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	2018			2019			2020			2021			2022*			County % Change 2018 to 2022*
	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	
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)	1,255 20.3	22,694 13.2	44,063 16.6	1,221 19.7	21,555 12.5	42,252 15.9	926 15.0	15,779 9.2	32,919 12.4	1,110 17.9	18,511 10.7	38,013 14.3	1,150 18.6	22,453 13.0	39,093 14.8	-8.4%
Child Abuse and Neglect Substantiations Founded or indicated reports of child abuse and/or neglect.	13.0%	11.3%	11.6%	14.8%	10.7%	11.5%	20.0%	13.6%	14.0%	20.4%	12.7%	13.2%	21.1%	11.8%	12.8%	62.7%
Repeated Child Abuse and Neglect Children with another substantiated incident of abuse and/or neglect following the first reported incident. (Data may be overstated.)	4.9% 1 in 20	4.3% 1 in 23	5.2% 1 in 19	2.2% 1 in 45	5.1% 1 in 19	5.7% 1 in 18	8.1% 1 in 12	6.3% 1 in 16	6.2% 1 in 16	8.0% 1 in 13	5.4% 1 in 19	6.5% 1 in 15	6.6% 1 in 15	5.4% 1 in 19	6.4% 1 in 16	34.2%

Child Abuse Reports and Percent Substantiated
Source: Annual Child Protective Services Report

Child Abuse Reports and Percent Repeated Child Abuse
Source: Annual Child Protective Services Report
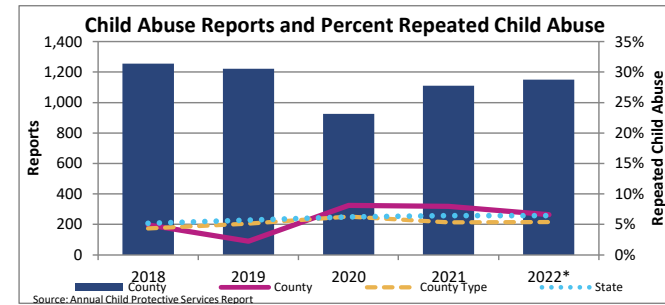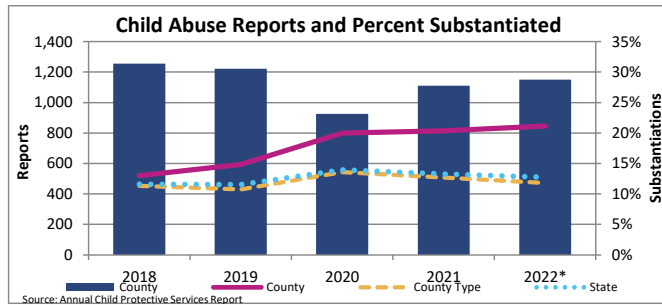
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GENERAL PROTECTIVE SERVICES (GPS)

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.

Indicator	2018			2019			2020			2021			2022*			County % Change 2018 to 2022*
	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	
GPS Reports Total reported concerns of general neglect, not alleging child abuse.	5,458	83,841	169,723	5,554	86,916	178,124	5,202	72,705	152,478	5,061	78,197	161,709	5,095	94,972	165,295	-6.7%
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.	20.4%	21.5%	23.6%	19.9%	21.4%	23.5%	25.8%	23.0%	25.6%	37.3%	24.0%	27.1%	24.2%	21.2%	24.2%	18.6%
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.	1,555	25,614	58,982	1,592	25,847	60,755	1,896	23,425	56,999	2,794	26,254	63,801	1,867	29,081	57,876	20.1%

Indicator	2018			2019			2020			2021			2022*			County % Change 2018 to 2022*
	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	
Unduplicated Number of Children Served Children who received in-home services along with parents to address concerns related to child safety and well-being.	6,288	84,995	194,761	5,535	83,710	187,280	3,918	82,552	>181,435	4,592	79,538	192,594	4,978	123,410	211,150	-20.8%

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	2018			2019			2020			2021			2022*			County % Change 2018 to 2022*
	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	
Unduplicated Number of Children Served																
All Children in Foster Care During the Year	607	15,712	25,441	NA	15,298	24,665	485	13,272	21,689	467	12,135	20,490	513	12,421	19,287	-15.5%
(Rate per 1,000 children age 0-20)	8.4	7.6	8.0	8.1	7.4	7.7	6.7	6.4	6.8	6.4	5.9	6.4	7.1	6.0	6.0	
By Age																
0-2	19.8%	19.2%	20.2%	20.4%	19.7%	20.2%	21.9%	20.0%	20.9%	24.8%	20.5%	21.5%	24.8%	20.0%	21.1%	25.2%
3-5	19.9%	17.6%	17.9%	18.5%	17.4%	17.8%	19.2%	17.2%	17.8%	19.1%	18.1%	18.2%	19.1%	18.4%	18.2%	-4.2%
6-8	14.5%	13.5%	13.4%	14.2%	13.9%	13.8%	13.2%	13.5%	13.5%	13.1%	13.8%	13.7%	15.0%	13.7%	13.7%	3.5%
9-11	12.2%	12.1%	11.8%	10.1%	12.1%	11.7%	11.1%	12.0%	11.7%	10.9%	11.7%	11.3%	<9.1%	11.8%	11.2%	<-25.4%
12-14	11.4%	12.0%	11.8%	12.2%	12.4%	12.3%	10.9%	12.7%	12.6%	12.6%	12.6%	12.6%	13.8%	12.9%	12.8%	21.8%
15-17	14.2%	18.7%	18.7%	18.9%	18.4%	18.5%	17.5%	17.9%	17.9%	16.7%	16.1%	16.4%	16.4%	17.5%	18.1%	15.6%
18-20	8.1%	6.8%	6.3%	5.7%	6.0%	5.6%	6.2%	6.6%	5.6%	2.8%	7.3%	6.4%	S	5.8%	4.9%	-
Infants (age 0-1)	10.9%	11.9%	12.7%	13.6%	12.5%	12.9%	14.6%	12.6%	13.2%	16.5%	12.7%	13.7%	16.0%	12.2%	13.3%	47.0%
Youth (age 13+)	30.1%	33.8%	33.1%	32.8%	33.0%	32.6%	30.7%	33.3%	32.3%	27.6%	31.9%	31.3%	27.9%	32.3%	32.0%	-7.5%
By Race and Ethnicity																
Non-Hispanic White	<33.2%	28.2%	43.7%	28.5%	28.0%	43.7%	30.9%	28.4%	44.2%	<32.0%	28.5%	44.3%	33.3%	31.7%	45.0%	>0.4%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	41.8%	48.9%	33.9%	42.4%	47.8%	33.0%	43.7%	46.7%	32.0%	41.5%	45.5%	30.7%	37.8%	41.5%	29.8%	-9.6%
Non-Hispanic Other Race	S	2.6%	2.3%	0.7%	3.1%	2.6%	S	4.1%	3.6%	S	4.6%	4.2%	2.9%	5.3%	4.8%	-
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	8.9%	6.1%	7.1%	9.3%	6.7%	7.7%	<7.5%	7.0%	8.0%	6.4%	7.1%	8.4%	5.5%	7.3%	8.2%	-38.6%
Hispanic or Latino	15.8%	14.2%	13.0%	19.2%	14.4%	12.9%	17.1%	13.9%	12.3%	19.7%	14.3%	12.3%	20.5%	14.2%	12.2%	29.4%
By Sex																
Male	50.4%	50.3%	50.8%	52.5%	50.0%	50.8%	50.9%	49.2%	50.6%	52.7%	49.3%	50.5%	53.6%	49.2%	50.3%	6.3%
Female	49.6%	49.7%	49.2%	47.5%	50.0%	49.2%	49.1%	50.8%	49.4%	47.3%	50.7%	49.5%	46.4%	50.8%	49.7%	-6.4%
By Latest Placement Setting																
Family Setting	>82.7%	82.6%	81.6%	82.3%	84.1%	82.7%	>80.6%	84.7%	83.8%	>83.7%	85.8%	84.8%	>86.0%	86.1%	84.9%	-
Pre-adoptive Home	S	6.4%	4.5%	0.0%	5.3%	3.8%	S	3.8%	2.9%	S	2.8%	2.3%	S	4.8%	3.5%	-
Foster Family Home – Relative	28.0%	40.9%	37.1%	30.7%	43.2%	38.7%	32.4%	45.4%	40.8%	34.7%	46.5%	42.0%	35.7%	44.6%	42.1%	27.4%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	54.7%	35.3%	40.1%	51.6%	35.6%	40.3%	48.2%	35.4%	40.1%	49.0%	36.5%	40.5%	50.3%	36.7%	39.3%	-8.0%
Congregate Care Setting	15.2%	13.2%	14.0%	16.0%	11.4%	12.7%	17.7%	10.3%	11.5%	14.3%	9.1%	10.5%	12.5%	9.3%	10.4%	-17.7%
Group Home	10.0%	7.0%	8.5%	11.8%	6.1%	7.7%	14.4%	5.2%	6.7%	11.1%	4.9%	6.4%	10.1%	5.0%	6.3%	0.9%
Institution	5.1%	6.2%	5.6%	4.1%	5.2%	5.0%	3.3%	5.1%	4.8%	3.2%	4.2%	4.2%	2.3%	4.3%	4.1%	-54.2%
Supervised Independent Living	S	1.7%	1.5%	1.7%	1.7%	1.6%	S	1.3%	1.3%	S	1.4%	1.2%	S	1.6%	1.4%	-
Runaway	0.0%	2.0%	1.4%	0.0%	2.1%	1.4%	0.0%	2.9%	1.9%	0.0%	2.6%	1.7%	S	2.1%	1.5%	-
Trial Home Visit	S	0.5%	1.4%	0.0%	0.7%	1.5%	S	0.7%	1.6%	S	1.1%	1.8%	S	0.9%	1.7%	-
Children Entering Foster Care																
All Entries into Foster Care During the Year	227	5,854	10,095	NA	5,537	9,448	176	4,063	7,286	199	3,667	7,316	269	4,456	7,307	18.5%

