

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)

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	
1,481	22,694	44,063	1,373	21,555	42,252	1,056	15,779	32,919	1,195	18,511	38,013	1,322	22,453	39,093	-10.7%
11.7	13.2	16.6	10.8	12.5	15.9	8.3	9.2	12.4	9.4	10.7	14.3	10.4	13.0	14.8	

Child Abuse and Neglect Substantiations

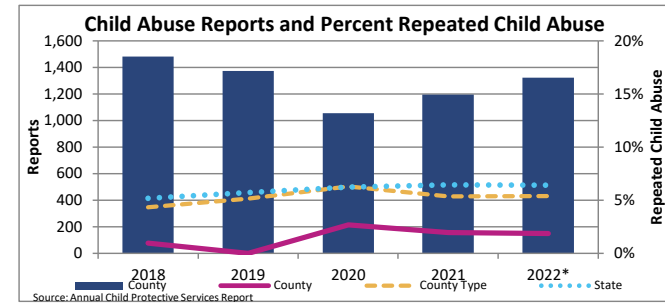
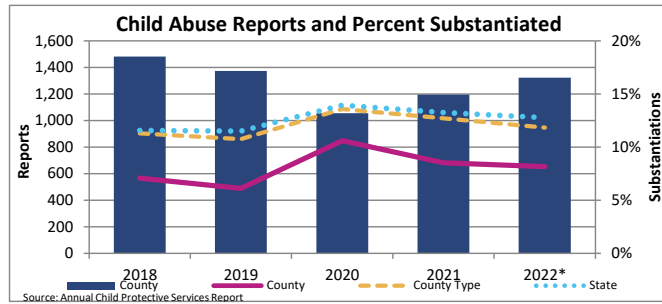
Founded or indicated reports of child abuse and/or neglect.

7.1%	11.3%	11.6%	6.1%	10.7%	11.5%	10.6%	13.6%	14.0%	8.5%	12.7%	13.2%	8.2%	11.8%	12.8%	15.2%
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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.)

1.0%	4.3%	5.2%	0.0%	5.1%	5.7%	2.7%	6.3%	6.2%	2.0%	5.4%	6.5%	1.9%	5.4%	6.4%	94.4%
1 in 105	1 in 23	1 in 19	0	1 in 19	1 in 18	1 in 37	1 in 16	1 in 16	1 in 51	1 in 19	1 in 15	1 in 54	1 in 19	1 in 16	



* County classifications changed with the 2022 data.

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.

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	
5,007	83,841	169,723	5,289	86,916	178,124	4,421	72,705	152,478	5,178	78,197	161,709	5,145	94,972	165,295	2.8%

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.

22.8%	21.5%	23.6%	22.9%	21.4%	23.5%	23.3%	23.0%	25.6%	22.2%	24.0%	27.1%	16.6%	21.2%	24.2%	-27.3%
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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.

1,780	25,614	58,982	1,781	25,847	60,755	1,499	23,425	56,999	1,685	26,254	63,801	1,189	29,081	57,876	-33.2%
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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.

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	
5,160	84,995	194,761	5,087	83,710	187,280	4,465	82,552	>181,435	4,255	79,538	192,594	4,156	123,410	211,150	-19.5%

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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 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)

County	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	
	557	15,712	25,441	NA	15,298	24,665	449	13,272	21,689	414	12,135	20,490	361	12,421	19,287	-35.2%
	3.6	7.6	8.0	3.3	7.4	7.7	2.9	6.4	6.8	2.7	5.9	6.4	2.3	6.0	6.0	

By Age

Age Group	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	% Change
0-2	18.5%	19.2%	20.2%	21.7%	19.7%	20.2%	18.5%	20.0%	20.9%	15.7%	20.5%	21.5%	17.5%	20.0%	21.1%	-5.6%
3-5	14.4%	17.6%	17.9%	14.9%	17.4%	17.8%	15.8%	17.2%	17.8%	17.9%	18.1%	18.2%	19.7%	18.4%	18.2%	36.9%
6-8	10.8%	13.5%	13.4%	13.4%	13.9%	13.8%	11.4%	13.5%	13.5%	12.3%	13.8%	13.7%	12.2%	13.7%	13.7%	13.1%
9-11	11.1%	12.1%	11.8%	10.9%	12.1%	11.7%	12.7%	12.0%	11.7%	12.1%	11.7%	11.3%	11.9%	11.8%	11.2%	7.0%
12-14	11.8%	12.0%	11.8%	11.3%	12.4%	12.3%	15.1%	12.7%	12.6%	14.7%	12.6%	12.6%	16.3%	12.9%	12.8%	37.9%
15-17	20.8%	18.7%	18.7%	19.4%	18.4%	18.5%	19.2%	17.9%	17.9%	17.6%	16.1%	16.4%	18.0%	17.5%	18.1%	-13.5%
18-20	12.6%	6.8%	6.3%	8.5%	6.0%	5.6%	7.3%	6.6%	5.6%	9.7%	7.3%	6.4%	4.4%	5.8%	4.9%	-64.7%
Infants (age 0-1)	14.0%	11.9%	12.7%	13.2%	12.5%	12.9%	10.2%	12.6%	13.2%	10.1%	12.7%	13.7%	10.0%	12.2%	13.3%	-28.8%
Youth (age 13+)	42.4%	33.8%	33.1%	36.0%	33.0%	32.6%	37.2%	33.3%	32.3%	37.4%	31.9%	31.3%	33.2%	32.3%	32.0%	-21.5%

By Race and Ethnicity

Race/Ethnicity	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	% Change
Non-Hispanic White	28.0%	28.2%	43.7%	30.7%	28.0%	43.7%	31.6%	28.4%	44.2%	31.2%	28.5%	44.3%	29.6%	31.7%	45.0%	5.8%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	55.1%	48.9%	33.9%	51.2%	47.8%	33.0%	49.7%	46.7%	32.0%	46.6%	45.5%	30.7%	48.8%	41.5%	29.8%	-11.5%
Non-Hispanic Other Race	3.4%	2.6%	2.3%	3.8%	3.1%	2.6%	2.7%	4.1%	3.6%	3.9%	4.6%	4.2%	5.5%	5.3%	4.8%	62.4%
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	6.8%	6.1%	7.1%	7.2%	6.7%	7.7%	8.0%	7.0%	8.0%	8.9%	7.1%	8.4%	8.9%	7.3%	8.2%	29.9%
Hispanic or Latino	6.6%	14.2%	13.0%	7.2%	14.4%	12.9%	8.0%	13.9%	12.3%	9.4%	14.3%	12.3%	7.2%	14.2%	12.2%	8.4%

By Sex

Sex	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	% Change
Male	47.8%	50.3%	50.8%	48.4%	50.0%	50.8%	48.6%	49.2%	50.6%	48.6%	49.3%	50.5%	54.6%	49.2%	50.3%	14.3%
Female	52.2%	49.7%	49.2%	51.6%	50.0%	49.2%	51.4%	50.8%	49.4%	51.4%	50.7%	49.5%	45.4%	50.8%	49.7%	-13.0%

