

CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES (CPS)

Child maltreatment is a serious problem that has grave and costly consequences for the child, his or her family and the community at-large. A child who has experienced abuse and neglect is more likely to have social, emotional and physical health problems and perform poorly in school.

Indicator

Child Abuse and Neglect Reports

Total reported incidents of suspected child abuse and neglect through the ChildLine Registry. (Number and rate per 1,000 children age 0-17)

2017			2018			2019			2020			2021			County % Change 2017 to 2021
County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	
1,777	24,938	47,485	1,531	22,694	44,063	1,536	21,555	42,252	1,138	15,779	32,919	1,364	18,511	38,013	-23.2%
9.7	15.4	17.0	8.3	14.1	15.8	8.4	13.3	15.1	6.2	9.8	11.8	7.4	11.5	13.6	

Child Abuse and Neglect Substantiations

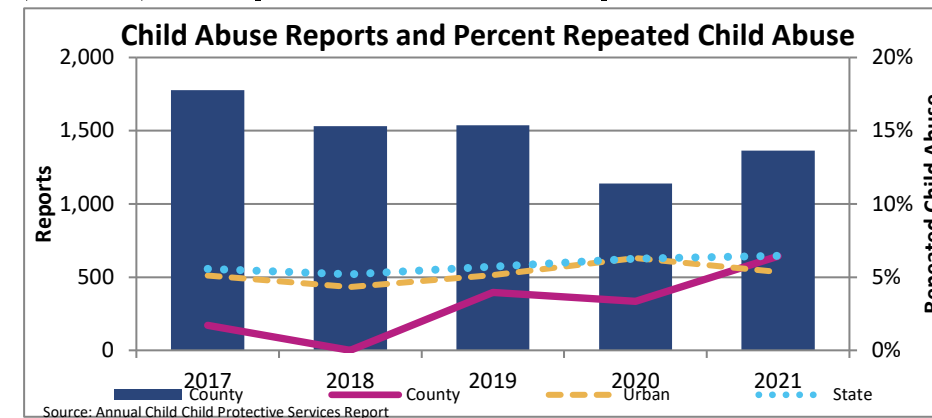
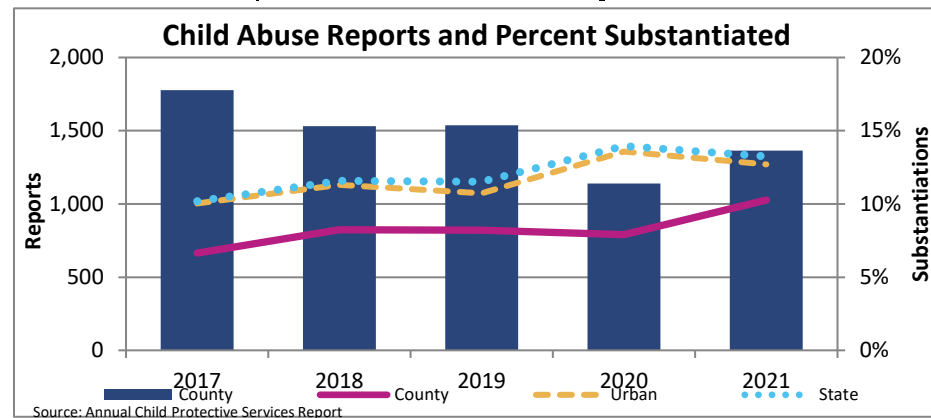
Founded or indicated reports of child abuse and/or neglect.

6.6%	10.0%	10.2%	8.2%	11.3%	11.6%	8.2%	10.7%	11.5%	7.9%	13.6%	14.0%	10.3%	12.7%	13.2%	54.6%
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Repeated Child Abuse and Neglect

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

1.7%	5.1%	5.6%	0.0%	4.3%	5.2%	4.0%	5.1%	5.7%	3.3%	6.3%	6.2%	6.4%	5.4%	6.5%	279.3%
1 in 59	1 in 20	1 in 18	0	1 in 23	1 in 19	1 in 25	1 in 19	1 in 18	1 in 30	1 in 16	1 in 16	1 in 16	1 in 19	1 in 15	



GENERAL PROTECTIVE SERVICES (GPS)

Reports not alleging abuse of a child are categorized as general protective services (GPS) reports. Addressing concerns related to child safety and well-being before allegations of child abuse or severe neglect are made enables children to remain safely in their own homes while services are provided to the family to mitigate the risk of potential maltreatment.

Indicator

GPS Reports

Total reported concerns of general neglect, not alleging child abuse.

2017			2018			2019			2020			2021			County % Change 2017 to 2021
County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	
5,061	82,225	163,852	5,468	83,841	169,723	5,916	86,916	178,124	5,100	72,705	152,478	5,988	78,197	161,709	18.3%

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.

11.5%	20.0%	22.8%	9.7%	21.5%	23.6%	8.6%	21.4%	23.5%	11.3%	23.0%	25.6%	11.7%	24.0%	27.1%	1.9%
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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.

837	23,056	53,319	741	25,614	58,982	708	25,847	60,755	831	23,425	56,999	982	26,254	63,801	17.3%
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Unduplicated Number of Children Served

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

2017			2018			2019			2020			2021			County % Change 2017 to 2021
County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	
2,574	81,260	186,855	2,654	84,995	194,761	2,354	83,710	187,280	1,673	82,552	>181,435	2,343	79,538	192,594	-9.0%

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	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	
Unduplicated Number of Children Served	518	15,999	25,381	544	15,712	25,441	NA	15,298	24,665	510	13,272	21,689	477	12,135	20,490	-7.9%
(Rate per 1,000 children age 0-20)	2.5	8.3	7.5	2.6	8.1	7.5	2.6	7.9	7.3	2.4	6.9	6.4	2.3	6.3	6.1	

By Age

0-2
3-5
6-8
9-11
12-14
15-17
18-20
Infants (age 0-1)
Youth (age 13+)

Age Group	2017 County	2017 Urban	2017 State	2018 County	2018 Urban	2018 State	2019 County	2019 Urban	2019 State	2020 County	2020 Urban	2020 State	2021 County	2021 Urban	2021 State	% Change
0-2	17.6%	19.1%	20.3%	22.2%	19.2%	20.2%	21.7%	19.7%	20.2%	20.8%	20.0%	20.9%	20.1%	20.5%	21.5%	14.6%
3-5	12.5%	17.4%	17.4%	13.8%	17.6%	17.9%	17.9%	17.4%	17.8%	17.8%	17.2%	17.8%	17.6%	18.1%	18.2%	40.3%
6-8	11.4%	13.6%	13.3%	12.5%	13.5%	13.4%	13.0%	13.9%	13.8%	13.3%	13.5%	13.5%	13.8%	13.8%	13.7%	21.5%
9-11	9.7%	11.7%	11.4%	9.6%	12.1%	11.8%	0.0%	12.1%	11.7%	10.4%	12.0%	11.7%	9.9%	11.7%	11.3%	2.1%
12-14	13.5%	11.9%	11.6%	10.7%	12.0%	11.8%	0.0%	12.4%	12.3%	9.8%	12.7%	12.6%	13.2%	12.6%	12.6%	-2.3%
15-17	25.7%	18.3%	18.6%	21.5%	18.7%	18.7%	19.9%	18.4%	18.5%	19.2%	17.9%	17.9%	18.7%	16.1%	16.4%	-27.3%
18-20	9.7%	8.0%	7.4%	9.7%	6.8%	6.3%	8.0%	6.0%	5.6%	8.6%	6.6%	5.6%	6.7%	7.3%	6.4%	-30.5%
Infants (age 0-1)	12.4%	11.8%	12.7%	14.2%	11.9%	12.7%	12.2%	12.5%	12.9%	12.9%	12.6%	13.2%	13.4%	12.7%	13.7%	8.6%
Youth (age 13+)	44.0%	34.6%	34.0%	39.5%	33.8%	33.1%	35.4%	33.0%	32.6%	35.1%	33.3%	32.3%	34.4%	31.9%	31.3%	-21.9%

