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	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	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)	121	4,454	44,063	153	4,403	42,252	130	3,705	32,919	159	4,195	38,013	182	2,133	39,093	50.4%
	15.1	40.9	16.6	19.1	40.4	15.9	16.2	34.0	12.4	19.8	38.5	14.3	22.7	19.6	14.8	
Child Abuse and Neglect Substantiations Founded or indicated reports of child abuse and/or neglect.	9.1%	14.1%	11.6%	13.7%	14.3%	11.5%	12.3%	15.8%	14.0%	15.1%	15.4%	13.2%	16.5%	17.0%	12.8%	81.3%
Repeated Child Abuse and Neglect Children with another substantiated incident of abuse and/or neglect following the first reported incident. (Data may be overstated.)	0.0%	7.8%	5.2%	9.5%	8.7%	5.7%	6.3%	6.8%	6.2%	4.2%	7.9%	6.5%	10.0%	6.1%	6.4%	-
	0	1 in 13	1 in 19	1 in 11	1 in 11	1 in 18	1 in 16	1 in 15	1 in 16	1 in 24	1 in 13	1 in 15	1 in 10	1 in 16	1 in 16	

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
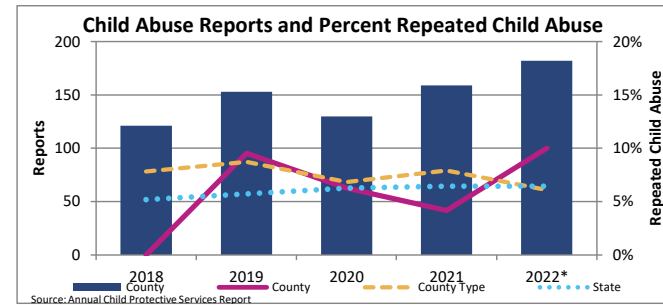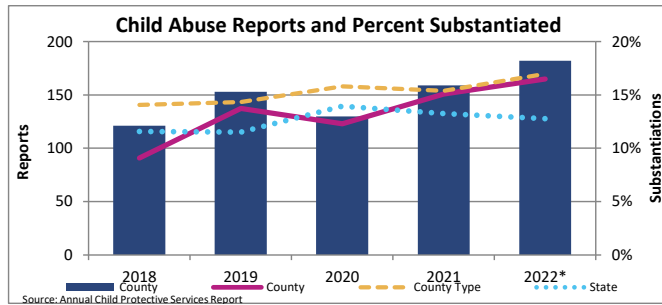
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GENERAL PROTECTIVE SERVICES (GPS)

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	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	
GPS Reports Total reported concerns of general neglect, not alleging child abuse.	703	18,611	169,723	696	19,862	178,124	674	17,537	152,478	750	18,161	161,709	774	8,845	165,295	10.1%
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.	32.6%	27.3%	23.6%	30.3%	29.2%	23.5%	42.3%	31.6%	25.6%	39.1%	32.9%	27.1%	41.0%	38.4%	24.2%	25.7%
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.	320	7,480	58,982	332	8,601	60,755	439	8,259	56,999	425	8,711	63,801	473	4,980	57,876	47.8%

Indicator	2018			2019			2020			2021			2022*			County % Change 2018 to 2022*
	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	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.	1,137	28,544	194,761	1,115	24,606	187,280	996	25,330	>181,435	1,027	26,164	192,594	1,047	16,139	211,150	-7.9%

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	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	
Unduplicated Number of Children Served																
All Children in Foster Care During the Year	116	1,973	25,441	NA	2,074	24,665	90	1,918	21,689	100	1,788	20,490	95	1,070	19,287	-18.1%
(Rate per 1,000 children age 0-20)	11.6	15.2	8.0	9.6	16.0	7.7	9.0	14.8	6.8	10.0	13.8	6.4	9.5	8.3	6.0	
By Age																
0-2	21.6%	20.1%	20.2%	21.8%	19.8%	20.2%	20.0%	20.6%	20.9%	21.0%	20.1%	21.5%	16.8%	20.4%	21.1%	-21.9%
3-5	22.4%	16.1%	17.9%	24.5%	16.8%	17.8%	18.9%	17.3%	17.8%	20.0%	17.6%	18.2%	17.9%	19.0%	18.2%	-20.2%
6-8	<12.2%	12.7%	13.4%	12.7%	13.1%	13.8%	13.3%	14.1%	13.5%	12.0%	12.5%	13.7%	17.9%	13.3%	13.7%	>46.7%
9-11	12.9%	11.4%	11.8%	10.9%	12.3%	11.7%	<12.3%	12.3%	11.7%	13.0%	10.6%	11.3%	S	9.8%	11.2%	-
12-14	9.5%	13.5%	11.8%	10.9%	13.5%	12.3%	16.7%	13.7%	12.6%	<14.1%	14.5%	12.6%	15.8%	12.2%	12.8%	66.5%
15-17	17.2%	22.0%	18.7%	16.4%	20.9%	18.5%	15.6%	19.1%	17.9%	17.0%	20.5%	16.4%	18.9%	22.0%	18.1%	9.9%
18-20	S	4.2%	6.3%	2.7%	3.6%	5.6%	S	3.0%	5.6%	S	4.1%	6.4%	S	3.4%	4.9%	-
Infants (age 0-1)	12.9%	12.9%	12.7%	10.9%	13.0%	12.9%	12.2%	12.7%	13.2%	13.0%	13.4%	13.7%	S	13.7%	13.3%	-
Youth (age 13+)	27.6%	35.3%	33.1%	28.2%	34.4%	32.6%	30.0%	31.9%	32.3%	29.0%	34.5%	31.3%	34.7%	34.5%	32.0%	25.9%
By Race and Ethnicity																
Non-Hispanic White	84.5%	87.1%	43.7%	86.4%	88.5%	43.7%	86.7%	88.0%	44.2%	86.0%	85.2%	44.3%	80.0%	85.4%	45.0%	-5.3%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	S	3.8%	33.9%	1.8%	2.5%	33.0%	S	3.1%	32.0%	0.0%	2.5%	30.7%	S	1.9%	29.8%	-
Non-Hispanic Other Race	S	1.5%	2.3%	3.6%	1.4%	2.6%	S	1.9%	3.6%	S	2.7%	4.2%	S	2.9%	4.8%	-
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	S	4.1%	7.1%	7.3%	4.0%	7.7%	S	4.3%	8.0%	S	5.6%	8.4%	S	5.5%	8.2%	-
Hispanic or Latino	S	3.6%	13.0%	0.9%	3.6%	12.9%	S	2.7%	12.3%	S	3.9%	12.3%	S	4.3%	12.2%	-
By Sex																
Male	51.7%	52.2%	50.8%	50.0%	52.4%	50.8%	38.9%	52.1%	50.6%	42.0%	53.5%	50.5%	50.5%	52.4%	50.3%	-2.3%
Female	48.3%	47.8%	49.2%	50.0%	47.6%	49.2%	61.1%	47.9%	49.4%	58.0%	46.5%	49.5%	49.5%	47.6%	49.7%	2.5%
By Latest Placement Setting																
Family Setting	**94.0%**	**78.7%**	**81.6%**	**87.3%**	**79.8%**	**82.7%**	**83.3%**	**81.0%**	**83.8%**	**80.0%**	**79.6%**	**84.8%**	**80.0%**	**80.0%**	**84.9%**	**-14.9%**
Pre-adoptive Home	0.0%	3.2%	4.5%	0.0%	2.7%	3.8%	0.0%	2.7%	2.9%	0.0%	2.2%	2.3%	0.0%	1.9%	3.5%	-
Foster Family Home – Relative	41.4%	29.9%	37.1%	31.8%	32.4%	38.7%	42.2%	33.5%	40.8%	44.0%	35.4%	42.0%	35.8%	37.8%	42.1%	-13.5%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	52.6%	45.6%	40.1%	55.5%	44.6%	40.3%	41.1%	44.8%	40.1%	36.0%	42.1%	40.5%	44.2%	40.4%	39.3%	-15.9%
Congregate Care Setting	**>2.5%**	**18.6%**	**14.0%**	**3.6%**	**15.9%**	**12.7%**	**3.3%**	**13.6%**	**11.5%**	**>6.9%**	**16.6%**	**10.5%**	**>9.4%**	**14.1%**	**10.4%**	-
Group Home	S	13.4%	8.5%	2.7%	11.5%	7.7%	S	10.3%	6.7%	S	11.9%	6.4%	S	8.3%	6.3%	-
Institution	S	5.2%	5.6%	0.9%	4.3%	5.0%	S	3.3%	4.8%	S	4.7%	4.2%	S	5.8%	4.1%	-
Supervised Independent Living	**0.0%**	**S**	**1.5%**	**0.0%**	**S**	**1.6%**	**0.0%**	**S**	**1.3%**	**S**	**S**	**1.2%**	**0.0%**	**<1.1%**	**1.4%**	-
Runaway	**0.0%**	**S**	**1.4%**	**0.0%**	**S**	**1.4%**	**0.0%**	**S**	**1.9%**	**0.0%**	**0.0%**	**1.7%**	**0.0%**	**S**	**1.5%**	-
Trial Home Visit	**S**	**2.2%**	**1.4%**	**9.1%**	**3.6%**	**1.5%**	**13.3%**	**4.9%**	**1.6%**	**12.0%**	**<3.7%**	**1.8%**	**S**	**4.8%**	**1.7%**	-
Children Entering Foster Care																
All Entries into Foster Care During the Year	35	962	10,095	NA	1,009	9,448	42	834	7,286	48	851	7,316	37	462	7,307	5.7%