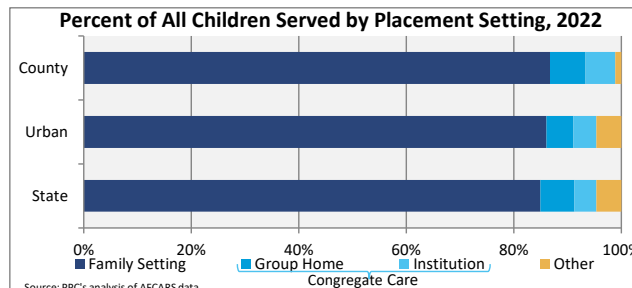
By Latest Placement Setting

Placement Setting	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	% Change
Family Setting	>81.0%	82.6%	81.6%	81.7%	84.1%	82.7%	>85.5%	84.7%	83.8%	>82.9%	85.8%	84.8%	>86.4%	86.1%	84.9%	-
Pre-adoptive Home	S	6.4%	4.5%	0.4%	5.3%	3.8%	S	3.8%	2.9%	S	2.8%	2.3%	S	4.8%	3.5%	-
Foster Family Home – Relative	21.5%	40.9%	37.1%	22.6%	43.2%	38.7%	20.9%	45.4%	40.8%	22.2%	46.5%	42.0%	19.4%	44.6%	42.1%	-10.0%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	59.4%	35.3%	40.1%	58.8%	35.6%	40.3%	64.6%	35.4%	40.1%	60.6%	36.5%	40.5%	67.0%	36.7%	39.3%	12.8%
Congregate Care Setting	15.4%	13.2%	14.0%	16.0%	11.4%	12.7%	12.2%	10.3%	11.5%	15.2%	9.1%	10.5%	12.2%	9.3%	10.4%	-21.1%
Group Home	9.0%	7.0%	8.5%	11.1%	6.1%	7.7%	8.2%	5.2%	6.7%	9.9%	4.9%	6.4%	6.6%	5.0%	6.3%	-25.9%
Institution	6.5%	6.2%	5.6%	4.9%	5.2%	5.0%	4.0%	5.1%	4.8%	5.3%	4.2%	4.2%	5.5%	4.3%	4.1%	-14.3%
Supervised Independent Living	2.7%	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	S	2.0%	1.4%	0.2%	2.1%	1.4%	0.0%	2.9%	1.9%	0.0%	2.6%	1.7%	0.0%	2.1%	1.5%	-
Trial Home Visit	0.0%	0.5%	1.4%	0.4%	0.7%	1.5%	0.0%	0.7%	1.6%	0.0%	1.1%	1.8%	0.0%	0.9%	1.7%	-

Children Entering Foster Care

All Entries into Foster Care During the Year

County	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022*	% Change										
County	219	5,854	10,095	NA	5,537	9,448	125	4,063	7,286	97	3,667	7,316	99	4,456	7,307	-54.8%



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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

County	2018			2019			2020			2021			2022*			County % Change 2018 to 2022*
	Urban	State		County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	
169	4,227	7,626	NA	4,133	7,266	100	2,919	5,540	75	2,691	5,635	86	3,038	5,394	-49.1%	
1.1	2.0	2.4	1.0	2.0	2.3	0.6	1.4	1.7	0.5	1.3	1.8	0.6	1.5	1.7	12.6%	
77.2%	72.2%	75.5%	86.4%	74.6%	76.9%	80.0%	71.8%	76.0%	77.3%	73.4%	77.0%	86.9%	68.2%	73.8%		

By Age

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

County	2018			2019			2020			2021			2022*			County % Change 2018 to 2022*
Urban	State		County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State		
39.1%	35.2%	34.4%	35.9%	36.0%	35.1%	32.0%	40.0%	38.2%	34.7%	41.4%	38.5%	34.9%	37.5%	36.2%	-10.7%	
13.6%	14.3%	15.4%	15.0%	14.3%	14.8%	11.0%	13.4%	14.5%	S	14.3%	14.7%	S	13.8%	14.2%	-	
10.7%	11.4%	11.5%	12.4%	11.8%	11.8%	11.0%	11.0%	11.4%	S	10.7%	11.3%	S	11.5%	11.7%	-	
9.5%	10.8%	10.3%	9.8%	11.2%	10.7%	11.0%	9.6%	9.7%	14.7%	8.7%	9.3%	S	9.2%	9.5%	-	
13.6%	12.9%	12.8%	16.3%	12.5%	12.9%	23.0%	12.3%	12.5%	14.7%	11.5%	12.6%	12.8%	13.1%	13.0%	-6.0%	
13.6%	15.5%	15.6%	10.5%	14.2%	14.6%	12.0%	13.6%	13.7%	18.7%	13.3%	13.7%	23.3%	14.9%	15.4%	70.9%	
33.1%	29.1%	28.0%	32.0%	30.2%	29.1%	29.0%	34.0%	31.7%	30.7%	35.9%	32.3%	29.1%	30.7%	29.7%	-12.3%	
23.7%	24.6%	24.7%	13.1%	18.8%	19.5%	29.0%	22.0%	22.6%	25.3%	20.8%	22.5%	32.6%	24.4%	25.2%	37.6%	

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

County	2018			2019			2020			2021			2022*			County % Change 2018 to 2022*
Urban	State		County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State		
<23.8%	30.8%	48.3%	32.0%	30.0%	47.6%	31.0%	31.2%	49.7%	28.0%	32.3%	50.0%	29.1%	35.4%	50.1%	>22.1%	
53.8%	44.9%	29.3%	48.4%	43.5%	28.4%	52.0%	39.9%	25.2%	38.7%	38.5%	23.6%	55.8%	36.1%	23.9%	3.7%	
S	2.9%	2.7%	6.5%	4.4%	3.7%	S	6.1%	5.3%	S	6.5%	5.8%	S	6.4%	6.1%	-	
10.7%	6.7%	7.7%	7.8%	7.2%	7.7%	S	8.0%	8.2%	S	7.3%	8.4%	S	7.7%	8.0%	-	
7.7%	14.7%	12.0%	5.2%	14.9%	12.6%	S	14.8%	11.6%	S	15.3%	12.1%	S	14.5%	11.9%	-	

By Sex

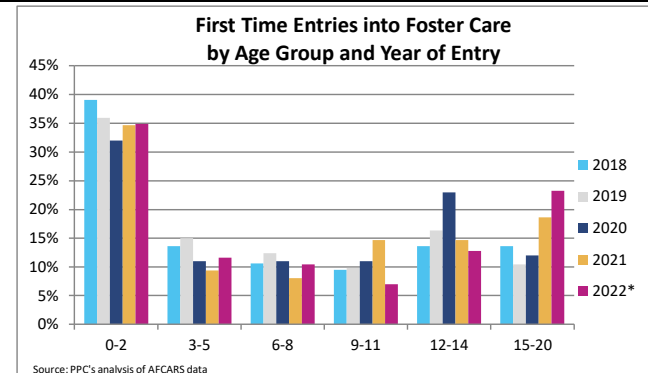
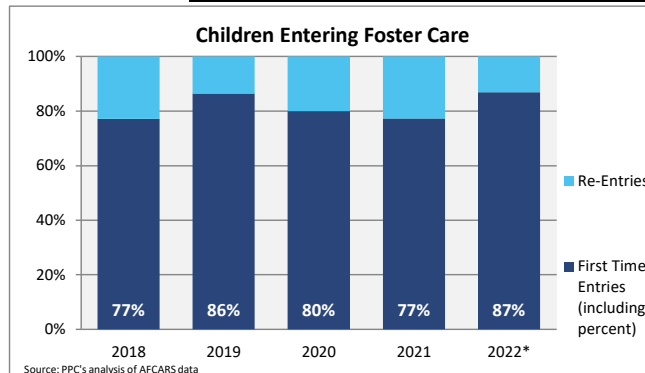
Male
Female

