

## 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 % Change 2017 to 2021	State % Change 2017 to 2021
Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State		
4,692	47,485	4,454	44,063	4,403	42,252	3,705	32,919	4,195	38,013	-10.6%	-19.9%
22.1	17.0	21.0	15.8	20.7	15.1	17.4	11.8	19.8	13.6		

#### Child Abuse and Neglect Substantiations

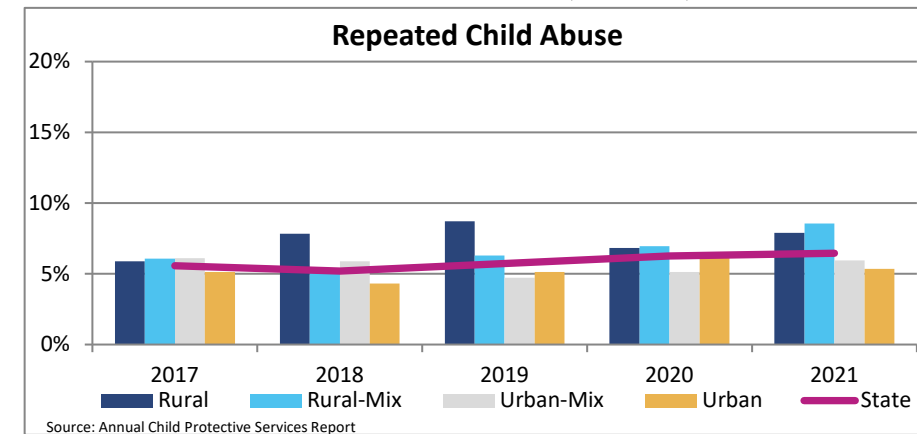
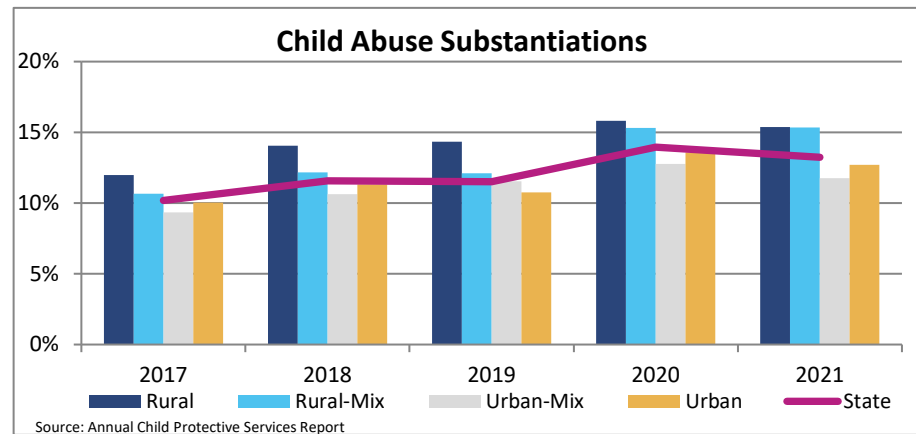
Founded or indicated reports of child abuse and/or neglect.

2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Rural % Change 2017 to 2021	State % Change 2017 to 2021
12.0%	10.2%	14.1%	11.6%	14.3%	28.4%	30.1%

#### Repeated Child Abuse and Neglect

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

2017		2018		2019		2020		2021		Rural % Change 2017 to 2021	State % Change 2017 to 2021
Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State		
5.9%	5.6%	7.8%	5.2%	8.7%	5.7%	6.8%	6.2%	7.9%	6.5%	34.7%	16.0%
1 in 17	1 in 18	1 in 13	1 in 19	1 in 11	1 in 18	1 in 15	1 in 16	1 in 13	1 in 15		



## GENERAL PROTECTIVE SERVICES (GPS)

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

### Indicator

#### GPS Reports

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

2017		2018		2019		2020		2021		Rural % Change 2017 to 2021	State % Change 2017 to 2021
Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State		
17,303	163,852	18,611	169,723	19,862	178,124	17,537	152,478	18,161	161,709	5.0%	-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.

2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Rural % Change 2017 to 2021	State % Change 2017 to 2021
27.2%	22.8%	27.3%	23.6%	29.2%	20.9%	12.5%

#### 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.

2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Rural % Change 2017 to 2021	State % Change 2017 to 2021
6,857	53,319	7,480	58,982	8,601	27.0%	6.9%

#### Unduplicated Number of Children Served

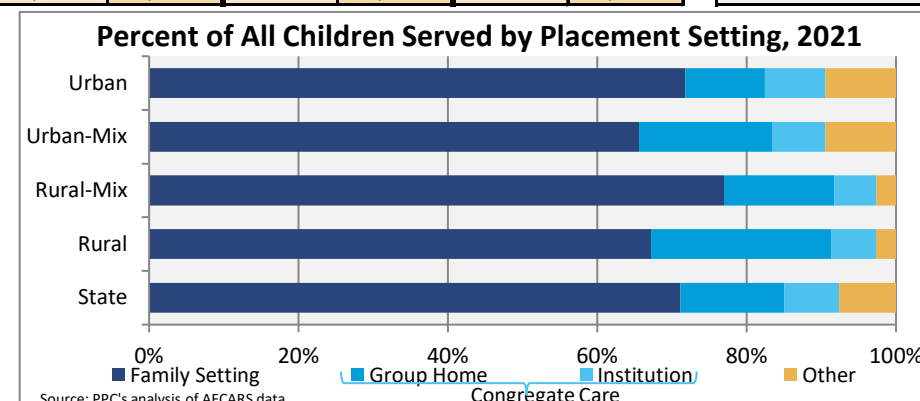
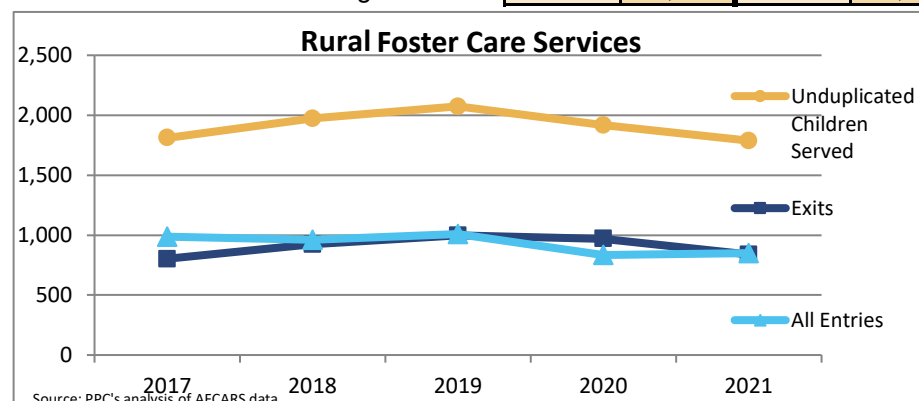
Children who received in-home services along with parents to address concerns related to child safety and well-being.

