Infants (age 0-1)	12.6%	13.9%	13.8%	9.7%	12.3%	13.7%	16.3%	15.4%	14.4%	S	14.3%	14.5%	20.7%	15.1%	15.0%	64.0%
Youth (age 13+)	27.9%	32.0%	31.9%	35.1%	34.7%	31.9%	42.9%	34.4%	34.8%	39.0%	31.0%	29.9%	33.3%	32.7%	29.7%	19.4%

### 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	91.9%	87.0%	42.1%	97.0%	89.2%	42.2%	95.9%	88.8%	42.3%	94.8%	87.9%	41.8%	85.1%	85.0%	43.1%	-7.4%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	S	3.2%	35.8%	0.0%	3.0%	35.4%	1.0%	2.8%	34.4%	S	3.0%	33.7%	S	2.4%	32.2%	-
Non-Hispanic Other Race	S	1.4%	2.7%	S	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	S	4.3%	6.1%	S	3.5%	7.1%	1.0%	<4.4%	7.8%	0.0%	4.0%	8.3%	S	6.4%	8.0%	-
Hispanic or Latino	S	4.2%	13.2%	S	2.9%	13.0%	2.0%	3.5%	13.0%	S	2.8%	12.5%	S	3.2%	12.2%	-

### By Sex

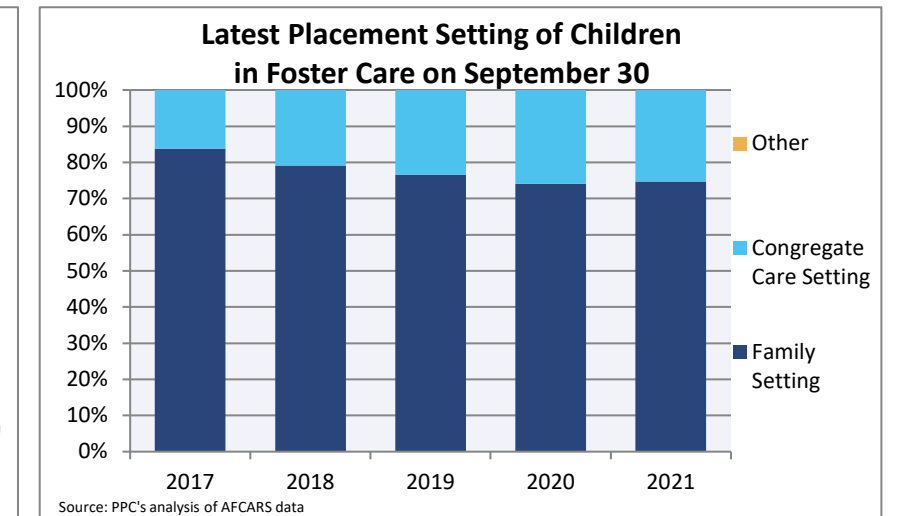
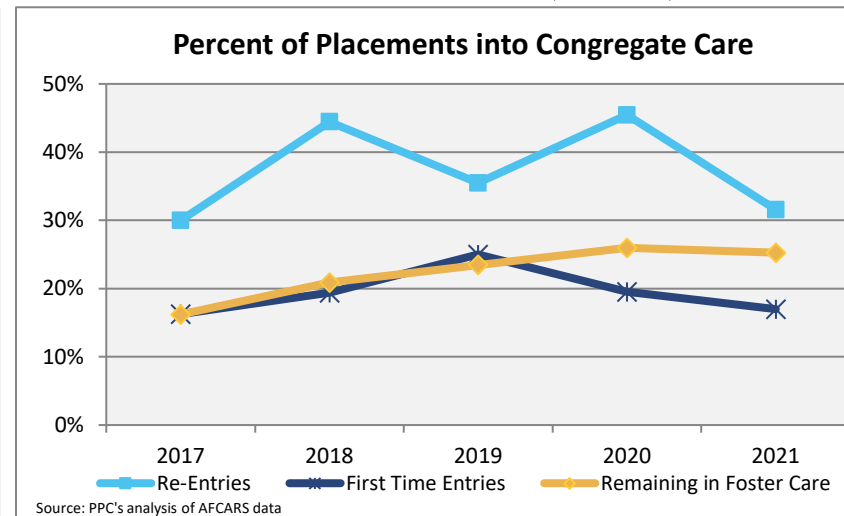
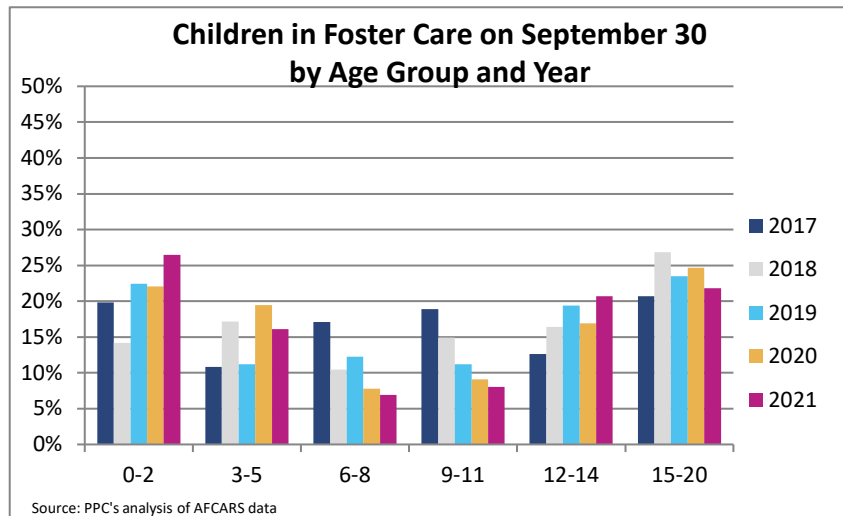
Male  
Female