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

Race/Ethnicity	2017 County	2017 Urban	2017 State	2018 County	2018 Urban	2018 State	2019 County	2019 Urban	2019 State	2020 County	2020 Urban	2020 State	2021 County	2021 Urban	2021 State	% Change
Non-Hispanic White	47.7%	28.0%	42.9%	43.9%	28.2%	43.7%	39.8%	28.0%	43.7%	40.2%	28.4%	44.2%	40.0%	28.5%	44.3%	-16.0%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	30.5%	49.2%	34.9%	28.9%	48.9%	33.9%	26.1%	47.8%	33.0%	24.3%	46.7%	32.0%	27.7%	45.5%	30.7%	-9.3%
Non-Hispanic Other Race	S	3.5%	2.9%	S	2.6%	2.3%	7.8%	3.1%	2.6%	7.1%	4.1%	3.6%	4.8%	4.6%	4.2%	-
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	<9.9%	5.5%	6.2%	<14.8%	6.1%	7.1%	14.2%	6.7%	7.7%	14.5%	7.0%	8.0%	15.3%	7.1%	8.4%	>54.6%
Hispanic or Latino	11.2%	13.9%	13.2%	11.8%	14.2%	13.0%	12.0%	14.4%	12.9%	13.9%	13.9%	12.3%	12.2%	14.3%	12.3%	8.6%

By Sex

Male
Female

Sex	2017 County	2017 Urban	2017 State	2018 County	2018 Urban	2018 State	2019 County	2019 Urban	2019 State	2020 County	2020 Urban	2020 State	2021 County	2021 Urban	2021 State	% Change
Male	49.2%	50.1%	51.0%	53.9%	50.3%	50.8%	54.0%	50.0%	50.8%	53.7%	49.2%	50.6%	48.2%	49.3%	50.5%	-2.1%
Female	50.8%	49.9%	49.0%	46.1%	49.7%	49.2%	46.0%	50.0%	49.2%	46.3%	50.8%	49.4%	51.8%	50.7%	49.5%	2.0%

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

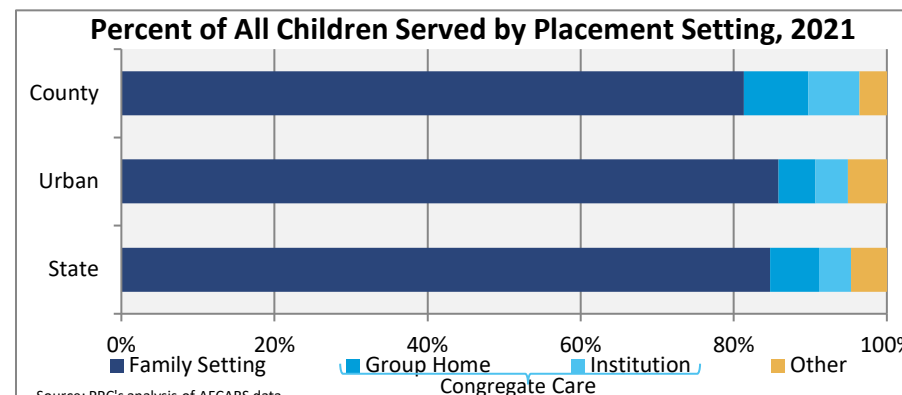
Placement Setting	2017 County	2017 Urban	2017 State	2018 County	2018 Urban	2018 State	2019 County	2019 Urban	2019 State	2020 County	2020 Urban	2020 State	2021 County	2021 Urban	2021 State	% Change
Family Setting	68.9%	81.7%	80.5%	72.1%	82.6%	81.6%	77.6%	84.1%	82.7%	77.5%	84.7%	83.8%	>80.6%	85.8%	84.8%	>16.9%
Pre-adoptive Home	0.0%	5.5%	4.0%	0.0%	6.4%	4.5%	0.0%	5.3%	3.8%	0.0%	3.8%	2.9%	S	2.8%	2.3%	-
Foster Family Home – Relative	25.9%	40.0%	36.4%	25.7%	40.9%	37.1%	29.4%	43.2%	38.7%	28.8%	45.4%	40.8%	>33.4%	46.5%	42.0%	>29.1%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	43.1%	36.2%	40.1%	46.3%	35.3%	40.1%	48.2%	35.6%	40.3%	48.6%	35.4%	40.1%	47.2%	36.5%	40.5%	9.6%
Congregate Care Setting	26.3%	14.0%	14.9%	23.0%	13.2%	14.0%	18.4%	11.4%	12.7%	17.5%	10.3%	11.5%	15.1%	9.1%	10.5%	-42.5%
Group Home	14.9%	7.2%	8.8%	14.7%	7.0%	8.5%	11.3%	6.1%	7.7%	8.2%	5.2%	6.7%	8.4%	4.9%	6.4%	-43.6%
Institution	11.4%	6.8%	6.1%	8.3%	6.2%	5.6%	7.1%	5.2%	5.0%	9.2%	5.1%	4.8%	6.7%	4.2%	4.2%	-41.1%
Supervised Independent Living	S	1.7%	1.5%	2.4%	1.7%	1.5%	2.0%	1.7%	1.6%	3.5%	1.3%	1.3%	2.3%	1.4%	1.2%	-
Runaway	S	1.9%	1.4%	S	2.0%	1.4%	1.5%	2.1%	1.4%	S	2.9%	1.9%	S	2.6%	1.7%	-
Trial Home Visit	2.1%	0.7%	1.7%	S	0.5%	1.4%	0.5%	0.7%	1.5%	S	0.7%	1.6%	0.0%	1.1%	1.8%	-100.0%

Children Entering Foster Care

All Entries into Foster Care During the Year

Indicator	2017 County	2017 Urban	2017 State	2018 County	2018 Urban	2018 State	2019 County	2019 Urban	2019 State	2020 County	2020 Urban	2020 State	2021 County	2021 Urban	2021 State	% Change
Children Entering Foster Care	237	6,387	10,781	246	5,854	10,095	NA	5,537	9,448	188	4,063	7,286	158	3,667	7,316	-33.3%

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	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	
Children Entering for the First Time	198	4,874	8,438	207	4,227	7,626	NA	4,133	7,266	148	2,919	5,540	123	2,691	5,635	-37.9%
First Time Entries During the Year (Rate per 1,000 children age 0-20)	0.9	2.5	2.5	1.0	2.2	2.3	0.8	2.1	2.2	0.7	1.5	1.6	0.6	1.4	1.7	-6.8%
First Time Entries as Percent of All Entries	83.5%	76.3%	78.3%	84.1%	72.2%	75.5%	80.2%	74.6%	76.9%	78.7%	71.8%	76.0%	77.8%	73.4%	77.0%	-6.8%

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 Urban	2017 State	2018 County	2018 Urban	2018 State	2019 County	2019 Urban	2019 State	2020 County	2020 Urban	2020 State	2021 County	2021 Urban	2021 State	% Change
0-2	28.8%	33.4%	33.2%	34.3%	35.2%	34.4%	34.8%	36.0%	35.1%	33.8%	40.0%	38.2%	36.6%	41.4%	38.5%	27.1%
3-5	9.6%	14.6%	15.3%	15.0%	14.3%	15.4%	18.5%	14.3%	14.8%	10.8%	13.4%	14.5%	11.4%	14.3%	14.7%	18.6%
6-8	8.6%	12.1%	11.9%	13.5%	11.4%	11.5%	11.8%	11.8%	11.8%	8.1%	11.0%	11.4%	13.8%	10.7%	11.3%	61.0%
9-11	8.1%	10.0%	10.1%	7.7%	10.8%	10.3%	7.3%	11.2%	10.7%	9.5%	9.6%	9.7%	S	8.7%	9.3%	-
12-14	16.7%	13.4%	13.1%	12.6%	12.9%	12.8%	12.9%	12.5%	12.9%	17.6%	12.3%	12.5%	<18.0%	11.5%	12.6%	<8.0%
15-20	28.3%	16.4%	16.5%	16.9%	15.5%	15.6%	14.6%	14.2%	14.6%	20.3%	13.6%	13.7%	16.3%	13.3%	13.7%	-42.5%
Infants (age 0-1)	24.2%	26.9%	26.5%	28.5%	29.1%	28.0%	27.5%	30.2%	29.1%	29.1%	34.0%	31.7%	30.9%	35.9%	32.3%	27.4%
Youth (age 13+)	38.9%	26.1%	26.0%	26.6%	24.6%	24.7%	21.9%	18.8%	19.5%	32.4%	22.0%	22.6%	30.1%	20.8%	22.5%	-22.6%