2017		2018		2019		2020		2021		% Change 2017 to 2021	% Change 2017 to 2021
Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State		
28,231	186,855	28,544	194,761	24,606	187,280	25,330	>181,435	26,164	192,594	-7.3%	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	2017		2018		2019		2020		2021		Rural % Change 2017 to 2021	State % Change 2017 to 2021
	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State		
<b>Unduplicated Number of Children Served</b> All Children in Foster Care During the Year (Rate per 1,000 children age 0-20)	1,812 6.9	25,381 7.5	1,973 7.5	25,441 7.5	2,074 7.9	24,665 7.3	1,918 7.3	21,689 6.4	1,788 6.8	20,490 6.1	-1.3%	-19.3%
<b>By Age</b>												
0-2	20.7%	20.3%	20.1%	20.2%	19.8%	20.2%	20.6%	20.9%	20.1%	21.5%	-3.0%	5.7%
3-5	16.4%	17.4%	16.1%	17.9%	16.8%	17.8%	17.3%	17.8%	17.6%	18.2%	7.1%	4.5%
6-8	11.9%	13.3%	12.7%	13.4%	13.1%	13.8%	14.1%	13.5%	12.5%	13.7%	5.1%	3.1%
9-11	11.9%	11.4%	11.4%	11.8%	12.3%	11.7%	12.3%	11.7%	10.6%	11.3%	-10.4%	-0.9%
12-14	12.9%	11.6%	13.5%	11.8%	13.5%	12.3%	13.7%	12.6%	14.5%	12.6%	13.1%	8.2%
15-17	20.6%	18.6%	22.0%	18.7%	20.9%	18.5%	19.1%	17.9%	20.5%	16.4%	-0.6%	-12.0%
18-20	5.6%	7.4%	4.2%	6.3%	3.6%	5.6%	3.0%	5.6%	4.1%	6.4%	-26.5%	-13.4%
Infants (age 0-1)	13.5%	12.7%	12.9%	12.7%	13.0%	12.9%	12.7%	13.2%	13.4%	13.7%	-0.7%	7.3%
Youth (age 13+)	34.8%	34.0%	35.3%	33.1%	34.4%	32.6%	31.9%	32.3%	34.5%	31.3%	-0.7%	-8.0%
<b>By Race and Ethnicity</b>												
Non-Hispanic White	86.6%	42.9%	87.1%	43.7%	88.5%	43.7%	88.0%	44.2%	85.2%	44.3%	-1.6%	3.4%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	3.5%	34.9%	3.8%	33.9%	2.5%	33.0%	3.1%	32.0%	2.5%	30.7%	-27.6%	-11.8%
Non-Hispanic Other Race	1.2%	2.9%	1.5%	2.3%	1.4%	2.6%	1.9%	3.6%	2.7%	4.2%	125.7%	47.7%
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	4.9%	6.2%	4.1%	7.1%	4.0%	7.7%	4.3%	8.0%	5.6%	8.4%	13.9%	34.3%
Hispanic or Latino	3.8%	13.2%	3.6%	13.0%	3.6%	12.9%	2.7%	12.3%	3.9%	12.3%	2.8%	-6.5%
<b>By Sex</b>												
Male	52.2%	51.0%	52.2%	50.8%	52.4%	50.8%	52.1%	50.6%	53.5%	50.5%	2.5%	-1.1%
Female	47.8%	49.0%	47.8%	49.2%	47.6%	49.2%	47.9%	49.4%	46.5%	49.5%	-2.7%	1.2%
<b>By Latest Placement Setting</b>												
<b>Family Setting</b>	77.4%	80.5%	78.7%	81.6%	79.8%	82.7%	81.0%	83.8%	79.6%	84.8%	2.9%	5.3%
Pre-adoptive Home	2.3%	4.0%	3.2%	4.5%	2.7%	3.8%	2.7%	2.9%	2.2%	2.3%	-5.9%	-42.5%
Foster Family Home – Relative	30.0%	36.4%	29.9%	37.1%	32.4%	38.7%	33.5%	40.8%	35.4%	42.0%	17.9%	15.2%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	45.0%	40.1%	45.6%	40.1%	44.6%	40.3%	44.8%	40.1%	42.1%	40.5%	-6.6%	1.1%
<b>Congregate Care Setting</b>	18.4%	14.9%	18.6%	14.0%	15.9%	12.7%	13.6%	11.5%	16.6%	10.5%	-9.9%	-29.3%
Group Home	14.7%	8.8%	13.4%	8.5%	11.5%	7.7%	10.3%	6.7%	11.9%	6.4%	-19.2%	-27.7%
Institution	3.7%	6.1%	5.2%	5.6%	4.3%	5.0%	3.3%	4.8%	4.7%	4.2%	27.1%	-31.6%
<b>Supervised Independent Living</b>	<0.8%	1.5%	S	1.5%	S	1.6%	S	1.3%	S	1.2%	-	-21.4%
Runaway	S	1.4%	S	1.4%	S	1.4%	S	1.9%	0.0%	1.7%	-	23.2%
Trial Home Visit	3.4%	1.7%	2.2%	1.4%	3.6%	1.5%	4.9%	1.6%	<3.7%	1.8%	<-98.9%	5.0%
<b>Children Entering Foster Care</b> All Entries into Foster Care During the Year	987	10,781	962	10,095	1,009	9,448	834	7,286	851	7,316	-13.8%	-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

	2017		2018		2019		2020		2021		Rural % Change 2017 to 2021	State % Change 2017 to 2021
	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State		
First Time Entries During the Year	799	8,438	753	7,626	789	7,266	665	5,540	665	5,635	-16.8%	-33.2%
(Rate per 1,000 children age 0-20)	3.0	2.5	2.9	2.3	3.0	2.2	2.5	1.6	2.5	1.7	-3.5%	-1.6%
First Time Entries as Percent of All Entries	81.0%	78.3%	78.3%	75.5%	78.2%	76.9%	79.7%	76.0%	78.1%	77.0%		

#### By Age

Age Group	2017 Rural	2017 State	2018 Rural	2018 State	2019 Rural	2019 State	2020 Rural	2020 State	2021 Rural	2021 State	Rural % Change 2017 to 2021	State % Change 2017 to 2021
0-2	29.8%	33.2%	29.9%	34.4%	31.6%	35.1%	29.6%	38.2%	29.9%	38.5%	0.5%	16.0%
3-5	14.6%	15.3%	14.3%	15.4%	16.5%	14.8%	15.9%	14.5%	15.8%	14.7%	7.8%	-4.1%
6-8	11.1%	11.9%	11.6%	11.5%	12.3%	11.8%	13.4%	11.4%	11.7%	11.3%	5.3%	-5.2%
9-11	10.8%	10.1%	9.3%	10.3%	10.8%	10.7%	11.1%	9.7%	9.9%	9.3%	-7.8%	-7.9%
12-14	14.6%	13.1%	16.2%	12.8%	13.7%	12.9%	16.2%	12.5%	15.5%	12.6%	5.8%	-4.0%
15-20	19.0%	16.5%	18.7%	15.6%	15.2%	14.6%	13.7%	13.7%	17.1%	13.7%	-9.9%	-16.7%
Infants (age 0-1)	23.0%	26.5%	22.3%	28.0%	25.7%	29.1%	22.3%	31.7%	24.1%	32.3%	4.5%	21.8%
Youth (age 13+)	30.0%	26.0%	30.7%	24.7%	20.7%	19.5%	25.6%	22.6%	28.7%	22.5%	-4.4%	-13.5%

