

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	
6,331	24,938	47,485	5,809	22,694	44,063	5,540	21,555	42,252	3,639	15,779	32,919	4,400	18,511	38,013	-30.5%
18.4	15.4	17.0	16.9	14.1	15.8	16.1	13.3	15.1	10.6	9.8	11.8	12.8	11.5	13.6	

Child Abuse and Neglect Substantiations

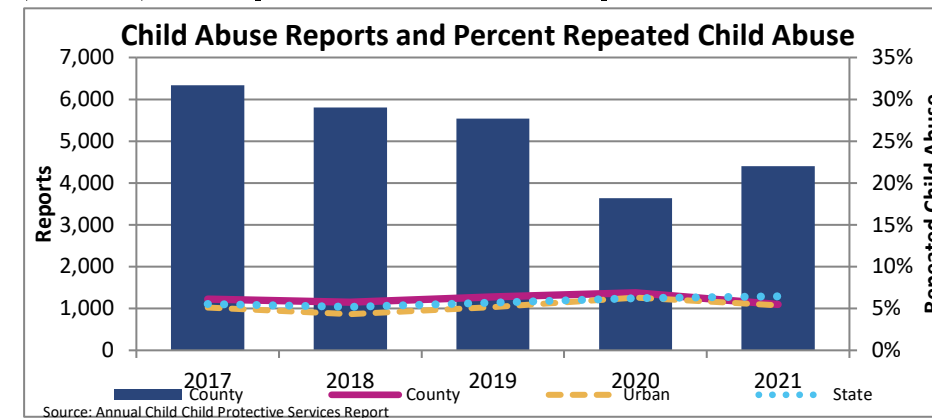
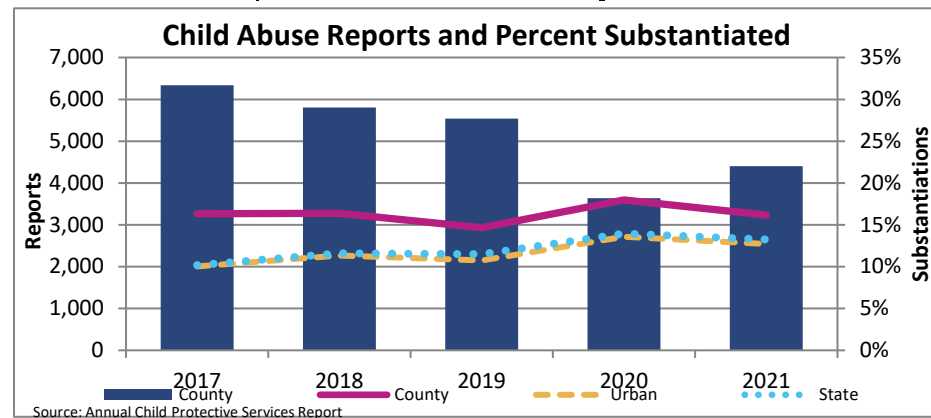
Founded or indicated reports of child abuse and/or neglect.

16.3%	10.0%	10.2%	16.4%	11.3%	11.6%	14.7%	10.7%	11.5%	18.0%	13.6%	14.0%	16.2%	12.7%	13.2%	-0.9%
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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.)

6.1%	5.1%	5.6%	5.8%	4.3%	5.2%	6.4%	5.1%	5.7%	6.9%	6.3%	6.2%	5.5%	5.4%	6.5%	-10.1%
1 in 16	1 in 20	1 in 18	1 in 17	1 in 23	1 in 19	1 in 16	1 in 19	1 in 18	1 in 15	1 in 16	1 in 16	1 in 18	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	
23,557	82,225	163,852	23,052	83,841	169,723	22,621	86,916	178,124	17,809	72,705	152,478	18,460	78,197	161,709	-21.6%

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.

23.0%	20.0%	22.8%	19.7%	21.5%	23.6%	17.3%	21.4%	23.5%	16.1%	23.0%	25.6%	16.4%	24.0%	27.1%	-28.5%
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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.

7,438	23,056	53,319	6,183	25,614	58,982	5,336	25,847	60,755	3,880	23,425	56,999	4,135	26,254	63,801	-44.4%
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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	
16,444	81,260	186,855	16,774	84,995	194,761	17,655	83,710	187,280	14,026	82,552	>181,435	12,356	79,538	192,594	-24.9%

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 2017 to 2021
	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	
	8,112	15,999	25,381	7,996	15,712	25,441	NA	15,298	24,665	6,250	13,272	21,689	5,606	12,135	20,490	-30.9%
	18.8	8.3	7.5	18.5	8.1	7.5	17.3	7.9	7.3	14.5	6.9	6.4	13.0	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+)

	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	
0-2	17.1%	19.1%	20.3%	16.6%	19.2%	20.2%	17.0%	19.7%	20.2%	16.8%	20.0%	20.9%	17.7%	20.5%	21.5%	3.4%
3-5	17.4%	17.4%	17.4%	17.6%	17.6%	17.9%	17.3%	17.4%	17.8%	16.8%	17.2%	17.8%	17.9%	18.1%	18.2%	2.5%
6-8	13.7%	13.6%	13.3%	13.5%	13.5%	13.4%	13.9%	13.9%	13.8%	13.3%	13.5%	13.5%	13.9%	13.8%	13.7%	1.4%
9-11	12.6%	11.7%	11.4%	12.8%	12.1%	11.8%	0.0%	12.1%	11.7%	12.3%	12.0%	11.7%	12.5%	11.7%	11.3%	-0.9%
12-14	12.9%	11.9%	11.6%	13.4%	12.0%	11.8%	0.0%	12.4%	12.3%	13.8%	12.7%	12.6%	13.6%	12.6%	12.6%	5.7%
15-17	19.4%	18.3%	18.6%	20.6%	18.7%	18.7%	21.0%	18.4%	18.5%	20.3%	17.9%	17.9%	17.3%	16.1%	16.4%	-10.8%
18-20	6.9%	8.0%	7.4%	5.5%	6.8%	6.3%	4.5%	6.0%	5.6%	6.7%	6.6%	5.6%	7.2%	7.3%	6.4%	4.0%
Infants (age 0-1)	10.0%	11.8%	12.7%	9.8%	11.9%	12.7%	10.1%	12.5%	12.9%	10.1%	12.6%	13.2%	10.8%	12.7%	13.7%	7.9%
Youth (age 13+)	35.3%	34.6%	34.0%	35.2%	33.8%	33.1%	34.8%	33.0%	32.6%	36.8%	33.3%	32.3%	33.7%	31.9%	31.3%	-4.5%

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	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	
Non-Hispanic White	13.4%	28.0%	42.9%	13.3%	28.2%	43.7%	12.7%	28.0%	43.7%	12.1%	28.4%	44.2%	12.1%	28.5%	44.3%	-10.0%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	66.3%	49.2%	34.9%	67.0%	48.9%	33.9%	66.2%	47.8%	33.0%	65.3%	46.7%	32.0%	63.8%	45.5%	30.7%	-3.7%
Non-Hispanic Other Race	2.7%	3.5%	2.9%	1.4%	2.6%	2.3%	1.7%	3.1%	2.6%	3.4%	4.1%	3.6%	4.3%	4.6%	4.2%	57.7%
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	2.7%	5.5%	6.2%	2.6%	6.1%	7.1%	3.0%	6.7%	7.7%	3.3%	7.0%	8.0%	3.5%	7.1%	8.4%	30.3%
Hispanic or Latino	14.8%	13.9%	13.2%	15.7%	14.2%	13.0%	16.4%	14.4%	12.9%	15.8%	13.9%	12.3%	16.2%	14.3%	12.3%	9.2%