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 Urban	2017 State	2018 County	2018 Urban	2018 State	2019 County	2019 Urban	2019 State	2020 County	2020 Urban	2020 State	2021 County	2021 Urban	2021 State	% Change
Non-Hispanic White	<56.2%	32.2%	47.6%	41.1%	30.8%	48.3%	46.6%	30.0%	47.6%	<42.7%	31.2%	49.7%	37.4%	32.3%	50.0%	>-33.5%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	29.8%	43.3%	29.7%	25.6%	44.9%	29.3%	27.5%	43.5%	28.4%	21.6%	39.9%	25.2%	35.8%	38.5%	23.6%	20.0%
Non-Hispanic Other Race	S	4.3%	3.4%	0.0%	2.9%	2.7%	7.9%	4.4%	3.7%	S	6.1%	5.3%	S	6.5%	5.8%	-
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	6.6%	5.8%	6.3%	19.3%	6.7%	7.7%	9.0%	7.2%	7.7%	14.2%	8.0%	8.2%	<15.5%	7.3%	8.4%	<136.1%
Hispanic or Latino	7.1%	14.4%	13.0%	14.0%	14.7%	12.0%	9.0%	14.9%	12.6%	18.2%	14.8%	11.6%	8.9%	15.3%	12.1%	26.5%

By Sex

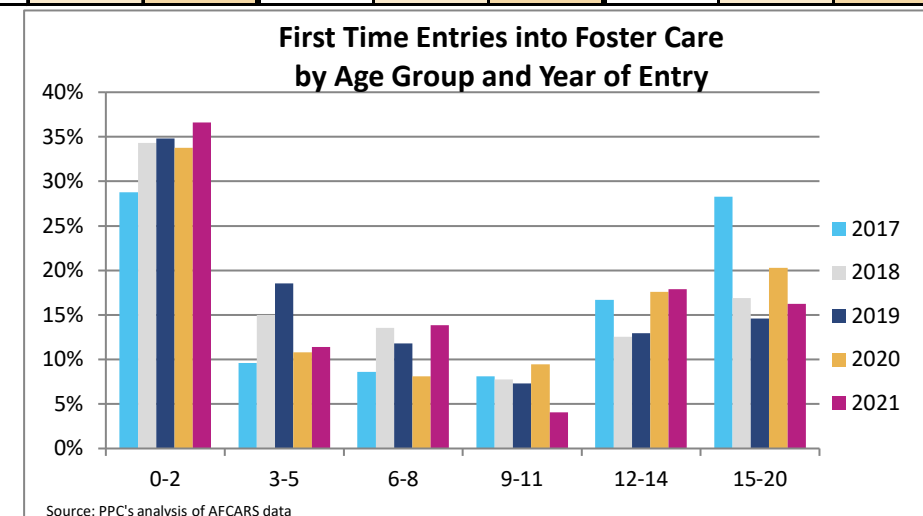
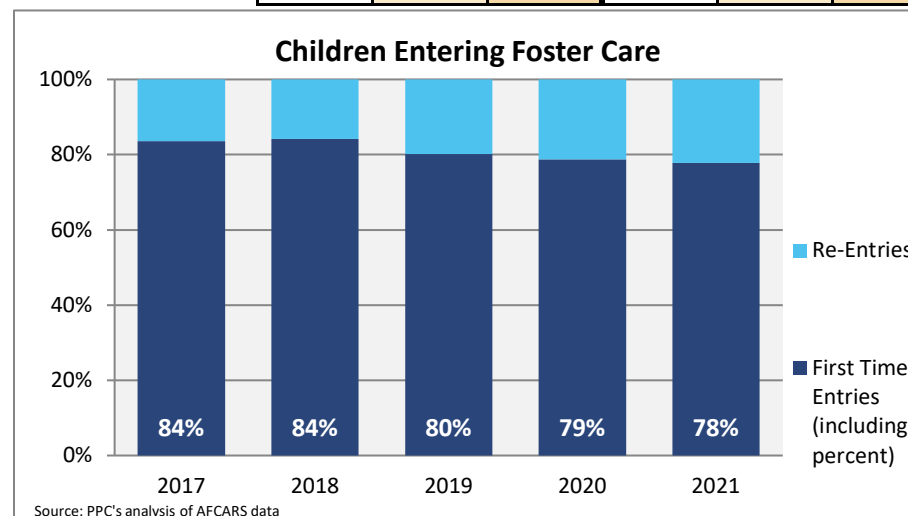
Male
Female

Sex	2017 County	2017 Urban	2017 State	2018 County	2018 Urban	2018 State	2019 County	2019 Urban	2019 State	2020 County	2020 Urban	2020 State	2021 County	2021 Urban	2021 State	% Change
Male	52.5%	50.1%	51.0%	56.0%	51.0%	50.7%	53.4%	50.4%	50.8%	53.4%	48.9%	50.5%	39.0%	49.0%	49.7%	-25.7%
Female	47.5%	49.9%	49.0%	44.0%	49.0%	49.3%	46.6%	49.6%	49.2%	46.6%	51.1%	49.5%	61.0%	51.0%	50.3%	28.4%

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 Urban	2017 State	2018 County	2018 Urban	2018 State	2019 County	2019 Urban	2019 State	2020 County	2020 Urban	2020 State	2021 County	2021 Urban	2021 State	% Change
Family Setting	66.7%	83.7%	83.6%	74.4%	84.4%	83.8%	81.5%	87.1%	85.7%	79.1%	>88.2%	>87.5%	82.9%	>88.2%	>87.5%	24.4%
Pre-adoptive Home	0.0%	0.3%	0.3%	0.0%	0.3%	0.2%	0.0%	0.6%	0.4%	0.0%	S	S	0.0%	S	S	-
Foster Family Home – Relative	27.8%	42.8%	39.1%	21.7%	44.1%	39.9%	27.5%	46.9%	41.6%	23.6%	48.4%	44.3%	42.3%	50.9%	45.8%	52.2%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	38.9%	40.6%	44.2%	52.7%	40.0%	43.7%	53.9%	39.7%	43.7%	55.4%	39.7%	43.1%	40.7%	37.3%	41.7%	4.5%
Congregate Care Setting	>31.2%	14.6%	15.0%	>19.3%	13.5%	14.3%	16.3%	11.0%	12.7%	18.9%	9.2%	10.6%	>12.2%	9.2%	10.4%	-
Group Home	23.2%	7.7%	9.1%	19.3%	7.6%	9.4%	13.5%	6.6%	8.5%	11.5%	5.7%	7.2%	12.2%	5.6%	7.4%	-47.5%
Institution	>8.0%	6.9%	5.9%	S	6.0%	4.9%	2.8%	4.4%	4.2%	7.4%	3.5%	3.4%	S	3.6%	3.0%	-
Supervised Independent Living	0.0%	0.4%	0.2%	S	0.3%	0.2%	0.6%	S	0.2%	S	S	S	0.0%	S	0.2%	-
Runaway	0.0%	0.8%	0.5%	S	1.1%	0.7%	1.7%	1.3%	0.8%	S	1.5%	0.8%	S	1.3%	0.7%	-
Trial Home Visit	S	0.5%	0.8%	0.0%	0.7%	1.1%	0.0%	0.4%	0.6%	0.0%	0.8%	0.9%	0.0%	0.9%	<1.2%	-



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S = rate suppressed due to count less than 11 persons

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	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	
	39	1,513	2,343	39	1,627	2,469	NA	1,404	2,182	40	1,144	1,746	35	976	1,681	-10.3%
	16.5%	23.7%	21.7%	15.9%	27.8%	24.5%	19.8%	25.4%	23.1%	21.3%	28.2%	24.0%	22.2%	26.6%	23.0%	34.6%

By Age

Age Group	2017 County	2017 Urban	2017 State	2018 County	2018 Urban	2018 State	2019 County	2019 Urban	2019 State	2020 County	2020 Urban	2020 State	2021 County	2021 Urban	2021 State	% Change
0-2	0.0%	11.3%	11.4%	S	11.2%	10.8%	11.4%	11.5%	11.9%	S	9.6%	10.5%	S	12.6%	12.3%	-
3-5	S	10.4%	11.1%	S	12.2%	12.6%	6.8%	11.3%	12.7%	S	9.9%	10.9%	S	12.1%	12.8%	-
6-8	S	11.6%	11.7%	S	12.3%	12.1%	4.5%	10.9%	11.9%	S	9.9%	11.0%	S	10.0%	10.9%	-
9-11	S	10.8%	10.6%	S	11.9%	11.5%	6.8%	10.2%	10.4%	S	12.4%	12.0%	S	10.9%	11.0%	-
12-14	S	18.4%	17.2%	S	18.3%	17.7%	13.6%	18.8%	18.7%	S	17.7%	17.7%	S	20.5%	20.2%	-
15-20	59.0%	37.5%	38.2%	61.5%	34.2%	35.4%	56.8%	37.3%	34.4%	S	40.5%	37.9%	S	33.9%	32.7%	-
Infants (age 0-1)	0.0%	6.5%	6.6%	S	6.6%	6.4%	4.5%	6.8%	6.9%	S	S	7.3%	S	9.8%	9.2%	-
Youth (age 13+)	82.1%	51.4%	51.1%	69.2%	47.9%	48.6%	68.2%	51.4%	48.7%	72.5%	53.5%	51.1%	62.9%	49.5%	47.7%	-23.4%