#### By Race and Ethnicity

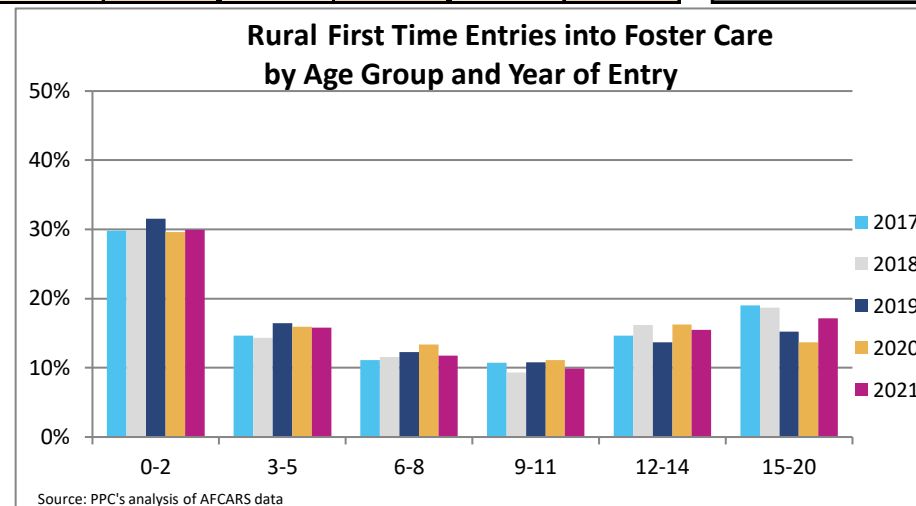
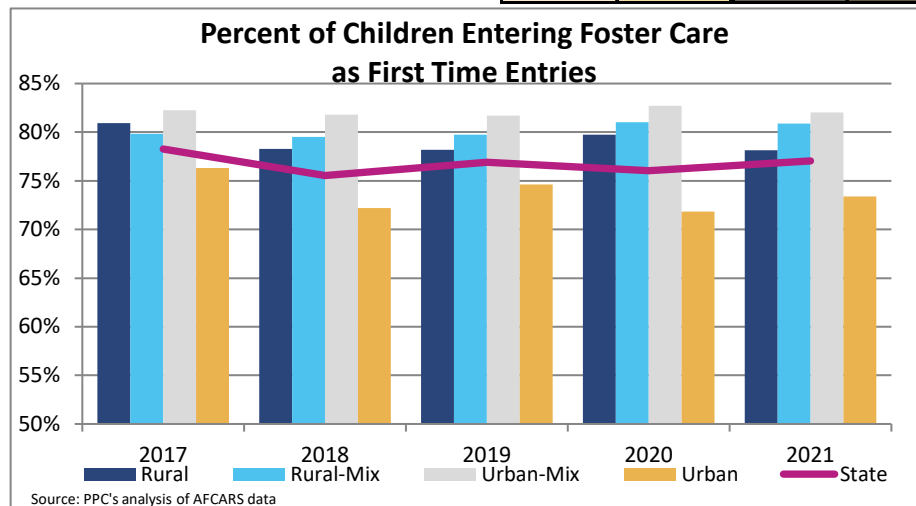
Race/Ethnicity	2017 Rural	2017 State	2018 Rural	2018 State	2019 Rural	2019 State	2020 Rural	2020 State	2021 Rural	2021 State	Rural % Change 2017 to 2021	State % Change 2017 to 2021
Non-Hispanic White	87.1%	47.6%	87.6%	48.3%	88.3%	47.6%	86.2%	49.7%	81.8%	50.0%	-6.1%	5.0%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	3.9%	29.7%	4.0%	29.3%	1.9%	28.4%	3.0%	25.2%	1.8%	23.6%	-53.5%	-20.4%
Non-Hispanic Other Race	S	3.4%	1.5%	2.7%	1.5%	3.7%	3.5%	5.3%	3.6%	5.8%	-	72.3%
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	<4.3%	6.3%	3.5%	7.7%	4.2%	7.7%	5.6%	8.2%	7.8%	8.4%	>81.8%	33.4%
Hispanic or Latino	3.6%	13.0%	3.5%	12.0%	4.1%	12.6%	1.8%	11.6%	5.0%	12.1%	36.7%	-6.6%

#### By Sex

Sex	2017 Rural	2017 State	2018 Rural	2018 State	2019 Rural	2019 State	2020 Rural	2020 State	2021 Rural	2021 State	Rural % Change 2017 to 2021	State % Change 2017 to 2021
Male	49.8%	51.0%	50.5%	50.7%	50.6%	50.8%	51.6%	50.5%	53.2%	49.7%	6.9%	-2.5%
Female	50.2%	49.0%	49.5%	49.3%	49.4%	49.2%	48.4%	49.5%	46.8%	50.3%	-6.8%	2.6%

#### By First Reported Placement Setting

Placement Setting	2017 Rural	2017 State	2018 Rural	2018 State	2019 Rural	2019 State	2020 Rural	2020 State	2021 Rural	2021 State	Rural % Change 2017 to 2021	State % Change 2017 to 2021
<b>Family Setting</b>	<b>&gt;81.4%</b>	<b>83.6%</b>	<b>&gt;79.9%</b>	<b>83.8%</b>	<b>&gt;84.3%</b>	<b>85.7%</b>	<b>85.9%</b>	<b>&gt;87.5%</b>	<b>&gt;81.5%</b>	<b>&gt;87.5%</b>	-	<b>&gt;4.6%</b>
Pre-adoptive Home	S	0.3%	S	0.2%	S	0.4%	0.0%	S	S	S	-	-
Foster Family Home – Relative	33.3%	39.1%	34.7%	39.9%	39.8%	41.6%	39.5%	44.3%	42.1%	45.8%	26.5%	16.9%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	48.1%	44.2%	45.3%	43.7%	44.5%	43.7%	46.3%	43.1%	39.4%	41.7%	-18.0%	-5.6%
<b>Congregate Care Setting</b>	<b>17.5%</b>	<b>15.0%</b>	<b>18.5%</b>	<b>14.3%</b>	<b>14.3%</b>	<b>12.7%</b>	<b>12.3%</b>	<b>10.6%</b>	<b>16.1%</b>	<b>10.4%</b>	<b>-8.2%</b>	<b>-30.5%</b>
Group Home	15.1%	9.1%	13.7%	9.4%	11.2%	8.5%	9.0%	7.2%	12.3%	7.4%	-18.6%	-18.7%
Institution	2.4%	5.9%	4.8%	4.9%	3.2%	4.2%	3.3%	3.4%	3.8%	3.0%	58.1%	-48.9%
<b>Supervised Independent Living</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	-	<b>4.9%</b>
Runaway	0.0%	0.5%	0.0%	0.7%	S	0.8%	0.0%	0.8%	0.0%	0.7%	-	<b>44.6%</b>
Trial Home Visit	S	0.8%	<1.6%	1.1%	S	0.6%	<1.8%	0.9%	<2.4%	<1.2%	-	<b>&lt;57.0%</b>



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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 % Change 2017 to 2021	State % Change 2017 to 2021
Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State		
188	2,343	209	2,469	220	2,182	169	1,746	186	1,681	-1.1%	-28.3%
19.0%	21.7%	21.7%	24.5%	21.8%	23.1%	20.3%	24.0%	21.9%	23.0%	14.7%	5.7%

### 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		Rural % Change 2017 to 2021	State % Change 2017 to 2021
Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State		
11.7%	11.4%	10.5%	10.8%	11.4%	11.9%	14.8%	10.5%	11.3%	12.3%	-3.5%	8.5%
12.8%	11.1%	17.2%	12.6%	12.7%	12.7%	17.2%	10.9%	13.4%	12.8%	5.3%	16.2%
9.0%	11.7%	12.4%	12.1%	14.1%	11.9%	10.1%	11.0%	10.2%	10.9%	13.0%	-6.1%
12.2%	10.6%	9.6%	11.5%	13.2%	10.4%	8.9%	12.0%	8.6%	11.0%	-29.7%	4.0%
18.6%	17.2%	12.0%	17.7%	20.9%	18.7%	21.9%	17.7%	28.5%	20.2%	53.1%	17.2%
35.6%	38.2%	38.3%	35.4%	27.7%	34.4%	27.2%	37.9%	28.0%	32.7%	-21.6%	-14.3%
6.9%	6.6%	7.7%	6.4%	S	6.9%	S	7.3%	8.6%	9.2%	24.4%	39.4%
47.9%	51.1%	47.8%	48.6%	45.5%	48.7%	45.0%	51.1%	55.9%	47.7%	16.8%	-6.7%