County	2018			2019			2020			2021			2022*			County % Change 2018 to 2022*
Urban	State		County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State		
50.9%	51.0%	50.7%	52.3%	50.4%	50.8%	52.0%	48.9%	50.5%	44.0%	49.0%	49.7%	58.1%	49.4%	50.4%	14.3%	
49.1%	49.0%	49.3%	47.7%	49.6%	49.2%	48.0%	51.1%	49.5%	56.0%	51.0%	50.3%	41.9%	50.6%	49.6%	-14.8%	

By First Reported Placement Setting

Family Setting
Pre-adoptive Home
Foster Family Home – Relative
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative
Congregate Care Setting
Group Home
Institution
Supervised Independent Living
Runaway
Trial Home Visit

County	2018			2019			2020			2021			2022*			County % Change 2018 to 2022*
Urban	State		County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State		
90.5%	84.4%	83.8%	87.6%	87.1%	85.7%	89.0%	>88.2%	>87.5%	>81.2%	>88.2%	>87.5%	81.4%	>86.9%	86.9%	-10.1%	
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%	-	
21.3%	44.1%	39.9%	15.7%	46.9%	41.6%	11.0%	48.4%	44.3%	18.7%	50.9%	45.8%	14.0%	49.3%	46.6%	-34.5%	
69.2%	40.0%	43.7%	71.9%	39.7%	43.7%	78.0%	39.7%	43.1%	>62.6%	37.3%	41.7%	67.4%	37.5%	40.1%	-2.6%	
9.5%	13.5%	14.3%	12.4%	11.0%	12.7%	11.0%	9.2%	10.6%	>14.7%	9.2%	10.4%	18.6%	10.4%	11.1%	96.5%	
S	7.6%	9.4%	0.0%	6.6%	8.5%	S	5.7%	7.2%	14.7%	5.6%	7.4%	S	5.8%	7.2%	-	
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%	-	
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%	-	
0.0%	1.1%	0.7%	0.0%	1.3%	0.8%	0.0%	1.5%	0.8%	0.0%	1.3%	0.7%	0.0%	1.3%	0.8%	-	
0.0%	0.7%	1.1%	0.0%	<0.5%	0.6%	0.0%	0.8%	0.9%	0.0%	0.9%	<1.2%	0.0%	0.8%	0.9%	-	



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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

County	2018		2019		2020		2021		2022*		County % Change 2018 to 2022*				
	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban		State			
50	1,627	2,469	NA	1,404	2,182	25	1,144	1,746	22	976	1,681	13	1,418	1,913	-74.0%
22.8%	27.8%	24.5%	13.6%	25.4%	23.1%	20.0%	28.2%	24.0%	22.7%	26.6%	23.0%	13.1%	31.8%	26.2%	-42.5%

By Age

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

County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County % Change 2018 to 2022*
S	11.2%	10.8%	4.2%	11.5%	11.9%	S	9.6%	10.5%	0.0%	12.6%	12.3%	0.0%	12.4%	11.9%	-
S	12.2%	12.6%	0.0%	11.3%	12.7%	S	9.9%	10.9%	S	12.1%	12.8%	S	12.6%	12.3%	-
S	12.3%	12.1%	20.8%	10.9%	11.9%	S	9.9%	11.0%	S	10.0%	10.9%	S	11.1%	12.2%	-
S	11.9%	11.5%	8.3%	10.2%	10.4%	S	12.4%	12.0%	S	10.9%	11.0%	S	10.5%	11.0%	-
S	18.3%	17.7%	20.8%	18.8%	18.7%	S	17.7%	17.7%	S	20.5%	20.2%	S	19.7%	19.9%	-
38.0%	34.2%	35.4%	45.8%	37.3%	34.4%	44.0%	40.5%	37.9%	S	33.9%	32.7%	S	33.7%	32.6%	-
S	6.6%	6.4%	0.0%	6.8%	6.9%	0.0%	6.6%	7.3%	0.0%	S	9.2%	0.0%	8.3%	8.3%	-
52.0%	47.9%	48.6%	66.7%	51.4%	48.7%	64.0%	53.5%	51.1%	54.5%	49.5%	47.7%	S	48.1%	47.4%	-

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

County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County % Change 2018 to 2022*
30.0%	23.9%	39.6%	29.2%	24.5%	52.7%	S	21.5%	31.3%	S	22.5%	42.8%	S	23.3%	35.7%	-
58.0%	56.1%	40.5%	41.7%	52.9%	49.0%	56.0%	54.6%	31.0%	63.6%	53.6%	35.2%	S	53.7%	42.6%	-
0.0%	1.7%	1.8%	0.0%	1.7%	2.0%	0.0%	3.6%	2.7%	0.0%	4.6%	3.9%	0.0%	4.6%	3.9%	-
S	5.8%	7.1%	12.5%	6.9%	11.2%	S	6.1%	5.4%	S	4.8%	6.5%	S	7.3%	7.8%	-
S	12.5%	11.1%	16.7%	14.0%	15.0%	0.0%	14.2%	9.6%	S	14.4%	11.6%	0.0%	11.2%	10.1%	-

By Sex

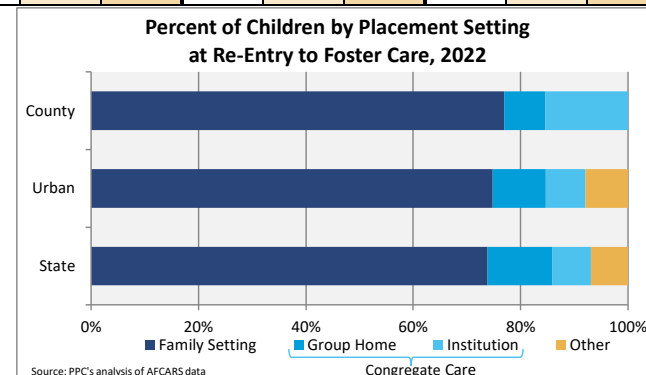
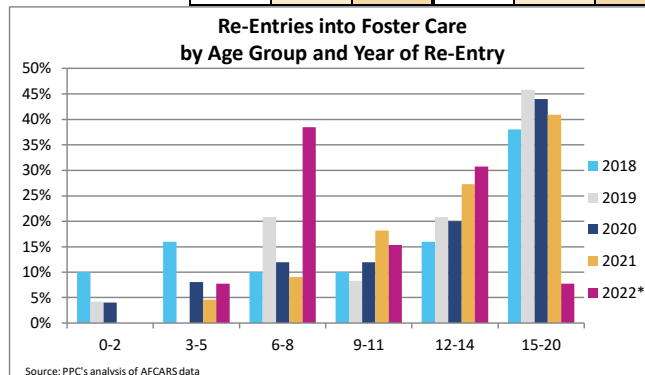
Male
Female