By Race and Ethnicity

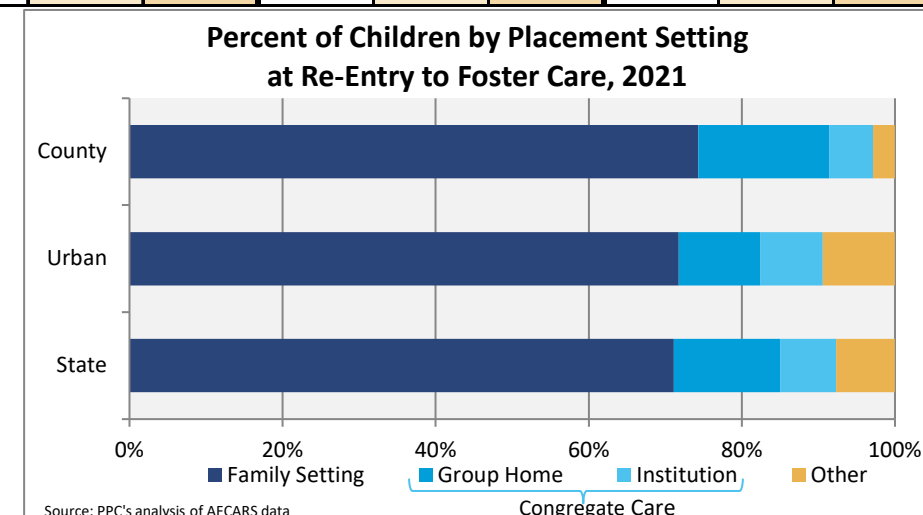
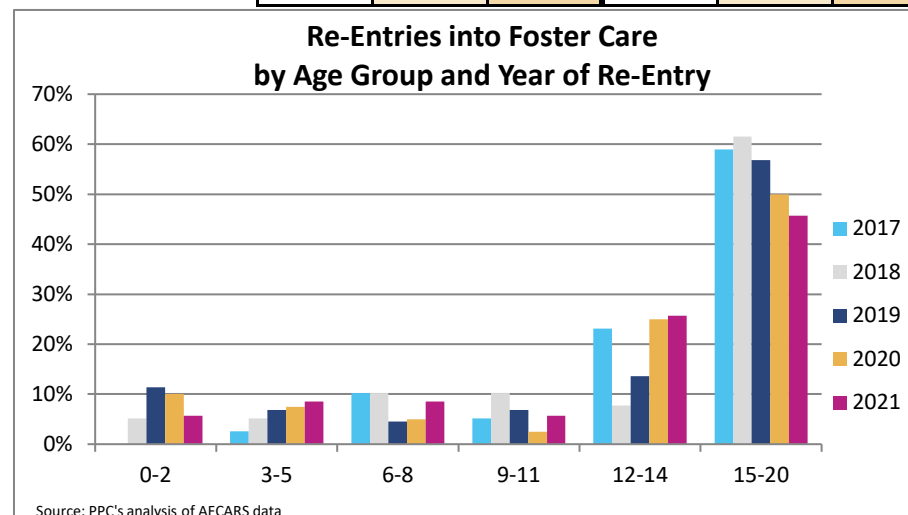
Race/Ethnicity	2017 County	2017 Urban	2017 State	2018 County	2018 Urban	2018 State	2019 County	2019 Urban	2019 State	2020 County	2020 Urban	2020 State	2021 County	2021 Urban	2021 State	% Change
Non-Hispanic White	53.8%	24.5%	40.6%	S	23.9%	39.6%	40.9%	24.5%	50.7%	32.5%	21.5%	39.1%	42.9%	22.5%	42.8%	-20.4%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	28.2%	55.3%	39.4%	30.8%	56.1%	40.5%	25.0%	52.9%	47.1%	35.0%	54.6%	38.8%	37.1%	53.6%	35.2%	31.7%
Non-Hispanic Other Race	0.0%	2.0%	1.7%	S	1.7%	1.8%	6.8%	1.7%	1.9%	S	3.6%	3.4%	0.0%	4.6%	3.9%	-
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	S	5.7%	6.3%	S	5.8%	7.1%	18.2%	6.9%	10.8%	S	6.1%	6.8%	S	4.8%	6.5%	-
Hispanic or Latino	S	12.6%	11.9%	S	12.5%	11.1%	9.1%	14.0%	14.4%	S	14.2%	12.0%	S	14.4%	11.6%	-

By Sex

Sex	2017 County	2017 Urban	2017 State	2018 County	2018 Urban	2018 State	2019 County	2019 Urban	2019 State	2020 County	2020 Urban	2020 State	2021 County	2021 Urban	2021 State	% Change
Male	53.8%	46.8%	49.6%	53.8%	48.4%	49.1%	59.1%	49.4%	51.2%	40.0%	46.1%	49.0%	37.1%	46.7%	48.4%	-31.0%
Female	46.2%	53.2%	50.4%	46.2%	51.6%	50.9%	40.9%	50.6%	48.8%	60.0%	53.9%	51.0%	62.9%	53.3%	51.6%	36.2%

By Placement Setting at Re-Entry

Placement Setting	2017 County	2017 Urban	2017 State	2018 County	2018 Urban	2018 State	2019 County	2019 Urban	2019 State	2020 County	2020 Urban	2020 State	2021 County	2021 Urban	2021 State	% Change
Family Setting	25.6%	65.5%	63.9%	>30.8%	68.1%	66.7%	43.2%	68.6%	68.5%	>32.5%	>64.2%	>65.0%	74.3%	>71.7%	>71.1%	189.7%
Pre-adoptive Home	0.0%	0.9%	0.6%	0.0%	0.7%	0.4%	0.0%	1.0%	0.6%	0.0%	S	S	0.0%	S	S	-
Foster Family Home – Relative	S	34.7%	30.7%	S	32.7%	28.3%	11.4%	36.5%	32.5%	S	38.1%	34.8%	31.4%	43.3%	36.4%	-
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	S	29.9%	32.6%	30.8%	34.8%	37.9%	31.8%	31.1%	35.3%	32.5%	26.2%	30.1%	42.9%	28.3%	34.7%	-
Congregate Care Setting	>71.7%	29.4%	31.2%	>30.8%	26.0%	28.0%	50.0%	24.9%	25.8%	45.0%	26.1%	27.1%	>22.8%	18.8%	21.2%	-
Group Home	33.3%	15.9%	19.9%	30.8%	14.9%	18.4%	34.1%	14.2%	16.6%	S	13.8%	16.5%	S	10.7%	13.9%	-
Institution	>38.4%	13.5%	11.3%	S	11.1%	9.6%	15.9%	10.7%	9.2%	S	12.2%	10.6%	S	8.1%	7.3%	-
Supervised Independent Living	S	<1.3%	1.8%	S	<1.8%	1.8%	2.3%	<1.2%	1.6%	S	1.1%	1.4%	S	1.5%	2.2%	-
Runaway	0.0%	3.5%	2.5%	S	3.8%	2.7%	4.5%	5.1%	3.6%	0.0%	8.1%	5.4%	0.0%	6.7%	4.2%	-
Trial Home Visit	0.0%	S	0.7%	S	S	0.8%	0.0%	S	0.6%	0.0%	S	<1.0%	0.0%	<1.3%	<1.3%	-



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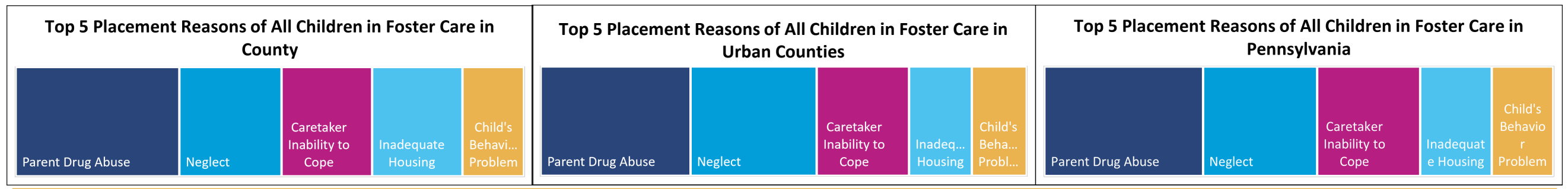
FOSTER CARE - PLACEMENT REASONS

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

A child can have more than one placement reason.