### By Race and Ethnicity

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

2017		2018		2019		2020		2021		Rural % Change 2017 to 2021	State % Change 2017 to 2021
Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State		
91.5%	40.6%	89.0%	39.6%	87.7%	50.7%	88.2%	39.1%	86.0%	42.8%	-6.0%	5.3%
S	39.4%	S	40.5%	S	47.1%	S	38.8%	S	35.2%	-	-10.8%
0.0%	1.7%	S	1.8%	0.0%	1.9%	S	3.4%	S	3.9%	-	124.4%
S	6.3%	S	7.1%	S	10.8%	S	6.8%	S	6.5%	-	3.6%
S	11.9%	S	11.1%	S	14.4%	S	12.0%	S	11.6%	-	-2.6%

### By Sex

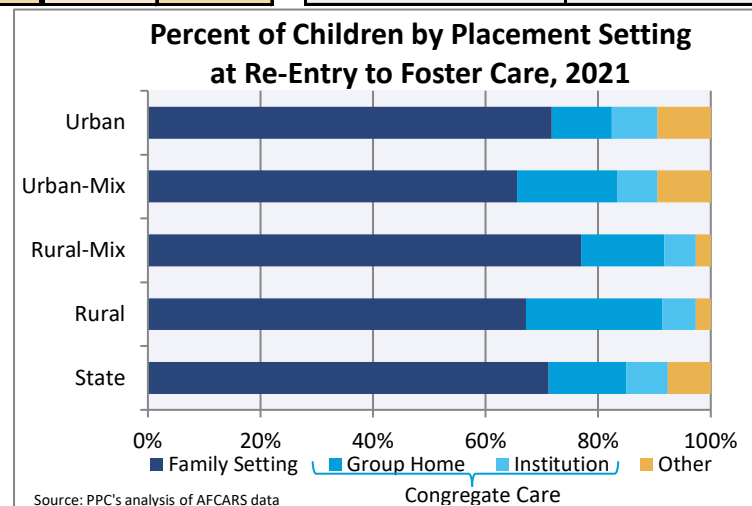
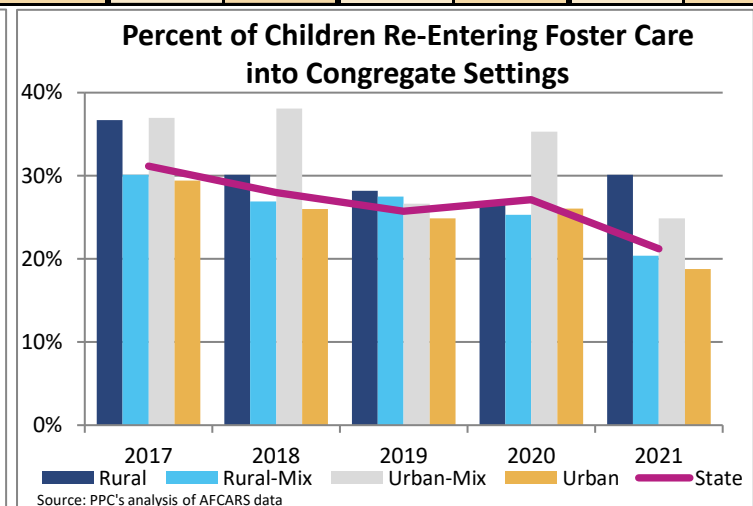
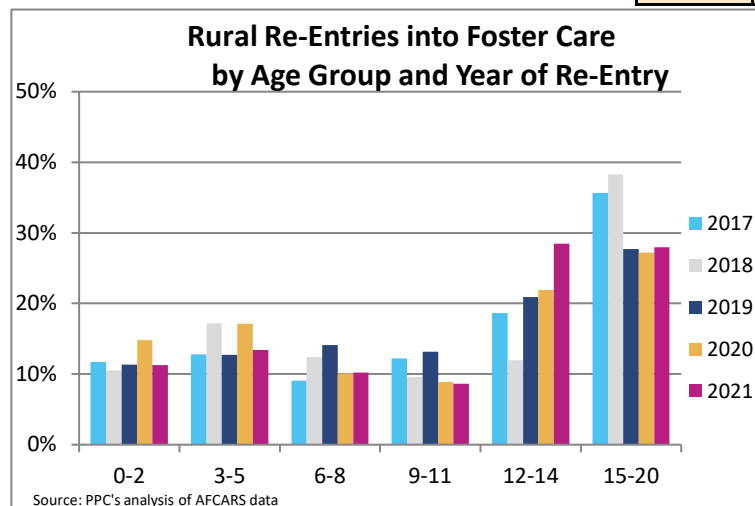
Male  
Female

2017		2018		2019		2020		2021		Rural % Change 2017 to 2021	State % Change 2017 to 2021
Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State		
56.4%	49.6%	54.5%	49.1%	56.8%	51.2%	54.4%	49.0%	54.3%	48.4%	-3.7%	-2.3%
43.6%	50.4%	45.5%	50.9%	43.2%	48.8%	45.6%	51.0%	45.7%	51.6%	4.8%	2.2%

### 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		Rural % Change 2017 to 2021	State % Change 2017 to 2021
Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State		
62.8%	63.9%	65.1%	66.7%	69.1%	68.5%	67.5%	>65.0%	67.2%	>71.1%	7.1%	>11.3%
0.0%	0.6%	0.0%	0.4%	0.0%	0.6%	0.0%	S	0.0%	S	-	-
25.0%	30.7%	22.5%	28.3%	29.1%	32.5%	28.4%	34.8%	28.5%	36.4%	14.0%	18.5%
37.8%	32.6%	42.6%	37.9%	40.0%	35.3%	39.1%	30.1%	38.7%	34.7%	2.5%	6.5%
>36.6%	31.2%	30.1%	28.0%	28.2%	25.8%	>22.5%	27.1%	30.1%	21.2%	>-17.7%	-31.9%
>30.2%	19.9%	24.4%	18.4%	22.3%	16.6%	22.5%	16.5%	24.2%	13.9%	>-19.9%	-30.1%
6.4%	11.3%	5.7%	9.6%	5.9%	9.2%	S	10.6%	5.9%	7.3%	-7.3%	-35.1%
S	1.8%	S	1.8%	S	1.6%	S	1.4%	0.0%	2.2%	-	25.3%
0.0%	2.5%	S	2.7%	0.0%	3.6%	0.0%	5.4%	S	4.2%	-	70.0%
0.0%	0.7%	S	0.8%	S	0.6%	S	<1.0%	S	<1.3%	-	<89.3%



## FOSTER CARE - PLACEMENT REASONS

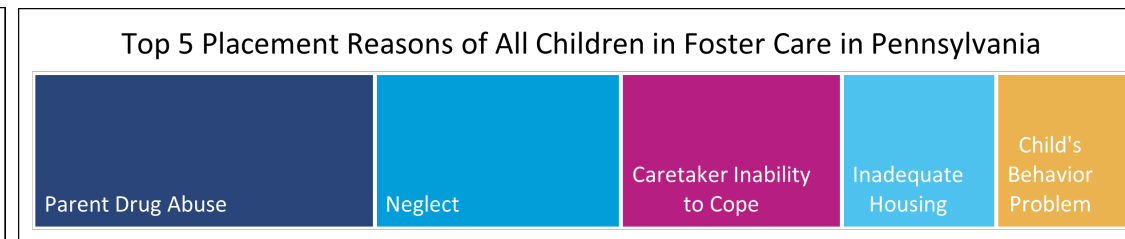
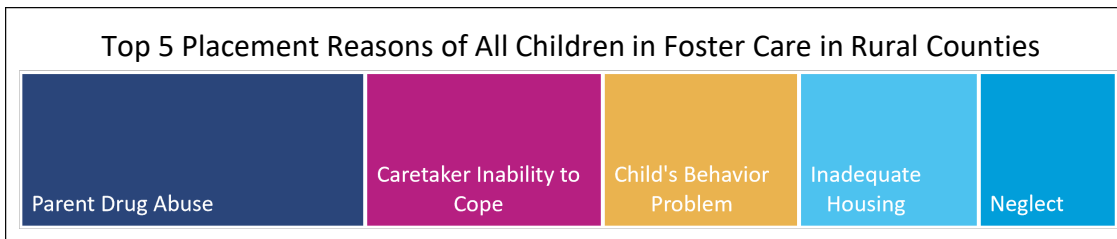
County child welfare agencies are required to report the reasons in which a child experiences a placement episode. There are 15 factors defined by the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) technical bulletin issued by the Administration for Children and Families which are federally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

A child can have more than one placement reason.