By Sex

Male
Female

	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	
Male	50.2%	50.1%	51.0%	49.5%	50.3%	50.8%	48.6%	50.0%	50.8%	47.2%	49.2%	50.6%	47.3%	49.3%	50.5%	-5.8%
Female	49.8%	49.9%	49.0%	50.5%	49.7%	49.2%	51.4%	50.0%	49.2%	52.8%	50.8%	49.4%	52.7%	50.7%	49.5%	5.8%

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
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Trial Home Visit

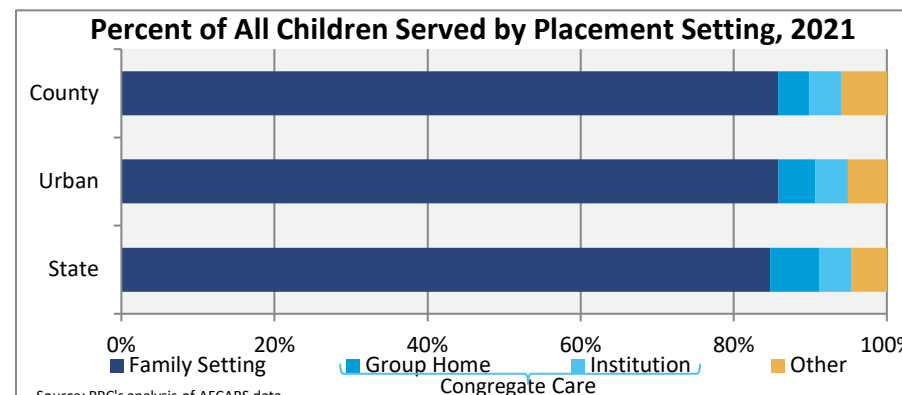
	2017			2018			2019			2020			2021			County % Change 2017 to 2021
	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	
Family Setting	82.0%	81.7%	80.5%	82.4%	82.6%	81.6%	84.6%	84.1%	82.7%	83.6%	84.7%	83.8%	85.8%	85.8%	84.8%	4.6%
Pre-adoptive Home	4.7%	5.5%	4.0%	5.0%	6.4%	4.5%	2.6%	5.3%	3.8%	1.0%	3.8%	2.9%	0.6%	2.8%	2.3%	-86.6%
Foster Family Home – Relative	41.5%	40.0%	36.4%	42.4%	40.9%	37.1%	45.6%	43.2%	38.7%	46.7%	45.4%	40.8%	48.5%	46.5%	42.0%	17.0%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	35.9%	36.2%	40.1%	35.1%	35.3%	40.1%	36.4%	35.6%	40.3%	36.0%	35.4%	40.1%	36.6%	36.5%	40.5%	2.1%
Congregate Care Setting	13.6%	14.0%	14.9%	12.8%	13.2%	14.0%	10.4%	11.4%	12.7%	9.8%	10.3%	11.5%	8.3%	9.1%	10.5%	-38.9%
Group Home	6.2%	7.2%	8.8%	6.1%	7.0%	8.5%	5.1%	6.1%	7.7%	4.7%	5.2%	6.7%	4.1%	4.9%	6.4%	-34.3%
Institution	7.4%	6.8%	6.1%	6.7%	6.2%	5.6%	5.3%	5.2%	5.0%	5.1%	5.1%	4.8%	4.2%	4.2%	4.2%	-42.8%
Supervised Independent Living	1.1%	1.7%	1.5%	1.1%	1.7%	1.5%	1.4%	1.7%	1.6%	1.2%	1.3%	1.3%	1.1%	1.4%	1.2%	-0.4%
Runaway	3.3%	1.9%	1.4%	3.7%	2.0%	1.4%	3.6%	2.1%	1.4%	5.4%	2.9%	1.9%	4.8%	2.6%	1.7%	44.5%
Trial Home Visit	0.0%	0.7%	1.7%	0.0%	0.5%	1.4%	0.0%	0.7%	1.5%	0.0%	0.7%	1.6%	0.0%	1.1%	1.8%	-

Children Entering Foster Care

All Entries into Foster Care During the Year

	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	
	2,888	6,387	10,781	2,718	5,854	10,095	NA	5,537	9,448	1,694	4,063	7,286	1,530	3,667	7,316	-47.0%

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

	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	
First Time Entries During the Year	2,055	4,874	8,438	1,808	4,227	7,626	NA	4,133	7,266	1,051	2,919	5,540	926	2,691	5,635	-54.9%
(Rate per 1,000 children age 0-20)	4.8	2.5	2.5	4.2	2.2	2.3	3.7	2.1	2.2	2.4	1.5	1.6	2.1	1.4	1.7	-14.9%
First Time Entries as Percent of All Entries	71.2%	76.3%	78.3%	66.5%	72.2%	75.5%	68.1%	74.6%	76.9%	62.0%	71.8%	76.0%	60.5%	73.4%	77.0%	-14.9%

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	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	
0-2	32.3%	33.4%	33.2%	32.3%	35.2%	34.4%	35.5%	36.0%	35.1%	37.7%	40.0%	38.2%	43.8%	41.4%	38.5%	35.7%
3-5	13.9%	14.6%	15.3%	12.3%	14.3%	15.4%	11.9%	14.3%	14.8%	11.9%	13.4%	14.5%	13.5%	14.3%	14.7%	-3.0%
6-8	11.5%	12.1%	11.9%	10.7%	11.4%	11.5%	11.3%	11.8%	11.8%	10.9%	11.0%	11.4%	9.4%	10.7%	11.3%	-18.2%
9-11	10.7%	10.0%	10.1%	11.6%	10.8%	10.3%	12.7%	11.2%	10.7%	9.4%	9.6%	9.7%	9.3%	8.7%	9.3%	-12.9%
12-14	14.2%	13.4%	13.1%	15.3%	12.9%	12.8%	12.8%	12.5%	12.9%	15.4%	12.3%	12.5%	11.3%	11.5%	12.6%	-20.2%
15-20	17.4%	16.4%	16.5%	17.8%	15.5%	15.6%	15.8%	14.2%	14.6%	14.7%	13.6%	13.7%	12.6%	13.3%	13.7%	-27.5%
Infants (age 0-1)	27.0%	26.9%	26.5%	26.7%	29.1%	28.0%	29.7%	30.2%	29.1%	32.3%	34.0%	31.7%	39.4%	35.9%	32.3%	46.2%
Youth (age 13+)	28.0%	26.1%	26.0%	28.3%	24.6%	24.7%	20.7%	18.8%	19.5%	25.5%	22.0%	22.6%	19.5%	20.8%	22.5%	-30.1%

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	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	
Non-Hispanic White	15.3%	32.2%	47.6%	12.6%	30.8%	48.3%	11.8%	30.0%	47.6%	10.8%	31.2%	49.7%	13.1%	32.3%	50.0%	-14.5%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	62.3%	43.3%	29.7%	66.7%	44.9%	29.3%	62.6%	43.5%	28.4%	60.3%	39.9%	25.2%	60.2%	38.5%	23.6%	-3.4%
Non-Hispanic Other Race	3.7%	4.3%	3.4%	1.8%	2.9%	2.7%	2.7%	4.4%	3.7%	6.0%	6.1%	5.3%	6.0%	6.5%	5.8%	63.5%
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	3.1%	5.8%	6.3%	1.8%	6.7%	7.7%	3.4%	7.2%	7.7%	4.5%	8.0%	8.2%	3.2%	7.3%	8.4%	4.0%
Hispanic or Latino	15.6%	14.4%	13.0%	17.1%	14.7%	12.0%	19.5%	14.9%	12.6%	18.5%	14.8%	11.6%	17.5%	15.3%	12.1%	12.0%

