

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		Rural-Mix % Change 2017 to 2021	State % Change 2017 to 2021
Rural-Mix	State	Rural-Mix	State	Rural-Mix	State	Rural-Mix	State	Rural-Mix	State		
7,873	47,485	7,317	44,063	7,095	42,252	5,924	32,919	6,701	38,013	-14.9%	-19.9%
19.3	17.0	18.0	15.8	17.4	15.1	14.5	11.8	16.4	13.6		

Child Abuse and Neglect Substantiations

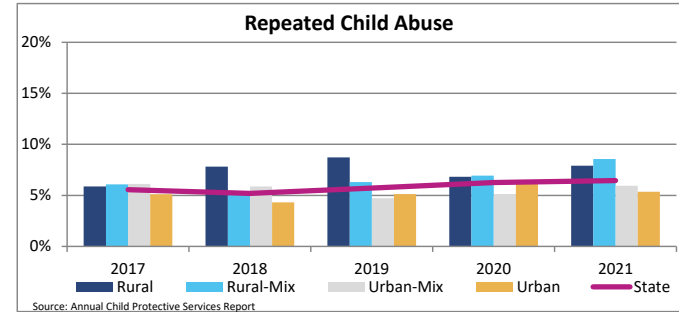
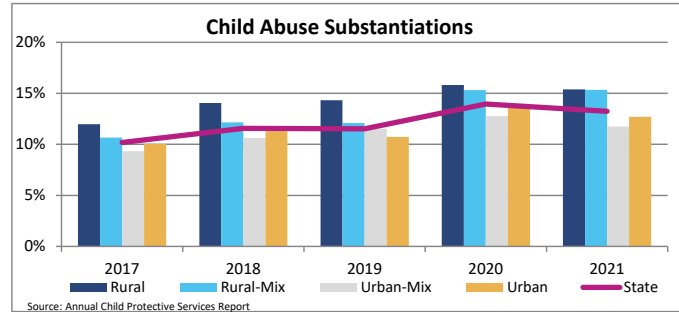
Founded or indicated reports of child abuse and/or neglect.

10.7%	10.2%	12.2%	11.6%	12.1%	11.5%	15.3%	14.0%	15.3%	13.2%	43.8%	30.1%
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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%	5.6%	5.1%	5.2%	6.3%	5.7%	6.9%	6.2%	8.6%	6.5%	41.0%	16.0%
1 in 16	1 in 18	1 in 20	1 in 19	1 in 16	1 in 18	1 in 14	1 in 16	1 in 12	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		Rural-Mix % Change 2017 to 2021	State % Change 2017 to 2021
Rural-Mix	State	Rural-Mix	State	Rural-Mix	State	Rural-Mix	State	Rural-Mix	State		
28,044	163,852	29,067	169,723	31,053	178,124	27,270	152,478	28,819	161,709	2.8%	-6.9%

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.

27.9%	22.8%	28.9%	23.6%	28.8%	23.5%	33.5%	25.6%	36.0%	27.1%	29.2%	12.5%
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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.

11,314	53,319	12,422	58,982	13,178	60,755	13,492	56,999	15,143	63,801	33.8%	6.9%
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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		% Change 2017 to 2021	% Change 2017 to 2021
Rural-Mix	State	Rural-Mix	State	Rural-Mix	State	Rural-Mix	State	Rural-Mix	State		
38,573	186,855	38,955	194,761	40,247	187,280	>34,972	>181,435	36,548	192,594	-5.2%	3.1%

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		Rural-Mix % Change 2017 to 2021	State % Change 2017 to 2021
	Rural-Mix	State	Rural-Mix	State	Rural-Mix	State	Rural-Mix	State	Rural-Mix	State		
Unduplicated Number of Children Served	3,258	25,381	3,492	25,441	3,307	24,665	2,928	21,689	3,077	20,490	-5.6%	-19.3%
	6.7	7.5	7.2	7.5	6.8	7.3	6.1	6.4	6.4	6.1		

By Age

Age Group	2017 Rural-Mix	2017 State	2018 Rural-Mix	2018 State	2019 Rural-Mix	2019 State	2020 Rural-Mix	2020 State	2021 Rural-Mix	2021 State	% Change 2017 to 2021
0-2	23.6%	20.3%	22.1%	20.2%	21.9%	20.2%	23.6%	20.9%	24.9%	21.5%	5.2%
3-5	18.3%	17.4%	19.6%	17.9%	19.2%	17.8%	19.9%	17.8%	19.9%	18.2%	9.1%
6-8	12.6%	13.3%	14.1%	13.4%	14.5%	13.8%	12.9%	13.5%	13.6%	13.7%	7.2%
9-11	9.8%	11.4%	10.8%	11.8%	10.9%	11.7%	10.7%	11.7%	10.2%	11.3%	4.9%
12-14	11.5%	11.6%	10.9%	11.8%	11.8%	12.3%	11.6%	12.6%	11.8%	12.6%	1.9%
15-17	18.9%	18.6%	17.7%	18.7%	17.7%	18.5%	17.5%	17.9%	15.3%	16.4%	-19.2%
18-20	5.2%	7.4%	5.0%	6.3%	4.0%	5.6%	3.8%	5.6%	4.4%	6.4%	-16.5%
Infants (age 0-1)	14.6%	12.7%	13.9%	12.7%	13.6%	12.9%	15.4%	13.2%	16.4%	13.7%	12.3%
Youth (age 13+)	32.3%	34.0%	30.0%	33.1%	29.8%	32.6%	29.3%	32.3%	27.8%	31.3%	-14.0%

By Race and Ethnicity

Race/Ethnicity	2017 Rural-Mix	2017 State	2018 Rural-Mix	2018 State	2019 Rural-Mix	2019 State	2020 Rural-Mix	2020 State	2021 Rural-Mix	2021 State	% Change 2017 to 2021
Non-Hispanic White	73.0%	42.9%	73.8%	43.7%	73.9%	43.7%	74.0%	44.2%	71.7%	44.3%	-1.7%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	11.0%	34.9%	9.6%	33.9%	8.7%	33.0%	8.1%	32.0%	9.2%	30.7%	-16.8%
Non-Hispanic Other Race	1.5%	2.9%	1.6%	2.3%	1.9%	2.6%	3.0%	3.6%	3.6%	4.2%	142.0%
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	7.3%	6.2%	8.2%	7.1%	8.3%	7.7%	8.6%	8.0%	9.4%	8.4%	27.6%
Hispanic or Latino	7.1%	13.2%	6.7%	13.0%	7.1%	12.9%	6.4%	12.3%	6.1%	12.3%	-14.7%