### Indicator

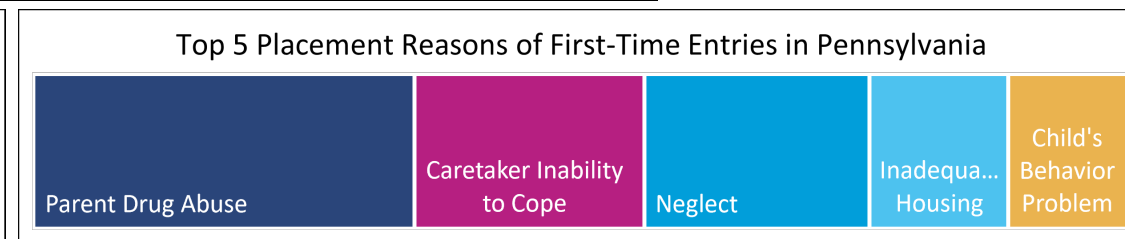
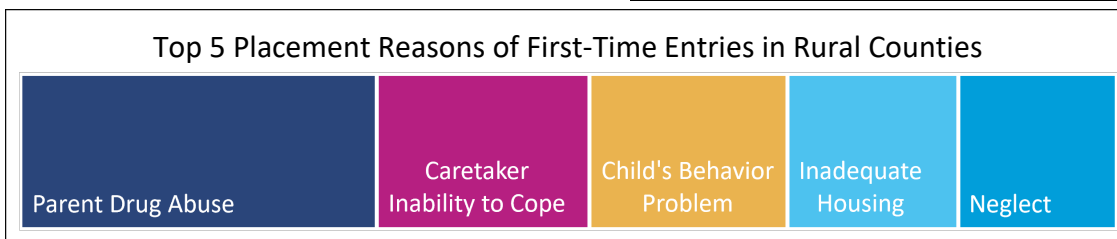
#### Top Five Placement Reasons Of All Children in Foster Care During the Year

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



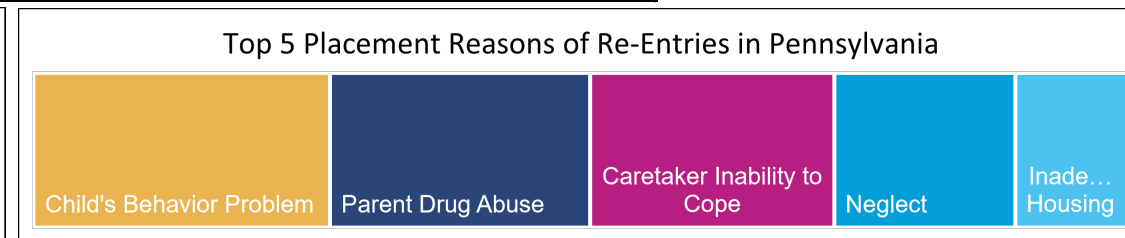
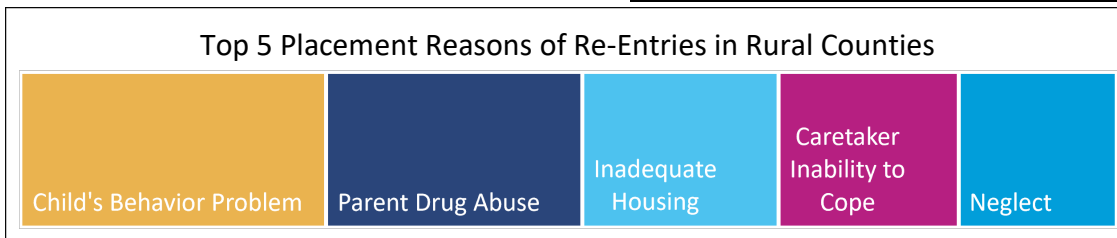
#### Of First-Time Entries into Foster Care

Rural	State
39.5% Parent Drug Abuse	40.8% Parent Drug Abuse
23.6% Caretaker Inability to Cope	24.6% Caretaker Inability to Cope
22.0% Child's Behavior Problem	24.1% Neglect
18.9% Inadequate Housing	14.9% Inadequate Housing
17.6% Neglect	12.9% Child's Behavior Problem



#### Of Re-Entries into Foster Care

Rural	State
30.1% Child's Behavior Problem	28.3% Child's Behavior Problem
25.3% Parent Drug Abuse	24.9% Parent Drug Abuse
19.4% Inadequate Housing	23.3% Caretaker Inability to Cope
17.7% Caretaker Inability to Cope	17.3% Neglect
15.6% 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

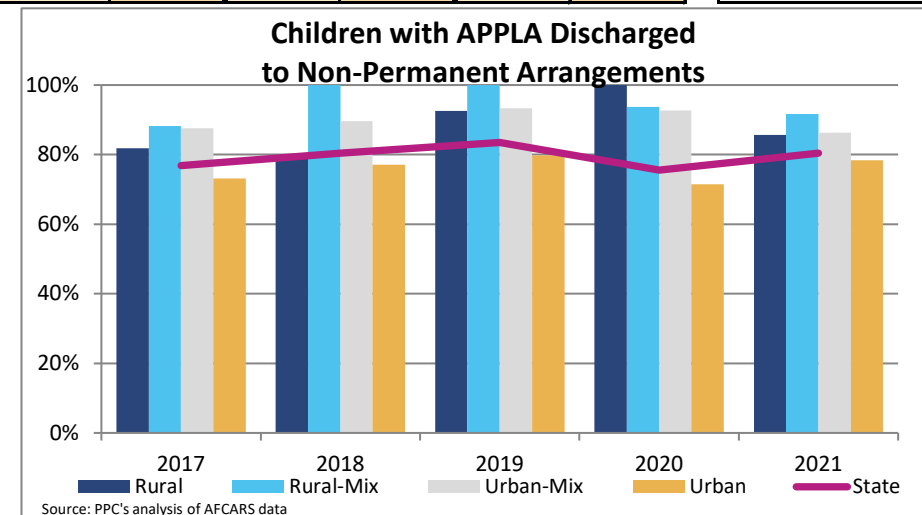
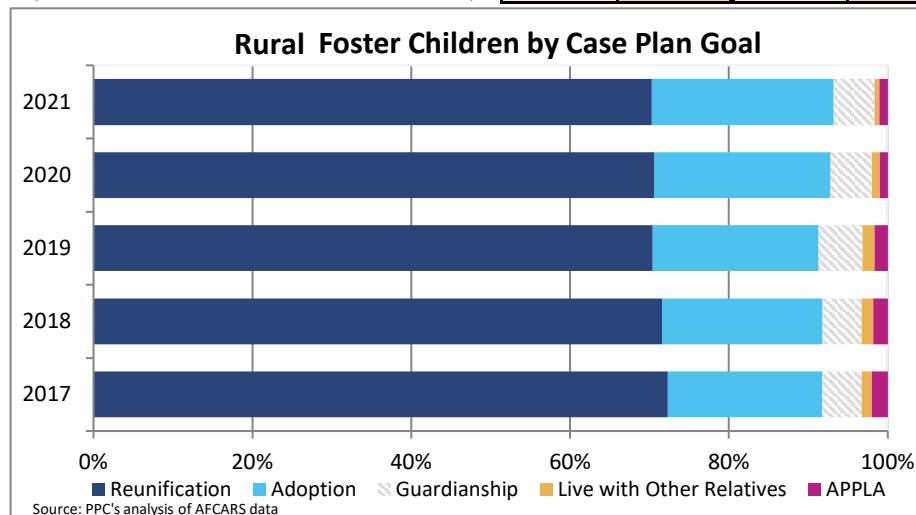
Indicator	2017		2018		2019		2020		2021		Rural % Change 2017 to 2021	State % Change 2017 to 2021
	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State		
<b>Family-Based Permanency Goals</b>	<b>98.0%</b>	<b>94.0%</b>	<b>98.2%</b>	<b>95.1%</b>	<b>98.3%</b>	<b>95.5%</b>	<b>99.0%</b>	<b>96.4%</b>	<b>98.9%</b>	<b>96.8%</b>	<b>1.0%</b>	<b>3.0%</b>
Reunify With Parent(s) or Principal Caretaker(s)	72.3%	66.7%	71.6%	65.3%	70.4%	63.7%	70.6%	65.8%	70.3%	65.6%	-2.7%	-1.7%
Adoption	19.5%	21.2%	20.2%	23.6%	20.9%	24.5%	22.2%	23.7%	22.9%	25.0%	17.5%	17.8%
Guardianship	5.0%	4.8%	5.0%	5.1%	5.5%	5.9%	5.2%	5.4%	5.1%	5.3%	3.3%	10.3%
Live with Relative(s)	1.3%	1.3%	1.5%	1.2%	1.5%	1.5%	1.0%	1.4%	0.6%	1.0%	-51.2%	-24.5%
<b>Another Planned Permanent Living Arrangement (APPLA)</b>	<b>&gt;1.6%</b>	<b>6.0%</b>	<b>&gt;1.5%</b>	<b>4.9%</b>	<b>1.7%</b>	<b>4.5%</b>	<b>1.0%</b>	<b>3.6%</b>	<b>1.1%</b>	<b>3.2%</b>	<b>&gt;-33.6%</b>	<b>-47.1%</b>
Long Term Foster Care	S	0.7%	S	0.6%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.5%	0.0%	0.5%	-	-36.4%
Emancipation	1.6%	5.3%	1.5%	4.3%	1.7%	4.4%	1.0%	3.1%	1.1%	2.7%	-33.7%	-48.6%