NA = Data not currently available
S = rate suppressed due to count less than 11 persons
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Percent of All Children Served by Placement Setting, 2022

Legend: ■ Family Setting   ■ Group Home   ■ Institution   ■ Other   Congregate Care

Source: PPC's analysis of AFCARS data

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.
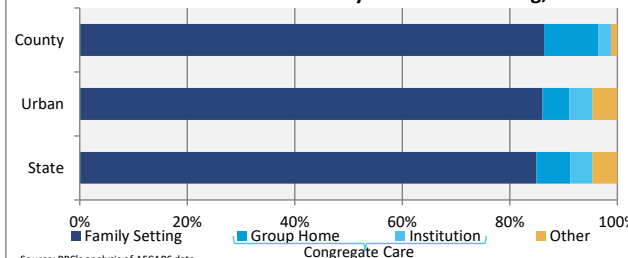
Indicator	2018 County	2018 Urban	2018 State	2019 County	2019 Urban	2019 State	2020 County	2020 Urban	2020 State	2021 County	2021 Urban	2021 State	2022* County	2022* Urban	2022* State	County % Change 2018 to 2022*
Children Entering for the First Time																
First Time Entries During the Year	141	4,227	7,626	NA	4,133	7,266	127	2,919	5,540	157	2,691	5,635	217	3,038	5,394	53.9%
(Rate per 1,000 children age 0-20)	1.9	2.0	2.4	3.0	2.0	2.3	1.7	1.4	1.7	2.2	1.3	1.8	3.0	1.5	1.7	
First Time Entries as Percent of All Entries	62.1%	72.2%	75.5%	77.7%	74.6%	76.9%	72.2%	71.8%	76.0%	78.9%	73.4%	77.0%	80.7%	68.2%	73.8%	29.9%
By Age																
0-2	36.9%	35.2%	34.4%	35.4%	36.0%	35.1%	40.9%	40.0%	38.2%	43.9%	41.4%	38.5%	33.2%	37.5%	36.2%	-10.0%
3-5	15.6%	14.3%	15.4%	14.2%	14.3%	14.8%	17.3%	13.4%	14.5%	15.3%	14.3%	14.7%	18.4%	13.8%	14.2%	18.1%
6-8	18.4%	11.4%	11.5%	11.8%	11.8%	11.8%	9.4%	11.0%	11.4%	8.9%	10.7%	11.3%	14.7%	11.5%	11.7%	-20.0%
9-11	<12.2%	10.8%	10.3%	11.3%	11.2%	10.7%	10.2%	9.6%	9.7%	7.6%	8.7%	9.3%	7.4%	9.2%	9.5%	>-39.6%
12-14	9.9%	12.9%	12.8%	9.4%	12.5%	12.9%	8.7%	12.3%	12.5%	10.8%	11.5%	12.6%	13.8%	13.1%	13.0%	39.2%
15-20	S	15.5%	15.6%	17.9%	14.2%	14.6%	13.4%	13.6%	13.7%	13.4%	13.3%	13.7%	12.4%	14.9%	15.4%	-
Infants (age 0-1)	26.2%	29.1%	28.0%	29.2%	30.2%	29.1%	33.1%	34.0%	31.7%	37.6%	35.9%	32.3%	27.2%	30.7%	29.7%	3.6%
Youth (age 13+)	15.6%	24.6%	24.7%	22.2%	18.8%	19.5%	17.3%	22.0%	22.6%	21.0%	20.8%	22.5%	20.7%	24.4%	25.2%	32.9%
By Race and Ethnicity																
Non-Hispanic White	<39.8%	30.8%	48.3%	25.9%	30.0%	47.6%	35.4%	31.2%	49.7%	30.6%	32.3%	50.0%	36.9%	35.4%	50.1%	>-7.4%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	41.8%	44.9%	29.3%	43.4%	43.5%	28.4%	40.2%	39.9%	25.2%	35.7%	38.5%	23.6%	32.3%	36.1%	23.9%	-22.9%
Non-Hispanic Other Race	S	2.9%	2.7%	1.9%	4.4%	3.7%	S	6.1%	5.3%	S	6.5%	5.8%	5.1%	6.4%	6.1%	-
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	7.8%	6.7%	7.7%	6.6%	7.2%	7.7%	S	8.0%	8.2%	S	7.3%	8.4%	7.4%	7.7%	8.0%	-5.5%
Hispanic or Latino	9.9%	14.7%	12.0%	22.2%	14.9%	12.6%	16.5%	14.8%	11.6%	26.1%	15.3%	12.1%	18.4%	14.5%	11.9%	85.6%
By Sex																
Male	48.2%	51.0%	50.7%	55.7%	50.4%	50.8%	48.0%	48.9%	50.5%	58.0%	49.0%	49.7%	54.8%	49.4%	50.4%	13.7%
Female	51.8%	49.0%	49.3%	44.3%	49.6%	49.2%	52.0%	51.1%	49.5%	42.0%	51.0%	50.3%	45.2%	50.6%	49.6%	-12.8%
By First Reported Placement Setting																
Family Setting	**90.1%**	**84.4%**	**83.8%**	**82.5%**	**87.1%**	**85.7%**	**>78.6%**	**>88.2%**	**>87.5%**	**82.8%**	**>88.2%**	**>87.5%**	**87.6%**	**>86.9%**	**86.9%**	**-2.8%**
Pre-adoptive Home	0.0%	0.3%	0.2%	0.0%	0.6%	0.4%	0.0%	S	S	0.0%	S	S	0.0%	S	0.2%	-
Foster Family Home – Relative	30.5%	44.1%	39.9%	29.7%	46.9%	41.6%	40.2%	48.4%	44.3%	37.6%	50.9%	45.8%	41.5%	49.3%	46.6%	36.0%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	59.6%	40.0%	43.7%	52.8%	39.7%	43.7%	>38.5%	39.7%	43.1%	45.2%	37.3%	41.7%	46.1%	37.5%	40.1%	-22.6%
Congregate Care Setting	**9.9%**	**13.5%**	**14.3%**	**17.5%**	**11.0%**	**12.7%**	**>18.9%**	**9.2%**	**10.6%**	**>11.5%**	**9.2%**	**10.4%**	**>8.8%**	**10.4%**	**11.1%**	**>-11.4%**
Group Home	S	7.6%	9.4%	0.0%	6.6%	8.5%	18.9%	5.7%	7.2%	11.5%	5.6%	7.4%	8.8%	5.8%	7.2%	-
Institution	S	6.0%	4.9%	0.0%	4.4%	4.2%	S	3.5%	3.4%	S	3.6%	3.0%	S	4.6%	4.0%	-
Supervised Independent Living	**0.0%**	**0.3%**	**0.2%**	**0.0%**	**S**	**0.2%**	**0.0%**	**S**	**S**	**0.0%**	**S**	**0.2%**	**0.0%**	**S**	**0.2%**	**-**
Runaway	**0.0%**	**1.1%**	**0.7%**	**0.0%**	**1.3%**	**0.8%**	**0.0%**	**1.5%**	**0.8%**	**0.0%**	**1.3%**	**0.7%**	**S**	**1.3%**	**0.8%**	**-**
Trial Home Visit	**0.0%**	**0.7%**	**1.1%**	**0.0%**	**<0.5%**	**0.6%**	**0.0%**	**0.8%**	**0.9%**	**S**	**0.9%**	**<1.2%**	**S**	**0.8%**	**0.9%**	**-**
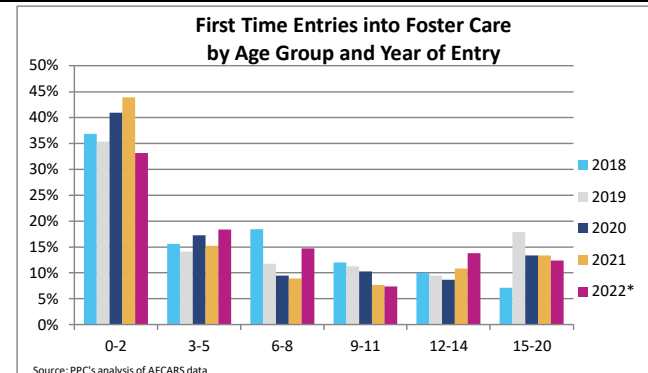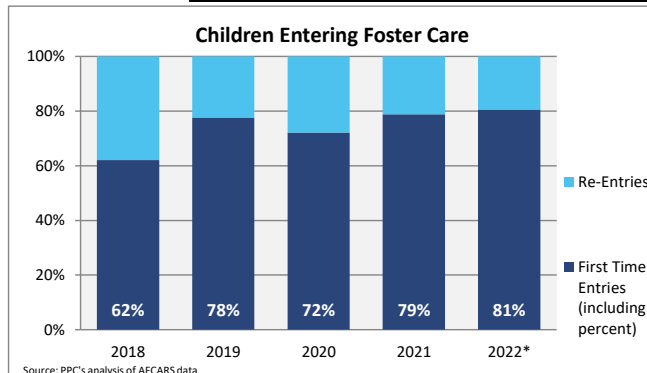
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Children Entering Foster Care