County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County % Change 2018 to 2022*
36.0%	48.4%	49.1%	37.5%	49.4%	51.2%	S	46.1%	49.0%	S	46.7%	48.4%	S	45.0%	46.1%	-
64.0%	51.6%	50.9%	62.5%	50.6%	48.8%	>59.9%	53.9%	51.0%	>63.5%	53.3%	51.6%	S	55.0%	53.9%	-

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

County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County % Change 2018 to 2022*
>70.0%	68.1%	66.7%	70.8%	68.6%	68.5%	>68.0%	>64.2%	>65.0%	59.1%	>71.7%	>71.1%	76.9%	>74.1%	74.4%	-
0.0%	0.7%	0.4%	0.0%	1.0%	0.6%	0.0%	S	S	0.0%	S	S	0.0%	S	0.6%	-
S	32.7%	28.3%	8.3%	36.5%	32.5%	S	38.1%	34.8%	0.0%	43.3%	36.4%	S	40.0%	37.1%	-
70.0%	34.8%	37.9%	62.5%	31.1%	35.3%	68.0%	26.2%	30.1%	59.1%	28.3%	34.7%	S	34.1%	36.8%	-
22.0%	26.0%	28.0%	29.2%	24.9%	25.8%	24.0%	26.1%	27.1%	40.9%	18.8%	21.2%	23.1%	17.3%	19.2%	4.9%
S	14.9%	18.4%	25.0%	14.2%	16.6%	S	13.8%	16.5%	S	10.7%	13.9%	S	9.9%	12.1%	-
S	11.1%	9.6%	4.2%	10.7%	9.2%	S	12.2%	10.6%	S	8.1%	7.3%	S	7.4%	7.2%	-
S	<1.8%	1.8%	0.0%	<1.2%	1.6%	S	1.1%	1.4%	0.0%	<1.6%	2.2%	0.0%	1.1%	<1.2%	-
0.0%	3.8%	2.7%	0.0%	5.1%	3.6%	0.0%	8.1%	5.4%	0.0%	6.7%	4.2%	0.0%	6.3%	4.8%	-
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	-



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FOSTER CARE - PLACEMENT REASONS

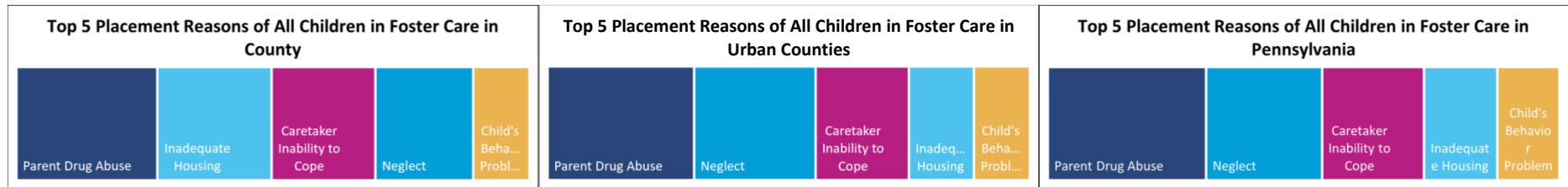
County child welfare agencies are required to report the reasons in which a child experiences a placement episode. There are 15 factors defined by the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) technical bulletin issued by the Administration for Children and Families which are federally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

A child can have more than one placement reason.

Indicator

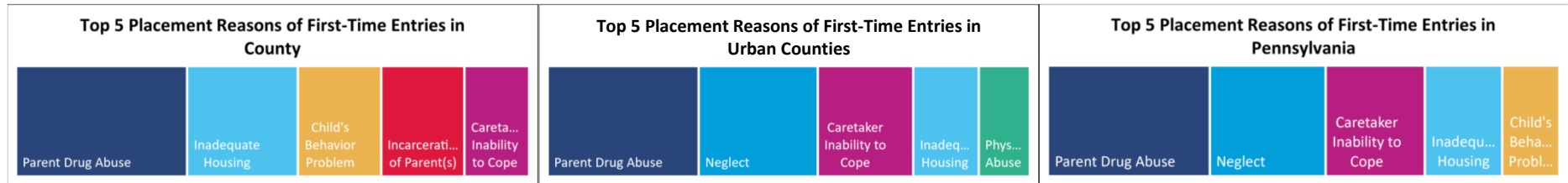
Top Five Placement Reasons Of All Children in Foster Care During the Year

		2022					
		County		Urban		State	
45.2%	Parent Drug Abuse	31.2%	Parent Drug Abuse	34.9%	Parent Drug Abuse		
36.6%	Inadequate Housing	25.9%	Neglect	25.6%	Neglect		
33.2%	Caretaker Inability to Cope	19.9%	Caretaker Inability to Cope	22.5%	Caretaker Inability to Cope		
31.3%	Neglect	13.8%	Inadequate Housing	16.2%	Inadequate Housing		
18.0%	Child's Behavior Problem	11.9%	Child's Behavior Problem	13.6%	Child's Behavior Problem		



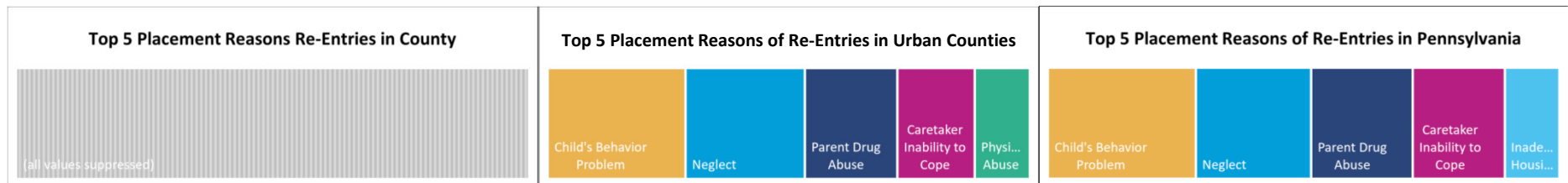
Of First-Time Entries into Foster Care

43.0%	Parent Drug Abuse	32.7%	Parent Drug Abuse	35.9%	Parent Drug Abuse
27.9%	Inadequate Housing	25.7%	Neglect	25.7%	Neglect
20.9%	Child's Behavior Problem	20.7%	Caretaker Inability to Cope	22.0%	Caretaker Inability to Cope
20.9%	Incarceration of Parent(s)	14.2%	Inadequate Housing	17.2%	Inadequate Housing
16.3%	Caretaker Inability to Cope	11.0%	Physical Abuse	12.6%	Child's Behavior Problem



Of Re-Entries into Foster Care

S (all values suppressed)	27.6%	Child's Behavior Problem	29.2%	Child's Behavior Problem
S (remaining values suppressed)	23.8%	Neglect	22.8%	Neglect
S (remaining values suppressed)	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