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

Age Group	2017 Rural	2017 State	2018 Rural	2018 State	2019 Rural	2019 State	2020 Rural	2020 State	2021 Rural	2021 State	Rural % Change 2017 to 2021	State % Change 2017 to 2021
0-15	S	1.0%	S	1.0%	S	S	0.0%	S	0.0%	S	-	-
16-20	9.3%	25.1%	9.3%	25.1%	1.6%	23.5%	6.2%	19.6%	6.2%	17.5%	-33.8%	-30.0%

#### APPLA By Discharge Reason

Discharge Reason	2017 Rural	2017 State	2018 Rural	2018 State	2019 Rural	2019 State	2020 Rural	2020 State	2021 Rural	2021 State	Rural % Change 2017 to 2021	State % Change 2017 to 2021
<b>Exit to Permanent Arrangements</b>	<b>&gt;0.0%</b>	<b>22.7%</b>	<b>&gt;0.0%</b>	<b>19.5%</b>	<b>&gt;0.0%</b>	<b>16.4%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>24.1%</b>	<b>&gt;0.0%</b>	<b>19.6%</b>	-	<b>-13.4%</b>
Reunification	S	17.3%	S	16.9%	S	15.0%	0.0%	23.0%	S	18.5%	-	6.9%
(number of months until reunification)	17.3	11.8	11.9	18.6	2.1	19.2	0.0	25.1	30.4	34.1	76.1%	188.2%
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	S	4.9%	S	2.3%	S	S	0.0%	S	0.0%	S	-	-
(number of month until guardianship)	22.5	23.6	28.5	25.6	11.2	23.8	0.0	32.5	0.0	42.9	-100.0%	81.7%
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	-	-100.0%
<b>Exit to Non-Permanent Arrangements</b>	<b>&gt;77.3%</b>	<b>76.8%</b>	<b>&gt;68.4%</b>	<b>80.5%</b>	<b>&gt;85.2%</b>	<b>83.5%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>75.6%</b>	<b>85.7%</b>	<b>80.4%</b>	<b>&lt;10.9%</b>	<b>4.7%</b>
Emancipation	77.3%	66.7%	68.4%	72.1%	85.2%	74.3%	100.0%	68.0%	85.7%	68.2%	10.9%	2.3%
(number of months until emancipation)	27.2	26.2	45.2	27.6	63.9	30.7	31.2	26.1	41.2	30.9	51.4%	18.1%
Transfer to Another Agency	0.0%	8.2%	S	5.3%	S	7.1%	0.0%	6.1%	0.0%	7.5%	-	-9.2%
(number of months until transfer)	0.0	3.7	109.1	19.4	19.3	17.9	0.0	16.0	0.0	22.4	-	502.2%
Runaway	S	1.9%	0.0%	3.0%	0.0%	2.1%	0.0%	S	0.0%	4.7%	-	147.3%
(number of months until running away)	34.3	32.0	0.0	22.4	0.0	26.9	0.0	22.8	0.0	36.1	-100.0%	12.6%
<b>Death of Child</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	-	-
(number of months until death of a child)	0.0	62.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.7	0.0	115.9	0.0	0.0	-	-100.0%



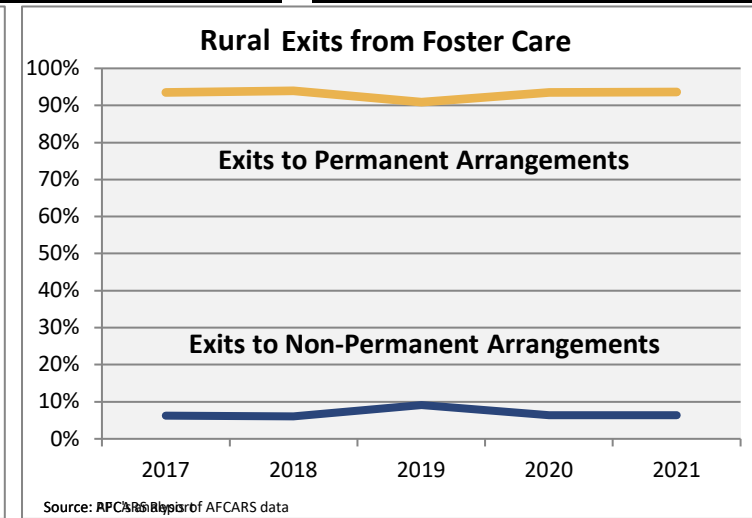
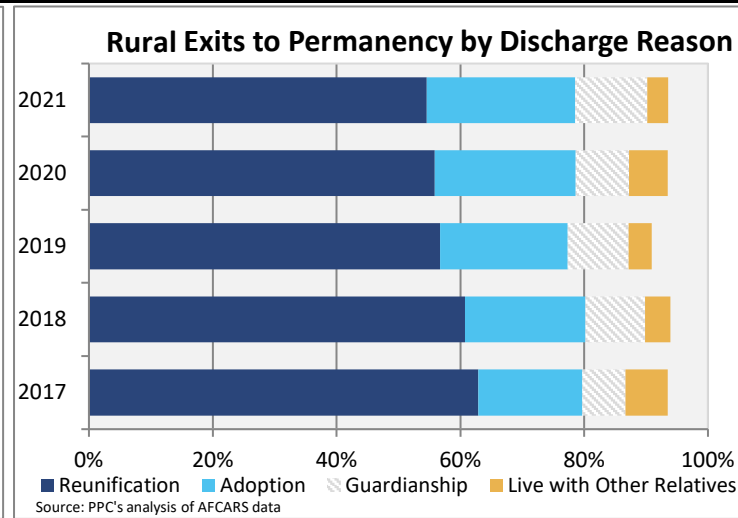
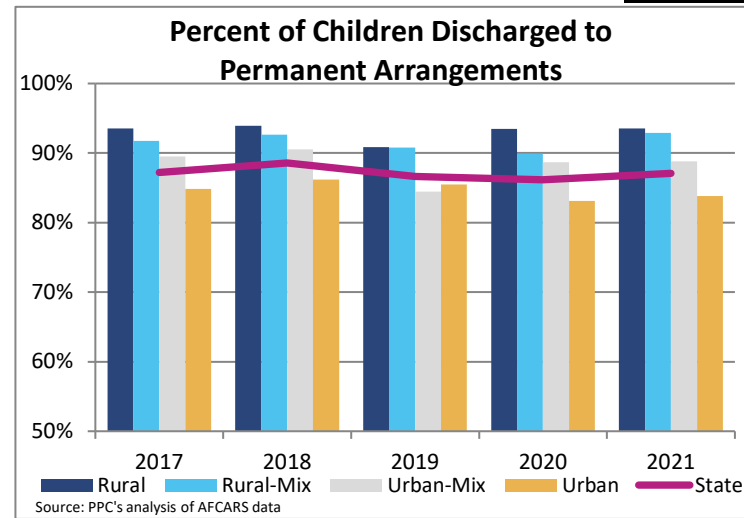
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## FOSTER CARE - EXITS