Source: PPC's analysis of AFCARS data

(Bar chart showing percent First Time Entries including percent: 2018 = 62%, 2019 = 78%, 2020 = 72%, 2021 = 79%, 2022* = 81%; remainder Re-Entries)

First Time Entries into Foster Care by Age Group and Year of Entry

Source: PPC's analysis of AFCARS data

(Bar chart by age group 0-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-11, 12-14, 15-20 for years 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022*)

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	2018 County	2018 Urban	2018 State	2019 County	2019 Urban	2019 State	2020 County	2020 Urban	2020 State	2021 County	2021 Urban	2021 State	2022* County	2022* Urban	2022* State	County % Change 2018 to 2022*
Children Re-Entering Foster Care																
Re-Entries During the Year	86	1,627	2,469	NA	1,404	2,182	49	1,144	1,746	42	976	1,681	52	1,418	1,913	-39.5%
Re-Entries as Percent of All Entries	37.9%	27.8%	24.5%	22.3%	25.4%	23.1%	27.8%	28.2%	24.0%	21.1%	26.6%	23.0%	19.3%	31.8%	26.2%	-49.0%
By Age																
0-2	S	11.2%	10.8%	11.5%	11.5%	11.9%	S	9.6%	10.5%	S	12.6%	12.3%	S	12.4%	11.9%	-
3-5	18.6%	12.2%	12.6%	11.5%	11.3%	12.7%	S	9.9%	10.9%	S	12.1%	12.8%	25.0%	12.6%	12.3%	34.4%
6-8	S	12.3%	12.1%	4.9%	10.9%	11.9%	S	9.9%	11.0%	S	10.0%	10.9%	S	11.1%	12.2%	-
9-11	S	11.9%	11.5%	0.0%	10.2%	10.4%	S	12.4%	12.0%	S	10.9%	11.0%	S	10.5%	11.0%	-
12-14	20.9%	18.3%	17.7%	24.6%	18.8%	18.7%	24.5%	17.7%	17.7%	S	20.5%	20.2%	21.2%	19.7%	19.9%	1.1%
15-20	27.9%	34.2%	35.4%	47.5%	37.3%	34.4%	28.6%	40.5%	37.9%	40.5%	33.9%	32.7%	S	33.7%	32.6%	-
Infants (age 0-1)	S	6.6%	6.4%	8.2%	6.8%	6.9%	S	6.6%	7.3%	S	S	9.2%	S	8.3%	8.3%	-
Youth (age 13+)	43.0%	47.9%	48.6%	65.6%	51.4%	48.7%	49.0%	53.5%	51.1%	57.1%	49.5%	47.7%	S	48.1%	47.4%	-
By Race and Ethnicity																
Non-Hispanic White	33.7%	23.9%	39.6%	16.4%	24.5%	52.7%	S	21.5%	31.3%	<26.3%	22.5%	42.8%	30.8%	23.3%	35.7%	-8.8%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	45.3%	56.1%	40.5%	67.2%	52.9%	49.0%	57.1%	54.6%	31.0%	50.0%	53.6%	35.2%	S	53.7%	42.6%	-
Non-Hispanic Other Race	S	1.7%	1.8%	0.0%	1.7%	2.0%	0.0%	3.6%	2.7%	0.0%	4.6%	3.9%	S	4.6%	3.9%	-
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	S	5.8%	7.1%	4.9%	6.9%	11.2%	S	6.1%	5.4%	0.0%	4.8%	6.5%	S	7.3%	7.8%	-
Hispanic or Latino	S	12.5%	11.1%	11.5%	14.0%	15.0%	24.5%	14.2%	9.6%	S	14.4%	11.6%	32.7%	11.2%	10.1%	-
By Sex																
Male	51.2%	48.4%	49.1%	50.8%	49.4%	51.2%	55.1%	46.1%	49.0%	61.9%	46.7%	48.4%	51.9%	45.0%	46.1%	1.5%
Female	48.8%	51.6%	50.9%	49.2%	50.6%	48.8%	44.9%	53.9%	51.0%	38.1%	53.3%	51.6%	48.1%	55.0%	53.9%	-1.6%
By Placement Setting at Re-Entry																
Family Setting	>69.7%	68.1%	66.7%	52.5%	68.6%	68.5%	>53.0%	>64.2%	>65.0%	>31.0%	>71.7%	>71.1%	86.5%	>74.1%	74.4%	<24.2%
Pre-adoptive Home	0.0%	0.7%	0.4%	0.0%	1.0%	0.6%	S	S	S	0.0%	S	S	0.0%	S	0.6%	-
Foster Family Home – Relative	>25.5%	32.7%	28.3%	18.0%	36.5%	32.5%	S	38.1%	34.8%	S	43.3%	36.4%	30.8%	40.0%	37.1%	-
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	44.2%	34.8%	37.9%	34.4%	31.1%	35.3%	28.6%	26.2%	30.1%	31.0%	28.3%	34.7%	>55.7%	34.1%	36.8%	-
Congregate Care Setting	>23.3%	26.0%	28.0%	44.3%	24.9%	25.8%	>38.8%	26.1%	27.1%	>38.1%	18.8%	21.2%	>0.0%	17.3%	19.2%	-
Group Home	23.3%	14.9%	18.4%	27.9%	14.2%	16.6%	38.8%	13.8%	16.5%	38.1%	10.7%	13.9%	S	9.9%	12.1%	-
Institution	S	11.1%	9.6%	16.4%	10.7%	9.2%	S	12.2%	10.6%	S	8.1%	7.3%	0.0%	7.4%	7.2%	-
Supervised Independent Living	0.0%	<1.8%	1.8%	1.6%	<1.2%	1.6%	0.0%	1.1%	1.4%	S	<1.6%	2.2%	0.0%	1.1%	<1.2%	-
Runaway	0.0%	3.8%	2.7%	1.6%	5.1%	3.6%	0.0%	8.1%	5.4%	0.0%	6.7%	4.2%	0.0%	6.3%	4.8%	-
Trial Home Visit	0.0%	S	0.8%	0.0%	S	0.6%	0.0%	S	<1.0%	0.0%	1.2%	<1.3%	0.0%	S	S	-
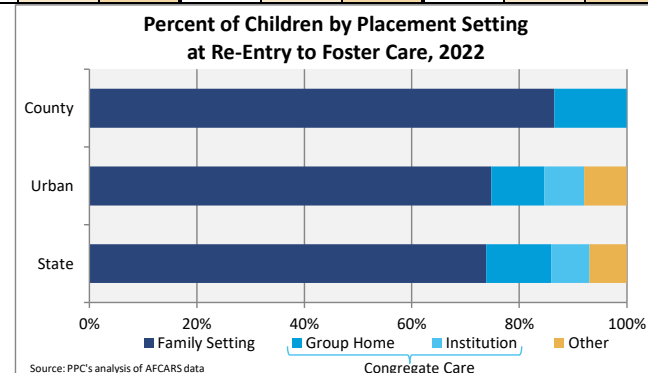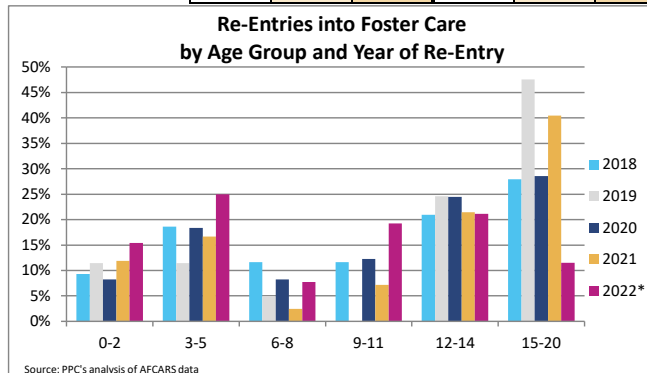
Re-Entries into Foster Care by Age Group and Year of Re-Entry