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

Percent of All Children Served by Placement Setting, 2022

Source: PPC's analysis of AFCARS data

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

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			2019			2020			2021			2022*			County % Change 2018 to 2022*
	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	
Children Entering for the First Time																
First Time Entries During the Year	27	753	7,626	NA	789	7,266	38	665	5,540	40	665	5,635	32	370	5,394	18.5%
(Rate per 1,000 children age 0-20)	2.7	5.8	2.4	3.3	6.1	2.3	3.8	5.1	1.7	4.0	5.1	1.8	3.2	2.9	1.7	
First Time Entries as Percent of All Entries	77.1%	78.3%	75.5%	90.5%	78.2%	76.9%	90.5%	79.7%	76.0%	83.3%	78.1%	77.0%	86.5%	80.1%	73.8%	12.1%
By Age																
0-2	S	29.9%	34.4%	34.2%	31.6%	35.1%	S	29.6%	38.2%	32.5%	29.9%	38.5%	S	32.4%	36.2%	-
3-5	S	14.3%	15.4%	18.4%	16.5%	14.8%	S	15.9%	14.5%	S	15.8%	14.7%	S	16.2%	14.2%	-
6-8	0.0%	11.6%	11.5%	10.5%	12.3%	11.8%	S	13.4%	11.4%	S	11.7%	11.3%	S	10.3%	11.7%	-
9-11	S	9.3%	10.3%	5.3%	10.8%	10.7%	S	11.1%	9.7%	S	9.9%	9.3%	S	9.5%	9.5%	-
12-14	S	16.2%	12.8%	15.8%	13.7%	12.9%	28.9%	16.2%	12.5%	S	15.5%	12.6%	S	12.4%	13.0%	-
15-20	S	18.7%	15.6%	15.8%	15.2%	14.6%	S	13.7%	13.7%	S	17.1%	13.7%	S	19.2%	15.4%	-
Infants (age 0-1)	S	22.3%	28.0%	28.9%	25.7%	29.1%	S	22.3%	31.7%	S	24.1%	32.3%	S	24.6%	29.7%	-
Youth (age 13+)	40.7%	30.7%	24.7%	23.7%	20.7%	19.5%	28.9%	25.6%	22.6%	S	28.7%	22.5%	S	29.5%	25.2%	-
By Race and Ethnicity																
Non-Hispanic White	88.9%	87.6%	48.3%	94.7%	88.3%	47.6%	86.8%	86.2%	49.7%	82.5%	81.8%	50.0%	71.9%	85.1%	50.1%	-19.1%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	0.0%	4.0%	29.3%	0.0%	1.9%	28.4%	0.0%	3.0%	25.2%	0.0%	1.8%	23.6%	S	S	23.9%	-
Non-Hispanic Other Race	S	1.5%	2.7%	2.6%	1.5%	3.7%	S	3.5%	5.3%	S	3.6%	5.8%	S	4.3%	6.1%	-
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	S	3.5%	7.7%	2.6%	4.2%	7.7%	S	5.6%	8.2%	S	7.8%	8.4%	S	<5.9%	8.0%	-
Hispanic or Latino	S	3.5%	12.0%	0.0%	4.1%	12.6%	S	1.8%	11.6%	S	5.0%	12.1%	0.0%	4.1%	11.9%	-
By Sex																
Male	40.7%	50.5%	50.7%	42.1%	50.6%	50.8%	S	51.6%	50.5%	55.0%	53.2%	49.7%	62.5%	52.2%	50.4%	53.4%
Female	59.3%	49.5%	49.3%	57.9%	49.4%	49.2%	>73.6%	48.4%	49.5%	45.0%	46.8%	50.3%	37.5%	47.8%	49.6%	-36.7%
By First Reported Placement Setting																
Family Setting	**>59.3%**	**>79.9%**	**83.8%**	**86.8%**	**>84.3%**	**85.7%**	**89.5%**	**85.9%**	**>87.5%**	**87.5%**	**>81.5%**	**>87.5%**	**>87.4%**	**83.8%**	**86.9%**	-
Pre-adoptive Home	0.0%	S	0.2%	0.0%	S	0.4%	0.0%	0.0%	S	0.0%	S	S	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	-
Foster Family Home – Relative	59.3%	34.7%	39.9%	31.6%	39.8%	41.6%	50.0%	39.5%	44.3%	42.5%	42.1%	45.8%	>40.5%	41.4%	46.6%	>-31.7%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	S	45.3%	43.7%	55.3%	44.5%	43.7%	39.5%	46.3%	43.1%	45.0%	39.4%	41.7%	46.9%	42.4%	40.1%	-
Congregate Care Setting	**>0.0%**	**18.5%**	**14.3%**	**10.5%**	**14.3%**	**12.7%**	**>7.8%**	**12.3%**	**10.6%**	**>0.0%**	**16.1%**	**10.4%**	**>0.0%**	**14.6%**	**11.1%**	-
Group Home	0.0%	13.7%	9.4%	7.9%	11.2%	8.5%	S	9.0%	7.2%	0.0%	12.3%	7.4%	0.0%	8.4%	7.2%	-
Institution	S	4.8%	4.9%	2.6%	3.2%	4.2%	S	3.3%	3.4%	S	3.8%	3.0%	S	6.2%	4.0%	-
Supervised Independent Living	**0.0%**	**0.0%**	**0.2%**	**2.6%**	**S**	**0.2%**	**0.0%**	**S**	**S**	**0.0%**	**0.0%**	**0.2%**	**0.0%**	**0.0%**	**0.2%**	-
Runaway	**0.0%**	**0.0%**	**0.7%**	**0.0%**	**S**	**0.8%**	**0.0%**	**0.0%**	**0.8%**	**0.0%**	**0.0%**	**0.7%**	**0.0%**	**0.0%**	**0.8%**	-
Trial Home Visit	**0.0%**	**<1.6%**	**1.1%**	**0.0%**	**S**	**0.6%**	**S**	**<1.8%**	**0.9%**	**S**	**<2.4%**	**<1.2%**	**0.0%**	**S**	**0.9%**	-