By Sex

Sex	2017 Rural-Mix	2017 State	2018 Rural-Mix	2018 State	2019 Rural-Mix	2019 State	2020 Rural-Mix	2020 State	2021 Rural-Mix	2021 State	% Change 2017 to 2021
Male	54.2%	51.0%	52.9%	50.8%	52.5%	50.8%	53.3%	50.6%	52.0%	50.5%	-4.1%
Female	45.8%	49.0%	47.1%	49.2%	47.5%	49.2%	46.7%	49.4%	48.0%	49.5%	4.8%

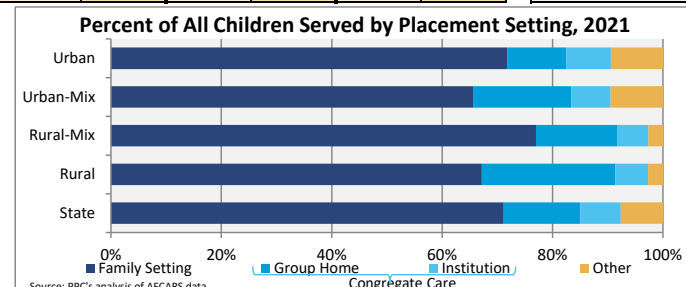
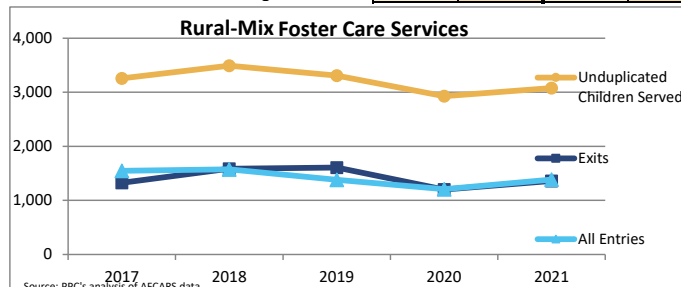
By Latest Placement Setting

Placement Setting	2017 Rural-Mix	2017 State	2018 Rural-Mix	2018 State	2019 Rural-Mix	2019 State	2020 Rural-Mix	2020 State	2021 Rural-Mix	2021 State	% Change 2017 to 2021
Family Setting	78.7%	80.5%	80.9%	81.6%	81.4%	82.7%	82.9%	83.8%	85.7%	84.8%	8.9%
Pre-adoptive Home	1.6%	4.0%	1.0%	4.5%	1.0%	3.8%	0.9%	2.9%	1.8%	2.3%	16.3%
Foster Family Home – Relative	27.3%	36.4%	28.6%	37.1%	30.0%	38.7%	33.5%	40.8%	37.4%	42.0%	37.1%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	49.8%	40.1%	51.3%	40.1%	50.4%	40.3%	48.5%	40.1%	46.5%	40.5%	-6.8%
Congregate Care Setting	15.5%	14.9%	14.0%	14.0%	14.2%	12.7%	13.1%	11.5%	10.2%	10.5%	-34.0%
Group Home	9.6%	8.8%	8.8%	8.5%	8.6%	7.7%	8.2%	6.7%	6.8%	6.4%	-29.4%
Institution	5.9%	6.1%	5.2%	5.6%	5.7%	5.0%	4.9%	4.8%	3.4%	4.2%	-41.5%
Supervised Independent Living	0.7%	1.5%	0.8%	1.5%	0.9%	1.6%	<0.7%	1.3%	0.5%	1.2%	-27.8%
Runaway	0.4%	1.4%	0.5%	1.4%	0.4%	1.4%	S	1.9%	0.4%	1.7%	-16.8%
Trial Home Visit	4.8%	1.7%	3.8%	1.4%	3.0%	1.5%	3.1%	1.6%	3.3%	1.8%	-31.0%

Children Entering Foster Care

All Entries into Foster Care During the Year

Indicator	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	% Change 2017 to 2021
Unduplicated Children Served	1,547	10,781	1,575	10,095	1,386	-10.4%
Exits	1,381	9,448	1,208	7,286	7,316	-32.1%



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FOSTER CARE - FIRST TIME ENTRIES

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

Indicator

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		Rural-Mix % Change 2017 to 2021	State % Change 2017 to 2021
	Rural-Mix	State	Rural-Mix	State	Rural-Mix	State	Rural-Mix	State	Rural-Mix	State		
Children Entering for the First Time	1,235	8,438	1,252	7,626	1,101	7,266	979	5,540	1,121	5,635	-9.2%	-33.2%
First Time Entries During the Year (Rate per 1,000 children age 0-20)	2.6	2.5	2.6	2.3	2.3	2.2	2.0	1.6	2.3	1.7		
First Time Entries as Percent of All Entries	79.8%	78.3%	79.5%	75.5%	79.7%	76.9%	81.0%	76.0%	80.9%	77.0%	1.3%	-1.6%

By Age

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

Age Group	2017 Rural-Mix	2017 State	2018 Rural-Mix	2018 State	2019 Rural-Mix	2019 State	2020 Rural-Mix	2020 State	2021 Rural-Mix	2021 State	Rural-Mix % Change 2017 to 2021	State % Change 2017 to 2021
0-2	33.5%	33.2%	33.1%	34.4%	35.1%	35.1%	38.3%	38.2%	37.5%	38.5%	11.8%	16.0%
3-5	17.1%	15.3%	17.8%	15.4%	14.5%	14.8%	16.8%	14.5%	16.5%	14.7%	-3.4%	-4.1%
6-8	10.9%	11.9%	12.1%	11.5%	11.4%	11.8%	9.2%	11.4%	11.5%	11.3%	6.1%	-5.2%
9-11	8.7%	10.1%	10.7%	10.3%	9.7%	10.7%	8.1%	9.7%	8.5%	9.3%	-3.1%	-7.9%
12-14	13.8%	13.1%	12.1%	12.8%	13.4%	12.9%	12.6%	12.5%	12.7%	12.6%	-8.0%	-4.0%
15-20	16.0%	16.5%	14.1%	15.6%	15.9%	14.6%	15.1%	13.7%	13.4%	13.7%	-16.5%	-16.7%
Infants (age 0-1)	26.2%	26.5%	26.4%	28.0%	28.1%	29.1%	32.3%	31.7%	30.1%	32.3%	14.9%	21.8%
Youth (age 13+)	26.0%	26.0%	23.1%	24.7%	21.7%	19.5%	24.2%	22.6%	22.2%	22.5%	-14.5%	-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 Rural-Mix	2017 State	2018 Rural-Mix	2018 State	2019 Rural-Mix	2019 State	2020 Rural-Mix	2020 State	2021 Rural-Mix	2021 State	Rural-Mix % Change 2017 to 2021	State % Change 2017 to 2021
Non-Hispanic White	70.5%	47.6%	73.8%	48.3%	74.2%	47.6%	72.3%	49.7%	70.0%	50.0%	-0.7%	5.0%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	13.4%	29.7%	9.7%	29.3%	9.4%	28.4%	8.3%	25.2%	11.5%	23.6%	-14.4%	-20.4%
Non-Hispanic Other Race	2.6%	3.4%	1.9%	2.7%	3.2%	3.7%	4.5%	5.3%	4.5%	5.8%	72.1%	72.3%
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	6.7%	6.3%	9.2%	7.7%	6.5%	7.7%	7.8%	8.2%	7.9%	8.4%	16.8%	33.4%
Hispanic or Latino	6.7%	13.0%	5.4%	12.0%	6.7%	12.6%	7.2%	11.6%	6.2%	12.1%	-8.4%	-6.6%