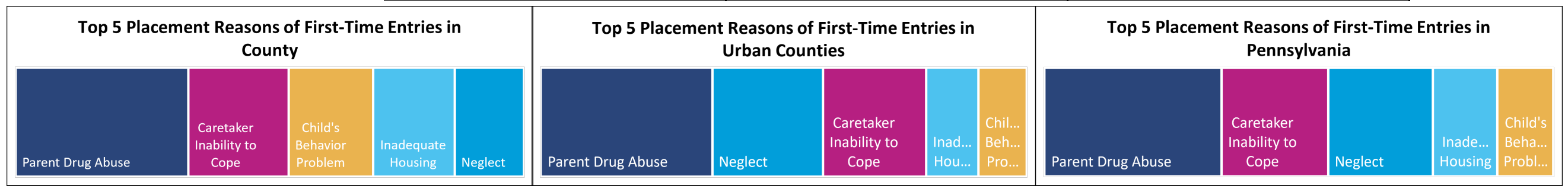
Indicator
Top Five Placement Reasons Of All Children in Foster Care During the Year

2021		
County	Urban	State
47.0% Parent Drug Abuse	30.8% Parent Drug Abuse	35.2% Parent Drug Abuse
29.4% Neglect	25.9% Neglect	25.4% Neglect
26.0% Caretaker Inability to Cope	18.9% Caretaker Inability to Cope	22.8% Caretaker Inability to Cope
26.0% Inadequate Housing	12.9% Inadequate Housing	15.9% Inadequate Housing
17.6% Child's Behavior Problem	11.3% Child's Behavior Problem	13.7% Child's Behavior Problem



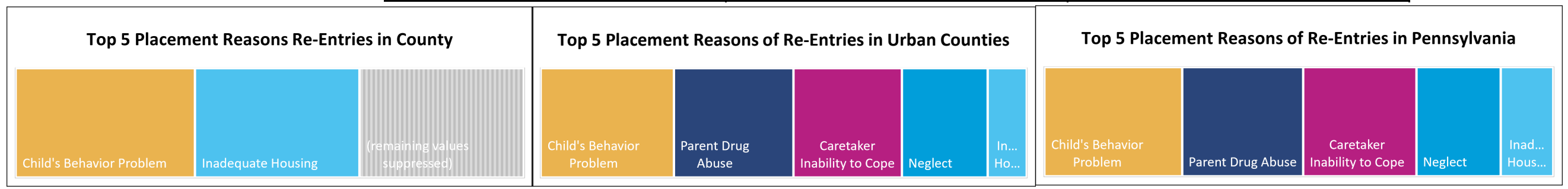
Of First-Time Entries into Foster Care

County	Urban Counties	Pennsylvania
44.7% Parent Drug Abuse	36.3% Parent Drug Abuse	40.8% Parent Drug Abuse
26.0% Caretaker Inability to Cope	23.4% Neglect	24.6% Caretaker Inability to Cope
22.0% Child's Behavior Problem	21.9% Caretaker Inability to Cope	24.1% Neglect
21.1% Inadequate Housing	11.0% Inadequate Housing	14.9% Inadequate Housing
17.9% Neglect	10.2% Child's Behavior Problem	12.9% Child's Behavior Problem



Of Re-Entries into Foster Care

County	Urban Counties	Pennsylvania
34.3% Child's Behavior Problem	25.9% Child's Behavior Problem	28.3% Child's Behavior Problem
31.4% Inadequate Housing	23.3% Parent Drug Abuse	24.9% Parent Drug Abuse
S (remaining values suppressed)	21.1% Caretaker Inability to Cope	23.3% Caretaker Inability to Cope
S (remaining values suppressed)	16.7% Neglect	17.3% Neglect
S (remaining values suppressed)	7.6% Inadequate Housing	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

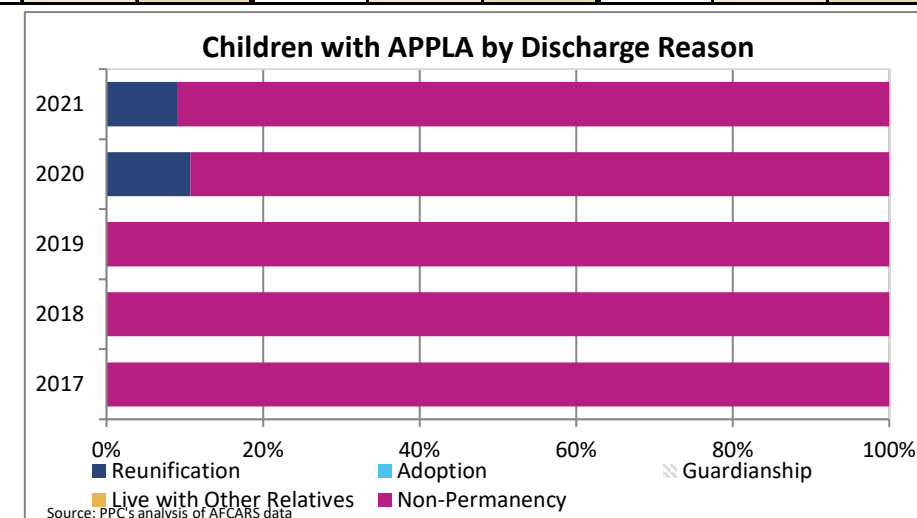
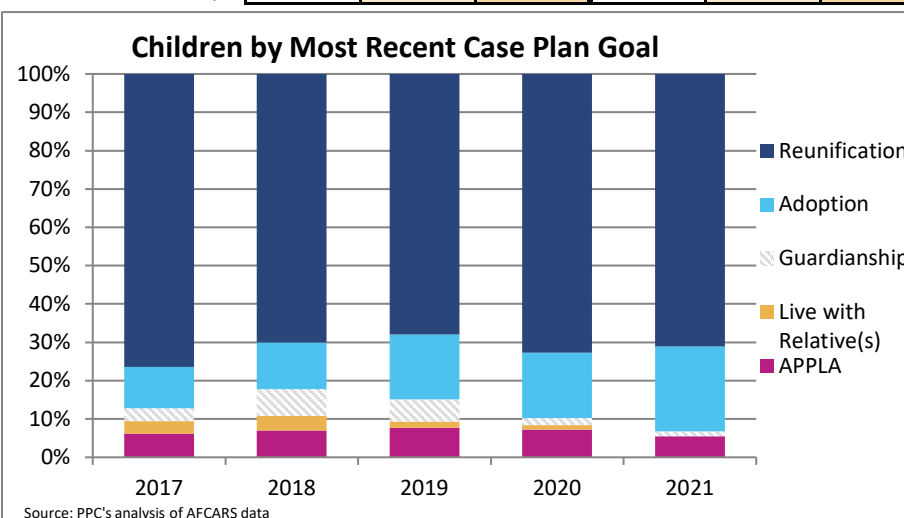
Indicator	2017			2018			2019			2020			2021			County % Change 2017 to 2021
	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	
Family-Based Permanency Goals	93.8%	92.5%	94.0%	93.0%	93.9%	95.1%	92.3%	94.5%	95.5%	89.8%	95.3%	96.4%	>93.3%	96.0%	96.8%	<-0.6%
Reunify With Parent(s) or Principal Caretaker(s)	76.4%	64.4%	66.7%	70.0%	62.9%	65.3%	68.0%	62.3%	63.7%	72.7%	65.3%	65.8%	71.1%	64.4%	65.6%	-7.0%
Adoption	10.8%	22.1%	21.2%	12.1%	24.8%	23.6%	16.8%	24.7%	24.5%	17.1%	22.8%	23.7%	22.2%	25.3%	25.0%	105.6%
Guardianship	3.3%	5.0%	4.8%	7.0%	5.4%	5.1%	5.9%	6.0%	5.9%	S	5.7%	5.4%	S	5.4%	5.3%	-
Live with Relative(s)	3.3%	1.0%	1.3%	3.9%	0.8%	1.2%	1.6%	1.4%	1.5%	S	1.5%	1.4%	0.0%	0.9%	1.0%	-100.0%
Another Planned Permanent Living Arrangement (APPLA)	6.2%	7.5%	6.0%	7.0%	6.1%	4.9%	7.7%	>5.5%	4.5%	>6.9%	4.7%	3.6%	>5.2%	4.0%	3.2%	-
Long Term Foster Care	0.0%	0.3%	0.7%	0.0%	0.3%	0.6%	0.2%	S	0.1%	S	0.8%	0.5%	S	0.8%	0.5%	-
Emancipation	6.2%	7.2%	5.3%	7.0%	5.9%	4.3%	7.5%	5.5%	4.4%	6.9%	3.9%	3.1%	5.2%	3.2%	2.7%	-15.2%