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	53.2%	52.8%	51.2%	56.0%	52.5%	50.9%	48.0%	52.4%	50.6%	58.4%	53.3%	50.8%	57.5%	54.3%	50.2%	8.1%
Female	46.8%	47.2%	48.8%	44.0%	47.5%	49.1%	52.0%	47.6%	49.4%	41.6%	46.7%	49.2%	42.5%	45.7%	49.8%	-9.2%

### 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	>83.6%	79.1%	83.4%	>79.0%	81.5%	84.0%	76.5%	82.3%	85.1%	>73.9%	82.6%	86.3%	>74.6%	>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	>35.0%	30.6%	37.9%	>35.0%	29.1%	37.8%	35.7%	31.0%	39.4%	20.8%	30.9%	41.5%	23.0%	33.3%	43.0%	<-34.3%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	48.6%	47.0%	41.4%	44.0%	50.4%	42.2%	40.8%	50.0%	42.5%	>53.1%	49.0%	42.2%	>51.6%	46.9%	42.4%	>6.1%
Congregate Care Setting	>14.4%	18.6%	13.7%	>20.1%	17.4%	13.2%	23.5%	15.6%	11.9%	>23.4%	15.3%	10.7%	>24.1%	17.3%	10.4%	-
Group Home	14.4%	14.2%	8.2%	20.1%	11.8%	7.9%	21.4%	11.4%	7.0%	23.4%	11.1%	5.9%	24.1%	12.6%	6.4%	67.5%
Institution	S	4.4%	5.5%	S	5.6%	5.3%	2.0%	4.2%	4.9%	S	4.2%	4.8%	S	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 2017 to 2021
County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	
42.9%	30.8%	32.2%	17.6%	30.8%	31.8%	18.9%	35.2%	31.1%	37.2%	30.5%	28.4%	35.1%	29.9%	25.6%	-18.0%

## 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	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	
40.7%	48.3%	39.2%	33.8%	41.1%	37.3%	35.0%	44.4%	38.7%	67.4%	45.9%	36.8%	54.8%	47.8%	36.6%	34.4%

## 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.

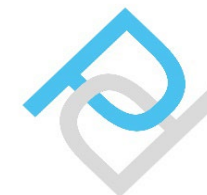
2017			2018			2019			2020			2021			County % Change 2017 to 2021
County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	
S	19.5%	23.0%	31.1%	22.2%	21.4%	17.9%	21.8%	22.3%	22.6%	16.5%	20.2%	<24.5%	13.6%	18.1%	-

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