By Sex

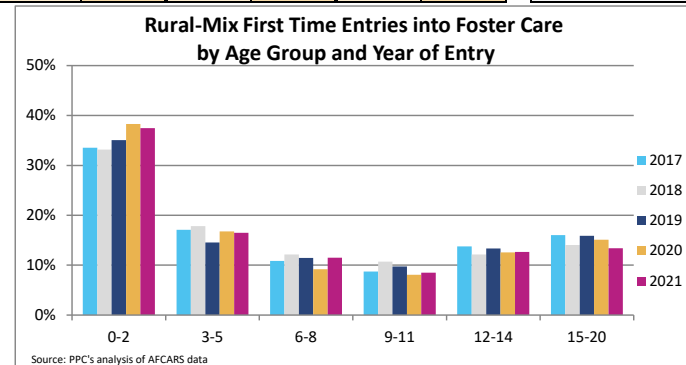
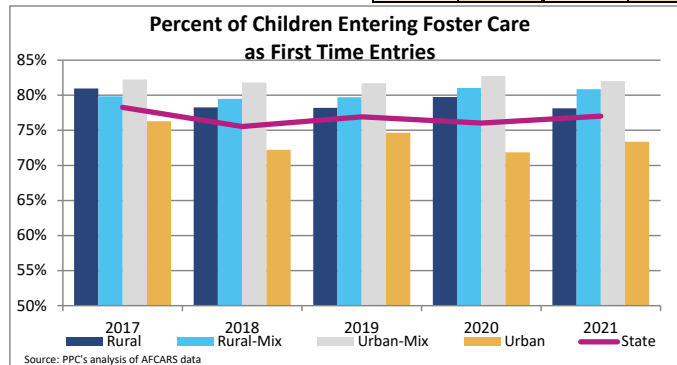
Male
Female

Sex	2017 Rural-Mix	2017 State	2018 Rural-Mix	2018 State	2019 Rural-Mix	2019 State	2020 Rural-Mix	2020 State	2021 Rural-Mix	2021 State	Rural-Mix % Change 2017 to 2021	State % Change 2017 to 2021
Male	54.0%	51.0%	51.7%	50.7%	52.5%	50.8%	53.8%	50.5%	49.3%	49.7%	-8.7%	-2.5%
Female	46.0%	49.0%	48.3%	49.3%	47.5%	49.2%	46.2%	49.5%	50.7%	50.3%	10.2%	2.6%

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

Placement Setting	2017 Rural-Mix	2017 State	2018 Rural-Mix	2018 State	2019 Rural-Mix	2019 State	2020 Rural-Mix	2020 State	2021 Rural-Mix	2021 State	Rural-Mix % Change 2017 to 2021	State % Change 2017 to 2021
Family Setting	>83.6%	83.6%	83.4%	83.8%	81.4%	85.7%	85.5%	>87.5%	>88.7%	>87.5%	-	>4.6%
Pre-adoptive Home	S	0.3%	0.0%	0.2%	0.0%	0.4%	0.0%	S	S	S	-	-
Foster Family Home – Relative	31.9%	39.1%	32.3%	39.9%	30.6%	41.6%	38.3%	44.3%	43.1%	45.8%	35.1%	16.9%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	51.7%	44.2%	51.0%	43.7%	50.8%	43.7%	47.2%	43.1%	45.6%	41.7%	-11.8%	-5.6%
Congregate Care Setting	14.7%	15.0%	14.1%	14.3%	17.2%	12.7%	13.2%	10.6%	9.5%	10.4%	-35.2%	-30.5%
Group Home	8.7%	9.1%	9.7%	9.4%	10.3%	8.5%	8.7%	7.2%	7.3%	7.4%	-16.4%	-18.7%
Institution	6.0%	5.9%	4.4%	4.9%	6.9%	4.2%	4.5%	3.4%	2.2%	3.0%	-62.8%	-48.9%
Supervised Independent Living	0.0%	0.2%	0.0%	0.2%	S	0.2%	0.0%	S	S	0.2%	-	4.9%
Runaway	0.0%	0.5%	S	0.7%	0.0%	0.8%	0.0%	0.8%	0.0%	0.7%	-	44.6%
Trial Home Visit	<1.6%	0.8%	<2.3%	1.1%	<1.4%	0.6%	1.3%	0.9%	1.5%	<1.2%	<-5.2%	<57.0%



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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		Rural-Mix % Change 2017 to 2021	State % Change 2017 to 2021
	Rural-Mix	State	Rural-Mix	State	Rural-Mix	State	Rural-Mix	State	Rural-Mix	State		
Re-Entries During the Year	312	2,343	323	2,469	280	2,182	229	1,746	265	1,681	-15.1%	-28.3%
Re-Entries as Percent of All Entries	20.2%	21.7%	20.5%	24.5%	20.3%	23.1%	19.0%	24.0%	19.1%	23.0%	-5.2%	5.7%