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

Reunify With Parent(s) or Principal Caretaker(s)	>93.4%	93.9%	95.1%	97.0%	94.5%	95.5%	>98.4%	95.3%	96.4%	95.4%	96.0%	96.8%	>96.4%	91.6%	92.1%
Adoption	79.4%	62.9%	65.3%	78.9%	62.3%	63.7%	83.7%	65.3%	65.8%	79.7%	64.4%	65.6%	84.2%	63.0%	65.1%
Guardianship	11.3%	24.8%	23.6%	12.4%	24.7%	24.5%	11.8%	22.8%	23.7%	15.7%	25.3%	25.0%	12.2%	26.1%	25.0%
Live with Relative(s)	2.7%	5.4%	5.1%	2.3%	6.0%	5.9%	2.9%	5.7%	5.4%	S	5.4%	5.3%	0.0%	0.8%	0.5%
	S	0.8%	1.2%	3.4%	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)

Long Term Foster Care	>3.4%	6.1%	4.9%	3.0%	>5.5%	4.5%	0.0%	4.7%	3.6%	>0.0%	4.0%	3.2%	0.0%	8.4%	7.9%
Emancipation	S	0.3%	0.6%	0.0%	S	0.1%	0.0%	0.8%	0.5%	0.0%	0.8%	0.5%	S	3.1%	2.5%
	3.4%	5.9%	4.3%	3.0%	5.5%	4.4%	0.0%	3.9%	3.1%	S	3.2%	2.7%	S	5.3%	5.4%

County % Change 2018 to 2022*
-
6.1%
7.8%
-100.0%
-
-
-
-

APPLA By Age as % of Age Group Served

0-15	0.2%	1.6%	1.0%	0.0%	S	S	0.0%	S	S	0.0%	S	S	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%
16-20	24.1%	29.6%	25.1%	13.9%	5.5%	23.5%	0.0%	23.9%	19.6%	S	20.9%	17.5%	S	20.9%	17.5%

-100.0%
-

APPLA By Discharge Reason

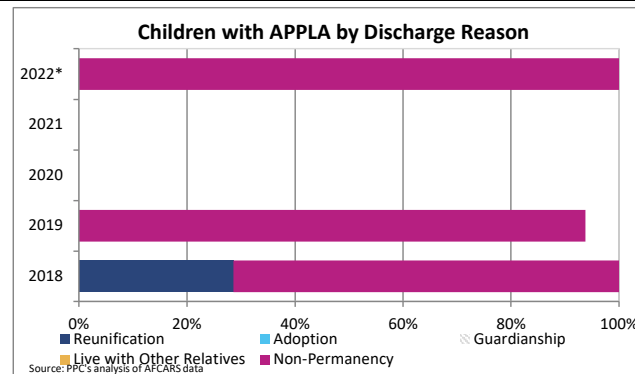
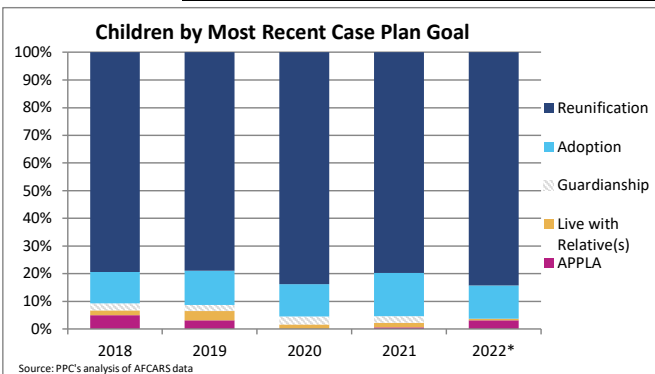
Exit to Permanent Arrangements

Reunification	>0.0%	>22.5%	19.5%	0.0%	20.0%	16.4%	0.0%	>26.9%	24.1%	0.0%	>20.7%	19.6%	0.0%	>21.2%	21.3%
(number of months until reunification)	S	19.7%	16.9%	0.0%	18.7%	15.0%	0.0%	26.9%	23.0%	0.0%	20.7%	18.5%	0.0%	21.2%	18.3%
Adoption	54.2	31.9	18.6	0.0	19.7	19.2	0.0	25.1	25.1	0.0	21.4	34.1	0.0	27.5	42.9
(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

Emancipation	>66.7%	77.1%	80.5%	93.8%	79.8%	83.5%	0.0%	>69.7%	75.6%	0.0%	78.4%	80.4%	100.0%	>73.5%	78.8%
(number of months until emancipation)	66.7%	67.3%	72.1%	93.8%	68.6%	74.3%	0.0%	62.3%	68.0%	0.0%	62.6%	68.2%	S	66.5%	70.8%
Transfer to Another Agency	53.1	34.1	27.6	55.1	36.2	30.7	0.0	22.7	26.1	0.0	29.1	30.9	28.4	24.7	34.1
(number of months until transfer)	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%
Runaway	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
(number of months until running away)	S	3.8%	3.0%	0.0%	2.8%	2.1%	0.0%	S	S	0.0%	6.1%	4.7%	0.0%	S	S
Death of Child	152.2	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
(number of months until death of a child)	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	6.3%	S	S	0.0%	S	S	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.7	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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FOSTER CARE - EXITS

Data on foster care exits provides information on children who left foster care during the federal fiscal year, where they went when they left and how long their most recent episode of foster care was. A paramount goal of the foster care system is to ensure every child has the lifelong support of a permanent family.

Indicator

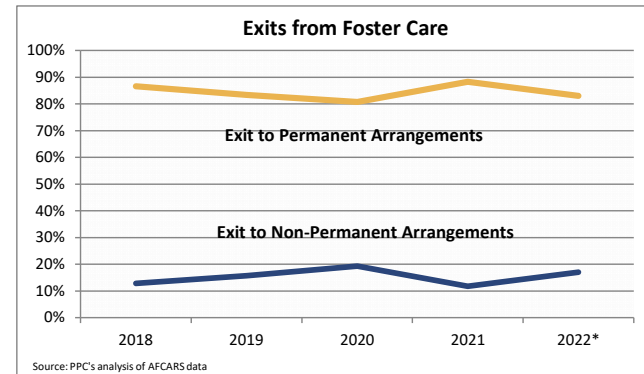
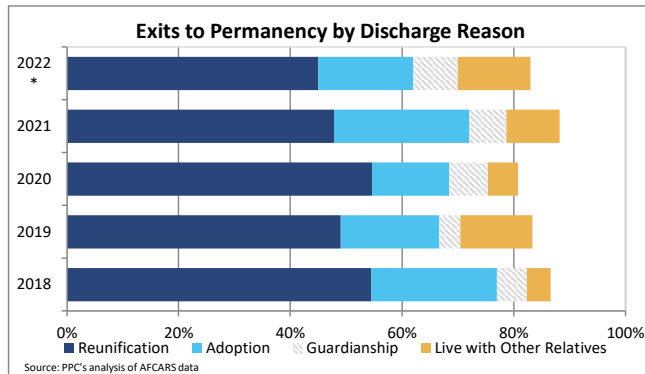
Children Exiting Foster Care