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Children Entering Foster Care

Source: PPC's analysis of AFCARS data

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

Source: PPC's analysis of AFCARS data

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			2019			2020			2021			2022*			County % Change 2018 to 2022*
	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	
Children Re-Entering Foster Care																
Re-Entries During the Year	S	209	2,469	NA	220	2,182	S	169	1,746	S	186	1,681	S	92	1,913	-
Re-Entries as Percent of All Entries	S	21.7%	24.5%	9.5%	21.8%	23.1%	S	20.3%	24.0%	S	21.9%	23.0%	S	19.9%	26.2%	-
By Age																
0-2	S	10.5%	10.8%	25.0%	11.4%	11.9%	S	14.8%	10.5%	0.0%	11.3%	12.3%	0.0%	S	11.9%	-
3-5	S	17.2%	12.6%	25.0%	12.7%	12.7%	S	17.2%	10.9%	S	13.4%	12.8%	0.0%	12.0%	12.3%	-
6-8	S	12.4%	12.1%	25.0%	14.1%	11.9%	0.0%	10.1%	11.0%	0.0%	10.2%	10.9%	S	22.8%	12.2%	-
9-11	0.0%	9.6%	11.5%	25.0%	13.2%	10.4%	0.0%	8.9%	12.0%	0.0%	8.6%	11.0%	0.0%	S	11.0%	-
12-14	0.0%	12.0%	17.7%	0.0%	20.9%	18.7%	S	21.9%	17.7%	S	28.5%	20.2%	S	14.1%	19.9%	-
15-20	S	38.3%	35.4%	0.0%	27.7%	34.4%	0.0%	27.2%	37.9%	S	28.0%	32.7%	S	32.6%	32.6%	-
Infants (age 0-1)	S	7.7%	6.4%	25.0%	S	6.9%	S	10.7%	7.3%	0.0%	S	9.2%	0.0%	S	8.3%	-
Youth (age 13+)	S	47.8%	48.6%	0.0%	45.5%	48.7%	S	45.0%	51.1%	S	55.9%	47.7%	S	43.5%	47.4%	-
By Race and Ethnicity																
Non-Hispanic White	S	89.0%	39.6%	75.0%	87.7%	52.7%	S	88.2%	31.3%	S	86.0%	42.8%	S	84.8%	35.7%	-
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	0.0%	S	40.5%	0.0%	S	49.0%	0.0%	S	31.0%	0.0%	S	35.2%	0.0%	0.0%	42.6%	-
Non-Hispanic Other Race	S	S	1.8%	0.0%	0.0%	2.0%	0.0%	S	2.7%	0.0%	S	3.9%	0.0%	S	3.9%	-
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	0.0%	S	7.1%	25.0%	S	11.2%	0.0%	S	5.4%	0.0%	S	6.5%	0.0%	S	7.8%	-
Hispanic or Latino	0.0%	S	11.1%	0.0%	S	15.0%	S	S	9.6%	0.0%	S	11.6%	0.0%	S	10.1%	-
By Sex																
Male	S	54.5%	49.1%	100.0%	56.8%	51.2%	S	54.4%	49.0%	S	54.3%	48.4%	S	53.3%	46.1%	-
Female	S	45.5%	50.9%	0.0%	43.2%	48.8%	S	45.6%	51.0%	S	45.7%	51.6%	S	46.7%	53.9%	-
By Placement Setting at Re-Entry																
Family Setting	100.0%	65.1%	66.7%	100.0%	69.1%	68.5%	>0.0%	67.5%	>65.0%	75.0%	67.2%	>71.1%	>0.0%	72.8%	74.4%	>-100.0%
Pre-adoptive Home	0.0%	0.0%	0.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.6%	0.0%	0.0%	S	75.0%	0.0%	S	0.0%	0.0%	0.6%	-
Foster Family Home – Relative	S	22.5%	28.3%	75.0%	29.1%	32.5%	S	28.4%	34.8%	S	28.5%	36.4%	0.0%	23.9%	37.1%	-
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	S	42.6%	37.9%	25.0%	40.0%	35.3%	S	39.1%	30.1%	S	38.7%	34.7%	S	48.9%	36.8%	-
Congregate Care Setting	0.0%	30.1%	28.0%	0.0%	28.2%	25.8%	0.0%	>22.5%	27.1%	25.0%	30.1%	21.2%	>0.0%	>18.5%	19.2%	-
Group Home	0.0%	24.4%	18.4%	0.0%	22.3%	16.6%	0.0%	22.5%	16.5%	S	24.2%	13.9%	0.0%	18.5%	12.1%	-
Institution	0.0%	5.7%	9.6%	0.0%	5.9%	9.2%	0.0%	S	10.6%	S	5.9%	7.3%	S	S	7.2%	-
Supervised Independent Living	0.0%	S	1.8%	0.0%	S	1.6%	0.0%	S	1.4%	0.0%	0.0%	2.2%	0.0%	0.0%	<1.2%	-
Runaway	0.0%	S	2.7%	0.0%	0.0%	3.6%	0.0%	0.0%	5.4%	0.0%	S	4.2%	0.0%	S	4.8%	-
Trial Home Visit	0.0%	S	0.8%	0.0%	S	0.6%	0.0%	S	<1.0%	0.0%	S	<1.3%	0.0%	S	S	-
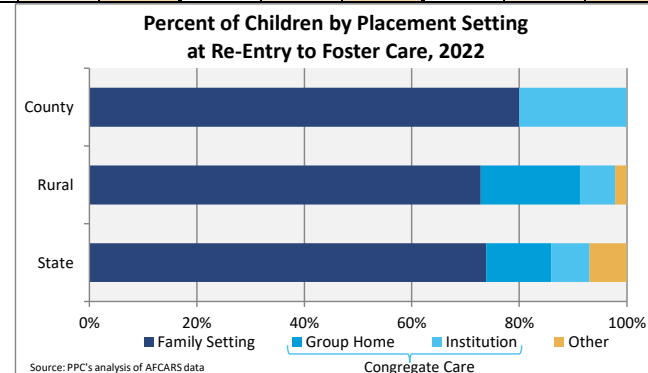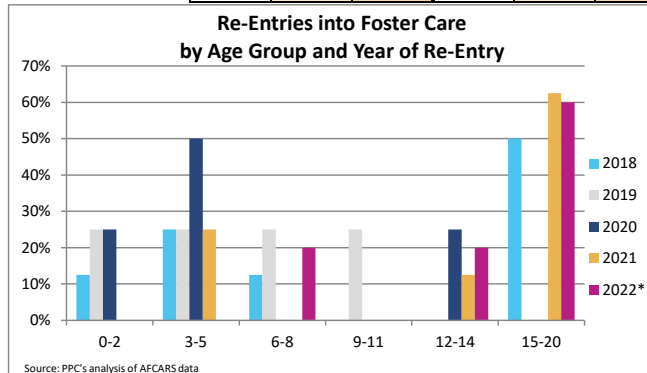
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Re-Entries into Foster Care by Age Group and Year of Re-Entry
Source: PPC's analysis of AFCARS data