By Age

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

Age Group	2017 Rural-Mix	2017 State	2018 Rural-Mix	2018 State	2019 Rural-Mix	2019 State	2020 Rural-Mix	2020 State	2021 Rural-Mix	2021 State	% Change 2017-2021
0-2	14.7%	11.4%	9.6%	10.8%	8.6%	11.9%	11.4%	10.5%	14.3%	12.3%	-2.7%
3-5	14.4%	11.1%	13.0%	12.6%	19.3%	12.7%	10.0%	10.9%	15.1%	12.8%	4.7%
6-8	15.7%	11.7%	14.9%	12.1%	13.6%	11.9%	17.0%	11.0%	13.6%	10.9%	-13.5%
9-11	8.7%	10.6%	12.4%	11.5%	10.7%	10.4%	12.2%	12.0%	10.9%	11.0%	26.5%
12-14	12.8%	17.2%	18.3%	17.7%	20.7%	18.7%	16.6%	17.7%	17.7%	20.2%	38.3%
15-20	33.7%	38.2%	31.9%	35.4%	27.1%	34.4%	32.8%	37.9%	28.3%	32.7%	-15.9%
Infants (age 0-1)	9.0%	6.6%	5.0%	6.4%	5.7%	6.9%	S	7.3%	7.9%	9.2%	-11.7%
Youth (age 13+)	42.6%	51.1%	44.3%	48.6%	43.2%	48.7%	44.1%	51.1%	35.5%	47.7%	-16.8%

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 Rural-Mix	2017 State	2018 Rural-Mix	2018 State	2019 Rural-Mix	2019 State	2020 Rural-Mix	2020 State	2021 Rural-Mix	2021 State	% Change 2017-2021
Non-Hispanic White	69.6%	40.6%	74.9%	39.6%	75.4%	50.7%	74.7%	39.1%	72.1%	42.8%	3.6%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	10.9%	39.4%	8.0%	40.5%	9.3%	47.1%	7.4%	38.8%	9.1%	35.2%	-16.9%
Non-Hispanic Other Race	S	1.7%	S	1.8%	S	1.9%	S	3.4%	S	3.9%	-
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	<6.6%	6.3%	<9.2%	7.1%	9.3%	10.8%	9.2%	6.8%	<9.3%	6.5%	-
Hispanic or Latino	10.9%	11.9%	7.1%	11.1%	S	14.4%	S	12.0%	7.9%	11.6%	-27.3%

By Sex

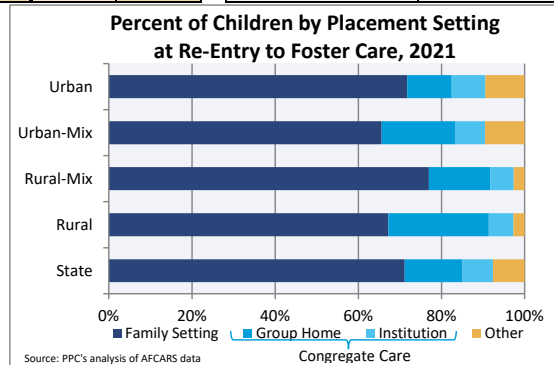
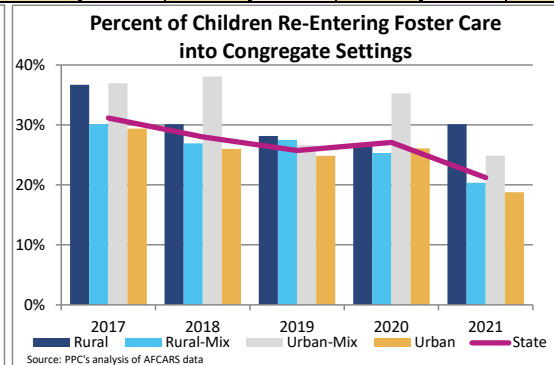
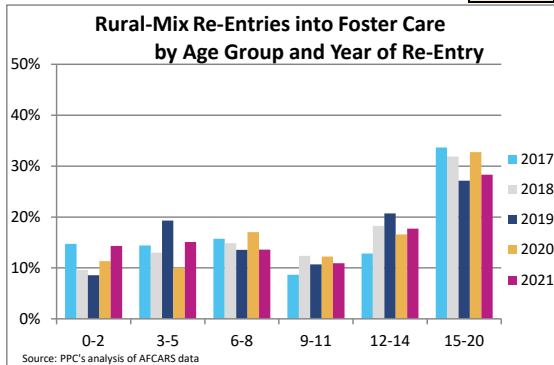
Male
Female

Sex	2017 Rural-Mix	2017 State	2018 Rural-Mix	2018 State	2019 Rural-Mix	2019 State	2020 Rural-Mix	2020 State	2021 Rural-Mix	2021 State	% Change 2017-2021
Male	55.8%	49.6%	50.5%	49.1%	49.3%	51.2%	53.7%	49.0%	49.4%	48.4%	-11.4%
Female	44.2%	50.4%	49.5%	50.9%	50.7%	48.8%	46.3%	51.0%	50.6%	51.6%	14.3%

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

Placement Setting	2017 Rural-Mix	2017 State	2018 Rural-Mix	2018 State	2019 Rural-Mix	2019 State	2020 Rural-Mix	2020 State	2021 Rural-Mix	2021 State	% Change 2017-2021
Family Setting	66.3%	63.9%	70.0%	66.7%	68.2%	68.5%	71.6%	>65.0%	77.0%	>71.1%	16.0%
Pre-adoptive Home	0.0%	0.6%	0.0%	0.4%	0.0%	0.6%	0.0%	S	0.0%	S	-
Foster Family Home – Relative	21.8%	30.7%	18.3%	28.3%	26.4%	32.5%	32.8%	34.8%	31.3%	36.4%	43.7%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	44.6%	32.6%	51.7%	37.9%	41.8%	35.3%	38.9%	30.1%	45.7%	34.7%	2.5%
Congregate Care Setting	30.1%	31.2%	26.9%	28.0%	27.5%	25.8%	25.3%	27.1%	20.4%	21.2%	-32.4%
Group Home	22.1%	19.9%	18.6%	18.4%	17.9%	16.6%	18.3%	16.5%	14.7%	13.9%	-33.5%
Institution	8.0%	11.3%	8.4%	9.6%	9.6%	9.2%	7.0%	10.6%	5.7%	7.3%	-29.4%
Supervised Independent Living	S	1.8%	S	1.8%	S	1.6%	S	1.4%	S	2.2%	25.3%
Runaway	S	2.5%	S	2.7%	S	3.6%	S	5.4%	S	4.2%	70.0%
Trial Home Visit	S	0.7%	S	0.8%	S	0.6%	S	<1.0%	S	<1.3%	<89.3%



FOSTER CARE - PLACEMENT REASONS

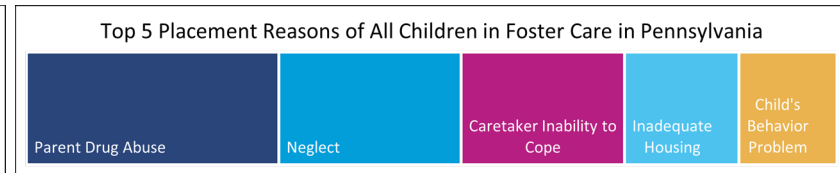
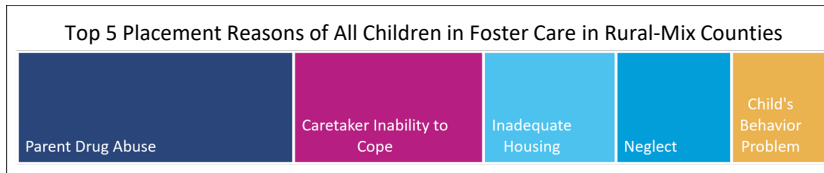
County child welfare agencies are required to report the reasons in which a child experiences a placement episode. There are 15 factors defined by the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) technical bulletin issued by the Administration for Children and Families which are federally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

A child can have more than one placement reason.