Total Children Leaving Foster Care
Percent of Children Leaving Foster Care
(number of months until leaving)

Indicator	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	
Total Children Leaving Foster Care	187	6,347	10,694	NA	6,577	10,801	130	5,063	8,712	136	4,826	8,439	100	5,764	8,850	-46.5%
Percent of Children Leaving Foster Care	33.6%	40.4%	42.0%	39.5%	54.2%	43.8%	29.0%	38.1%	40.2%	32.9%	39.8%	41.2%	27.7%	46.4%	45.9%	-17.5%
(number of months until leaving)	23.2	12.8	13.0	16.4	15.2	15.9	18.3	15.7	15.4	23.4	19.6	33.2	19.6	17.2	15.7	-15.4%

By Discharge Reason

Discharge Reason	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	
Exit to Permanent Arrangements	86.6%	86.2%	88.6%	83.3%	85.5%	86.6%	80.8%	83.1%	86.2%	>81.6%	83.8%	87.1%	>75.0%	83.3%	86.3%	>-13.4%
Reunification	54.5%	53.0%	52.5%	49.0%	49.7%	49.8%	54.6%	52.3%	50.8%	47.8%	48.7%	49.8%	45.0%	51.2%	50.8%	-17.5%
(number of months until reunification)	9.3	6.4	6.4	9.6	7.8	7.4	9.7	8.3	8.4	11.4	10.3	9.0	11.9	8.4	8.3	26.9%
Adoption	22.5%	22.7%	23.9%	17.6%	24.8%	25.2%	13.8%	19.4%	23.5%	24.3%	23.7%	25.4%	17.0%	21.6%	23.0%	-24.3%
(number of months until adoption)	40.1	31.8	30.5	39.4	32.6	31.0	33.9	31.6	29.8	40.1	34.4	32.2	50.4	33.8	32.7	25.7%
Guardianship	S	7.0%	7.5%	3.8%	7.3%	7.6%	S	8.0%	7.7%	S	7.7%	7.6%	S	7.0%	7.8%	-
(number of month until guardianship)	47.3	26.1	19.4	44.8	25.7	22.8	29.4	23.2	22.3	31.0	24.6	23.5	31.0	25.5	23.7	-34.3%
Live with Other Relatives	S	3.5%	4.6%	12.9%	3.6%	4.1%	S	3.5%	4.1%	9.6%	3.7%	4.3%	13.0%	3.4%	4.6%	-
(number of months until living with relatives)	6.5	6.0	2.1	4.5	9.5	2.5	13.5	11.2	2.4	8.4	11.0	2.0	0.6	11.3	4.0	-90.4%
Exit to Non-Permanent Arrangements	12.8%	13.7%	11.4%	15.7%	14.4%	13.2%	>18.5%	16.7%	13.7%	>11.0%	16.0%	12.8%	>15.0%	16.4%	13.5%	>16.9%
Emancipation	10.7%	8.1%	7.3%	12.9%	8.6%	9.3%	18.5%	10.2%	9.5%	11.0%	8.2%	7.9%	15.0%	8.0%	7.6%	40.3%
(number of months until emancipation)	47.6	24.7	23.7	37.9	26.9	26.2	32.4	24.9	22.9	41.7	29.8	24.3	42.5	23.7	24.1	-10.7%
Transfer to Another Agency	S	4.7%	3.5%	0.5%	5.1%	3.5%	S	5.8%	3.7%	0.0%	6.4%	4.1%	0.0%	7.6%	5.3%	-
(number of months until transfer)	56.1	14.6	7.9	0.9	14.0	5.5	13.7	21.6	6.6	0.0	11.5	8.0	0.0	19.9	4.2	-100.0%
Runaway	S	1.0%	0.6%	2.4%	0.7%	0.5%	0.0%	0.7%	0.4%	S	1.4%	0.8%	S	0.8%	0.6%	-
(number of months until running away)	52.8	22.6	14.0	25.8	15.1	14.1	0.0	9.9	11.4	90.2	35.9	17.8	4.3	21.8	10.4	-91.9%
Death of Child	0.5%	S	S	1.0%	0.2%	0.1%	0.0%	S	0.2%	0.0%	S	0.1%	0.0%	S	0.2%	-100.0%
(number of months until death of a child)	40.0	20.7	5.5	18.7	27.1	12.6	0.0	14.4	6.1	0.0	5.3	5.9	0.0	27.1	15.3	-100.0%



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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.

Indicator

Children Remaining in Foster Care

Children in Foster Care on Last Day
(number of months children have been in care)

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	380	10,320	16,074	NA	9,658	15,082	325	8,983	13,949	283	8,033	13,033	263	7,914	11,866	-30.8%
(number of months children have been in care)	13.5	14.1	14.2	15.0	13.6	14.0	21.4	17.3	16.4	25.1	18.5	16.8	24.7	15.2	15.2	83.0%

By Age

Age Group	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	% Change
0-2	20.5%	20.5%	21.0%	23.7%	20.9%	21.6%	18.2%	21.2%	22.2%	19.1%	22.1%	23.0%	19.0%	22.1%	22.8%	-7.4%
3-5	13.2%	17.2%	17.5%	14.9%	17.1%	17.7%	17.5%	17.7%	18.0%	17.0%	18.1%	17.9%	20.2%	18.2%	17.8%	53.2%
6-8	11.3%	13.8%	13.6%	11.2%	14.0%	13.8%	12.9%	14.1%	13.9%	12.7%	13.8%	13.6%	11.4%	13.2%	13.4%	0.8%
9-11	11.6%	12.5%	12.2%	12.2%	12.4%	12.1%	11.7%	12.4%	12.1%	13.4%	11.7%	11.5%	11.4%	11.8%	11.4%	-1.5%
12-14	11.6%	12.4%	12.3%	13.4%	13.4%	13.3%	15.7%	13.1%	13.1%	15.2%	12.6%	13.0%	17.5%	13.2%	13.4%	51.1%
15-20	31.8%	23.6%	18.3%	24.6%	22.3%	17.7%	24.0%	21.5%	17.2%	22.6%	21.7%	16.7%	20.5%	21.5%	17.9%	-35.5%
Infants (age 0-1)	15.8%	13.2%	13.7%	14.3%	13.9%	14.4%	11.7%	13.7%	14.5%	12.7%	13.9%	15.0%	10.6%	14.0%	14.8%	-32.6%
Youth (age 13+)	40.5%	32.2%	31.9%	38.0%	35.6%	34.8%	34.5%	30.5%	29.9%	33.6%	29.9%	29.7%	31.2%	30.8%	30.8%	-23.1%