Source: PPC's analysis of AFCARS data

Percent of Children by Placement Setting at Re-Entry to Foster Care, 2022

Source: PPC's analysis of AFCARS data

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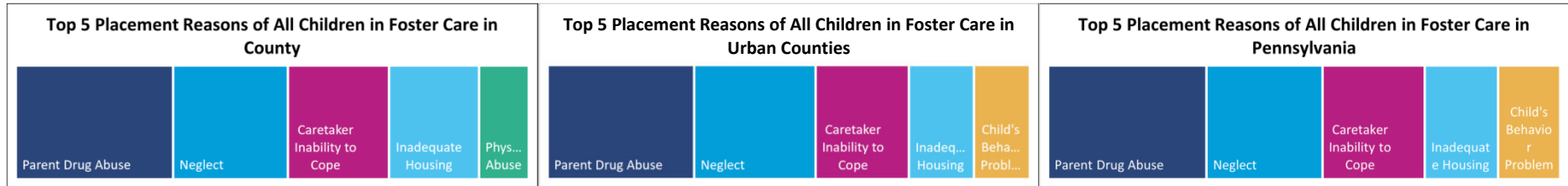
FOSTER CARE - PLACEMENT REASONS

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.

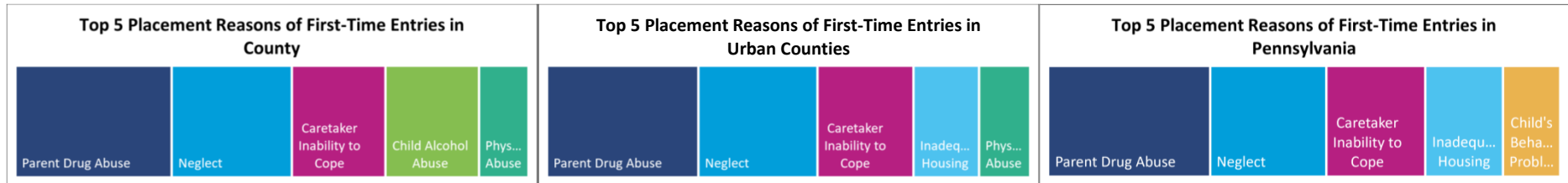A child can have more than one placement reason.

Indicator

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

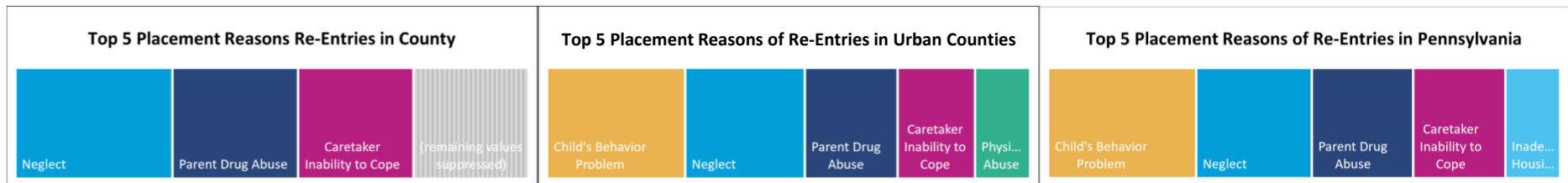|	2022		
	County	Urban	State
	37.0% Parent Drug Abuse	31.2% Parent Drug Abuse	34.9% Parent Drug Abuse
	27.1% Neglect	25.9% Neglect	25.6% Neglect
	23.8% Caretaker Inability to Cope	19.9% Caretaker Inability to Cope	22.5% Caretaker Inability to Cope
	21.2% Inadequate Housing	13.8% Inadequate Housing	16.2% Inadequate Housing
	11.7% Physical Abuse	11.9% Child's Behavior Problem	13.6% Child's Behavior Problem

Top 5 Placement Reasons of All Children in Foster Care in County

Parent Drug Abuse | Neglect | Caretaker Inability to Cope | Inadequate Housing | Phys. Abuse

Top 5 Placement Reasons of All Children in Foster Care in Urban Counties

Parent Drug Abuse | Neglect | Caretaker Inability to Cope | Inadeq. Housing | Child's Beha. Probl...