Indicator

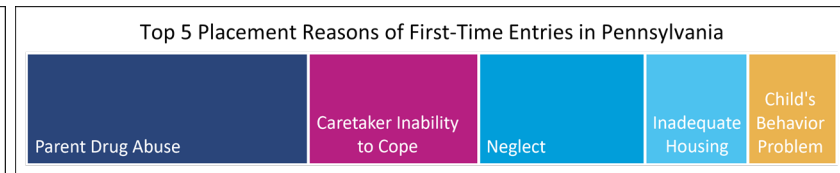
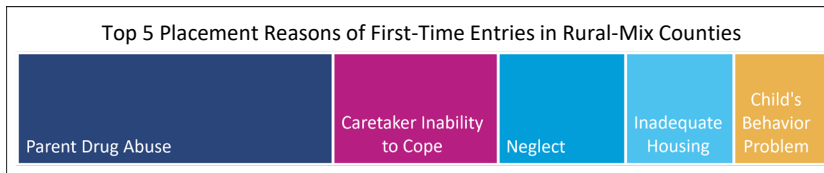
Top Five Placement Reasons Of All Children in Foster Care During the Year

2021			
Rural-Mix		State	
44.0%	Parent Drug Abuse	35.2%	Parent Drug Abuse
30.3%	Caretaker Inability to Cope	25.4%	Neglect
21.1%	Inadequate Housing	22.8%	Caretaker Inability to Cope
18.4%	Neglect	15.9%	Inadequate Housing
15.2%	Child's Behavior Problem	13.7%	Child's Behavior Problem



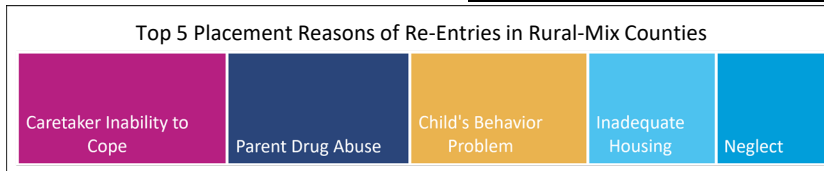
Of First-Time Entries into Foster Care

46.9%	Parent Drug Abuse	40.8%	Parent Drug Abuse
24.5%	Caretaker Inability to Cope	24.6%	Caretaker Inability to Cope
18.9%	Neglect	24.1%	Neglect
16.1%	Inadequate Housing	14.9%	Inadequate Housing
13.9%	Child's Behavior Problem	12.9%	Child's Behavior Problem



Of Re-Entries into Foster Care

32.1%	Caretaker Inability to Cope	28.3%	Child's Behavior Problem
27.9%	Parent Drug Abuse	24.9%	Parent Drug Abuse
27.2%	Child's Behavior Problem	23.3%	Caretaker Inability to Cope
19.6%	Inadequate Housing	17.3%	Neglect
17.0%	Neglect	10.8%	Inadequate Housing



A child can have more than one placement reason. 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

Family-Based Permanency Goals

	2017 Rural-Mix	2017 State	2018 Rural-Mix	2018 State	2019 Rural-Mix	2019 State	2020 Rural-Mix	2020 State	2021 Rural-Mix	2021 State
Reunify With Parent(s) or Principal Caretaker(s)	74.5%	66.7%	73.0%	65.3%	66.8%	63.7%	68.3%	65.8%	70.4%	65.6%
Adoption	16.8%	21.2%	18.2%	23.6%	23.6%	24.5%	24.0%	23.7%	21.8%	25.0%
Guardianship	5.0%	4.8%	5.5%	5.1%	6.4%	5.9%	5.9%	5.4%	6.1%	5.3%
Live with Relative(s)	1.4%	1.3%	1.6%	1.2%	1.3%	1.5%	0.9%	1.4%	0.9%	1.0%

Another Planned Permanent Living Arrangement (APPLA)

	2017 Rural-Mix	2017 State	2018 Rural-Mix	2018 State	2019 Rural-Mix	2019 State	2020 Rural-Mix	2020 State	2021 Rural-Mix	2021 State
Long Term Foster Care	0.5%	0.7%	S	0.6%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.5%	0.0%	0.5%
Emancipation	1.8%	5.3%	1.6%	4.3%	1.9%	4.4%	1.0%	3.1%	0.8%	2.7%

Rural-Mix % Change 2017 to 2021	State % Change 2017 to 2021
1.6%	3.0%
-5.4%	-1.7%
-29.4%	17.8%
20.8%	10.3%
-32.6%	-24.5%
-66.1%	-47.1%
-100.0%	-36.4%
-56.2%	-48.6%

APPLA By Age as % of Age Group Served

Age Group	2017 Rural-Mix	2017 State	2018 Rural-Mix	2018 State	2019 Rural-Mix	2019 State	2020 Rural-Mix	2020 State	2021 Rural-Mix	2021 State
0-15	S	1.0%	S	1.0%	0.0%	S	S	S	0.0%	S
16-20	12.2%	25.1%	12.2%	25.1%	1.9%	23.5%	5.9%	19.6%	5.2%	17.5%

Rural-Mix % Change 2017 to 2021	State % Change 2017 to 2021
-	-
-57.2%	-30.0%

APPLA By Discharge Reason

Exit to Permanent Arrangements

	2017 Rural-Mix	2017 State	2018 Rural-Mix	2018 State	2019 Rural-Mix	2019 State	2020 Rural-Mix	2020 State	2021 Rural-Mix	2021 State
Reunification	S	17.3%	0.0%	16.9%	0.0%	15.0%	S	23.0%	S	18.5%
(number of months until reunification)	12.8	11.8	0.0	18.6	0.0	19.2	22.3	25.1	15.7	34.1
Adoption	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
Guardianship	0.0%	4.9%	0.0%	2.3%	0.0%	S	0.0%	S	0.0%	S
(number of month until guardianship)	0.0	23.6	0.0	25.6	0.0	23.8	0.0	32.5	0.0	42.9
Live with Other Relatives	0.0%	S	0.0%	S	0.0%	S	0.0%	S	0.0%	S
(number of months until living with relatives)	0.0	21.4	0.0	32.9	0.0	49.6	0.0	61.6	0.0	0.0