APPLA By Age as % of Age Group Served

Age Group	2017 County	2017 Urban	2017 State	2018 County	2018 Urban	2018 State	2019 County	2019 Urban	2019 State	2020 County	2020 Urban	2020 State	2021 County	2021 Urban	2021 State	% Change
0-15	0.0%	1.6%	1.0%	0.0%	1.6%	1.0%	0.0%	S	S	0.0%	S	S	0.0%	S	S	-
16-20	21.9%	29.6%	25.1%	21.9%	29.6%	25.1%	33.3%	5.5%	23.5%	32.5%	23.9%	19.6%	25.2%	20.9%	17.5%	15.2%

APPLA By Discharge Reason

Discharge Reason	2017 County	2017 Urban	2017 State	2018 County	2018 Urban	2018 State	2019 County	2019 Urban	2019 State	2020 County	2020 Urban	2020 State	2021 County	2021 Urban	2021 State	% Change
Exit to Permanent Arrangements	0.0%	>26.3%	22.7%	0.0%	>22.5%	19.5%	0.0%	20.0%	16.4%	>0.0%	>26.9%	24.1%	>0.0%	>20.7%	19.6%	-
Reunification	0.0%	20.5%	17.3%	0.0%	19.7%	16.9%	0.0%	18.7%	15.0%	S	26.9%	23.0%	S	20.7%	18.5%	-
(number of months until reunification)	0.0	22.4	11.8	0.0	31.9	18.6	0.0	19.7	19.2	29.0	25.1	25.1	35.5	21.4	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%	5.9%	4.9%	0.0%	2.8%	2.3%	0.0%	S	S	0.0%	S	S	0.0%	S	S	-
(number of month until guardianship)	0.0	18.6	23.6	0.0	25.5	25.6	0.0	32.9	23.8	0.0	21.9	32.5	0.0	36.2	42.9	-
Live with Other Relatives	0.0%	S	S	0.0%	S	S	0.0%	S	S	0.0%	S	S	0.0%	0.0%	S	-
(number of months until living with relatives)	0.0	17.3	21.4	0.0	32.9	32.9	0.0	49.6	49.6	0.0	61.6	61.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	-
Exit to Non-Permanent Arrangements	100.0%	73.1%	76.8%	100.0%	77.1%	80.5%	100.0%	79.8%	83.5%	89.3%	>69.7%	75.6%	>0.0%	78.4%	80.4%	-
Emancipation	100.0%	60.1%	66.7%	96.2%	67.3%	72.1%	100.0%	68.6%	74.3%	89.3%	62.3%	68.0%	S	62.6%	68.2%	-
(number of months until emancipation)	15.4	29.7	26.2	12.4	34.1	27.6	23.1	36.2	30.7	19.4	22.7	26.1	9.4	29.1	30.9	-39.2%
Transfer to Another Agency	0.0%	10.8%	8.2%	0.0%	6.0%	5.3%	0.0%	8.3%	7.1%	0.0%	7.4%	6.1%	0.0%	9.7%	7.5%	-
(number of months until transfer)	0.0	5.5	3.7	0.0	25.0	19.4	0.0	21.6	17.9	0.0	16.0	16.0	0.0	12.1	22.4	-
Runaway	0.0%	2.2%	1.9%	S	3.8%	3.0%	0.0%	2.8%	2.1%	0.0%	S	S	0.0%	6.1%	4.7%	-
(number of months until running away)	0.0	32.3	32.0	25.7	56.7	22.4	0.0	23.2	26.9	0.0	28.7	22.8	0.0	36.1	36.1	-
Death of Child	0.0%	S	S	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	S	S	0.0%	S	S	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-
(number of months until death of a child)	0.0	47.1	62.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.0	5.7	0.0	115.9	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

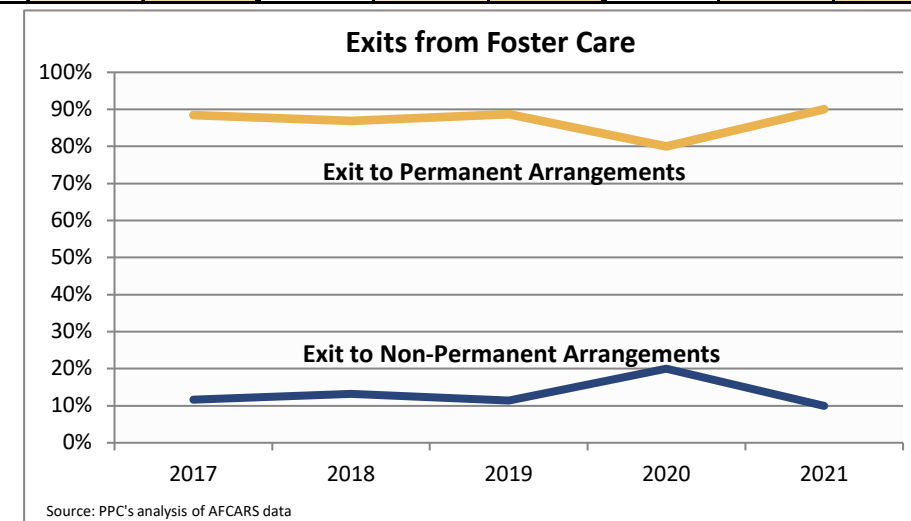
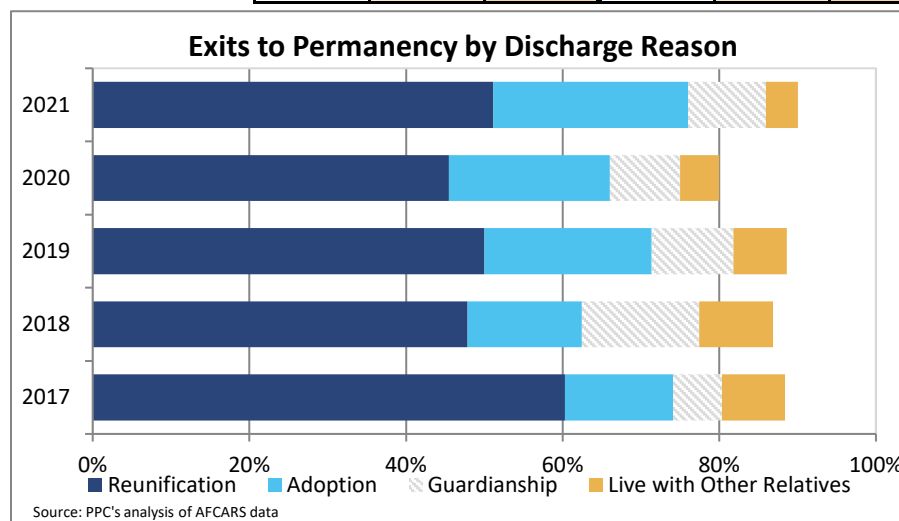
Total Children Leaving Foster Care
Percent of Children Leaving Foster Care
(number of months until leaving)

Indicator	2017			2018			2019			2020			2021			County % Change 2017 to 2021
	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	
Total Children Leaving Foster Care	224	6,412	10,276	213	6,347	10,694	NA	6,577	10,801	200	5,063	8,712	221	4,826	8,439	-1.3%
Percent of Children Leaving Foster Care	43.2%	40.1%	40.5%	39.2%	40.4%	42.0%	40.1%	49.6%	43.8%	39.2%	38.1%	40.2%	46.3%	39.8%	41.2%	7.1%
(number of months until leaving)	10.0	11.7	11.9	11.5	12.8	13.0	14.1	15.2	15.9	17.0	15.7	15.4	18.2	19.6	33.2	82.2%