Top 5 Placement Reasons of All Children in Foster Care in Pennsylvania

Parent Drug Abuse | Neglect | Caretaker Inability to Cope | Inadequate Housing | Child's Behavior Problem

Of First-Time Entries into Foster Care

	County	Urban	State
	37.8% Parent Drug Abuse	32.7% Parent Drug Abuse	35.9% Parent Drug Abuse
	29.0% Neglect	25.7% Neglect	25.7% Neglect
	22.6% Caretaker Inability to Cope	20.7% Caretaker Inability to Cope	22.0% Caretaker Inability to Cope
	22.6% Child Alcohol Abuse	14.2% Inadequate Housing	17.2% Inadequate Housing
	12.0% Physical Abuse	11.0% Physical Abuse	12.6% Child's Behavior Problem

Top 5 Placement Reasons of First-Time Entries in County

Parent Drug Abuse | Neglect | Caretaker Inability to Cope | Child Alcohol Abuse | Phys... Abuse

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Of Re-Entries into Foster Care

	County	Urban	State
	28.8% Neglect	27.6% Child's Behavior Problem	29.2% Child's Behavior Problem
	23.1% Parent Drug Abuse	23.8% Neglect	22.8% Neglect
	21.2% Caretaker Inability to Cope	18.5% Parent Drug Abuse	20.0% Parent Drug Abuse
	S (remaining values suppressed)	15.4% Caretaker Inability to Cope	18.2% Caretaker Inability to Cope
	S (remaining values suppressed)	11.0% Physical Abuse	10.8% Inadequate Housing

Top 5 Placement Reasons Re-Entries in County

Neglect | Parent Drug Abuse | Caretaker Inability to Cope | (remaining values suppressed)

Top 5 Placement Reasons of Re-Entries in Urban Counties

Child's Behavior Problem | Neglect | Parent Drug Abuse | Caretaker Inability to Cope | Physi... Abuse

Top 5 Placement Reasons of Re-Entries in Pennsylvania

Child's Behavior Problem | Neglect | Parent Drug Abuse | Caretaker Inability to Cope | Inade... Housi...

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	2018			2019			2020			2021			2022*			County % Change 2018 to 2022*
	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	
Percent of Children by Case Plan Goal																
Family-Based Permanency Goals	>95.9%	93.9%	95.1%	97.3%	94.5%	95.5%	>97.1%	95.3%	96.4%	>99.1%	96.0%	96.8%	>92.6%	91.6%	92.1%	-
Reunify With Parent(s) or Principal Caretaker(s)	66.1%	62.9%	65.3%	70.2%	62.3%	63.7%	73.8%	65.3%	65.8%	70.4%	64.4%	65.6%	71.9%	63.0%	65.1%	8.9%
Adoption	24.9%	24.8%	23.6%	19.9%	24.7%	24.5%	17.5%	22.8%	23.7%	25.5%	25.3%	25.0%	20.7%	26.1%	25.0%	-16.9%
Guardianship	4.9%	5.4%	5.1%	6.7%	6.0%	5.9%	5.8%	5.7%	5.4%	3.2%	5.4%	5.3%	0.0%	0.8%	0.5%	-100.0%
Live with Relative(s)	S	0.8%	1.2%	0.5%	1.4%	1.5%	S	1.5%	1.4%	S	0.9%	1.0%	S	1.7%	1.4%	-
Another Planned Permanent Living Arrangement (APPLA)	3.5%	6.1%	4.9%	2.7%	>5.5%	4.5%	>0.0%	4.7%	3.6%	>0.0%	4.0%	3.2%	7.0%	8.4%	7.9%	102.8%
Long Term Foster Care	0.0%	0.3%	0.6%	0.0%	S	0.1%	0.0%	0.8%	0.5%	0.0%	0.8%	0.5%	0.0%	3.1%	2.5%	-
Emancipation	3.5%	5.9%	4.3%	2.7%	5.5%	4.4%	S	3.9%	3.1%	S	3.2%	2.7%	7.0%	5.3%	5.4%	102.8%
APPLA By Age as % of Age Group Served																
0-15	0.0%	1.6%	1.0%	0.0%	S	S	0.0%	S	S	S	S	S	0.3%	0.1%	0.1%	-
16-20	20.0%	29.6%	25.1%	14.5%	5.5%	23.5%	S	23.9%	19.6%	S	20.9%	17.5%	1.4%	20.9%	17.5%	-92.8%
APPLA By Discharge Reason																
Exit to Permanent Arrangements	>0.0%	>22.5%	19.5%	26.7%	20.0%	16.4%	0.0%	>26.9%	24.1%	>0.0%	>20.7%	19.6%	0.0%	>21.2%	21.3%	-
Reunification	S	19.7%	16.9%	26.7%	18.7%	15.0%	0.0%	26.9%	23.0%	S	20.7%	18.5%	0.0%	21.2%	18.3%	-
(number of months until reunification)	34.2	31.9	18.6	18.7	19.7	19.2	0.0	25.1	25.1	28.3	21.4	34.1	0.0	27.5	42.9	-100.0%
Adoption	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-
(number of months until adoption)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-
Guardianship	0.0%	2.8%	2.3%	0.0%	S	S	0.0%	S	S	0.0%	S	S	0.0%	S	S	-
(number of month until guardianship)	0.0	25.5	25.6	0.0	32.9	23.8	0.0	21.9	32.5	0.0	36.2	42.9	0.0	34.2	24.0	-
Live with Other Relatives	0.0%	S	S	0.0%	S	S	0.0%	S	S	0.0%	0.0%	S	0.0%	S	S	-
(number of months until living with relatives)	0.0	32.9	32.9	0.0	49.6	49.6	0.0	61.6	61.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	18.2	12.0	-
Exit to Non-Permanent Arrangements	93.3%	77.1%	80.5%	73.3%	79.8%	83.5%	100.0%	>69.7%	75.6%	0.0%	78.4%	80.4%	0.0%	>73.5%	78.8%	-100.0%
Emancipation	93.3%	67.3%	72.1%	73.3%	68.6%	74.3%	S	62.3%	68.0%	0.0%	62.6%	68.2%	0.0%	66.5%	70.8%	-100.0%
(number of months until emancipation)	29.8	34.1	27.6	26.8	36.2	30.7	12.4	22.7	26.1	0.0	29.1	30.9	0.0	24.7	34.1	-100.0%
Transfer to Another Agency	0.0%	6.0%	5.3%	0.0%	8.3%	7.1%	0.0%	7.4%	6.1%	0.0%	9.7%	7.5%	0.0%	7.1%	5.8%	-
(number of months until transfer)	0.0	25.0	19.4	0.0	21.6	17.9	0.0	16.0	16.0	0.0	12.1	22.4	0.0	27.7	7.2	-
Runaway	0.0%	3.8%	3.0%	0.0%	2.8%	2.1%	0.0%	S	S	0.0%	6.1%	4.7%	0.0%	S	S	-
(number of months until running away)	0.0	56.7	22.4	0.0	23.2	26.9	0.0	28.7	22.8	0.0	36.1	36.1	0.0	7.9	10.4	-
Death of Child	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	S	S	0.0%	S	S	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-
(number of months until death of a child)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.0	5.7	0.0	115.9	115.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-
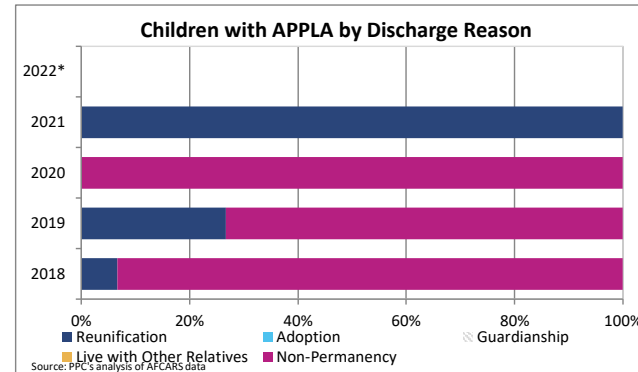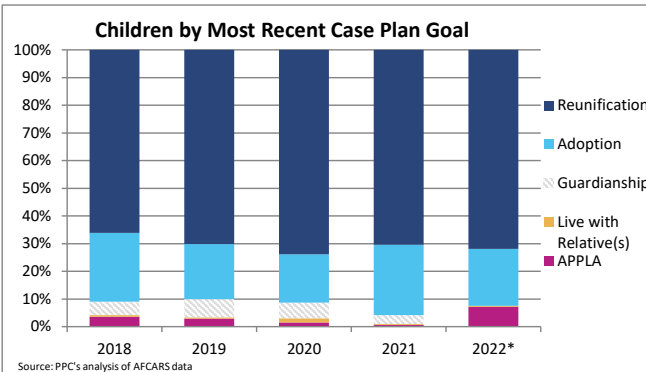
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Children by Most Recent Case Plan Goal