By Race and Ethnicity

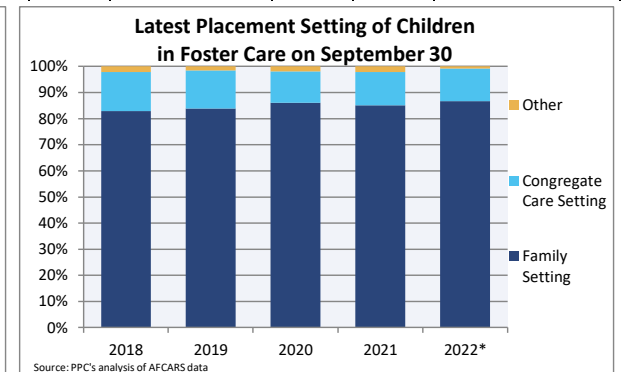
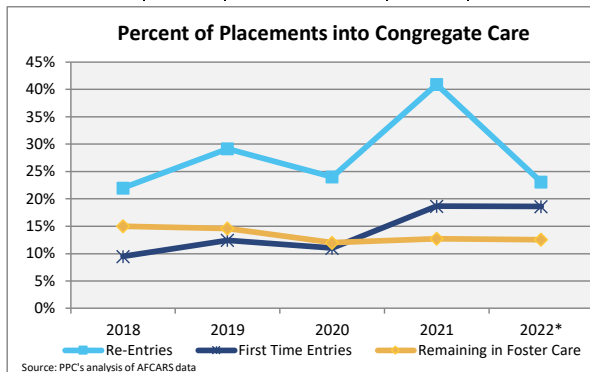
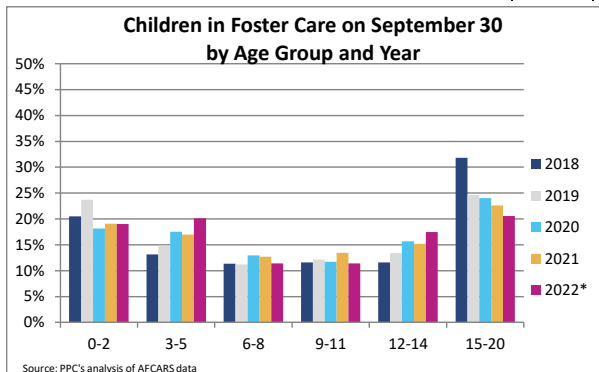
Race/Ethnicity	2018 County	2018 Urban	2018 State	2019 County	2019 Urban	2019 State	2020 County	2020 Urban	2020 State	2021 County	2021 Urban	2021 State	2022* County	2022* Urban	2022* State	% Change
Non-Hispanic White	28.9%	27.2%	42.2%	31.6%	27.7%	42.3%	33.5%	27.4%	41.8%	29.3%	28.1%	43.1%	30.0%	31.0%	43.5%	3.8%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	54.2%	50.1%	35.4%	48.9%	48.6%	34.4%	47.4%	47.3%	33.7%	47.3%	46.3%	32.2%	47.9%	42.4%	31.2%	-11.6%
Non-Hispanic Other Race	3.7%	2.5%	2.3%	3.6%	2.9%	2.6%	S	4.0%	3.7%	4.2%	4.9%	4.5%	5.3%	5.0%	4.9%	44.5%
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	6.1%	6.1%	7.1%	7.3%	6.6%	7.8%	<7.8%	7.2%	8.3%	8.8%	6.9%	8.0%	8.7%	7.3%	8.0%	44.5%
Hispanic or Latino	7.1%	14.1%	13.0%	8.5%	14.2%	13.0%	9.2%	14.1%	12.5%	10.2%	13.9%	12.2%	8.0%	14.3%	12.5%	12.4%

By Sex

Sex	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	% Change
Male	46.3%	50.3%	50.9%	48.3%	49.4%	50.6%	49.2%	49.5%	50.8%	52.3%	48.9%	50.2%	56.7%	49.7%	50.7%	22.3%
Female	53.7%	49.7%	49.1%	51.7%	50.6%	49.4%	50.8%	50.5%	49.2%	47.7%	51.1%	49.8%	43.3%	50.3%	49.3%	-19.3%

By Latest Placement Setting

Placement Setting	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	% Change
Family Setting	>82.1%	85.1%	84.0%	83.9%	86.3%	85.1%	>85.8%	87.3%	86.3%	>85.0%	88.1%	86.6%	>86.6%	87.6%	86.4%	-
Pre-adoptive Home	S	5.7%	4.0%	0.6%	4.6%	3.2%	S	3.6%	2.7%	0.0%	1.6%	1.3%	0.0%	4.9%	3.5%	-
Foster Family Home – Relative	22.9%	42.1%	37.8%	25.8%	44.6%	39.4%	22.2%	46.3%	41.5%	24.0%	48.2%	43.0%	>18.9%	43.5%	40.7%	>-17.4%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	59.2%	37.2%	42.2%	57.4%	37.1%	42.5%	63.7%	37.4%	42.2%	>61.0%	38.3%	42.4%	67.7%	39.1%	42.1%	14.3%
Congregate Care Setting	15.0%	11.8%	13.2%	14.6%	10.4%	11.9%	12.0%	9.3%	10.7%	12.7%	8.7%	10.4%	12.5%	9.5%	10.8%	-16.3%
Group Home	8.7%	6.3%	7.9%	10.0%	5.5%	7.0%	7.4%	4.5%	5.9%	6.7%	4.7%	6.4%	6.8%	5.0%	6.4%	-21.2%
Institution	6.3%	5.5%	5.3%	4.6%	4.8%	4.9%	4.6%	4.8%	4.8%	6.0%	4.0%	4.1%	5.7%	4.5%	4.4%	-9.7%
Supervised Independent Living	S	1.6%	1.5%	0.9%	1.5%	1.3%	S	<1.2%	1.0%	S	1.3%	1.2%	S	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%	0.6%	0.2%	0.5%	0.0%	S	0.4%	0.0%	0.3%	0.7%	0.0%	0.2%	0.6%	-

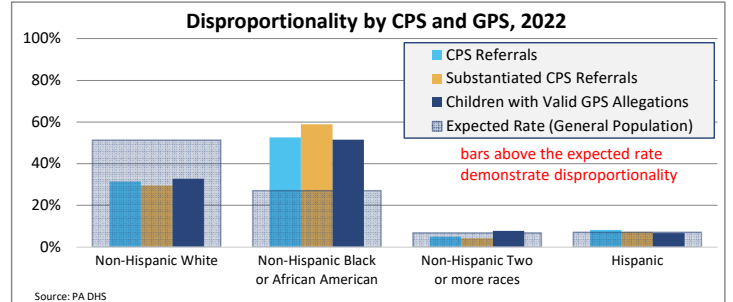


DISPROPORTIONALITY

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).