By Sex

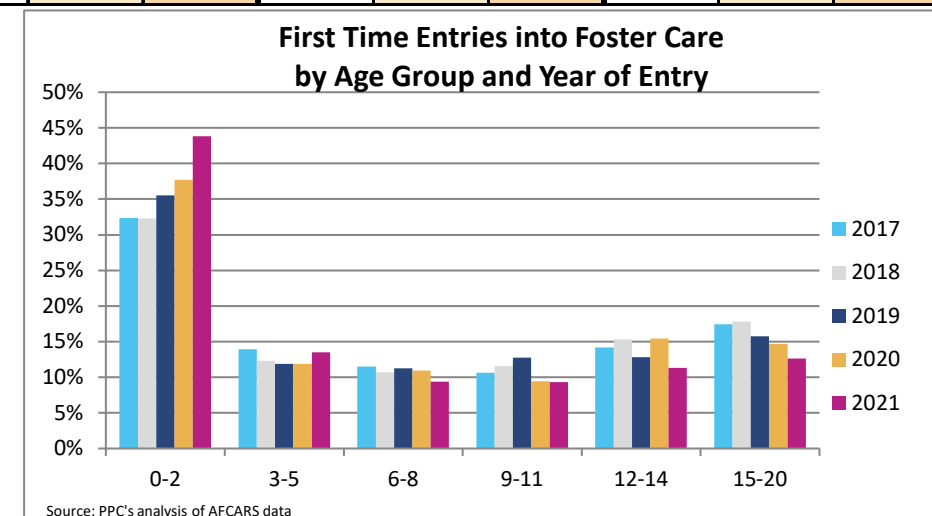
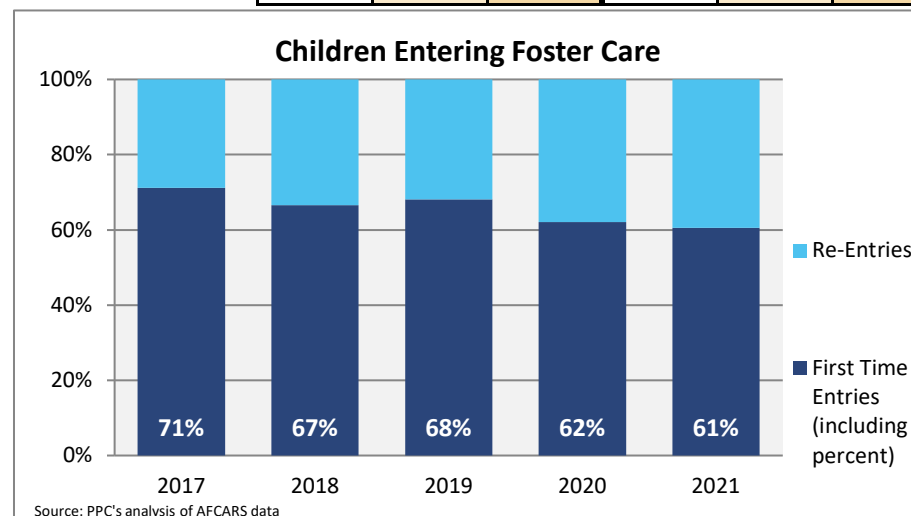
Male
Female

	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	
Male	50.3%	50.1%	51.0%	48.9%	51.0%	50.7%	49.1%	50.4%	50.8%	45.3%	48.9%	50.5%	46.9%	49.0%	49.7%	-6.7%
Female	49.7%	49.9%	49.0%	51.1%	49.0%	49.3%	50.9%	49.6%	49.2%	54.7%	51.1%	49.5%	53.1%	51.0%	50.3%	6.8%

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	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	
Family Setting	81.0%	83.7%	83.6%	>82.5%	84.4%	83.8%	86.5%	87.1%	85.7%	84.8%	>88.2%	>87.5%	>87.4%	>88.2%	>87.5%	>7.9%
Pre-adoptive Home	0.0%	0.3%	0.3%	S	0.3%	0.2%	0.0%	0.6%	0.4%	0.0%	S	S	0.0%	S	S	-
Foster Family Home – Relative	38.9%	42.8%	39.1%	42.9%	44.1%	39.9%	46.1%	46.9%	41.6%	41.5%	48.4%	44.3%	>48.1%	50.9%	45.8%	>23.7%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	42.2%	40.6%	44.2%	39.6%	40.0%	43.7%	40.4%	39.7%	43.7%	43.3%	39.7%	43.1%	39.3%	37.3%	41.7%	-6.7%
Congregate Care Setting	>17.0%	14.6%	15.0%	14.8%	13.5%	14.3%	10.8%	11.0%	12.7%	11.5%	9.2%	10.6%	9.7%	9.2%	10.4%	<-42.8%
Group Home	7.7%	7.7%	9.1%	7.6%	7.6%	9.4%	5.8%	6.6%	8.5%	7.7%	5.7%	7.2%	6.7%	5.6%	7.4%	-13.0%
Institution	>9.3%	6.9%	5.9%	7.2%	6.0%	4.9%	5.1%	4.4%	4.2%	3.8%	3.5%	3.4%	3.0%	3.6%	3.0%	<-67.5%
Supervised Independent Living	S	0.4%	0.2%	S	0.3%	0.2%	0.2%	S	0.2%	0.0%	S	S	S	S	0.2%	-
Runaway	1.7%	0.8%	0.5%	2.3%	1.1%	0.7%	2.5%	1.3%	0.8%	3.7%	1.5%	0.8%	2.7%	1.3%	0.7%	57.9%
Trial Home Visit	0.0%	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%	-



NA = Data not currently available
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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	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	
	833	1,513	2,343	910	1,627	2,469	NA	1,404	2,182	643	1,144	1,746	604	976	1,681	-27.5%
	28.8%	23.7%	21.7%	33.5%	27.8%	24.5%	31.9%	25.4%	23.1%	38.0%	28.2%	24.0%	39.5%	26.6%	23.0%	36.9%

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	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	
0-2	11.6%	11.3%	11.4%	10.5%	11.2%	10.8%	9.7%	11.5%	11.9%	9.3%	9.6%	10.5%	13.4%	12.6%	12.3%	15.2%
3-5	8.6%	10.4%	11.1%	10.9%	12.2%	12.6%	8.5%	11.3%	12.7%	6.5%	9.9%	10.9%	9.9%	12.1%	12.8%	14.9%
6-8	9.2%	11.6%	11.7%	11.1%	12.3%	12.1%	9.5%	10.9%	11.9%	7.5%	9.9%	11.0%	7.9%	10.0%	10.9%	-14.0%
9-11	10.1%	10.8%	10.6%	11.6%	11.9%	11.5%	9.3%	10.2%	10.4%	<11.8%	12.4%	12.0%	<11.5%	10.9%	11.0%	<14.0%
12-14	21.2%	18.4%	17.2%	18.7%	18.3%	17.7%	18.9%	18.8%	18.7%	18.8%	17.7%	17.7%	21.7%	20.5%	20.2%	2.1%
15-20	39.1%	37.5%	38.2%	37.1%	34.2%	35.4%	44.1%	37.3%	34.4%	S	40.5%	37.9%	S	33.9%	32.7%	-
Infants (age 0-1)	7.0%	6.5%	6.6%	6.9%	6.6%	6.4%	5.5%	6.8%	6.9%	7.0%	S	7.3%	11.4%	9.8%	9.2%	64.1%
Youth (age 13+)	54.7%	51.4%	51.1%	51.3%	47.9%	48.6%	58.6%	51.4%	48.7%	60.3%	53.5%	51.1%	53.1%	49.5%	47.7%	-2.9%