By Discharge Reason

Discharge Reason	2017 County	2017 Urban	2017 State	2018 County	2018 Urban	2018 State	2019 County	2019 Urban	2019 State	2020 County	2020 Urban	2020 State	2021 County	2021 Urban	2021 State	County % Change 2017 to 2021
Exit to Permanent Arrangements	88.4%	84.8%	87.2%	86.9%	86.2%	88.6%	88.6%	85.5%	86.6%	>75.0%	83.1%	86.2%	>86.0%	83.8%	87.1%	>-2.7%
Reunification	60.3%	55.0%	55.1%	47.9%	53.0%	52.5%	50.0%	49.7%	49.8%	45.5%	52.3%	50.8%	51.1%	48.7%	49.8%	-15.2%
(number of months until reunification)	6.4	6.3	6.6	6.6	6.4	6.4	8.0	7.8	7.4	7.5	8.3	8.4	10.1	10.3	9.0	57.1%
Adoption	13.8%	19.1%	20.2%	14.6%	22.7%	23.9%	21.4%	24.8%	25.2%	20.5%	19.4%	23.5%	24.9%	23.7%	25.4%	79.8%
(number of months until adoption)	27.7	30.2	29.2	25.7	31.8	30.5	30.4	32.6	31.0	30.1	31.6	29.8	29.6	34.4	32.2	6.9%
Guardianship	6.3%	6.4%	6.7%	15.0%	7.0%	7.5%	10.5%	7.3%	7.6%	9.0%	8.0%	7.7%	10.0%	7.7%	7.6%	59.3%
(number of month until guardianship)	26.2	23.7	20.1	17.5	26.1	19.4	18.1	25.7	22.8	25.1	23.2	22.3	23.4	24.6	23.5	-10.8%
Live with Other Relatives	8.0%	4.4%	5.1%	9.4%	3.5%	4.6%	6.8%	3.6%	4.1%	S	3.5%	4.1%	S	3.7%	4.3%	-
(number of months until living with relatives)	1.6	5.4	2.2	3.6	6.0	2.1	4.9	9.5	2.5	6.5	11.2	2.4	1.8	11.0	2.0	10.2%
Exit to Non-Permanent Arrangements	>11.2%	15.1%	12.7%	>12.7%	13.7%	11.4%	11.4%	14.4%	13.2%	>19.5%	16.7%	13.7%	10.0%	16.0%	12.8%	<-11.1%
Emancipation	11.2%	8.3%	7.9%	12.7%	8.1%	7.3%	10.9%	8.6%	9.3%	19.5%	10.2%	9.5%	10.0%	8.2%	7.9%	-10.8%
(number of months until emancipation)	16.8	26.7	22.0	12.4	24.7	23.7	22.0	26.9	26.2	19.4	24.9	22.9	14.8	29.8	24.3	-12.1%
Transfer to Another Agency	S	6.1%	4.3%	0.0%	4.7%	3.5%	0.5%	5.1%	3.5%	S	5.8%	3.7%	0.0%	6.4%	4.1%	-
(number of months until transfer)	6.9	12.2	6.9	0.0	14.6	7.9	7.9	14.0	5.5	34.0	21.6	6.6	0.0	11.5	8.0	-100.0%
Runaway	0.0%	0.7%	0.5%	S	1.0%	0.6%	0.0%	0.7%	0.5%	0.0%	0.7%	0.4%	0.0%	1.4%	0.8%	-
(number of months until running away)	0.0	15.3	19.4	25.7	22.6	14.0	0.0	15.1	14.1	0.0	9.9	11.4	0.0	35.9	17.8	-
Death of Child	0.0%	S	0.1%	0.0%	S	S	0.0%	0.2%	0.1%	0.0%	S	0.2%	0.0%	S	0.1%	-
(number of months until death of a child)	0.0	30.0	18.8	0.0	20.7	5.5	0.0	27.1	12.6	0.0	14.4	6.1	0.0	5.3	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 2017 to 2021
	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	
Children Remaining in Foster Care	308	10,525	16,381	341	10,320	16,074	NA	9,658	15,082	330	8,983	13,949	265	8,033	13,033	-14.0%
(number of months children have been in care)	11.9	13.7	13.4	11.4	14.1	14.2	13.0	13.6	14.0	15.4	17.3	16.4	14.6	18.5	16.8	23.0%

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 Urban	2017 State	2018 County	2018 Urban	2018 State	2019 County	2019 Urban	2019 State	2020 County	2020 Urban	2020 State	2021 County	2021 Urban	2021 State	% Change
0-2	21.1%	20.4%	21.5%	24.3%	20.5%	21.0%	23.8%	20.9%	21.6%	21.8%	21.2%	22.2%	24.5%	22.1%	23.0%	16.2%
3-5	12.0%	17.5%	17.5%	15.0%	17.2%	17.5%	18.6%	17.1%	17.7%	18.2%	17.7%	18.0%	15.1%	18.1%	17.9%	25.7%
6-8	11.7%	13.7%	13.7%	13.5%	13.8%	13.6%	14.5%	14.0%	13.8%	14.2%	14.1%	13.9%	14.0%	13.8%	13.6%	19.5%
9-11	10.1%	12.0%	11.8%	9.7%	12.5%	12.2%	9.3%	12.4%	12.1%	11.8%	12.4%	12.1%	6.8%	11.7%	11.5%	-32.5%
12-14	14.0%	12.5%	12.1%	10.0%	12.4%	12.3%	8.4%	13.4%	13.3%	10.9%	13.1%	13.1%	12.8%	12.6%	13.0%	-8.1%
15-20	31.2%	23.9%	18.2%	27.6%	23.6%	18.3%	25.5%	22.3%	17.7%	23.0%	21.5%	17.2%	26.8%	21.7%	16.7%	-14.0%
Infants (age 0-1)	14.3%	13.1%	13.8%	15.8%	13.2%	13.7%	13.9%	13.9%	14.4%	13.6%	13.7%	14.5%	17.0%	13.9%	15.0%	18.9%
Youth (age 13+)	40.6%	32.6%	31.9%	35.5%	32.2%	31.9%	33.9%	35.6%	34.8%	31.5%	30.5%	29.9%	35.1%	29.9%	29.7%	-13.5%

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 Urban	2017 State	2018 County	2018 Urban	2018 State	2019 County	2019 Urban	2019 State	2020 County	2020 Urban	2020 State	2021 County	2021 Urban	2021 State	% Change
Non-Hispanic White	<48.5%	27.5%	42.1%	39.9%	27.2%	42.2%	38.6%	27.7%	42.3%	39.4%	27.4%	41.8%	44.2%	28.1%	43.1%	>-9.0%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	30.5%	50.2%	35.8%	29.9%	50.1%	35.4%	24.9%	48.6%	34.4%	23.6%	47.3%	33.7%	29.1%	46.3%	32.2%	-4.8%
Non-Hispanic Other Race	S	3.2%	2.7%	S	2.5%	2.3%	8.4%	2.9%	2.6%	6.7%	4.0%	3.7%	4.9%	4.9%	4.5%	-
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	11.7%	5.4%	6.1%	<16.2%	6.1%	7.1%	15.1%	6.6%	7.8%	15.5%	7.2%	8.3%	13.2%	6.9%	8.0%	13.0%
Hispanic or Latino	8.4%	13.6%	13.2%	13.5%	14.1%	13.0%	13.0%	14.2%	13.0%	14.8%	14.1%	12.5%	8.7%	13.9%	12.2%	2.8%

