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.

### 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)

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### Child Abuse and Neglect Substantiations
Founded or indicated reports of child abuse and/or neglect.

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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.

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

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### 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.

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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.

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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 homelessness as an adult. The following shows the past five years of data regarding children served in foster care during each federal fiscal year.

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### By Race and Ethnicity

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### By Latest Placement Setting

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### Children Entering Foster Care

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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**

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**First Time Entries as Percent of All Entries**

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**By Age**

- 0-2: 42.5%
- 3-5: 13.4%
- 6-8: 9.0%
- 9-11: 8.2%
- 12-14: 12.7%
- 15-20: 14.2%

- Infants (age 0-1): 35.8%
- Youth (age 13+): 21.6%

**By Race and Ethnicity**

- Non-Hispanic White: 72.4%
- Non-Hispanic Black or African American: S 13.4%
- Non-Hispanic Other Race: S 2.6%
- Non-Hispanic Two or More Races: S 6.7%
- Hispanic or Latino: 14.2%

**By Sex**

- Male: 60.4%
- Female: 39.6%

**By First Reported Placement Setting**

- Family Setting: 86.6%
- Pre-adoptive Home: 0.0%
- Foster Family Home – Relative: 20.9%
- Foster Family Home – Non-Relative: 65.7%
- Congregate Care Setting: >11.1%
- Group Home: 8.7%
- Institution: 6.0%
- Supervised Independent Living: 0.0%
- Trial Home Visit: S <1.6%

**County % Change 2017 to 2021**

- 75% to 77%: -2.0%
- 77% to 80%: 3.0%
- 80% to 87%: 7.0%
- 87% to 76%: -11.0%

**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.**

**Source:** PPC’s analysis of AFCARS data

**papartnerships.org 3 Pennsylvania Partnerships for Children 2022 (July 2022)**
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.

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- Neglect
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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.

### Percent of Children by Case Plan Goal

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<td>Family-Based Permanency Goals</td>
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<td>S</td>
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<td>S</td>
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<tr>
<td>Reunify With Parent(s) or Principal Caretaker(s)</td>
<td>1.4%</td>
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<td>S</td>
<td>S</td>
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<tr>
<td>Adoption</td>
<td>7.3%</td>
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<td>5.5%</td>
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<td>Guardianship</td>
<td>S</td>
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<td>Live with Relative(s)</td>
<td>&gt;1.8%</td>
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### APPLA By Age as % of Age Group Served

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### APPLA By Discharge Reason

- Exit to Permanent Arrangements
  - Reunification (number of months until reunification)
  - Adoption (number of months until adoption)
  - Guardianship (number of months 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)

Source: PPC’s analysis of AFCARS data

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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

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<td>(number of months until leaving)</td>
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<td>Transfer to Another Agency</td>
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### Notes

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

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Source: PPC’s analysis of AFCARS data

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FOSTER CARE - REMAINING IN CARE

Data on children remaining in foster care provides information on children who did not leave foster care during the year but are still in foster care on the last day of the federal fiscal year. This data includes all children in foster care on September 30. Some of these children may have just entered foster care days prior to the end of the fiscal year and others may have been in foster care for many years.

### Children Remaining in Foster Care

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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.

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<td>Foster Care Placement Stability</td>
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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.

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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.

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