Legend: Reunification, Adoption, Guardianship, Live with Relative(s), APPLA

Source: PPC's analysis of AFCARS data

Children with APPLA by Discharge Reason

Legend: Reunification, Adoption, Guardianship, Live with Other Relatives, Non-Permanency

Source: PPC's analysis of AFCARS data

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	2018			2019			2020			2021			2022*			County % Change 2018 to 2022*
	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	
Children Exiting Foster Care																
Total Children Leaving Foster Care	295	6,347	10,694	NA	6,577	10,801	225	5,063	8,712	212	4,826	8,439	227	5,764	8,850	-23.1%
Percent of Children Leaving Foster Care	48.6%	40.4%	42.0%	49.6%	54.2%	43.8%	46.4%	38.1%	40.2%	45.4%	39.8%	41.2%	44.2%	46.4%	45.9%	-9.0%
(number of months until leaving)	12.0	12.8	13.0	12.4	15.2	15.9	9.3	15.7	15.4	17.2	19.6	33.2	8.6	17.2	15.7	-28.2%
By Discharge Reason																
Exit to Permanent Arrangements	**>89.5%**	**86.2%**	**88.6%**	**89.6%**	**85.5%**	**86.6%**	**87.1%**	**83.1%**	**86.2%**	**>89.6%**	**83.8%**	**87.1%**	**91.6%**	**83.3%**	**86.3%**	**<2.4%**
Reunification	51.2%	53.0%	52.5%	54.7%	49.7%	49.8%	52.0%	52.3%	50.8%	39.2%	48.7%	49.8%	46.7%	51.2%	50.8%	-8.8%
(number of months until reunification)	6.1	6.4	6.4	4.6	7.8	7.4	3.4	8.3	8.4	2.6	10.3	9.0	3.0	8.4	8.3	-51.1%
Adoption	27.1%	22.7%	23.9%	22.5%	24.8%	25.2%	15.6%	19.4%	23.5%	36.8%	23.7%	25.4%	22.5%	21.6%	23.0%	-17.2%
(number of months until adoption)	31.5	31.8	30.5	29.4	32.6	31.0	33.7	31.6	29.8	33.1	34.4	32.2	28.5	33.8	32.7	-9.3%
Guardianship	S	7.0%	7.5%	7.3%	7.3%	7.6%	6.7%	8.0%	7.7%	S	7.7%	7.6%	6.6%	7.0%	7.8%	-
(number of month until guardianship)	32.1	26.1	19.4	24.4	25.7	22.8	19.1	23.2	22.3	27.1	24.6	23.5	26.6	25.5	23.7	-17.2%
Live with Other Relatives	11.2%	3.5%	4.6%	5.2%	3.6%	4.1%	12.9%	3.5%	4.1%	13.7%	3.7%	4.3%	15.9%	3.4%	4.6%	41.8%
(number of months until living with relatives)	0.5	6.0	2.1	0.4	9.5	2.5	0.4	11.2	2.4	0.7	11.0	2.0	3.4	11.3	4.0	642.8%
Exit to Non-Permanent Arrangements	**>7.1%**	**13.7%**	**11.4%**	**10.0%**	**14.4%**	**13.2%**	**>12.4%**	**16.7%**	**13.7%**	**>5.7%**	**16.0%**	**12.8%**	**7.9%**	**16.4%**	**13.5%**	**<11.7%**
Emancipation	7.1%	8.1%	7.3%	9.3%	8.6%	9.3%	12.4%	10.2%	9.5%	5.7%	8.2%	7.9%	5.7%	8.0%	7.6%	-19.6%
(number of months until emancipation)	28.1	24.7	23.7	28.4	26.9	26.2	14.4	24.9	22.9	28.1	29.8	24.3	29.2	23.7	24.1	4.1%
Transfer to Another Agency	S	4.7%	3.5%	0.7%	5.1%	3.5%	S	5.8%	3.7%	S	6.4%	4.1%	S	7.6%	5.3%	-
(number of months until transfer)	0.7	14.6	7.9	15.5	14.0	5.5	1.2	21.6	6.6	7.2	11.5	8.0	5.9	19.9	4.2	722.7%
Runaway	0.0%	1.0%	0.6%	0.0%	0.7%	0.5%	0.0%	0.7%	0.4%	0.0%	1.4%	0.8%	S	0.8%	0.6%	-
(number of months until running away)	0.0	22.6	14.0	0.0	15.1	14.1	0.0	9.9	11.4	0.0	35.9	17.8	0.5	21.8	10.4	-
Death of Child	**0.0%**	**S**	**S**	**0.3%**	**0.2%**	**0.1%**	**0.0%**	**S**	**0.2%**	**0.5%**	**S**	**0.1%**	**0.4%**	**S**	**0.2%**	**-**
(number of months until death of a child)	0.0	20.7	5.5	52.4	27.1	12.6	0.0	14.4	6.1	0.9	5.3	5.9	72.5	27.1	15.3	-
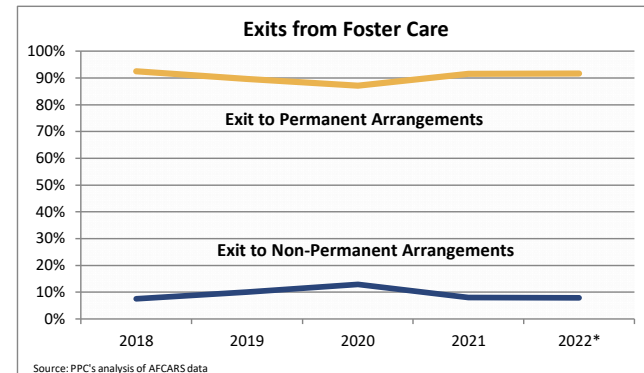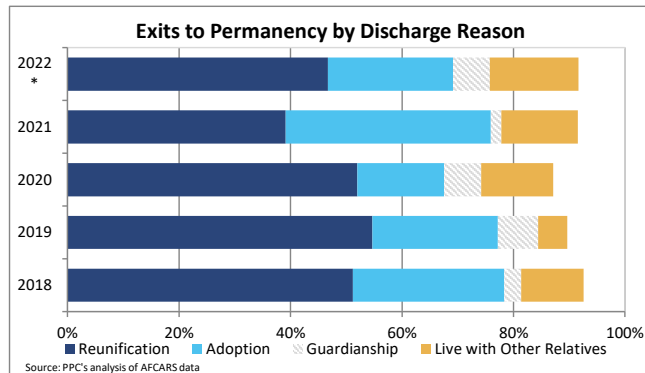
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Exits to Permanency by Discharge Reason