Percent of Children by Placement Setting at Re-Entry to Foster Care, 2022
Source: PPC's analysis of AFCARS data
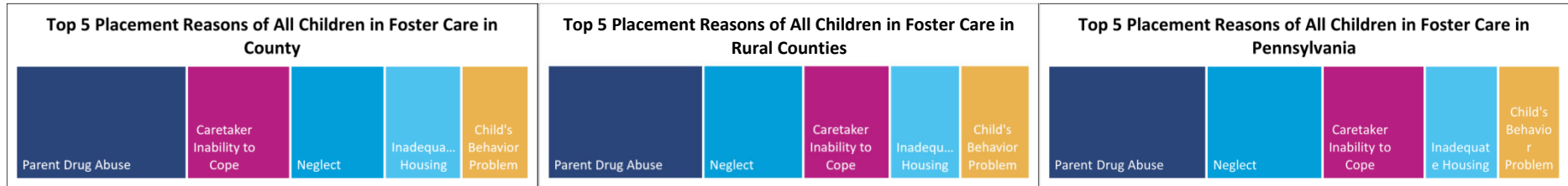
FOSTER CARE - PLACEMENT REASONS

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.

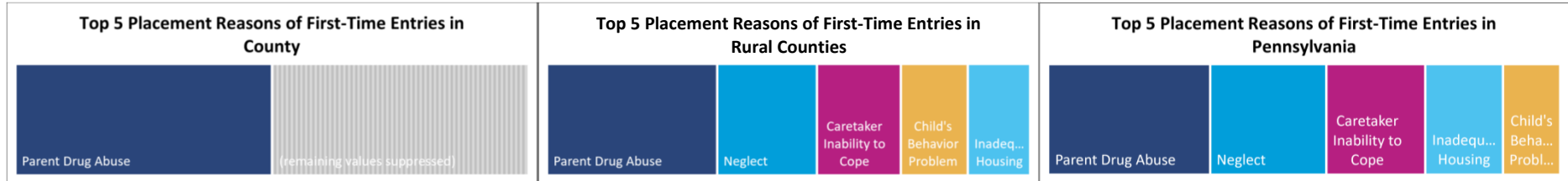A child can have more than one placement reason.

Indicator

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

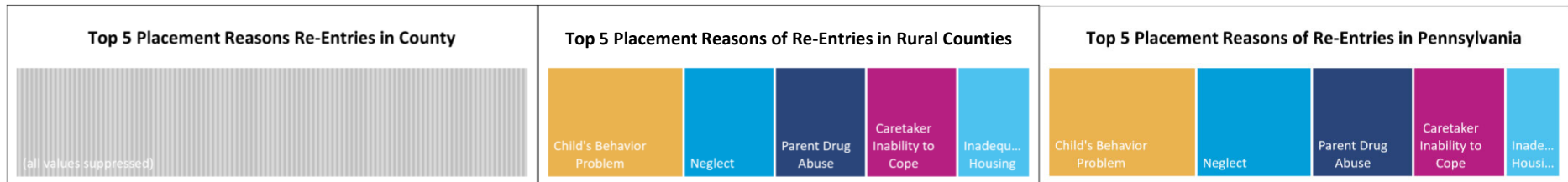| 2022		
County	**Rural**	**State**
40.0% Parent Drug Abuse	38.8% Parent Drug Abuse	34.9% Parent Drug Abuse
24.2% Caretaker Inability to Cope	25.0% Neglect	25.6% Neglect
22.1% Neglect	21.6% Caretaker Inability to Cope	22.5% Caretaker Inability to Cope
17.9% Inadequate Housing	17.6% Inadequate Housing	16.2% Inadequate Housing
15.8% Child's Behavior Problem	17.3% Child's Behavior Problem	13.6% Child's Behavior Problem

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

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

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

Of First-Time Entries into Foster Care

County	Rural	State
37.5% Parent Drug Abuse	40.5% Parent Drug Abuse	35.9% Parent Drug Abuse
S (remaining values suppressed)	23.8% Neglect	25.7% Neglect
S (remaining values suppressed)	20.0% Caretaker Inability to Cope	22.0% Caretaker Inability to Cope
S (remaining values suppressed)	15.9% Child's Behavior Problem	17.2% Inadequate Housing
S (remaining values suppressed)	14.9% Inadequate Housing	12.6% Child's Behavior Problem

Top 5 Placement Reasons of First-Time Entries in County

Top 5 Placement Reasons of First-Time Entries in Rural Counties

Top 5 Placement Reasons of First-Time Entries in Pennsylvania

Of Re-Entries into Foster Care

County	Rural	State
S (all values suppressed)	32.6% Child's Behavior Problem	29.2% Child's Behavior Problem
S (remaining values suppressed)	21.7% Neglect	22.8% Neglect
S (remaining values suppressed)	21.7% Parent Drug Abuse	20.0% Parent Drug Abuse
S (remaining values suppressed)	21.7% Caretaker Inability to Cope	18.2% Caretaker Inability to Cope
S (remaining values suppressed)	17.4% Inadequate Housing	10.8% Inadequate Housing