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
	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	
Non-Hispanic White	12.6%	24.5%	40.6%	<9.2%	23.9%	39.6%	8.6%	24.5%	50.7%	8.4%	21.5%	39.1%	8.3%	22.5%	42.8%	-34.3%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	69.0%	55.3%	39.4%	75.2%	56.1%	40.5%	70.7%	52.9%	47.1%	69.5%	54.6%	38.8%	68.7%	53.6%	35.2%	-0.5%
Non-Hispanic Other Race	2.0%	2.0%	1.7%	S	1.7%	1.8%	1.9%	1.7%	1.9%	4.2%	3.6%	3.4%	5.8%	4.6%	3.9%	183.9%
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	2.5%	5.7%	6.3%	2.6%	5.8%	7.1%	3.4%	6.9%	10.8%	2.5%	6.1%	6.8%	2.6%	4.8%	6.5%	5.1%
Hispanic or Latino	13.8%	12.6%	11.9%	12.1%	12.5%	11.1%	15.4%	14.0%	14.4%	15.4%	14.2%	12.0%	14.6%	14.4%	11.6%	5.5%

By Sex

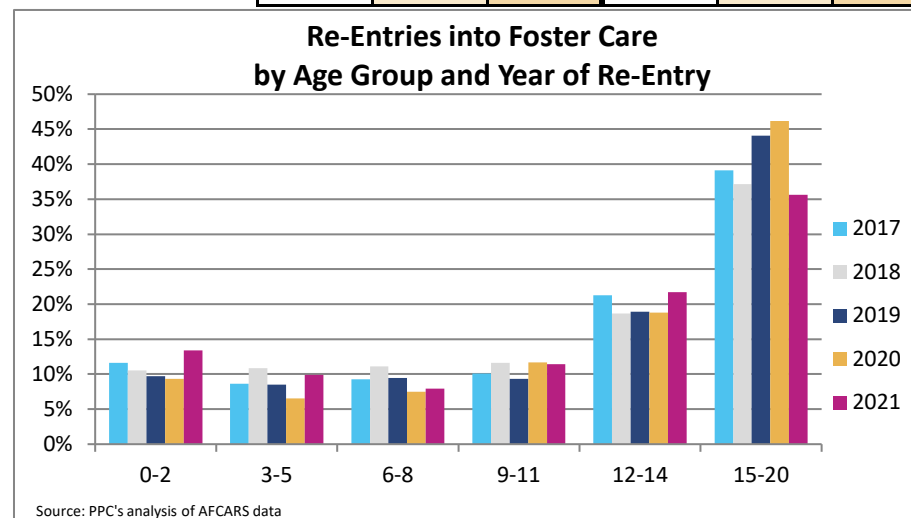
Male
Female

	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	
Male	46.9%	46.8%	49.6%	47.6%	48.4%	49.1%	48.2%	49.4%	51.2%	44.6%	46.1%	49.0%	45.4%	46.7%	48.4%	-3.4%
Female	53.1%	53.2%	50.4%	52.4%	51.6%	50.9%	51.8%	50.6%	48.8%	55.4%	53.9%	51.0%	54.6%	53.3%	51.6%	3.0%

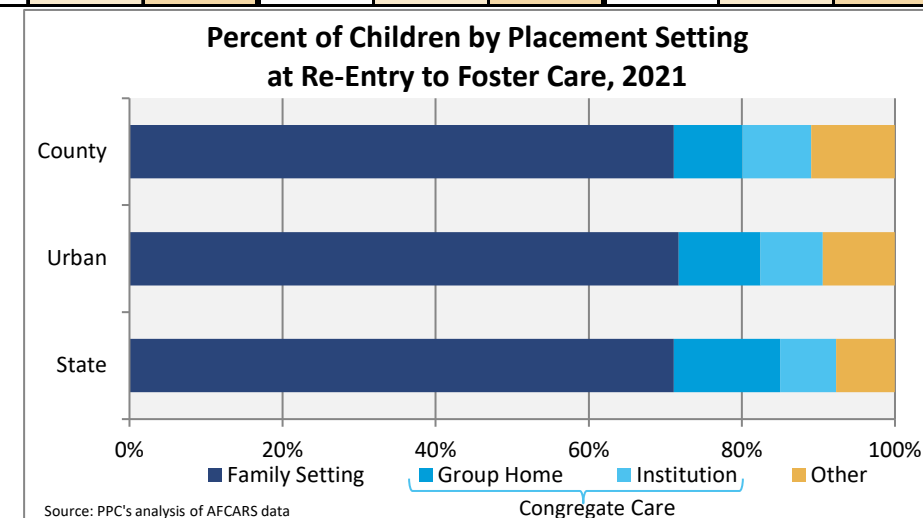
By Placement Setting at Re-Entry

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
Family Setting	>63.5%	65.5%	63.9%	>66.4%	68.1%	66.7%	64.1%	68.6%	68.5%	>59.5%	>64.2%	>65.0%	>70.9%	>71.7%	>71.1%	
Pre-adoptive Home	S	0.9%	0.6%	S	0.7%	0.4%	0.4%	1.0%	0.6%	0.0%	S	S	S	S	S	-
Foster Family Home – Relative	35.1%	34.7%	30.7%	32.6%	32.7%	28.3%	36.1%	36.5%	32.5%	34.1%	38.1%	34.8%	44.7%	43.3%	36.4%	27.2%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	28.4%	29.9%	32.6%	33.9%	34.8%	37.9%	27.6%	31.1%	35.3%	>25.4%	26.2%	30.1%	26.2%	28.3%	34.7%	-7.6%
Congregate Care Setting	29.5%	29.4%	31.2%	26.1%	26.0%	28.0%	26.9%	24.9%	25.8%	27.3%	26.1%	27.1%	17.9%	18.8%	21.2%	-39.2%
Group Home	14.0%	15.9%	19.9%	13.9%	14.9%	18.4%	13.6%	14.2%	16.6%	14.5%	13.8%	16.5%	9.0%	10.7%	13.9%	-36.0%
Institution	15.5%	13.5%	11.3%	12.2%	11.1%	9.6%	13.2%	10.7%	9.2%	12.8%	12.2%	10.6%	9.0%	8.1%	7.3%	-42.1%
Supervised Independent Living	S	<1.3%	1.8%	S	<1.8%	1.8%	0.3%	<1.2%	1.6%	S	1.1%	1.4%	S	1.5%	2.2%	-
Runaway	6.0%	3.5%	2.5%	6.5%	3.8%	2.7%	8.8%	5.1%	3.6%	12.9%	8.1%	5.4%	10.5%	6.7%	4.2%	75.1%
Trial Home Visit	0.0%	S	0.7%	0.0%	S	0.8%	0.0%	S	0.6%	0.0%	S	<1.0%	0.0%	<1.3%	<1.3%	-



Source: PPC's analysis of AFCARS data



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FOSTER CARE - PLACEMENT REASONS

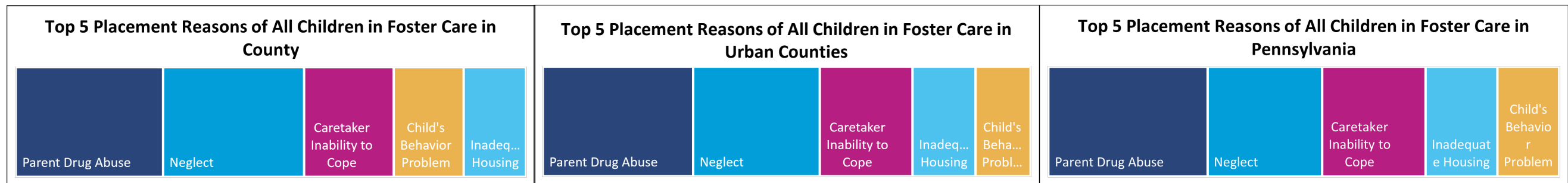
County child welfare agencies are required to report the reasons in which a child experiences a placement episode. There are 15 factors defined by the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) technical bulletin issued by the Administration for Children and Families which are federally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

A child can have more than one placement reason.