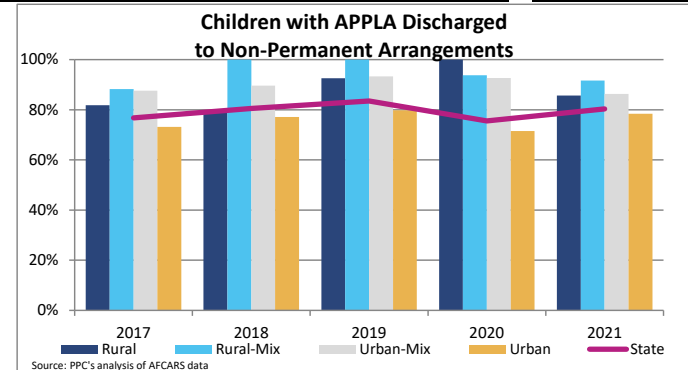
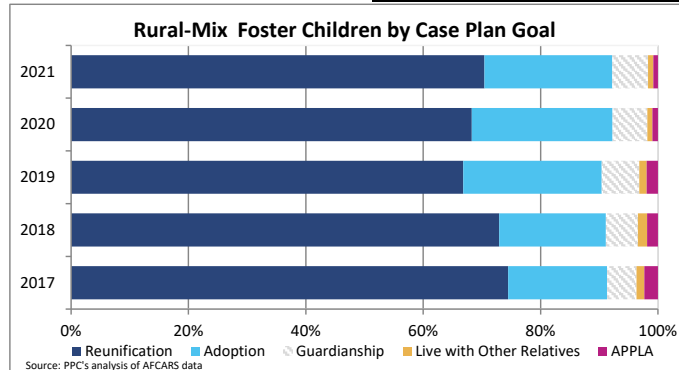
Exit to Non-Permanent Arrangements

	2017 Rural-Mix	2017 State	2018 Rural-Mix	2018 State	2019 Rural-Mix	2019 State	2020 Rural-Mix	2020 State	2021 Rural-Mix	2021 State
Emancipation	88.2%	66.7%	97.7%	72.1%	97.8%	74.3%	93.8%	68.0%	91.7%	68.2%
(number of months until emancipation)	31.5	26.2	35.3	27.6	38.6	30.7	31.8	26.1	36.2	30.9
Transfer to Another Agency	0.0%	8.2%	S	5.3%	S	7.1%	0.0%	6.1%	0.0%	7.5%
(number of months until transfer)	0.0	3.7	33.4	19.4	74.7	17.9	0.0	16.0	0.0	22.4
Runaway	0.0%	1.9%	0.0%	3.0%	0.0%	2.1%	0.0%	S	0.0%	4.7%
(number of months until running away)	0.0	32.0	0.0	22.4	0.0	26.9	0.0	22.8	0.0	36.1

Death of Child

	2017 Rural-Mix	2017 State	2018 Rural-Mix	2018 State	2019 Rural-Mix	2019 State	2020 Rural-Mix	2020 State	2021 Rural-Mix	2021 State
(number of months until death of a child)	199.5	62.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.7	0.0	115.9	0.0	0.0

Rural-Mix % Change 2017 to 2021	State % Change 2017 to 2021
-	-13.4%
-	6.9%
23.1%	188.2%
-	-
-	-
-	81.7%
-	-
-	-100.0%
3.9%	4.7%
3.9%	2.3%
15.2%	18.1%
-	-9.2%
-	502.2%
-	147.3%
-	12.6%
-	-
-100.0%	-100.0%



S = rate suppressed due to count less than 11 persons

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)

	2017		2018		2019		2020		2021	
	Rural-Mix	State	Rural-Mix	State	Rural-Mix	State	Rural-Mix	State	Rural-Mix	State
Total Children Leaving Foster Care	1,328	10,276	1,585	10,694	1,608	10,801	1,201	8,712	1,361	8,439
Percent of Children Leaving Foster Care	40.8%	40.5%	45.4%	42.0%	54.9%	43.8%	41.0%	40.2%	44.2%	41.2%
(number of months until leaving)	10.0	11.9	9.3	13.0	11.3	15.9	12.2	15.4	10.5	33.2

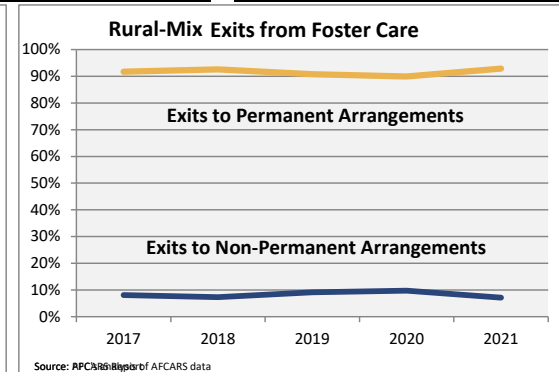
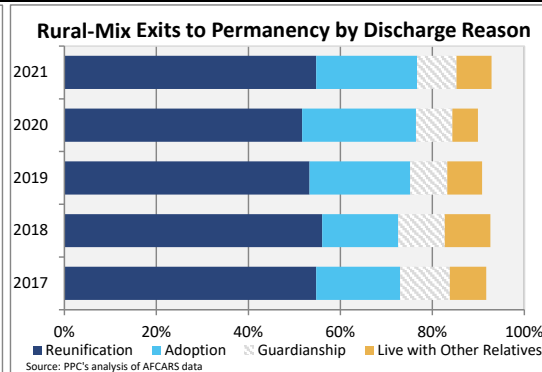
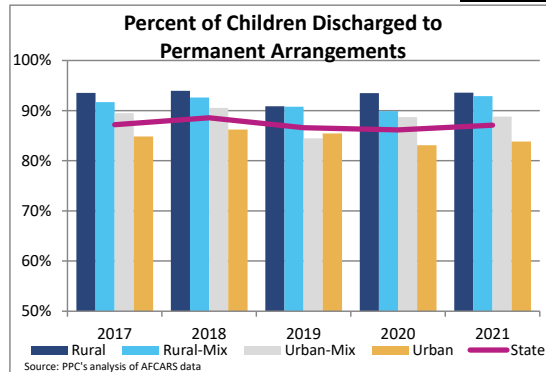
Rural-Mix % Change 2017 to 2021	State % Change 2017 to 2021
2.5%	-17.9%
8.5%	1.7%
4.6%	178.8%