Top 5 Placement Reasons Re-Entries in County

Top 5 Placement Reasons of Re-Entries in Rural Counties

Top 5 Placement Reasons of Re-Entries in Pennsylvania

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	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	
Percent of Children by Case Plan Goal																
Family-Based Permanency Goals	**>98.2%**	**98.2%**	**95.1%**	**100.0%**	**98.3%**	**95.5%**	**100.0%**	**99.0%**	**96.4%**	**>96.0%**	**98.9%**	**96.8%**	**91.6%**	**94.5%**	**92.1%**	**<-6.7%**
Reunify With Parent(s) or Principal Caretaker(s)	55.2%	71.6%	65.3%	58.2%	70.4%	63.7%	77.8%	70.6%	65.8%	77.0%	70.3%	65.6%	80.0%	70.7%	65.1%	45.0%
Adoption	39.7%	20.2%	23.6%	36.4%	20.9%	24.5%	13.3%	22.2%	23.7%	19.0%	22.9%	25.0%	11.6%	22.4%	25.0%	-70.8%
Guardianship	S	5.0%	5.1%	5.5%	5.5%	5.9%	S	5.2%	5.4%	S	5.1%	5.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.5%	-
Live with Relative(s)	S	1.5%	1.2%	0.0%	1.5%	1.5%	S	1.0%	1.4%	0.0%	0.6%	1.0%	0.0%	1.4%	1.4%	-
Another Planned Permanent Living Arrangement (APPLA)	**>0.0%**	**>1.5%**	**4.9%**	**0.0%**	**1.7%**	**4.5%**	**0.0%**	**1.0%**	**3.6%**	**0.0%**	**1.1%**	**3.2%**	**>0.0%**	**5.5%**	**7.9%**	**-**
Long Term Foster Care	0.0%	S	0.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.5%	0.0%	1.4%	2.5%	-
Emancipation	S	1.5%	4.3%	0.0%	1.7%	4.4%	0.0%	1.0%	3.1%	0.0%	1.1%	2.7%	S	4.1%	5.4%	-
APPLA By Age as % of Age Group Served																
0-15	0.0%	S	1.0%	0.0%	S	S	0.0%	0.0%	S	0.0%	0.0%	S	0.0%	S	0.1%	-
16-20	S	9.3%	25.1%	0.0%	1.6%	23.5%	0.0%	6.2%	19.6%	0.0%	6.2%	17.5%	0.0%	6.2%	17.5%	-
APPLA By Discharge Reason																
Exit to Permanent Arrangements	**0.0%**	**>0.0%**	**19.5%**	**0.0%**	**>0.0%**	**16.4%**	**0.0%**	**0.0%**	**24.1%**	**0.0%**	**>0.0%**	**19.6%**	**0.0%**	**>0.0%**	**21.3%**	**-**
Reunification	0.0%	S	16.9%	0.0%	S	15.0%	0.0%	0.0%	23.0%	0.0%	S	18.5%	0.0%	S	18.3%	-
(number of months until reunification)	0.0	11.9	18.6	0.0	2.1	19.2	0.0	0.0	25.1	0.0	30.4	34.1	0.0	0.1	42.9	-
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%	S	2.3%	0.0%	S	S	0.0%	0.0%	S	0.0%	0.0%	S	0.0%	0.0%	S	-
(number of month until guardianship)	0.0	28.5	25.6	0.0	11.2	23.8	0.0	0.0	32.5	0.0	0.0	42.9	0.0	0.0	24.0	-
Live with Other Relatives	0.0%	0.0%	S	0.0%	0.0%	S	0.0%	0.0%	S	0.0%	0.0%	S	0.0%	S	S	-
(number of months until living with relatives)	0.0	0.0	32.9	0.0	0.0	49.6	0.0	0.0	61.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.1	12.0	-
Exit to Non-Permanent Arrangements	**100.0%**	**>68.4%**	**80.5%**	**0.0%**	**>85.2%**	**83.5%**	**0.0%**	**100.0%**	**75.6%**	**0.0%**	**85.7%**	**80.4%**	**0.0%**	**>0.0%**	**78.8%**	**-100.0%**
Emancipation	S	68.4%	72.1%	0.0%	85.2%	74.3%	0.0%	100.0%	68.0%	0.0%	85.7%	68.2%	0.0%	S	70.8%	-
(number of months until emancipation)	36.0	45.2	27.6	0.0	63.9	30.7	0.0	31.2	26.1	0.0	41.2	30.9	0.0	43.4	34.1	-100.0%
Transfer to Another Agency	0.0%	S	5.3%	0.0%	S	7.1%	0.0%	0.0%	6.1%	0.0%	0.0%	7.5%	0.0%	0.0%	5.8%	-
(number of months until transfer)	0.0	109.1	19.4	0.0	19.3	17.9	0.0	0.0	16.0	0.0	0.0	22.4	0.0	0.0	7.2	-
Runaway	0.0%	0.0%	3.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.1%	0.0%	0.0%	S	0.0%	0.0%	4.7%	0.0%	0.0%	S	-
(number of months until running away)	0.0	0.0	22.4	0.0	0.0	26.9	0.0	0.0	22.8	0.0	0.0	36.1	0.0	0.0	10.4	-
Death of Child	**0.0%**	**0.0%**	**0.0%**	**0.0%**	**0.0%**	**S**	**0.0%**	**0.0%**	**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	0.0	5.7	0.0	0.0	115.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-
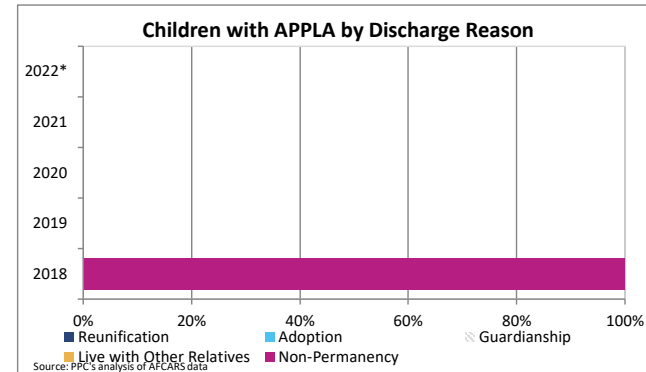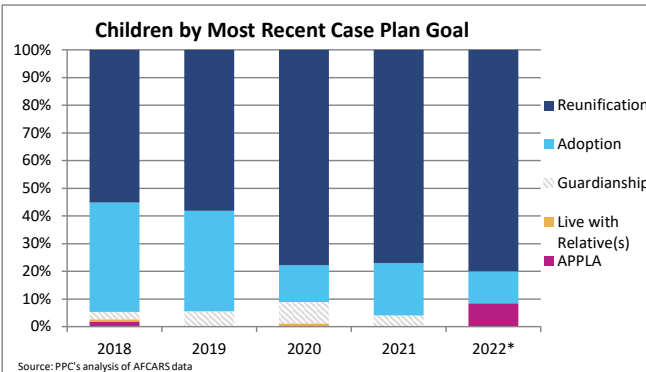
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Children by Most Recent Case Plan Goal