Indicator

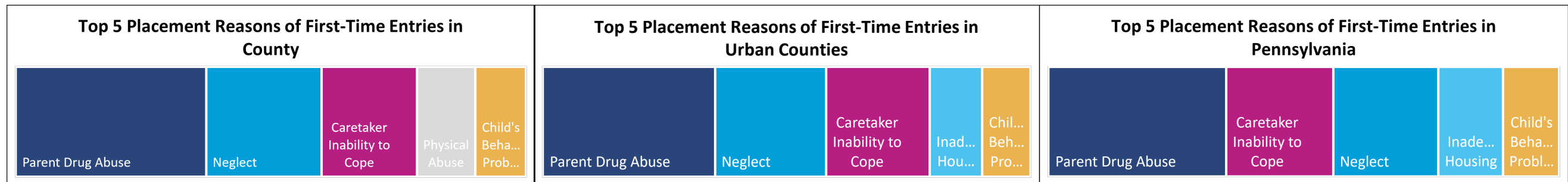
Top Five Placement Reasons Of All Children in Foster Care During the Year

2021					
County		Urban		State	
22.3%	Parent Drug Abuse	30.8%	Parent Drug Abuse	35.2%	Parent Drug Abuse
21.4%	Neglect	25.9%	Neglect	25.4%	Neglect
13.6%	Caretaker Inability to Cope	18.9%	Caretaker Inability to Cope	22.8%	Caretaker Inability to Cope
10.6%	Child's Behavior Problem	12.9%	Inadequate Housing	15.9%	Inadequate Housing
9.4%	Inadequate Housing	11.3%	Child's Behavior Problem	13.7%	Child's Behavior Problem



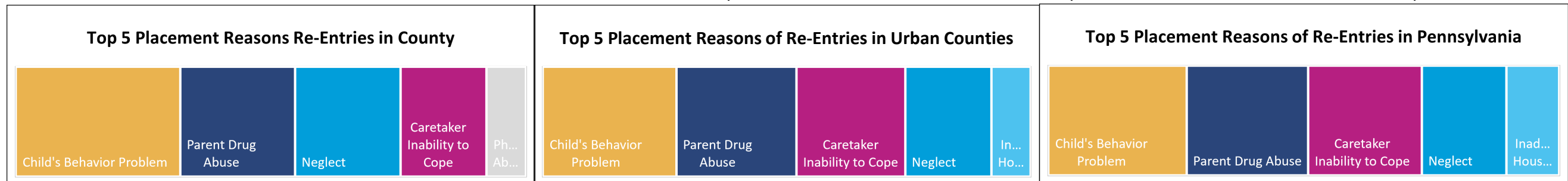
Of First-Time Entries into Foster Care

County		Urban		State	
28.5%	Parent Drug Abuse	36.3%	Parent Drug Abuse	40.8%	Parent Drug Abuse
17.3%	Neglect	23.4%	Neglect	24.6%	Caretaker Inability to Cope
14.3%	Caretaker Inability to Cope	21.9%	Caretaker Inability to Cope	24.1%	Neglect
8.7%	Physical Abuse	11.0%	Inadequate Housing	14.9%	Inadequate Housing
7.6%	Child's Behavior Problem	10.2%	Child's Behavior Problem	12.9%	Child's Behavior Problem



Of Re-Entries into Foster Care

County		Urban		State	
26.3%	Child's Behavior Problem	25.9%	Child's Behavior Problem	28.3%	Child's Behavior Problem
18.4%	Parent Drug Abuse	23.3%	Parent Drug Abuse	24.9%	Parent Drug Abuse
16.9%	Neglect	21.1%	Caretaker Inability to Cope	23.3%	Caretaker Inability to Cope
13.7%	Caretaker Inability to Cope	16.7%	Neglect	17.3%	Neglect
6.3%	Physical Abuse	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

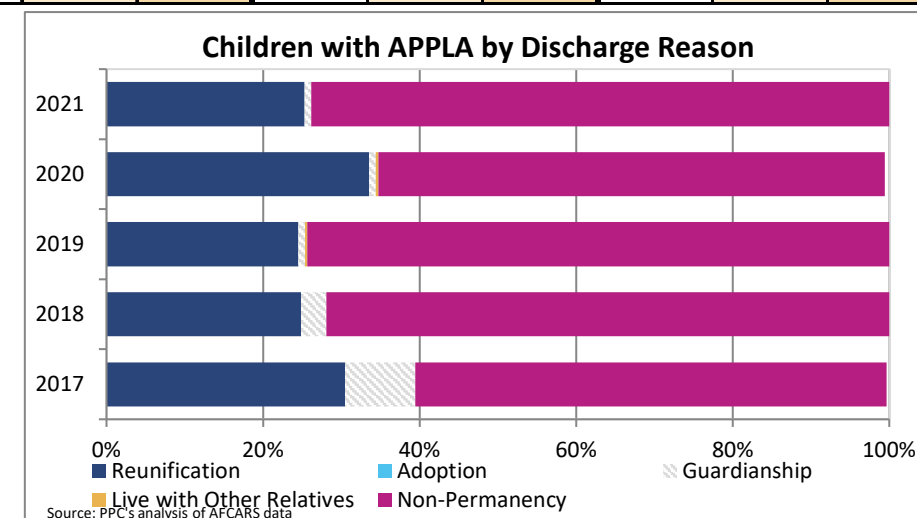
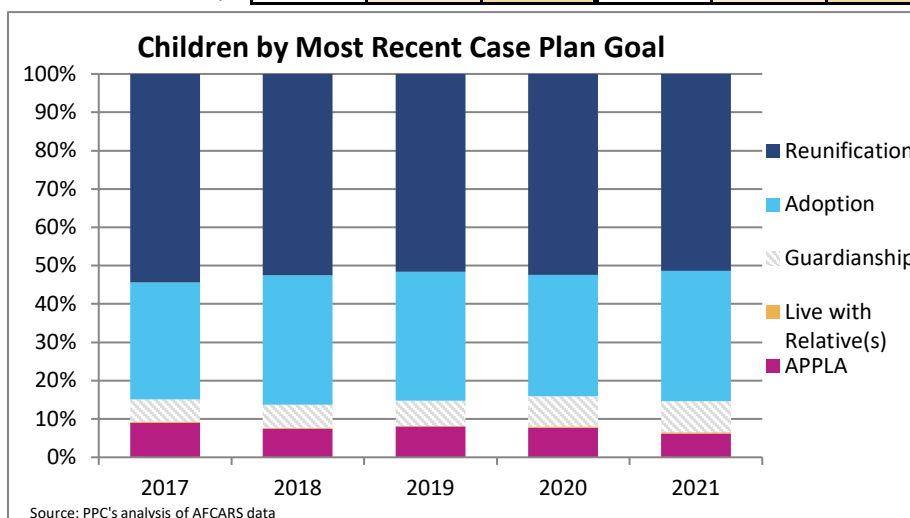
Indicator	2017			2018			2019			2020			2021			County % Change 2017 to 2021
	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	
Family-Based Permanency Goals	91.0%	92.5%	94.0%	92.5%	93.9%	95.1%	92.0%	94.5%	95.5%	92.3%	95.3%	96.4%	93.8%	96.0%	96.8%	3.1%
Reunify With Parent(s) or Principal Caretaker(s)	54.3%	64.4%	66.7%	52.5%	62.9%	65.3%	51.6%	62.3%	63.7%	52.4%	65.3%	65.8%	51.4%	64.4%	65.6%	-5.4%
Adoption	30.6%	22.1%	21.2%	33.8%	24.8%	23.6%	33.7%	24.7%	24.5%	31.6%	22.8%	23.7%	33.9%	25.3%	25.0%	11.0%
Guardianship	5.7%	5.0%	4.8%	6.0%	5.4%	5.1%	6.6%	6.0%	5.9%	7.9%	5.7%	5.4%	8.2%	5.4%	5.3%	42.2%
Live with Relative(s)	0.3%	1.0%	1.3%	0.3%	0.8%	1.2%	0.1%	1.4%	1.5%	0.3%	1.5%	1.4%	0.3%	0.9%	1.0%	-16.4%
Another Planned Permanent Living Arrangement (APPLA)	9.0%	7.5%	6.0%	7.5%	6.1%	4.9%	8.0%	>5.5%	4.5%	7.7%	4.7%	3.6%	6.2%	4.0%	3.2%	-30.8%
Long Term Foster Care	0.0%	0.3%	0.7%	0.0%	0.3%	0.6%	0.0%	S	0.1%	1.5%	0.8%	0.5%	1.5%	0.8%	0.5%	-
Emancipation	9.0%	7.2%	5.3%	7.5%	5.9%	4.3%	8.0%	5.5%	4.4%	6.2%	3.9%	3.1%	4.7%	3.2%	2.7%	-47.8%