By Discharge Reason

Exit to Permanent Arrangements
Reunification
(number of months until reunification)
Adoption
(number of months until adoption)
Guardianship
(number of month until guardianship)
Live with Other Relatives
(number of months until living with relatives)
Exit to Non-Permanent Arrangements
Emancipation
(number of months until emancipation)
Transfer to Another Agency
(number of months until transfer)
Runaway
(number of months until running away)
Death of Child
(number of months until death of a child)

	2017		2018		2019		2020		2021	
	Rural-Mix	State	Rural-Mix	State	Rural-Mix	State	Rural-Mix	State	Rural-Mix	State
Exit to Permanent Arrangements	91.7%	87.2%	92.6%	88.6%	90.8%	86.6%	89.9%	86.2%	92.9%	87.1%
Reunification	54.7%	55.1%	56.0%	52.5%	53.3%	49.8%	51.7%	50.8%	54.7%	49.8%
(number of months until reunification)	6.0	6.6	6.2	6.4	6.6	7.4	6.6	8.4	6.6	9.0
Adoption	18.2%	20.2%	16.5%	23.9%	21.9%	25.2%	24.7%	23.5%	22.0%	25.4%
(number of months until adoption)	27.5	29.2	27.1	30.5	30.9	31.0	32.0	29.8	31.0	32.2
Guardianship	10.8%	6.7%	10.2%	7.5%	8.1%	7.6%	7.9%	7.7%	8.5%	7.6%
(number of month until guardianship)	16.2	20.1	16.1	19.4	18.3	22.8	20.3	22.3	20.4	23.5
Live with Other Relatives	7.9%	5.1%	9.9%	4.6%	7.5%	4.1%	5.6%	4.1%	7.6%	4.3%
(number of months until living with relatives)	3.4	2.2	3.1	2.1	3.4	2.5	15.1	2.4	6.7	2.0
Exit to Non-Permanent Arrangements	>8.1%	12.7%	>7.1%	11.4%	9.1%	13.2%	9.7%	13.7%	>7.1%	12.8%
Emancipation	6.3%	7.9%	5.8%	7.3%	8.3%	9.3%	8.5%	9.5%	6.2%	7.9%
(number of months until emancipation)	31.2	22.0	25.2	23.7	23.2	26.2	18.0	22.9	24.8	24.3
Transfer to Another Agency	1.8%	4.3%	1.3%	3.5%	0.9%	3.5%	1.2%	3.7%	0.8%	4.1%
(number of months until transfer)	8.2	6.9	13.3	7.9	4.7	5.5	10.8	6.6	5.6	8.0
Runaway	S	0.5%	S	0.6%	0.0%	0.5%	0.0%	0.4%	S	0.8%
(number of months until running away)	10.0	19.4	9.7	14.0	0.0	14.1	0.0	11.4	9.1	17.8
Death of Child	S	0.1%	S	S	S	0.1%	S	0.2%	0.0%	0.1%
(number of months until death of a child)	106.4	18.8	3.8	5.5	0.2	12.6	4.6	6.1	0.0	5.9

Rural-Mix % Change 2017 to 2021	State % Change 2017 to 2021
1.3%	-0.1%
0.0%	-9.8%
9.8%	35.1%
20.6%	25.6%
12.8%	10.5%
-21.4%	13.8%
25.7%	16.9%
-3.4%	-15.8%
98.3%	-7.6%
-	0.6%
-0.1%	0.1%
-20.5%	10.2%
-32.2%	16.0%
-	75.0%
-8.3%	-8.0%
-	12.4%
-100.0%	-68.4%



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)

	2017		2018		2019		2020		2021		Rural-Mix % Change 2017 to 2021	State % Change 2017 to 2021
	Rural-Mix	State	Rural-Mix	State	Rural-Mix	State	Rural-Mix	State	Rural-Mix	State		
Children in Foster Care on Last Day	2,049	16,381	2,038	16,074	1,805	15,082	1,793	13,949	1,820	13,033	-11.2%	-20.4%
(number of months children have been in care)	10.3	13.4	11.0	14.2	11.4	14.0	11.7	16.4	11.3	16.8	10.0%	25.6%

By Age

Age Group	2017 Rural-Mix	2017 State	2018 Rural-Mix	2018 State	2019 Rural-Mix	2019 State	2020 Rural-Mix	2020 State	2021 Rural-Mix	2021 State	Rural-Mix % Change 2017 to 2021	State % Change 2017 to 2021
0-2	25.4%	21.5%	22.6%	21.0%	24.5%	21.6%	26.1%	22.2%	26.8%	23.0%	5.4%	7.4%
3-5	18.1%	17.5%	19.5%	17.5%	19.9%	17.7%	20.4%	18.0%	18.8%	17.9%	4.1%	2.4%
6-8	14.1%	13.7%	14.9%	13.6%	13.4%	13.8%	12.5%	13.9%	13.5%	13.6%	-4.2%	-0.7%
9-11	9.7%	11.8%	11.3%	12.2%	11.1%	12.1%	10.9%	12.1%	10.4%	11.5%	7.5%	-2.6%
12-14	11.4%	12.1%	11.4%	12.3%	11.9%	13.3%	12.3%	13.1%	12.5%	13.0%	9.7%	7.4%
15-20	21.4%	23.5%	20.3%	23.5%	19.1%	21.5%	17.8%	20.8%	18.0%	21.0%	-15.7%	-10.5%
Infants (age 0-1)	16.0%	13.8%	14.9%	13.7%	15.6%	14.4%	18.0%	14.5%	18.3%	15.0%	14.3%	8.9%
Youth (age 13+)	29.5%	31.9%	28.3%	31.9%	31.0%	34.8%	26.0%	29.9%	27.0%	29.7%	-8.4%	-6.9%