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 County	2018 Rural	2018 State	2019 County	2019 Rural	2019 State	2020 County	2020 Rural	2020 State	2021 County	2021 Rural	2021 State	2022* County	2022* Rural	2022* State	County % Change 2018 to 2022*
Children Exiting Foster Care																
Total Children Leaving Foster Care	51	924	10,694	NA	998	10,801	37	970	8,712	44	839	8,439	40	522	8,850	-21.6%
Percent of Children Leaving Foster Care	44.0%	46.8%	42.0%	55.5%	55.8%	43.8%	41.1%	50.6%	40.2%	44.0%	46.9%	41.2%	42.1%	48.8%	45.9%	-4.2%
(number of months until leaving)	22.5	10.6	13.0	22.5	11.1	15.9	12.0	11.4	15.4	15.2	13.4	33.2	13.6	12.1	15.7	-39.6%
By Discharge Reason																
Exit to Permanent Arrangements	**94.1%**	**93.9%**	**88.6%**	**93.4%**	**90.9%**	**86.6%**	**97.3%**	**93.5%**	**86.2%**	**>88.6%**	**93.6%**	**87.1%**	**95.0%**	**92.5%**	**86.3%**	**0.9%**
Reunification	37.3%	60.7%	52.5%	34.4%	56.7%	49.8%	70.3%	55.9%	50.8%	56.8%	54.6%	49.8%	52.5%	53.3%	50.8%	40.9%
(number of months until reunification)	1.9	5.7	6.4	8.4	7.0	7.4	8.3	7.0	8.4	5.0	5.5	9.0	9.2	8.2	8.3	374.6%
Adoption	49.0%	19.5%	23.9%	50.8%	20.6%	25.2%	S	22.8%	23.5%	31.8%	24.0%	25.4%	S	20.9%	23.0%	-
(number of months until adoption)	26.6	25.1	30.5	29.6	25.8	31.0	29.6	30.2	29.8	24.8	28.5	32.2	22.8	26.0	32.7	-14.3%
Guardianship	S	9.6%	7.5%	6.6%	9.8%	7.6%	S	8.6%	7.7%	0.0%	11.7%	7.6%	S	10.2%	7.8%	-
(number of month until guardianship)	19.6	15.9	19.4	15.2	18.1	22.8	29.3	15.3	22.3	0.0	16.8	23.5	23.0	21.5	23.7	17.6%
Live with Other Relatives	S	4.1%	4.6%	1.6%	3.7%	4.1%	S	6.3%	4.1%	S	3.3%	4.3%	S	8.2%	4.6%	-
(number of months until living with relatives)	4.6	6.8	2.1	2.4	2.1	2.5	3.6	4.4	2.4	8.1	8.1	2.0	1.1	5.6	4.0	-77.2%
Exit to Non-Permanent Arrangements	**>0.0%**	**6.1%**	**11.4%**	**6.6%**	**>8.2%**	**13.2%**	**>0.0%**	**>6.1%**	**13.7%**	**>0.0%**	**>5.4%**	**12.8%**	**>0.0%**	**>5.7%**	**13.5%**	**-**
Emancipation	S	4.5%	7.3%	6.6%	8.2%	9.3%	S	6.1%	9.5%	S	5.4%	7.9%	S	5.7%	7.6%	-
(number of months until emancipation)	24.5	37.8	23.7	9.5	29.9	26.2	26.7	12.3	22.9	36.3	26.4	24.3	75.5	25.6	24.1	208.2%
Transfer to Another Agency	0.0%	1.5%	3.5%	0.0%	S	3.5%	0.0%	S	3.7%	0.0%	S	4.1%	0.0%	S	5.3%	-
(number of months until transfer)	0.0	25.5	7.9	0.0	12.2	5.5	0.0	0.2	6.6	0.0	10.6	8.0	0.0	10.2	4.2	-
Runaway	0.0%	0.0%	0.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.6%	-
(number of months until running away)	0.0	0.0	14.0	0.0	0.0	14.1	0.0	0.0	11.4	0.0	0.0	17.8	0.0	0.0	10.4	-
Death of Child	**0.0%**	**0.0%**	**S**	**0.0%**	**0.0%**	**0.1%**	**0.0%**	**S**	**0.2%**	**0.0%**	**S**	**0.1%**	**2.5%**	**S**	**0.2%**	**-**
(number of months until death of a child)	0.0	0.0	5.5	0.0	0.0	12.6	0.0	90.0	6.1	0.0	10.0	5.9	22.1	13.4	15.3	-
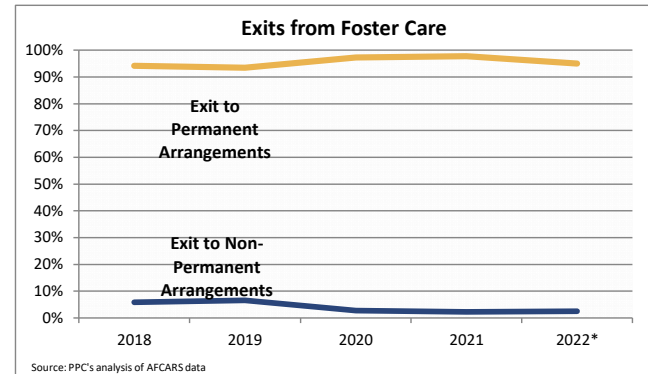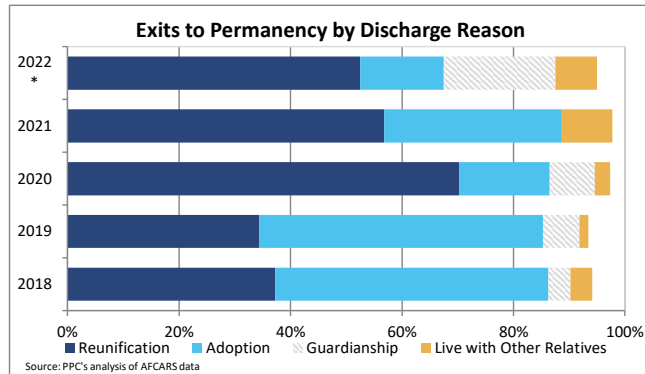
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Exits to Permanency by Discharge Reason
Source: PPC's analysis of AFCARS data
Legend: Reunification, Adoption, Guardianship, Live with Other Relatives