Source: PPC's analysis of AFCARS data

Legend: Reunification, Adoption, Guardianship, Live with Other Relatives

Exits from Foster Care

Exit to Permanent Arrangements

Exit to Non-Permanent Arrangements

Source: PPC's analysis of AFCARS data

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	2018			2019			2020			2021			2022*			County % Change 2018 to 2022*
	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	
Children Remaining in Foster Care																
Children in Foster Care on Last Day	338	10,320	16,074	NA	9,658	15,082	278	8,983	13,949	267	8,033	13,033	308	7,914	11,866	-8.9%
(number of months children have been in care)	14.6	14.1	14.2	11.0	13.6	14.0	16.8	17.3	16.4	14.5	18.5	16.8	11.1	15.2	15.2	-24.1%
By Age																
0-2	19.5%	20.5%	21.0%	20.6%	20.9%	21.6%	21.9%	21.2%	22.2%	28.1%	22.1%	23.0%	26.0%	22.1%	22.8%	33.0%
3-5	19.8%	17.2%	17.5%	18.1%	17.1%	17.7%	20.5%	17.7%	18.0%	18.7%	18.1%	17.9%	19.2%	18.2%	17.8%	-3.4%
6-8	15.7%	13.8%	13.6%	14.6%	14.0%	13.8%	15.1%	14.1%	13.9%	10.9%	13.8%	13.6%	14.0%	13.2%	13.4%	-11.0%
9-11	11.5%	12.5%	12.2%	9.3%	12.4%	12.1%	14.4%	12.4%	12.1%	10.1%	11.7%	11.5%	11.7%	11.8%	11.4%	1.3%
12-14	11.5%	12.4%	12.3%	12.8%	13.4%	13.3%	11.5%	13.1%	13.1%	13.5%	12.6%	13.0%	14.9%	13.2%	13.4%	29.4%
15-20	21.9%	23.6%	18.3%	24.6%	22.3%	17.7%	16.5%	21.5%	17.2%	18.7%	21.7%	16.7%	14.3%	21.5%	17.9%	-34.7%
Infants (age 0-1)	11.5%	13.2%	13.7%	14.3%	13.9%	14.4%	16.2%	13.7%	14.5%	17.6%	13.9%	15.0%	17.9%	14.0%	14.8%	54.8%
Youth (age 13+)	30.8%	32.2%	31.9%	37.4%	35.6%	34.8%	23.7%	30.5%	29.9%	27.3%	29.9%	29.7%	24.7%	30.8%	30.8%	-19.8%
By Race and Ethnicity																
Non-Hispanic White	33.1%	27.2%	42.2%	30.2%	27.7%	42.3%	32.4%	27.4%	41.8%	31.8%	28.1%	43.1%	<33.2%	31.0%	43.5%	<0.2%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	39.1%	50.1%	35.4%	43.3%	48.6%	34.4%	45.7%	47.3%	33.7%	<45.0%	46.3%	32.2%	36.7%	42.4%	31.2%	-6.1%
Non-Hispanic Other Race	0.0%	2.5%	2.3%	0.6%	2.9%	2.6%	S	4.0%	3.7%	S	4.9%	4.5%	S	5.0%	4.9%	-
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	9.8%	6.1%	7.1%	8.1%	6.6%	7.8%	<6.9%	7.2%	8.3%	4.5%	6.9%	8.0%	4.9%	7.3%	8.0%	-50.1%
Hispanic or Latino	18.0%	14.1%	13.0%	17.8%	14.2%	13.0%	14.7%	14.1%	12.5%	18.4%	13.9%	12.2%	22.1%	14.3%	12.5%	22.3%
By Sex																
Male	50.3%	50.3%	50.9%	53.0%	49.4%	50.6%	49.3%	49.5%	50.8%	53.2%	48.9%	50.2%	54.2%	49.7%	50.7%	7.8%
Female	49.7%	49.7%	49.1%	47.0%	50.6%	49.4%	50.7%	50.5%	49.2%	46.8%	51.1%	49.8%	45.8%	50.3%	49.3%	-7.9%
By Latest Placement Setting																
Family Setting	>84.6%	85.1%	84.0%	84.4%	86.3%	85.1%	>88.1%	87.3%	86.3%	>83.5%	88.1%	86.6%	>89.0%	87.6%	86.4%	-
Pre-adoptive Home	S	5.7%	4.0%	0.0%	4.6%	3.2%	S	3.6%	2.7%	S	1.6%	1.3%	S	4.9%	3.5%	-
Foster Family Home – Relative	33.1%	42.1%	37.8%	30.5%	44.6%	39.4%	32.7%	46.3%	41.5%	31.5%	48.2%	43.0%	33.4%	43.5%	40.7%	0.9%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	51.5%	37.2%	42.2%	53.9%	37.1%	42.5%	55.4%	37.4%	42.2%	38.3%	37.4%	42.4%	55.5%	39.1%	42.1%	7.8%
Congregate Care Setting	13.9%	11.8%	13.2%	14.6%	10.4%	11.9%	>7.2%	9.3%	10.7%	>11.2%	8.7%	10.4%	>9.1%	9.5%	10.8%	>-34.6%
Group Home	9.8%	6.3%	7.9%	11.2%	5.5%	7.0%	7.2%	4.5%	5.9%	11.2%	4.7%	6.4%	9.1%	5.0%	6.4%	-6.9%
Institution	4.1%	5.5%	5.3%	3.4%	4.8%	4.9%	S	4.8%	4.8%	S	4.0%	4.1%	S	4.5%	4.4%	-
Supervised Independent Living	S	1.6%	1.5%	0.9%	1.5%	1.3%	S	<1.2%	1.0%	S	1.3%	1.2%	0.0%	1.3%	1.1%	-
Runaway	0.0%	1.3%	0.9%	0.0%	1.7%	1.2%	0.0%	2.2%	1.5%	0.0%	1.6%	1.1%	0.0%	1.5%	1.1%	-
Trial Home Visit	0.0%	0.1%	0.4%	0.0%	0.2%	0.5%	0.0%	S	0.4%	0.0%	0.3%	0.7%	0.0%	0.2%	0.6%	-

Children in Foster Care on September 30 by Age Group and Year

Source: PPC's analysis of AFCARS data

Percent of Placements into Congregate Care

Re-Entries; First Time Entries; Remaining in Foster Care

Source: PPC's analysis of AFCARS data

Latest Placement Setting of Children in Foster Care on September 30

Other; Congregate Care Setting; Family Setting

Source: PPC's analysis of AFCARS data

DISPROPORTIONALITY

Disproportionality shows the level at which groups of children are present in the child welfare system at higher or lower rates than in the general population. The index is calculated by taking the proportion of children in foster care for a given race and dividing it by the proportion of the same race group in the child population (age 0-20).
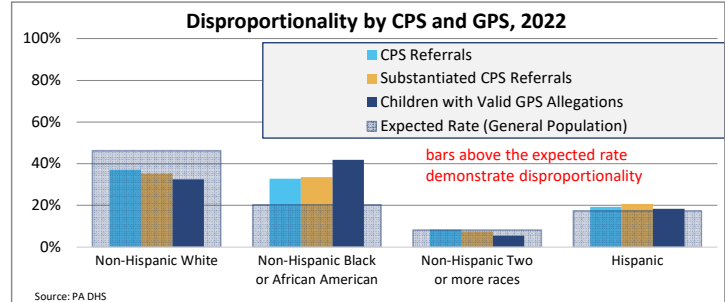
Indicator	2022					General Population Age 0-17
	CPS Referrals	Valid CPS Referrals	GPS Reports	Valid GPS Reports	Children with Valid Allegations	
CPS/GPS Race and Ethnicity						
Non-Hispanic White	37.0%	35.2%	-	-	32.5%	46.2%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	32.8%	33.5%	-	-	41.8%	20.4%
Non-Hispanic Other Race	2.6%	3.1%	-	-	1.9%	7.7%
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	8.3%	7.5%	-	-	5.5%	8.3%
Hispanic or Latino	19.2%	20.7%	-	-	18.3%	17.4%

Disproportionality by CPS and GPS, 2022

Source: PA DHS

Indicator	2022					General Population Age 0-20
	Total Served	First Time Entries	Exits	Re-entries	In Care 9/30	
Foster Care Race and Ethnicity						
Non-Hispanic White	33.3%	36.9%	34.4%	30.8%	<33.2%	46.6%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	37.8%	32.3%	37.9%	S	36.7%	20.5%
Non-Hispanic Other Race	2.9%	5.1%	S	S	S	7.7%
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	5.5%	7.4%	8.4%	S	4.9%	8.1%
Hispanic or Latino	20.5%	18.4%	17.2%	32.7%	22.1%	17.1%
Racial Disproportionality Index						
Non-Hispanic White	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.7	-	
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	1.8	1.6	1.8	S	1.8	
Non-Hispanic Other Race	0.4	0.7	S	S	S	
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	0.7	0.9	1.0	S	0.6	
Hispanic or Latino	1.2	1.1	1.0	1.9	1.3	

Scores less than 1.0 are indicative of underrepresentation, scores of 1.0 indicate no disproportionality and scores of 1.1 and greater indicate overrepresentation.