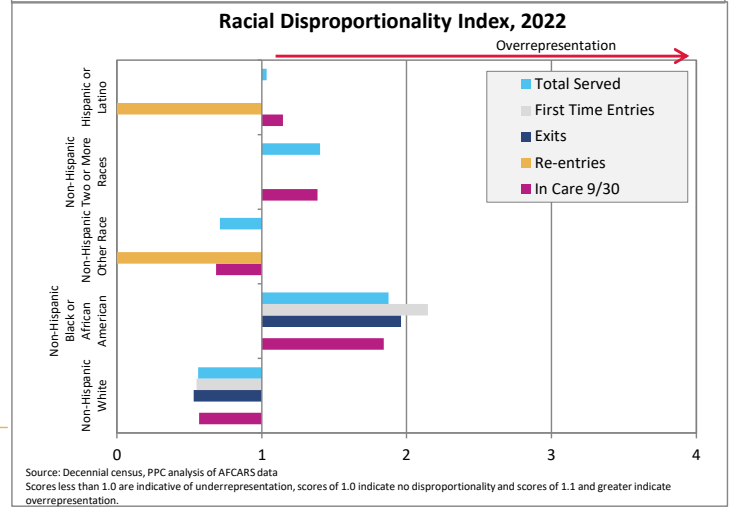
Indicator	2022				
	CPS Referrals	Valid CPS Referrals	GPS Reports	Valid GPS Reports	Children with Valid Allegations
CPS/GPS Race and Ethnicity					
Non-Hispanic White	31.3%	29.5%	-	-	32.8%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	52.5%	58.9%	-	-	51.5%
Non-Hispanic Other Race	3.0%	0.0%	-	-	1.4%
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	5.0%	4.2%	-	-	7.8%
Hispanic or Latino	8.2%	7.4%	-	-	6.7%

General Population Age 0-17
51.3%
27.1%
7.7%
6.8%
7.2%



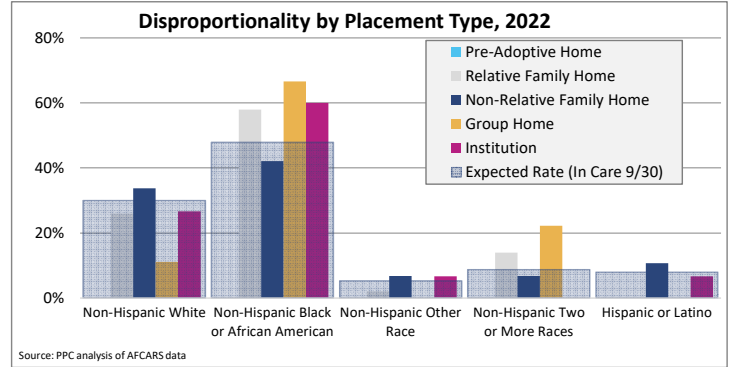
Indicator	2022				
	Total Served	First Time Entries	Exits	Re-entries	In Care 9/30
Foster Care Race and Ethnicity					
Non-Hispanic White	29.6%	29.1%	28.0%	S	30.0%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	48.8%	55.8%	51.0%	S	47.9%
Non-Hispanic Other Race	5.5%	S	S	0.0%	5.3%
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	8.9%	S	S	S	8.7%
Hispanic or Latino	7.2%	S	S	0.0%	8.0%

General Population Age 0-20
52.9%
26.0%
7.8%
6.3%
7.0%



Indicator	2022				
	Pre-Adoptive Home	Relative Family Home	Non-Relative Family Home	Group Home	Institution
Racial Disproportionality Index					
Non-Hispanic White	0.6	0.5	0.5	S	0.6
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	1.9	2.1	2.0	S	1.8
Non-Hispanic Other Race	0.7	S	S	0.0	0.7
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	1.4	S	S	S	1.4
Hispanic or Latino	1.0	S	S	0.0	1.1

In Care 9/30
30.0%
47.9%
5.3%
8.7%
8.0%



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.

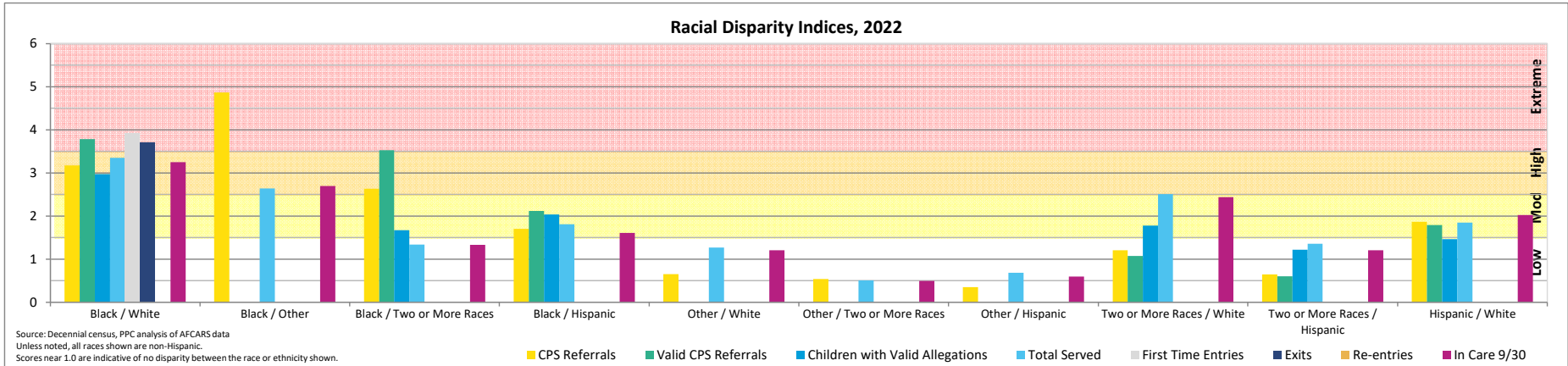
Indicator

Racial Disparity Index

Indicator	CPS Referrals	Valid CPS Referrals	GPS Reports	Valid GPS Reports	Children with Valid Allegations
Non-Hispanic Black / Non-Hispanic White	3.2	3.8			3.0
Non-Hispanic Black / Non-Hispanic Other	4.9	-			-
Non-Hispanic Black / Non-Hispanic Two or More	2.6	3.5			1.7
Non-Hispanic Black / Hispanic	1.7	2.1			2.0
Non-Hispanic Other / Non-Hispanic White	0.7	-			-
Non-Hispanic Other / Non-Hispanic Two or More	0.5	-			-
Non-Hispanic Other / Hispanic	0.3	-			-
Non-Hispanic Two or More / Non-Hispanic White	1.2	1.1			1.8
Non-Hispanic Two or More / Hispanic	0.6	0.6			1.2
Hispanic / Non-Hispanic White	1.9	1.8			1.5

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

2022				
Total Served	First Time Entries	Exits	Re-entries	In Care 9/30
3.4	3.9	3.7	S	3.2
2.6	S	S	-	2.7
1.3	S	S	S	1.3
1.8	S	S	-	1.6
1.3	S	S	-	1.2
0.5	S	S	-	0.5
0.7	S	S	-	0.6
2.5	S	S	S	2.4
1.4	S	S	-	1.2
1.8	S	S	-	2.0



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

Foster Care Placement Stability

Children who were in foster care for 12 to 23 months and had three or more placement settings.

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	
33.2%	32.7%	31.8%	34.2%	31.1%	31.1%	31.2%	27.7%	28.4%	23.4%	24.8%	25.6%	24.1%	23.3%	25.2%	-27.2%

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.

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	
33.8%	37.3%	37.3%	32.9%	37.4%	38.7%	32.7%	35.9%	36.8%	34.7%	35.3%	36.6%	30.6%	36.4%	37.8%	-9.7%

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. (Data may be overstated.)

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	
16.0%	22.9%	21.4%	11.5%	25.6%	22.3%	10.2%	23.0%	20.2%	17.3%	20.7%	18.1%	<13.4%	22.0%	19.1%	<-16.3%

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



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