By Sex

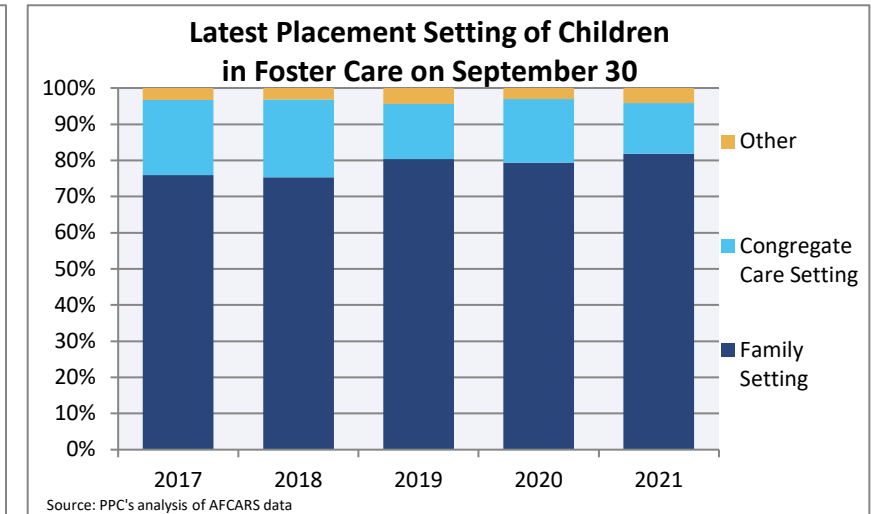
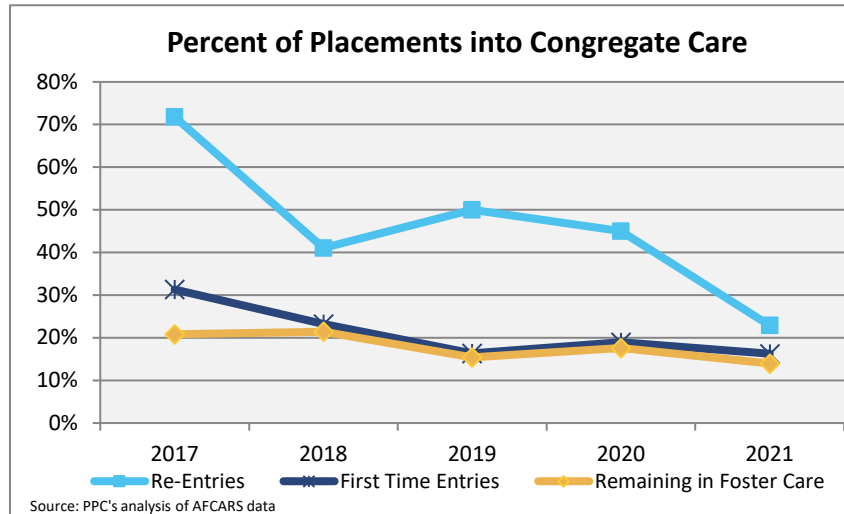
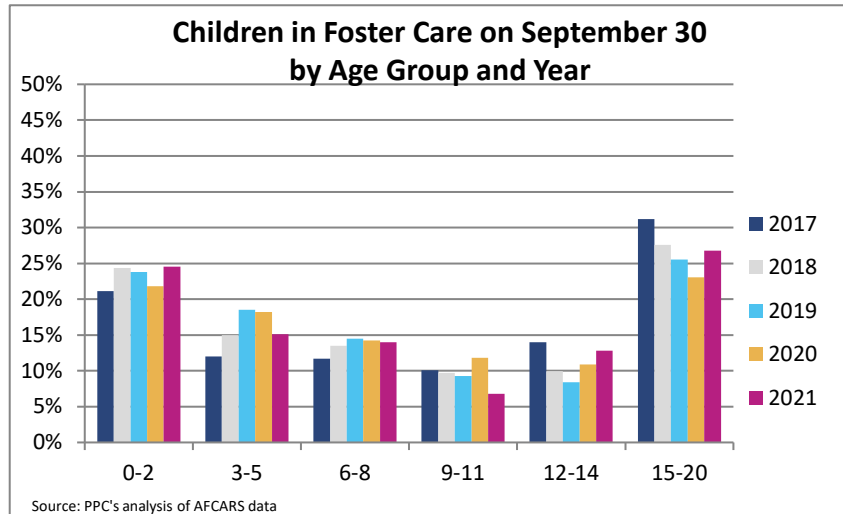
Male
Female

Sex	2017 County	2017 Urban	2017 State	2018 County	2018 Urban	2018 State	2019 County	2019 Urban	2019 State	2020 County	2020 Urban	2020 State	2021 County	2021 Urban	2021 State	% Change
Male	51.9%	50.3%	51.2%	53.7%	50.3%	50.9%	54.8%	49.4%	50.6%	51.5%	49.5%	50.8%	48.3%	48.9%	50.2%	-7.0%
Female	48.1%	49.7%	48.8%	46.3%	49.7%	49.1%	45.2%	50.6%	49.4%	48.5%	50.5%	49.2%	51.7%	51.1%	49.8%	7.6%

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 Urban	2017 State	2018 County	2018 Urban	2018 State	2019 County	2019 Urban	2019 State	2020 County	2020 Urban	2020 State	2021 County	2021 Urban	2021 State	% Change
Family Setting	76.0%	84.6%	83.4%	75.4%	85.1%	84.0%	80.3%	86.3%	85.1%	79.4%	87.3%	86.3%	>80.8%	88.1%	86.6%	>6.4%
Pre-adoptive Home	0.0%	6.0%	4.1%	0.0%	5.7%	4.0%	0.0%	4.6%	3.2%	0.0%	3.6%	2.7%	S	1.6%	1.3%	-
Foster Family Home – Relative	27.6%	41.6%	37.9%	24.0%	42.1%	37.8%	27.2%	44.6%	39.4%	27.9%	46.3%	41.5%	31.7%	48.2%	43.0%	14.9%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	48.4%	36.9%	41.4%	51.3%	37.2%	42.2%	53.0%	37.1%	42.5%	51.5%	37.4%	42.2%	49.1%	38.3%	42.4%	1.4%
Congregate Care Setting	20.8%	12.6%	13.7%	21.4%	11.8%	13.2%	15.4%	10.4%	11.9%	17.6%	9.3%	10.7%	14.0%	8.7%	10.4%	-32.8%
Group Home	10.7%	6.6%	8.2%	14.1%	6.3%	7.9%	8.1%	5.5%	7.0%	7.3%	4.5%	5.9%	6.4%	4.7%	6.4%	-40.1%
Institution	10.1%	6.0%	5.5%	7.3%	5.5%	5.3%	7.2%	4.8%	4.9%	10.3%	4.8%	4.8%	7.5%	4.0%	4.1%	-25.0%
Supervised Independent Living	S	<1.7%	1.5%	S	1.6%	1.5%	2.9%	1.5%	1.3%	S	<1.2%	1.0%	S	1.3%	1.2%	-
Runaway	S	1.2%	0.8%	S	1.3%	0.9%	1.4%	1.7%	1.2%	S	2.2%	1.5%	S	1.6%	1.1%	-
Trial Home Visit	S	S	0.6%	0.0%	0.1%	0.4%	0.0%	0.2%	0.5%	0.0%	S	0.4%	0.0%	0.3%	0.7%	-



FOSTER CARE - STABILITY

Every time a child moves, the trauma caused by separation and lack of continuity grows. A child who faces multiple placements struggles to build and maintain healthy relationships and confront academic challenges due to school changes.

Indicator

Foster Care Placement Stability

Children who were in foster care for 12 to 23 months and had three or more placement settings.

2017			2018			2019			2020			2021			County % Change 2017 to 2021
County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	
37.1%	33.5%	32.2%	34.7%	32.7%	31.8%	29.8%	31.1%	31.1%	33.5%	27.7%	28.4%	44.2%	24.8%	25.6%	19.2%

FOSTER CARE - TIMELY REUNIFICATION

A child's separation from his or her parents or relatives is traumatic for all involved. Minimizing the time a child spends in foster care without compromising safety is key to healthy child development.

Indicator

Timely Reunification with Parents or Relatives

Children who entered foster care for the first time who were reunified with their parents or discharged to relatives within the next 12 months.

2017			2018			2019			2020			2021			County % Change 2017 to 2021
County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	
42.0%	37.7%	39.2%	41.0%	37.3%	37.3%	37.7%	37.4%	38.7%	32.3%	35.9%	36.8%	40.4%	35.3%	36.6%	-3.7%

FOSTER CARE - FAILED REUNIFICATION

A child re-entering foster care following a return to his or her family signals a breakdown in the family and a potential failure on the part of the child welfare system to appropriately address family needs.

Indicator

Failed 1-Year Reunification (Re-entry)

Children who re-entered foster care in fewer than 12 months following reunification with parents or relatives.

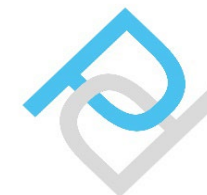
2017			2018			2019			2020			2021			County % Change 2017 to 2021
County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	
27.5%	25.7%	23.0%	15.9%	22.9%	21.4%	17.8%	25.6%	22.3%	19.3%	23.0%	20.2%	19.2%	20.7%	18.1%	-30.1%

S = rate suppressed due to count less than 11 persons



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