APPLA By Age as % of Age Group Served

Age Group	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	County % Change 2017 to 2021
0-15	2.9%	1.6%	1.0%	S	S	-
16-20	32.8%	29.6%	25.1%	32.8%	29.6%	-4.2%

APPLA By Discharge Reason

Discharge Reason	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	County % Change 2017 to 2021										
Exit to Permanent Arrangements	39.4%	>26.3%	22.7%	>24.8%	>22.5%	19.5%	25.6%	20.0%	16.4%	34.7%	>26.9%	24.1%	>25.3%	>20.7%	19.6%	-
Reunification	30.4%	20.5%	17.3%	24.8%	19.7%	16.9%	24.5%	18.7%	15.0%	33.5%	26.9%	23.0%	25.3%	20.7%	18.5%	-16.9%
(number of months until reunification)	10.3	22.4	11.8	16.4	31.9	18.6	18.4	19.7	19.2	25.1	25.1	25.1	36.8	21.4	34.1	255.2%
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	9.0%	5.9%	4.9%	S	2.8%	2.3%	0.9%	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	-
(number of month until guardianship)	25.8	18.6	23.6	28.4	25.5	25.6	28.8	32.9	23.8	32.5	21.9	32.5	52.4	36.2	42.9	103.3%
Live with Other Relatives	0.0%	S	S	0.0%	S	S	0.3%	S	S	S	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	49.6	49.6	49.6	61.6	61.6	61.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	-
Exit to Non-Permanent Arrangements	>59.6%	73.1%	76.8%	71.9%	77.1%	80.5%	74.4%	79.8%	83.5%	>62.6%	>69.7%	75.6%	73.9%	78.4%	80.4%	-
Emancipation	41.0%	60.1%	66.7%	58.4%	67.3%	72.1%	60.5%	68.6%	74.3%	52.8%	62.3%	68.0%	52.7%	62.6%	68.2%	28.4%
(number of months until emancipation)	24.1	29.7	26.2	25.0	34.1	27.6	31.1	36.2	30.7	31.3	22.7	26.1	34.0	29.1	30.9	41.3%
Transfer to Another Agency	18.6%	10.8%	8.2%	9.4%	6.0%	5.3%	12.1%	8.3%	7.1%	9.8%	7.4%	6.1%	12.9%	9.7%	7.5%	-30.8%
(number of months until transfer)	3.5	5.5	3.7	13.2	25.0	19.4	14.2	21.6	17.9	16.0	16.0	16.0	23.3	12.1	22.4	571.1%
Runaway	S	2.2%	1.9%	4.2%	3.8%	3.0%	1.7%	2.8%	2.1%	S	S	S	8.3%	6.1%	4.7%	-
(number of months until running away)	12.4	32.3	32.0	19.0	56.7	22.4	14.5	23.2	26.9	19.2	28.7	22.8	36.1	36.1	36.1	190.6%
Death of Child	S	S	S	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	S	S	S	S	S	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-
(number of months until death of a child)	23.0	47.1	62.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.0	5.7	115.9	115.9	115.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	-100.0%



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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

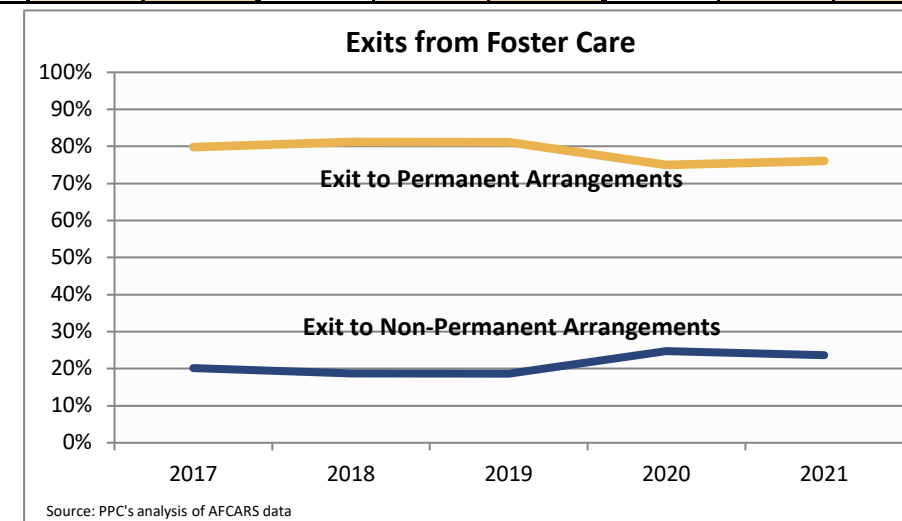
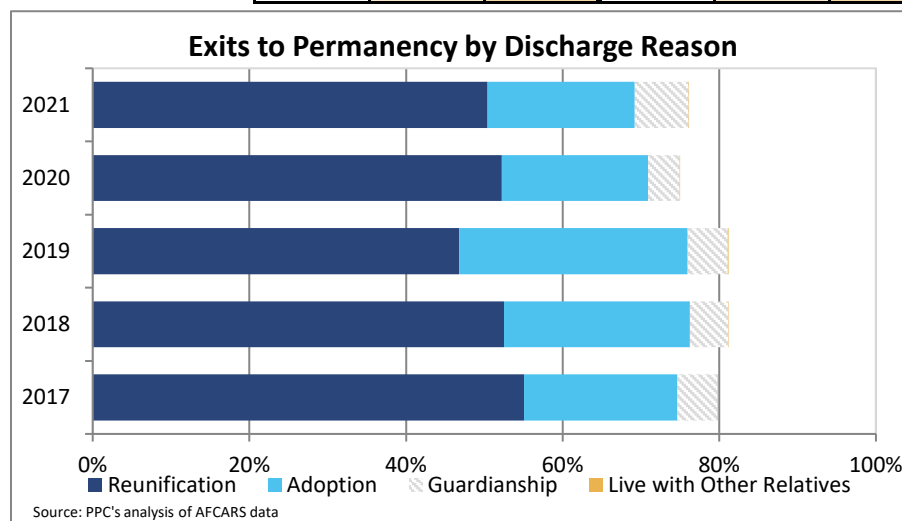
Children Exiting Foster Care