Racial Disproportionality Index, 2022

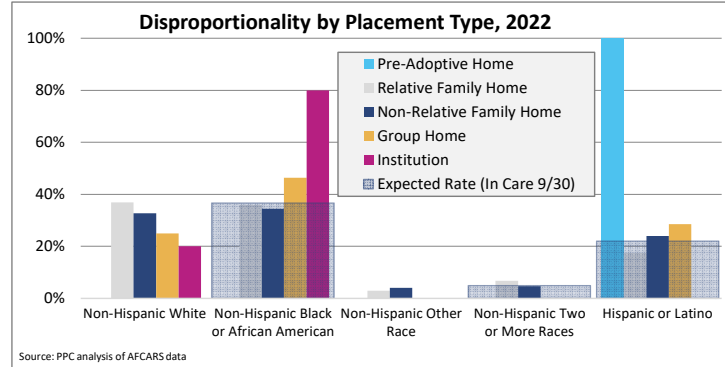Source: Decennial census, PPC analysis of AFCARS data
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Children Remaining in Care By Specific Latest Placement Settings	2022					In Care 9/30
	Pre-Adoptive Home	Relative Family Home	Non-Relative Family Home	Group Home	Institution	
Non-Hispanic White	0.0%	36.9%	32.7%	25.0%	20.0%	<33.2%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	0.0%	35.9%	34.5%	46.4%	80.0%	36.7%
Non-Hispanic Other Race	0.0%	2.9%	4.1%	0.0%	0.0%	S
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	0.0%	6.8%	4.7%	0.0%	0.0%	4.9%
Hispanic or Latino	100.0%	17.5%	24.0%	28.6%	0.0%	22.1%

Disproportionality by Placement Type, 2022

Source: PPC analysis of AFCARS data

DISPARITY

Disparity demonstrates the lack of equality between two racial groups in the child welfare system. The index is expressed as the ratio of one racial group's disproportionality index by another racial group's disproportionality metric. The computed value represents whether children of different racial groups are in the child welfare system at the same rate.
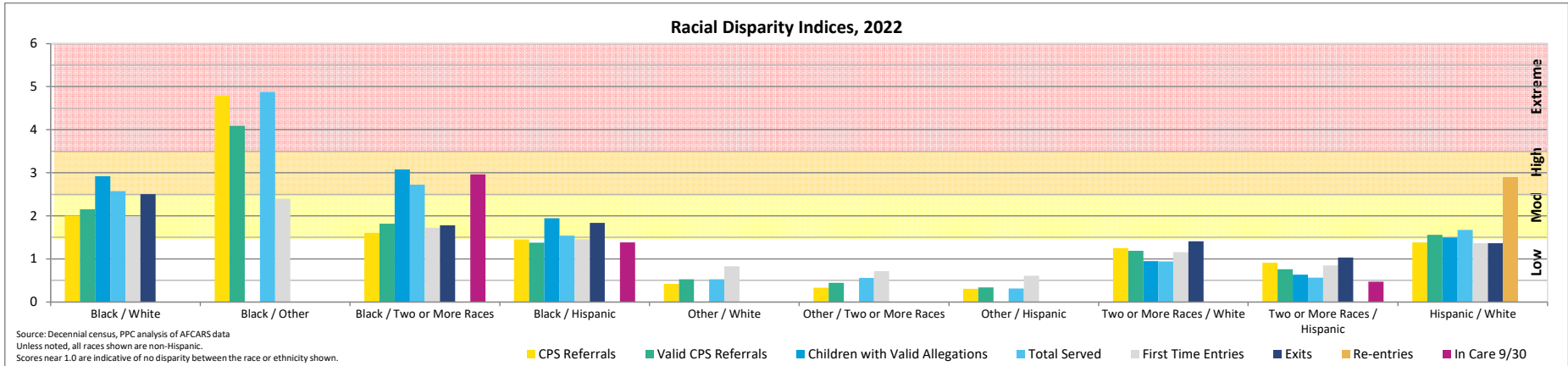
Indicator	2022						2022				
	CPS Referrals	Valid CPS Referrals	GPS Reports	Valid GPS Reports	Children with Valid Allegations		Total Served	First Time Entries	Exits	Re-entries	In Care 9/30
Racial Disparity Index											
Non-Hispanic Black / Non-Hispanic White	2.0	2.2			2.9		2.6	2.0	2.5	S	-
Non-Hispanic Black / Non-Hispanic Other	4.8	4.1			-		4.9	2.4	S	S	S
Non-Hispanic Black / Non-Hispanic Two or More	1.6	1.8			3.1		2.7	1.7	1.8	S	3.0
Non-Hispanic Black / Hispanic	1.5	1.4			1.9		1.5	1.5	1.8	S	1.4
Non-Hispanic Other / Non-Hispanic White	0.4	0.5			-		0.5	0.8	S	S	S
Non-Hispanic Other / Non-Hispanic Two or More	0.3	0.4			-		0.6	0.7	S	S	S
Non-Hispanic Other / Hispanic	0.3	0.3			-		0.3	0.6	S	S	S
Non-Hispanic Two or More / Non-Hispanic White	1.3	1.2			0.9		0.9	1.2	1.4	S	-
Non-Hispanic Two or More / Hispanic	0.9	0.8			0.6		0.6	0.8	1.0	S	0.5
Hispanic / Non-Hispanic White	1.4	1.6			1.5		1.7	1.4	1.4	2.9	-

Scores near 1.0 are indicative of no disparity between the race or ethnicity shown.

Racial Disparity Indices, 2022

Source: Decennial census, PPC analysis of AFCARS data
Unless noted, all races shown are non-Hispanic.
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Legend: CPS Referrals, Valid CPS Referrals, Children with Valid Allegations, Total Served, First Time Entries, Exits, Re-entries, In Care 9/30

FOSTER CARE - STABILITY

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

Indicator	2018			2019			2020			2021			2022*			County % Change 2018 to 2022*
	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	
Foster Care Placement Stability Children who were in foster care for 12 to 23 months and had three or more placement settings.	29.5%	32.7%	31.8%	31.5%	31.1%	31.1%	36.2%	27.7%	28.4%	32.8%	24.8%	25.6%	35.2%	23.3%	25.2%	19.3%

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	2018			2019			2020			2021			2022*			County % Change 2018 to 2022*
	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	
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.	47.4%	37.3%	37.3%	50.0%	37.4%	38.7%	43.1%	35.9%	36.8%	36.9%	35.3%	36.6%	45.9%	36.4%	37.8%	-3.0%

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	2018			2019			2020			2021			2022*			County % Change 2018 to 2022*
	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	
Failed 1-Year Reunification (Re-entry) Children who re-entered foster care in fewer than 12 months following reunification with parents or relatives. (Data may be overstated.)	16.8%	22.9%	21.4%	20.5%	25.6%	22.3%	18.9%	23.0%	20.2%	15.5%	20.7%	18.1%	<8.7%	22.0%	19.1%	<-48.2%

S = rate suppressed due to count less than 11 persons
* County classifications changed with the 2022 data.

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