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	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	
Children Remaining in Foster Care																
Children in Foster Care on Last Day	68	1,142	16,074	NA	1,153	15,082	54	1,005	13,949	58	1,017	13,033	56	576	11,866	-17.6%
(number of months children have been in care)	18.1	10.4	14.2	9.0	11.4	14.0	11.3	10.2	16.4	9.2	10.2	16.8	12.8	11.1	15.2	-29.1%
By Age																
0-2	19.1%	18.7%	21.0%	32.7%	22.1%	21.6%	22.2%	22.4%	22.2%	S	21.9%	23.0%	S	21.9%	22.8%	-
3-5	26.5%	16.6%	17.5%	20.4%	16.7%	17.7%	S	17.5%	18.0%	19.0%	17.8%	17.9%	19.6%	18.4%	17.8%	-25.8%
6-8	S	13.0%	13.6%	10.2%	13.9%	13.8%	S	12.6%	13.9%	S	12.0%	13.6%	21.4%	13.4%	13.4%	-
9-11	S	12.1%	12.2%	6.1%	12.8%	12.1%	S	12.1%	12.1%	S	9.7%	11.5%	S	9.7%	11.4%	-
12-14	S	13.9%	12.3%	12.2%	14.4%	13.3%	20.4%	15.3%	13.1%	S	17.4%	13.0%	S	13.7%	13.4%	-
15-20	S	25.7%	18.3%	18.4%	20.0%	17.7%	S	20.0%	17.2%	24.1%	21.1%	16.7%	S	22.9%	17.9%	-
Infants (age 0-1)	S	12.3%	13.7%	18.4%	15.4%	14.4%	S	14.3%	14.5%	S	15.1%	15.0%	S	15.1%	14.8%	-
Youth (age 13+)	26.5%	34.7%	31.9%	30.6%	34.4%	34.8%	29.6%	31.0%	29.9%	32.8%	32.7%	29.7%	30.4%	33.0%	30.8%	14.7%
By Race and Ethnicity																
Non-Hispanic White	82.4%	89.2%	42.2%	87.8%	88.8%	42.3%	87.0%	87.9%	41.8%	82.8%	85.0%	43.1%	82.1%	85.6%	43.5%	-0.3%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	S	3.0%	35.4%	4.1%	2.8%	34.4%	0.0%	3.0%	33.7%	0.0%	2.4%	32.2%	S	S	31.2%	-
Non-Hispanic Other Race	S	1.4%	2.3%	2.0%	S	2.6%	S	2.4%	3.7%	S	3.0%	4.5%	S	3.6%	4.9%	-
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	S	3.5%	7.1%	6.1%	<4.4%	7.8%	S	4.0%	8.3%	S	6.4%	8.0%	S	<5.9%	8.0%	-
Hispanic or Latino	S	2.9%	13.0%	0.0%	3.5%	13.0%	S	2.8%	12.5%	S	3.2%	12.2%	S	3.3%	12.5%	-
By Sex																
Male	51.5%	52.5%	50.9%	46.9%	52.4%	50.6%	33.3%	53.3%	50.8%	43.1%	54.3%	50.2%	53.6%	54.2%	50.7%	4.1%
Female	48.5%	47.5%	49.1%	53.1%	47.6%	49.4%	66.7%	46.7%	49.2%	56.9%	45.7%	49.8%	46.4%	45.8%	49.3%	-4.3%
By Latest Placement Setting																
Family Setting	**95.6%**	**81.5%**	**84.0%**	**93.9%**	**82.3%**	**85.1%**	**>96.2%**	**82.6%**	**86.3%**	**89.7%**	**>80.2%**	**86.6%**	**94.6%**	**>81.8%**	**86.4%**	**-1.0%**
Pre-adoptive Home	0.0%	2.1%	4.0%	0.0%	1.4%	3.2%	0.0%	2.7%	2.7%	0.0%	S	1.3%	0.0%	S	3.5%	-
Foster Family Home – Relative	33.8%	29.1%	37.8%	40.8%	31.0%	39.4%	>46.2%	30.9%	41.5%	41.4%	33.3%	43.0%	33.9%	36.1%	40.7%	0.3%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	61.8%	50.4%	42.2%	53.1%	50.0%	42.5%	50.0%	49.0%	42.2%	48.3%	46.9%	42.4%	60.7%	45.7%	42.1%	-1.7%
Congregate Care Setting	**4.4%**	**17.4%**	**13.2%**	**4.1%**	**15.6%**	**11.9%**	**>0.0%**	**15.3%**	**10.7%**	**10.3%**	**17.3%**	**10.4%**	**>0.0%**	**13.7%**	**10.8%**	**>-100.0%**
Group Home	S	11.8%	7.9%	2.0%	11.4%	7.0%	S	11.1%	5.9%	S	12.6%	6.4%	0.0%	8.2%	6.4%	-
Institution	S	5.6%	5.3%	2.0%	4.2%	4.9%	0.0%	4.2%	4.8%	S	4.7%	4.1%	S	5.6%	4.4%	-
Supervised Independent Living	**0.0%**	**S**	**1.5%**	**0.0%**	**S**	**1.3%**	**0.0%**	**S**	**1.0%**	**0.0%**	**S**	**1.2%**	**0.0%**	**S**	**1.1%**	**-**
Runaway	**0.0%**	**0.0%**	**0.9%**	**0.0%**	**S**	**1.2%**	**0.0%**	**0.0%**	**1.5%**	**0.0%**	**0.0%**	**1.1%**	**0.0%**	**S**	**1.1%**	**-**
Trial Home Visit	**0.0%**	**S**	**0.4%**	**2.0%**	**1.6%**	**0.5%**	**0.0%**	**<1.9%**	**0.4%**	**0.0%**	**1.8%**	**0.7%**	**S**	**2.1%**	**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

Source: PPC's analysis of AFCARS data

Latest Placement Setting of Children in Foster Care on September 30

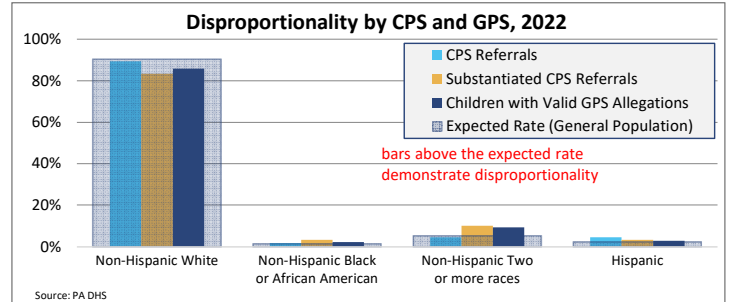Source: PPC's analysis of AFCARS data
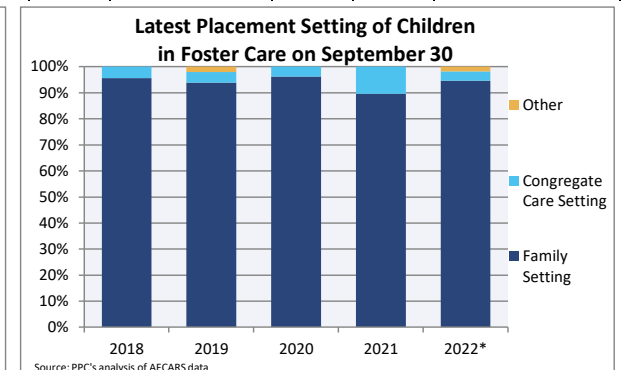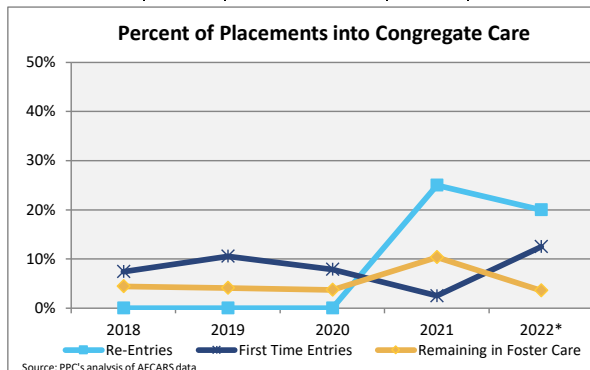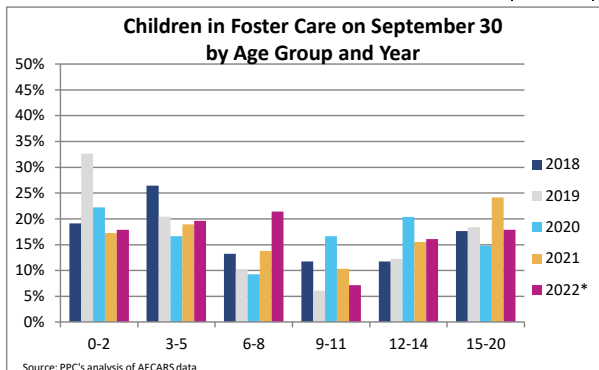
DISPROPORTIONALITY

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).
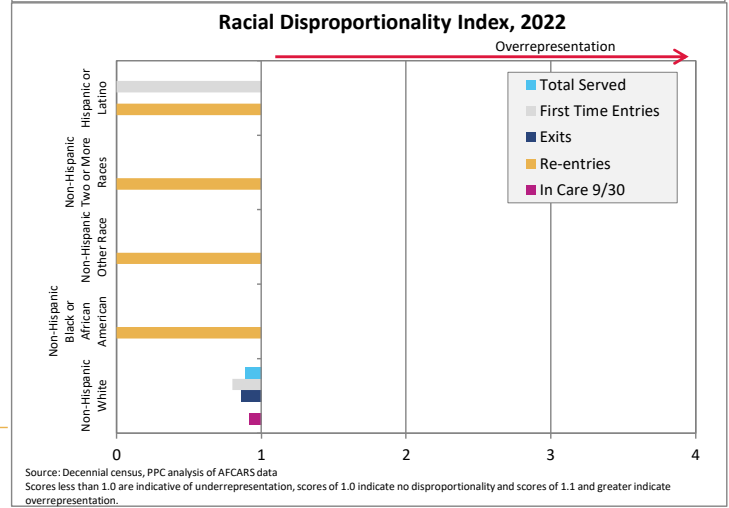
CPS/GPS Race and Ethnicity