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	3,068	6,412	10,276	3,197	6,347	10,694	NA	6,577	10,801	2,372	5,063	8,712	2,441	4,826	8,439	-20.4%
Percent of Children Leaving Foster Care	37.8%	40.1%	40.5%	40.0%	40.4%	42.0%	43.7%	49.6%	43.8%	38.0%	38.1%	40.2%	43.5%	39.8%	41.2%	15.1%
(number of months until leaving)	14.9	11.7	11.9	16.6	12.8	13.0	21.5	15.2	15.9	19.3	15.7	15.4	23.0	19.6	33.2	54.1%

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	>79.8%	84.8%	87.2%	>81.1%	86.2%	88.6%	81.2%	85.5%	86.6%	>75.0%	83.1%	86.2%	>76.1%	83.8%	87.1%	-
Reunification	55.1%	55.0%	55.1%	52.5%	53.0%	52.5%	46.8%	49.7%	49.8%	52.2%	52.3%	50.8%	50.4%	48.7%	49.8%	-8.5%
(number of months until reunification)	8.9	6.3	6.6	9.0	6.4	6.4	10.4	7.8	7.4	12.8	8.3	8.4	15.4	10.3	9.0	72.9%
Adoption	19.6%	19.1%	20.2%	23.7%	22.7%	23.9%	29.2%	24.8%	25.2%	18.7%	19.4%	23.5%	18.8%	23.7%	25.4%	-4.0%
(number of months until adoption)	37.2	30.2	29.2	38.1	31.8	30.5	38.6	32.6	31.0	35.1	31.6	29.8	42.8	34.4	32.2	15.1%
Guardianship	5.1%	6.4%	6.7%	4.9%	7.0%	7.5%	5.1%	7.3%	7.6%	4.0%	8.0%	7.7%	6.8%	7.7%	7.6%	34.5%
(number of month until guardianship)	26.8	23.7	20.1	30.8	26.1	19.4	35.0	25.7	22.8	28.1	23.2	22.3	40.4	24.6	23.5	50.4%
Live with Other Relatives	S	4.4%	5.1%	S	3.5%	4.6%	0.1%	3.6%	4.1%	S	3.5%	4.1%	S	3.7%	4.3%	-
(number of months until living with relatives)	23.3	5.4	2.2	35.3	6.0	2.1	47.2	9.5	2.5	61.6	11.2	2.4	51.4	11.0	2.0	121.2%
Exit to Non-Permanent Arrangements	>19.9%	15.1%	12.7%	18.7%	13.7%	11.4%	18.7%	14.4%	13.2%	24.7%	16.7%	13.7%	23.7%	16.0%	12.8%	<19.0%
Emancipation	7.9%	8.3%	7.9%	8.9%	8.1%	7.3%	8.8%	8.6%	9.3%	11.9%	10.2%	9.5%	9.1%	8.2%	7.9%	14.8%
(number of months until emancipation)	20.9	26.7	22.0	22.0	24.7	23.7	27.0	26.9	26.2	22.9	24.9	22.9	27.9	29.8	24.3	33.4%
Transfer to Another Agency	12.0%	6.1%	4.3%	8.6%	4.7%	3.5%	9.1%	5.1%	3.5%	11.7%	5.8%	3.7%	12.1%	6.4%	4.1%	1.4%
(number of months until transfer)	6.9	12.2	6.9	8.3	14.6	7.9	4.9	14.0	5.5	7.0	21.6	6.6	9.4	11.5	8.0	35.5%
Runaway	S	0.7%	0.5%	1.2%	1.0%	0.6%	0.7%	0.7%	0.5%	1.2%	0.7%	0.4%	2.5%	1.4%	0.8%	-
(number of months until running away)	9.7	15.3	19.4	12.3	22.6	14.0	8.7	15.1	14.1	10.4	9.9	11.4	16.3	35.9	17.8	68.8%
Death of Child	0.1%	S	0.1%	0.1%	S	S	0.2%	0.2%	0.1%	0.3%	S	0.2%	0.2%	S	0.1%	214.2%
(number of months until death of a child)	28.6	30.0	18.8	19.4	20.7	5.5	18.5	27.1	12.6	6.2	14.4	6.1	9.4	5.3	5.9	-67.1%



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

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	5,710	10,525	16,381	5,509	10,320	16,074	NA	9,658	15,082	4,461	8,983	13,949	3,754	8,033	13,033	-34.3%
(number of months children have been in care)	16.9	13.7	13.4	17.6	14.1	14.2	18.0	13.6	14.0	22.1	17.3	16.4	24.6	18.5	16.8	45.4%

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	19.0%	20.4%	21.5%	18.4%	20.5%	21.0%	18.7%	20.9%	21.6%	18.1%	21.2%	22.2%	19.6%	22.1%	23.0%	3.0%
3-5	17.7%	17.5%	17.5%	17.7%	17.2%	17.5%	16.9%	17.1%	17.7%	18.0%	17.7%	18.0%	18.3%	18.1%	17.9%	3.2%
6-8	14.1%	13.7%	13.7%	13.8%	13.8%	13.6%	14.1%	14.0%	13.8%	14.7%	14.1%	13.9%	14.4%	13.8%	13.6%	2.2%
9-11	12.9%	12.0%	11.8%	13.3%	12.5%	12.2%	12.9%	12.4%	12.1%	13.4%	12.4%	12.1%	13.1%	11.7%	11.5%	1.2%
12-14	13.5%	12.5%	12.1%	13.8%	12.4%	12.3%	14.3%	13.4%	13.3%	14.0%	13.1%	13.1%	13.5%	12.6%	13.0%	0.3%
15-20	22.8%	23.9%	18.2%	22.9%	23.6%	18.3%	23.2%	22.3%	17.7%	21.7%	21.5%	17.2%	21.2%	21.7%	16.7%	-7.2%
Infants (age 0-1)	11.6%	13.1%	13.8%	11.3%	13.2%	13.7%	11.6%	13.9%	14.4%	11.2%	13.7%	14.5%	11.8%	13.9%	15.0%	2.0%
Youth (age 13+)	32.0%	32.6%	31.9%	32.2%	32.2%	31.9%	37.4%	35.6%	34.8%	31.6%	30.5%	29.9%	29.7%	29.9%	29.7%	-7.2%

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	13.9%	27.5%	42.1%	13.6%	27.2%	42.2%	12.6%	27.7%	42.3%	12.5%	27.4%	41.8%	12.3%	28.1%	43.1%	-11.5%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	65.9%	50.2%	35.8%	67.1%	50.1%	35.4%	66.5%	48.6%	34.4%	64.1%	47.3%	33.7%	63.6%	46.3%	32.2%	-3.4%
Non-Hispanic Other Race	2.9%	3.2%	2.7%	1.3%	2.5%	2.3%	1.8%	2.9%	2.6%	3.6%	4.0%	3.7%	4.7%	4.9%	4.5%	60.3%
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	2.7%	5.4%	6.1%	2.7%	6.1%	7.1%	3.1%	6.6%	7.8%	3.7%	7.2%	8.3%	3.4%	6.9%	8.0%	24.6%
Hispanic or Latino	14.5%	13.6%	13.2%	15.3%	14.1%	13.0%	15.9%	14.2%	13.0%	16.2%	14.1%	12.5%	15.9%	13.9%	12.2%	9.9%