By Race and Ethnicity

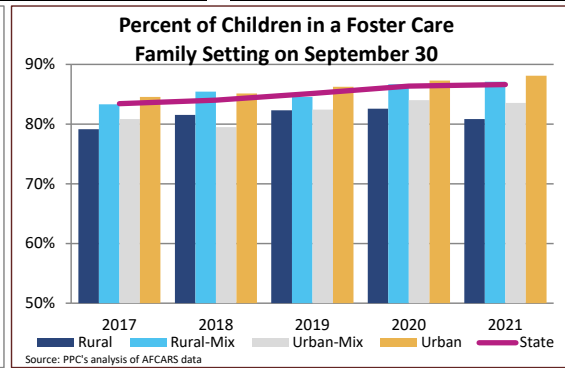
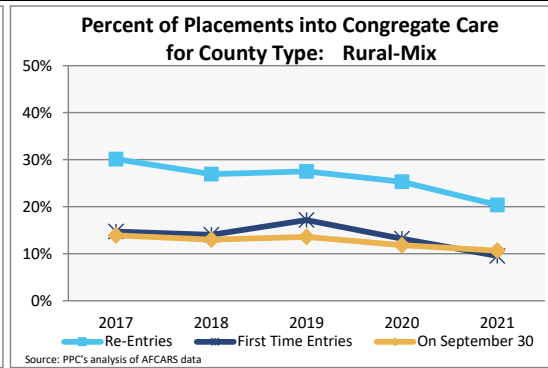
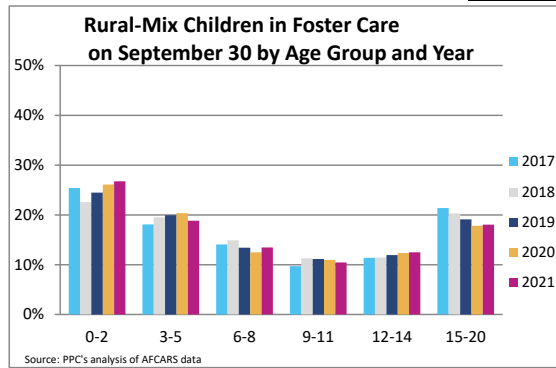
Race/Ethnicity	2017 Rural-Mix	2017 State	2018 Rural-Mix	2018 State	2019 Rural-Mix	2019 State	2020 Rural-Mix	2020 State	2021 Rural-Mix	2021 State	Rural-Mix % Change 2017 to 2021	State % Change 2017 to 2021
Non-Hispanic White	73.8%	42.1%	74.2%	42.2%	74.6%	42.3%	73.2%	41.8%	71.9%	43.1%	-2.6%	2.4%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	9.9%	35.8%	8.6%	35.4%	8.3%	34.4%	7.6%	33.7%	9.1%	32.2%	-7.5%	-10.3%
Non-Hispanic Other Race	1.5%	2.7%	1.4%	2.3%	2.4%	2.6%	3.7%	3.7%	3.7%	4.5%	147.0%	66.0%
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	7.3%	6.1%	8.4%	7.1%	8.7%	7.8%	9.5%	8.3%	9.2%	8.0%	26.1%	30.4%
Hispanic or Latino	7.5%	13.2%	7.4%	13.0%	6.0%	13.0%	6.0%	12.5%	6.0%	12.2%	-19.6%	-7.5%

By Sex

Sex	2017 Rural-Mix	2017 State	2018 Rural-Mix	2018 State	2019 Rural-Mix	2019 State	2020 Rural-Mix	2020 State	2021 Rural-Mix	2021 State	Rural-Mix % Change 2017 to 2021	State % Change 2017 to 2021
Male	53.9%	51.2%	52.7%	50.9%	52.7%	50.6%	54.3%	50.8%	52.1%	50.2%	-3.3%	-1.8%
Female	46.1%	48.8%	47.3%	49.1%	47.3%	49.4%	45.7%	49.2%	47.9%	49.8%	3.9%	1.9%

By Latest Placement Setting

Placement Setting	2017 Rural-Mix	2017 State	2018 Rural-Mix	2018 State	2019 Rural-Mix	2019 State	2020 Rural-Mix	2020 State	2021 Rural-Mix	2021 State	Rural-Mix % Change 2017 to 2021	State % Change 2017 to 2021
Family Setting	>82.8%	83.4%	>85.0%	84.0%	>84.0%	85.1%	>86.3%	86.3%	>86.5%	86.6%	-	3.8%
Pre-adoptive Home	S	4.1%	S	4.0%	S	3.2%	S	2.7%	S	1.3%	-	-69.5%
Foster Family Home – Relative	28.1%	37.9%	28.4%	37.8%	28.8%	39.4%	33.9%	41.5%	36.6%	43.0%	30.6%	13.4%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	54.8%	41.4%	56.6%	42.2%	55.2%	42.5%	52.5%	42.2%	49.9%	42.4%	-8.9%	2.4%
Congregate Care Setting	13.9%	13.7%	13.0%	13.2%	13.6%	11.9%	11.8%	10.7%	10.7%	10.4%	-23.4%	-23.9%
Group Home	8.3%	8.2%	7.9%	7.9%	8.0%	7.0%	6.9%	5.9%	7.3%	6.4%	-12.4%	-22.4%
Institution	5.6%	5.5%	5.1%	5.3%	5.5%	4.9%	5.0%	4.8%	3.4%	4.1%	-39.8%	-26.2%
Supervised Independent Living	0.8%	1.5%	0.6%	1.5%	0.7%	1.3%	S	1.0%	S	1.2%	-	-19.4%
Runaway	S	0.8%	S	0.9%	S	1.2%	S	1.5%	S	1.1%	-	32.8%
Trial Home Visit	1.8%	0.6%	0.9%	0.4%	1.0%	0.5%	0.9%	0.4%	1.6%	0.7%	-9.3%	17.1%



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		Rural-Mix % Change 2017 to 2021	State % Change 2017 to 2021
Rural-Mix	State	Rural-Mix	State	Rural-Mix	State	Rural-Mix	State	Rural-Mix	State		
28.8%	32.2%	30.3%	31.8%	27.5%	31.1%	27.2%	28.4%	25.8%	25.6%	-10.6%	-20.5%

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		Rural-Mix % Change 2017 to 2021	State % Change 2017 to 2021
Rural-Mix	State	Rural-Mix	State	Rural-Mix	State	Rural-Mix	State	Rural-Mix	State		
43.5%	39.2%	41.0%	37.3%	47.5%	38.7%	42.0%	36.8%	41.7%	36.6%	-4.2%	-6.6%

FOSTER CARE - FAILED REUNIFICATION

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

Indicator

Failed 1-Year Reunification (Re-entry)

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

2017		2018		2019		2020		2021		Rural-Mix % Change 2017 to 2021	State % Change 2017 to 2021
Rural-Mix	State	Rural-Mix	State	Rural-Mix	State	Rural-Mix	State	Rural-Mix	State		
17.1%	23.0%	20.0%	21.4%	14.0%	22.3%	16.0%	20.2%	14.9%	18.1%	-13.0%	-21.2%



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