Indicator	2022					General Population Age 0-17
	CPS Referrals	Valid CPS Referrals	GPS Reports	Valid GPS Reports	Children with Valid Allegations	
Non-Hispanic White	89.3%	83.3%	-	-	85.8%	90.4%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	1.7%	3.3%	-	-	2.1%	1.5%
Non-Hispanic Other Race	0.0%	0.0%	-	-	0.0%	0.5%
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	4.5%	10.0%	-	-	9.2%	5.2%
Hispanic or Latino	4.5%	3.3%	-	-	2.8%	2.4%

Disproportionality by CPS and GPS, 2022

bars above the expected rate demonstrate disproportionality

Source: PA DHS

Foster Care Race and Ethnicity

Indicator	2022					General Population Age 0-20
	Total Served	First Time Entries	Exits	Re-entries	In Care 9/30	
Non-Hispanic White	80.0%	71.9%	77.5%	S	82.1%	90.0%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	S	S	S	0.0%	S	1.9%
Non-Hispanic Other Race	S	S	S	0.0%	S	1.1%
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	S	S	S	0.0%	S	4.6%
Hispanic or Latino	S	0.0%	S	0.0%	S	2.5%

Racial Disproportionality Index

	Total Served	First Time Entries	Exits	Re-entries	In Care 9/30	
Non-Hispanic White	0.9	0.8	0.9	S	0.9	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.
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	S	S	S	0.0	S	
Non-Hispanic Other Race	S	S	S	0.0	S	
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	S	S	S	0.0	S	
Hispanic or Latino	S	0.0	S	0.0	S	

Racial Disproportionality Index, 2022

Source: Decennial census, PPC analysis of AFCARS data
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.

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%	57.9%	94.1%	0.0%	100.0%	82.1%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	0.0%	5.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	S
Non-Hispanic Other Race	0.0%	0.0%	2.9%	0.0%	0.0%	S
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	0.0%	31.6%	2.9%	0.0%	0.0%	S
Hispanic or Latino	0.0%	5.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	S

Disproportionality by Placement Type, 2022

Source: PPC analysis of AFCARS data
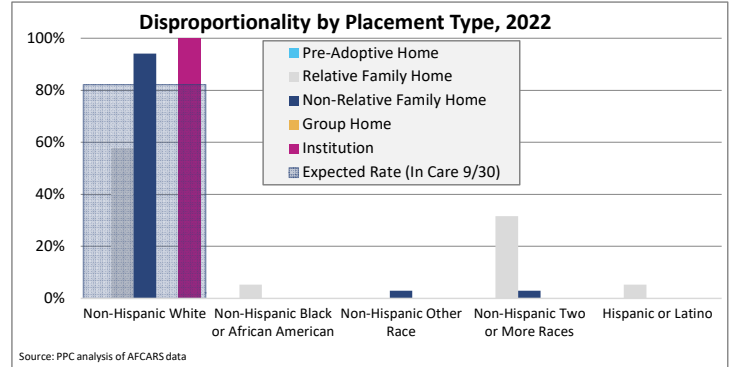
DISPARITY

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.
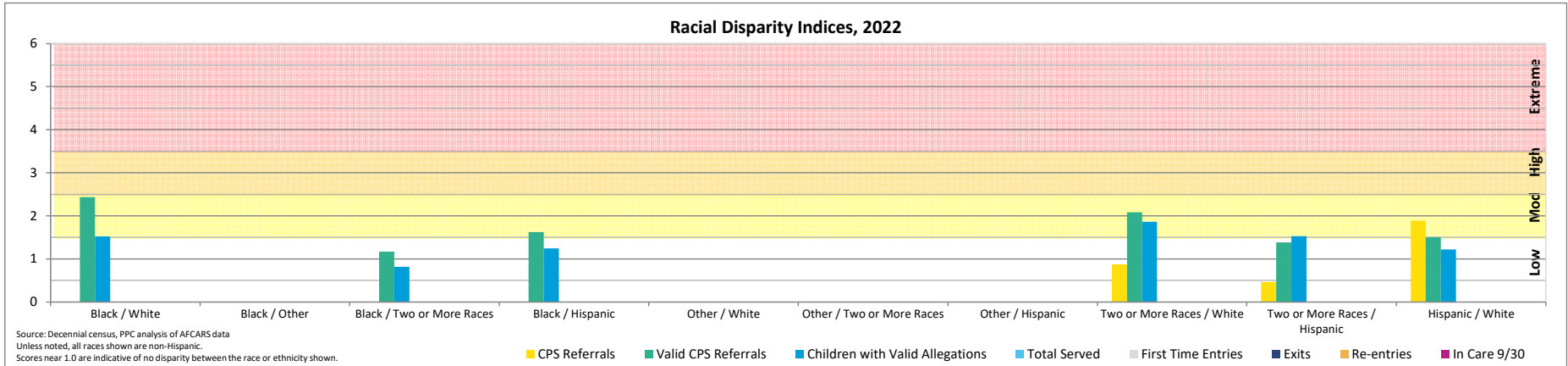
Indicator

	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	-	2.4			1.5		S	S	S	-	S
Non-Hispanic Black / Non-Hispanic Other	-	-			-		S	S	S	-	S
Non-Hispanic Black / Non-Hispanic Two or More	-	1.2			0.8		S	S	S	-	S
Non-Hispanic Black / Hispanic	-	1.6			1.2		S	-	S	-	S
Non-Hispanic Other / Non-Hispanic White	-	-			-		S	S	S	-	S
Non-Hispanic Other / Non-Hispanic Two or More	-	-			-		S	S	S	-	S
Non-Hispanic Other / Hispanic	-	-			-		S	-	S	-	S
Non-Hispanic Two or More / Non-Hispanic White	0.9	2.1			1.9		S	S	S	-	S
Non-Hispanic Two or More / Hispanic	0.5	1.4			1.5		S	-	S	-	S
Hispanic / Non-Hispanic White	1.9	1.5			1.2		S	-	S	-	S

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

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	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	
Foster Care Placement Stability Children who were in foster care for 12 to 23 months and had three or more placement settings.	21.2%	30.8%	31.8%	26.3%	35.2%	31.1%	S	30.5%	28.4%	S	29.9%	25.6%	25.5%	24.5%	25.2%	20.2%

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	2018			2019			2020			2021			2022*			County % Change 2018 to 2022*
	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	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.	26.7%	41.1%	37.3%	47.8%	44.4%	38.7%	39.5%	45.9%	36.8%	42.1%	47.8%	36.6%	39.0%	41.1%	37.8%	46.3%

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.
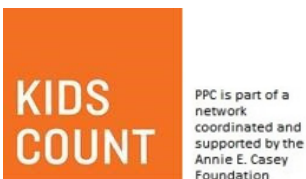
Indicator	2018			2019			2020			2021			2022*			County % Change 2018 to 2022*
	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	
Failed 1-Year Reunification (Re-entry) Children who re-entered foster care in fewer than 12 months following reunification with parents or relatives. (Data may be overstated.)	4.0%	22.2%	21.4%	25.0%	21.8%	22.3%	0.0%	16.5%	20.2%	<38.6%	13.6%	18.1%	<35.8%	19.7%	19.1%	<795.0%

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