By Sex

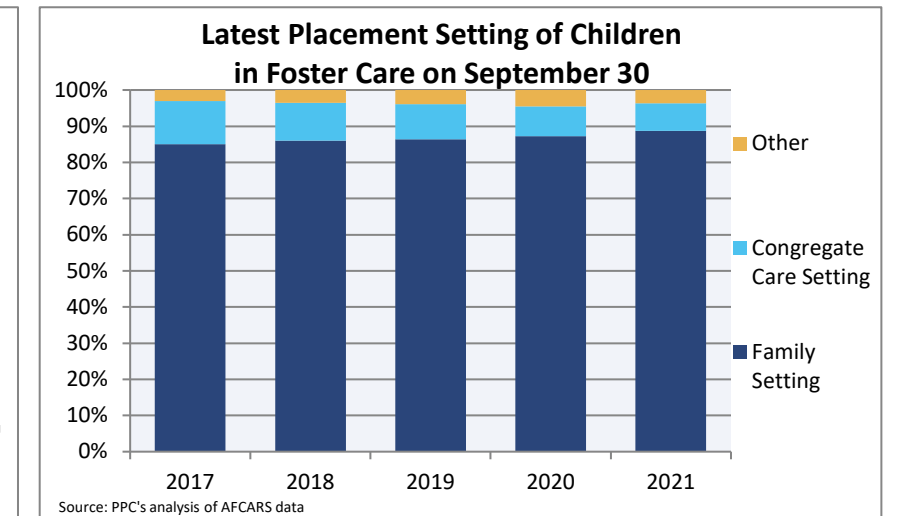
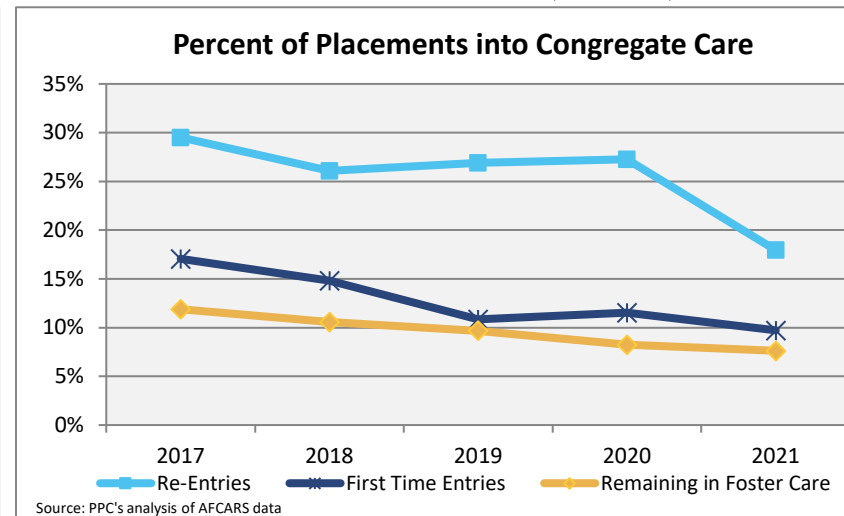
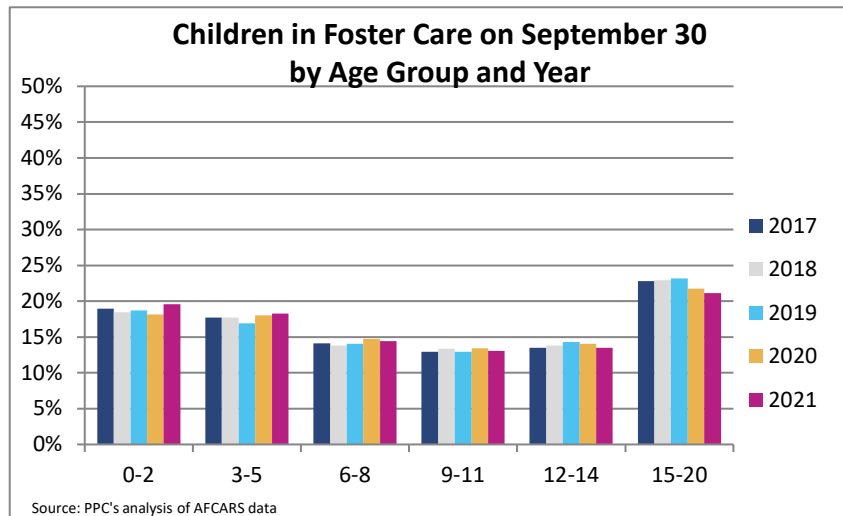
Male
Female

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	50.5%	50.3%	51.2%	49.0%	50.3%	50.9%	47.5%	49.4%	50.6%	47.6%	49.5%	50.8%	47.1%	48.9%	50.2%	-6.8%
Female	49.5%	49.7%	48.8%	51.0%	49.7%	49.1%	52.5%	50.6%	49.4%	52.4%	50.5%	49.2%	52.9%	51.1%	49.8%	6.9%

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	85.1%	84.6%	83.4%	86.0%	85.1%	84.0%	86.4%	86.3%	85.1%	87.2%	87.3%	86.3%	88.7%	88.1%	86.6%	4.2%
Pre-adoptive Home	6.0%	6.0%	4.1%	3.8%	5.7%	4.0%	1.3%	4.6%	3.2%	0.9%	3.6%	2.7%	0.7%	1.6%	1.3%	-88.4%
Foster Family Home – Relative	42.7%	41.6%	37.9%	44.6%	42.1%	37.8%	47.1%	44.6%	39.4%	49.4%	46.3%	41.5%	49.3%	48.2%	43.0%	15.5%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	36.5%	36.9%	41.4%	37.5%	37.2%	42.2%	38.0%	37.1%	42.5%	36.9%	37.4%	42.2%	38.7%	38.3%	42.4%	6.1%
Congregate Care Setting	11.9%	12.6%	13.7%	10.6%	11.8%	13.2%	9.7%	10.4%	11.9%	8.3%	9.3%	10.7%	7.6%	8.7%	10.4%	-35.8%
Group Home	5.7%	6.6%	8.2%	5.2%	6.3%	7.9%	5.0%	5.5%	7.0%	4.0%	4.5%	5.9%	4.2%	4.7%	6.4%	-27.0%
Institution	6.2%	6.0%	5.5%	5.4%	5.5%	5.3%	4.6%	4.8%	4.9%	4.3%	4.8%	4.8%	3.4%	4.0%	4.1%	-44.1%
Supervised Independent Living	1.0%	<1.7%	1.5%	1.2%	1.6%	1.5%	1.2%	1.5%	1.3%	0.9%	<1.2%	1.0%	1.0%	1.3%	1.2%	-2.9%
Runaway	2.0%	1.2%	0.8%	2.3%	1.3%	0.9%	2.7%	1.7%	1.2%	3.7%	2.2%	1.5%	2.7%	1.6%	1.1%	34.7%
Trial Home Visit	0.0%	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	
37.3%	33.5%	32.2%	38.1%	32.7%	31.8%	36.0%	31.1%	31.1%	33.6%	27.7%	28.4%	29.0%	24.8%	25.6%	-22.3%

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	
30.8%	37.7%	39.2%	33.9%	37.3%	37.3%	33.1%	37.4%	38.7%	30.9%	35.9%	36.8%	29.2%	35.3%	36.6%	-5.2%

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	
40.6%	25.7%	23.0%	33.9%	22.9%	21.4%	35.3%	25.6%	22.3%	33.3%	23.0%	20.2%	35.1%	20.7%	18.1%	-13.5%

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