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	2017		2018		2019		2020		2021		Rural % Change 2017 to 2021	State % Change 2017 to 2021
	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State		
<b>Children Exiting Foster Care</b>												
Total Children Leaving Foster Care	803	10,276	924	10,694	998	10,801	970	8,712	839	8,439	4.5%	-17.9%
Percent of Children Leaving Foster Care	44.3%	40.5%	46.8%	42.0%	52.0%	43.8%	50.6%	40.2%	46.9%	41.2%	5.9%	1.7%
(number of months until leaving)	8.2	11.9	10.6	13.0	11.1	15.9	11.4	15.4	13.4	33.2	63.4%	178.8%

By Discharge Reason		2017		2018		2019		2020		2021		Rural % Change 2017 to 2021	State % Change 2017 to 2021
<b>Exit to Permanent Arrangements</b>		<b>93.5%</b>	<b>87.2%</b>	<b>93.9%</b>	<b>88.6%</b>	<b>90.9%</b>	<b>86.6%</b>	<b>93.5%</b>	<b>86.2%</b>	<b>93.6%</b>	<b>87.1%</b>		
Reunification		62.9%	55.1%	60.7%	52.5%	56.7%	49.8%	55.9%	50.8%	54.6%	49.8%	-13.2%	-9.8%
(number of months until reunification)		4.8	6.6	5.7	6.4	7.0	7.4	7.0	8.4	5.5	9.0	13.7%	35.1%
Adoption		16.8%	20.2%	19.5%	23.9%	20.6%	25.2%	22.8%	23.5%	24.0%	25.4%	42.5%	25.6%
(number of months until adoption)		21.1	29.2	25.1	30.5	25.8	31.0	30.2	29.8	28.5	32.2	35.0%	10.5%
Guardianship		7.0%	6.7%	9.6%	7.5%	9.8%	7.6%	8.6%	7.7%	11.7%	7.6%	67.5%	13.8%
(number of month until guardianship)		12.9	20.1	15.9	19.4	18.1	22.8	15.3	22.3	16.8	23.5	30.3%	16.9%
Live with Other Relatives		6.8%	5.1%	4.1%	4.6%	3.7%	4.1%	6.3%	4.1%	3.3%	4.3%	-51.3%	-15.8%
(number of months until living with relatives)		3.6	2.2	6.8	2.1	2.1	2.5	4.4	2.4	8.1	2.0	126.6%	-7.6%
<b>Exit to Non-Permanent Arrangements</b>		<b>6.2%</b>	<b>12.7%</b>	<b>6.1%</b>	<b>11.4%</b>	<b>&gt;8.2%</b>	<b>13.2%</b>	<b>&gt;6.1%</b>	<b>13.7%</b>	<b>&gt;5.4%</b>	<b>12.8%</b>	<b>&gt;-13.3%</b>	<b>0.6%</b>
Emancipation		5.4%	7.9%	4.5%	7.3%	8.2%	9.3%	6.1%	9.5%	5.4%	7.9%	0.2%	0.1%
(number of months until emancipation)		20.8	22.0	37.8	23.7	29.9	26.2	12.3	22.9	26.4	24.3	26.7%	10.2%
Transfer to Another Agency		S	4.3%	1.5%	3.5%	S	3.5%	S	3.7%	S	4.1%	-	-6.4%
(number of months until transfer)		2.9	6.9	25.5	7.9	12.2	5.5	0.2	6.6	10.6	8.0	262.2%	16.0%
Runaway		S	0.5%	0.0%	0.6%	0.0%	0.5%	0.0%	0.4%	0.0%	0.8%	-	75.0%
(number of months until running away)		24.4	19.4	0.0	14.0	0.0	14.1	0.0	11.4	0.0	17.8	-100.0%	-8.0%
<b>Death of Child</b>		<b>S</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>12.4%</b>
(number of months until death of a child)		6.5	18.8	0.0	5.5	0.0	12.6	90.0	6.1	10.0	5.9	54.4%	-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 % Change 2017 to 2021	State % Change 2017 to 2021
	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State		
Children in Foster Care on Last Day	1,097	16,381	1,142	16,074	1,153	15,082	1,005	13,949	1,017	13,033	-7.3%	-20.4%
(number of months children have been in care)	9.9	13.4	10.4	14.2	11.4	14.0	10.2	16.4	10.2	16.8	3.7%	25.6%

### By Age

Age Group	2017 Rural	2017 State	2018 Rural	2018 State	2019 Rural	2019 State	2020 Rural	2020 State	2021 Rural	2021 State	Rural % Change 2017 to 2021	State % Change 2017 to 2021
0-2	21.7%	21.5%	18.7%	21.0%	22.1%	21.6%	22.4%	22.2%	21.9%	23.0%	1.1%	7.4%
3-5	15.6%	17.5%	16.6%	17.5%	16.7%	17.7%	17.5%	18.0%	17.8%	17.9%	14.2%	2.4%
6-8	13.7%	13.7%	13.0%	13.6%	13.9%	13.8%	12.6%	13.9%	12.0%	13.6%	-12.3%	-0.7%
9-11	12.4%	11.8%	12.1%	12.2%	12.8%	12.1%	12.1%	12.1%	9.7%	11.5%	-21.5%	-2.6%
12-14	13.9%	12.1%	13.9%	12.3%	14.4%	13.3%	15.3%	13.1%	17.4%	13.0%	25.6%	7.4%
15-20	22.8%	23.5%	25.7%	23.5%	20.0%	21.5%	20.0%	20.8%	21.1%	21.0%	-7.2%	-10.5%
Infants (age 0-1)	13.9%	13.8%	12.3%	13.7%	15.4%	14.4%	14.3%	14.5%	15.1%	15.0%	8.6%	8.9%
Youth (age 13+)	32.0%	31.9%	34.7%	31.9%	34.4%	34.8%	31.0%	29.9%	32.7%	29.7%	2.3%	-6.9%

### By Race and Ethnicity

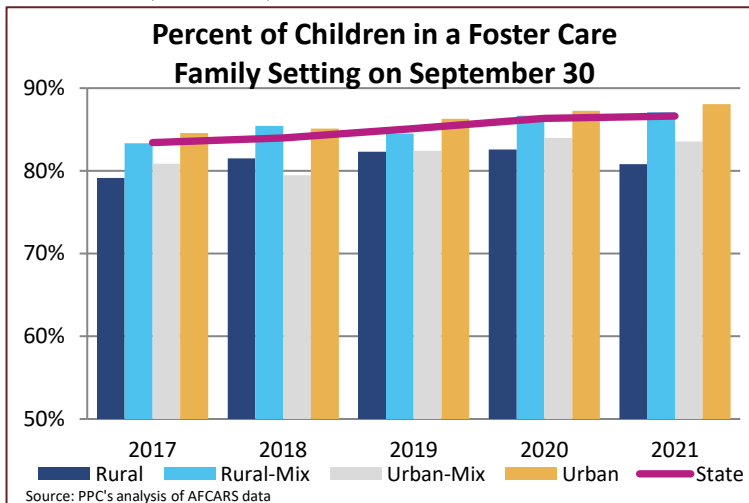
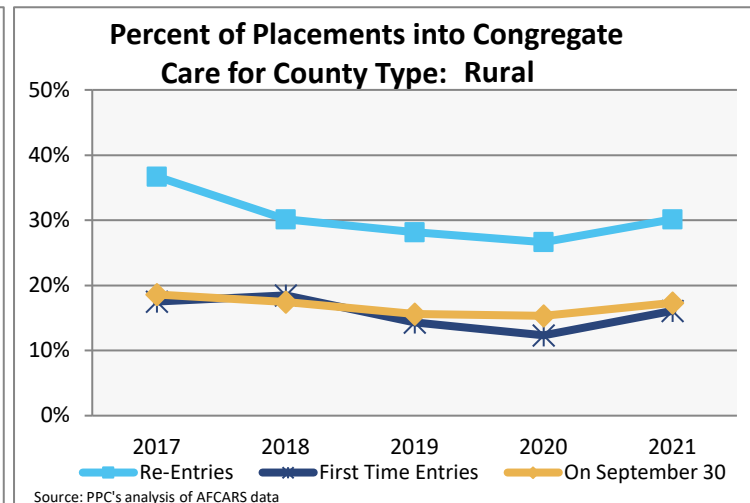
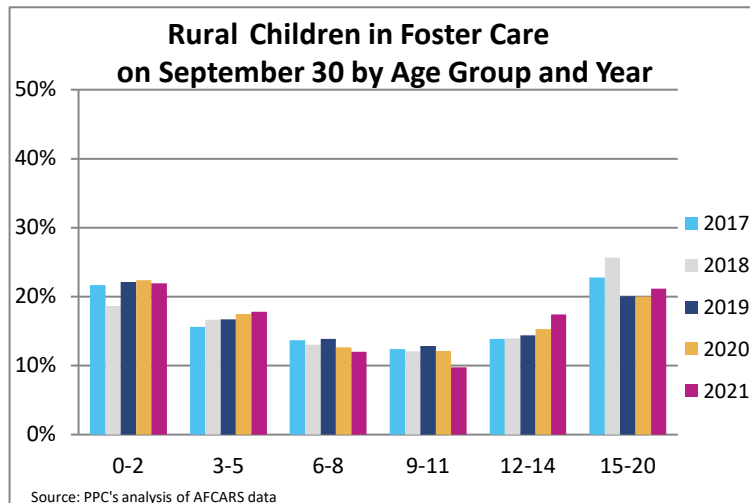
Race/Ethnicity	2017 Rural	2017 State	2018 Rural	2018 State	2019 Rural	2019 State	2020 Rural	2020 State	2021 Rural	2021 State	Rural % Change 2017 to 2021	State % Change 2017 to 2021
Non-Hispanic White	87.0%	42.1%	89.2%	42.2%	88.8%	42.3%	87.9%	41.8%	85.1%	43.1%	-2.2%	2.4%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	3.2%	35.8%	3.0%	35.4%	2.8%	34.4%	3.0%	33.7%	2.4%	32.2%	-26.0%	-10.3%
Non-Hispanic Other Race	1.4%	2.7%	1.4%	2.3%	S	2.6%	2.4%	3.7%	3.0%	4.5%	122.9%	66.0%
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	4.3%	6.1%	3.5%	7.1%	<4.4%	7.8%	4.0%	8.3%	6.4%	8.0%	49.2%	30.4%
Hispanic or Latino	4.2%	13.2%	2.9%	13.0%	3.5%	13.0%	2.8%	12.5%	3.2%	12.2%	-22.6%	-7.5%

### By Sex

Sex	2017 Rural	2017 State	2018 Rural	2018 State	2019 Rural	2019 State	2020 Rural	2020 State	2021 Rural	2021 State	Rural % Change 2017 to 2021	State % Change 2017 to 2021
Male	52.8%	51.2%	52.5%	50.9%	52.4%	50.6%	53.3%	50.8%	54.3%	50.2%	2.8%	-1.8%
Female	47.2%	48.8%	47.5%	49.1%	47.6%	49.4%	46.7%	49.2%	45.7%	49.8%	-3.2%	1.9%

### By Latest Placement Setting

Placement Setting	2017 Rural	2017 State	2018 Rural	2018 State	2019 Rural	2019 State	2020 Rural	2020 State	2021 Rural	2021 State	Rural % Change 2017 to 2021	State % Change 2017 to 2021
<b>Family Setting</b>	<b>79.1%</b>	<b>83.4%</b>	<b>81.5%</b>	<b>84.0%</b>	<b>82.3%</b>	<b>85.1%</b>	<b>82.6%</b>	<b>86.3%</b>	<b>&gt;80.2%</b>	<b>86.6%</b>	<b>&gt;1.4%</b>	<b>3.8%</b>
Pre-adoptive Home	1.5%	4.1%	2.1%	4.0%	1.4%	3.2%	2.7%	2.7%	S	1.3%	-	-69.5%
Foster Family Home – Relative	30.6%	37.9%	29.1%	37.8%	31.0%	39.4%	30.9%	41.5%	33.3%	43.0%	8.8%	13.4%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	47.0%	41.4%	50.4%	42.2%	50.0%	42.5%	49.0%	42.2%	46.9%	42.4%	-0.3%	2.4%
<b>Congregate Care Setting</b>	<b>18.6%</b>	<b>13.7%</b>	<b>17.4%</b>	<b>13.2%</b>	<b>15.6%</b>	<b>11.9%</b>	<b>15.3%</b>	<b>10.7%</b>	<b>17.3%</b>	<b>10.4%</b>	<b>-6.9%</b>	<b>-23.9%</b>
Group Home	14.2%	8.2%	11.8%	7.9%	11.4%	7.0%	11.1%	5.9%	12.6%	6.4%	-11.5%	-22.4%
Institution	4.4%	5.5%	5.6%	5.3%	4.2%	4.9%	4.2%	4.8%	4.7%	4.1%	7.9%	-26.2%
<b>Supervised Independent Living</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>1.5%</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>1.5%</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>1.3%</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>1.0%</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>1.2%</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-19.4%</b>
Runaway	0.0%	0.8%	0.0%	0.9%	S	1.2%	0.0%	1.5%	0.0%	1.1%	-	32.8%
Trial Home Visit	<1.9%	0.6%	S	0.4%	1.6%	0.5%	<1.9%	0.4%	1.8%	0.7%	<-6.8%	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 % Change 2017 to 2021	State % Change 2017 to 2021
Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State		
30.8%	32.2%	30.8%	31.8%	35.2%	31.1%	30.5%	28.4%	29.9%	25.6%	-2.9%	-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 % Change 2017 to 2021	State % Change 2017 to 2021
Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State		
48.3%	39.2%	41.1%	37.3%	44.4%	38.7%	45.9%	36.8%	47.8%	36.6%	-1.0%	-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 % Change 2017 to 2021	State % Change 2017 to 2021
Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State		
19.5%	23.0%	22.2%	21.4%	21.8%	22.3%	16.5%	20.2%	13.6%	18.1%	-30.5%	-21.2%



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