

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	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural-Mix	State	
	171	4,454	44,063	189	4,403	42,252	190	3,705	32,919	201	4,195	38,013	172	4,830	39,093	0.6%
	18.5	40.9	16.6	20.4	40.4	15.9	20.5	34.0	12.4	21.7	38.5	14.3	18.6	19.8	14.8	

Child Abuse and Neglect Substantiations

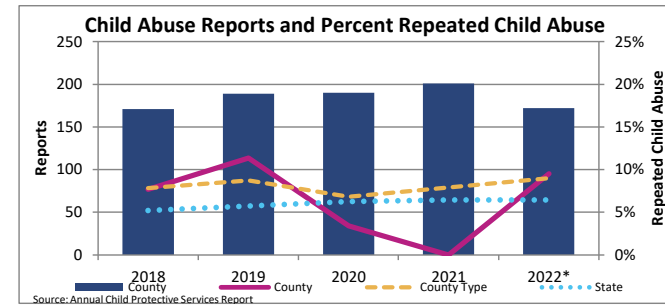
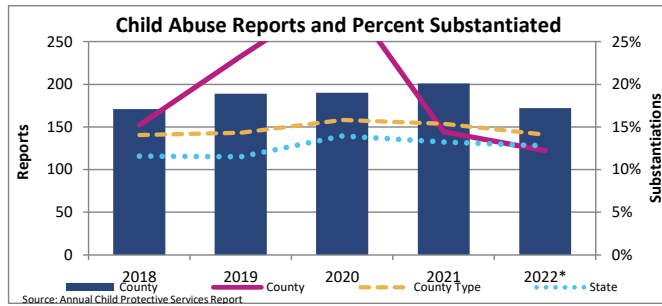
Founded or indicated reports of child abuse and/or neglect.

	15.2%	14.1%	11.6%	23.3%	14.3%	11.5%	31.1%	15.8%	14.0%	14.4%	15.4%	13.2%	12.2%	14.1%	12.8%	-19.7%
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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.)

	7.7%	7.8%	5.2%	11.4%	8.7%	5.7%	3.4%	6.8%	6.2%	0.0%	7.9%	6.5%	9.5%	9.0%	6.4%	23.8%
	1 in 13	1 in 13	1 in 19	1 in 9	1 in 11	1 in 18	1 in 30	1 in 15	1 in 16	0	1 in 13	1 in 15	1 in 11	1 in 11	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	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural-Mix	State	
	836	18,611	169,723	943	19,862	178,124	905	17,537	152,478	866	18,161	161,709	823	20,997	165,295	-1.6%

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.

	23.8%	27.3%	23.6%	32.8%	29.2%	23.5%	40.0%	31.6%	25.6%	34.4%	32.9%	27.1%	27.3%	28.0%	24.2%	14.9%
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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.

	280	7,480	58,982	407	8,601	60,755	529	8,259	56,999	417	8,711	63,801	321	8,651	57,876	14.6%
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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	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural-Mix	State	
	867	28,544	194,761	948	24,606	187,280	978	25,330	>181,435	2,422	26,164	192,594	779	25,299	211,150	-10.1%

State of Child Welfare 2023

Jefferson (Rural-Mix)

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)

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-Mix	State	
Unduplicated Number of Children Served	153	1,973	25,441	NA	2,074	24,665	151	1,918	21,689	127	1,788	20,490	142	2,123	19,287	-7.2%
	14.3	15.2	8.0	12.2	16.0	7.7	14.2	14.8	6.8	11.9	13.8	6.4	13.3	7.2	6.0	

By Age

Age Group	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-Mix	2022* State	% Change
0-2	13.1%	20.1%	20.2%	9.9%	19.8%	20.2%	18.5%	20.6%	20.9%	16.5%	20.1%	21.5%	23.2%	23.5%	21.1%	77.8%
3-5	12.4%	16.1%	17.9%	14.9%	16.8%	17.8%	13.2%	17.3%	17.8%	17.3%	17.6%	18.2%	18.3%	17.2%	18.2%	47.4%
6-8	<10.6%	12.7%	13.4%	12.8%	13.1%	13.8%	18.5%	14.1%	13.5%	17.3%	12.5%	13.7%	12.7%	14.1%	13.7%	>19.6%
9-11	11.1%	11.4%	11.8%	12.1%	12.3%	11.7%	<9.4%	12.3%	11.7%	S	10.6%	11.3%	11.3%	10.2%	11.2%	1.4%
12-14	19.0%	13.5%	11.8%	18.4%	13.5%	12.3%	14.6%	13.7%	12.6%	17.3%	14.5%	12.6%	<9.3%	12.5%	12.8%	<-50.9%
15-17	28.8%	22.0%	18.7%	28.4%	20.9%	18.5%	21.9%	19.1%	17.9%	20.5%	20.5%	16.4%	21.8%	20.5%	18.1%	-24.1%
18-20	S	4.2%	6.3%	3.5%	3.6%	5.6%	S	3.0%	5.6%	S	4.1%	6.4%	S	2.1%	4.9%	-
Infants (age 0-1)	7.8%	12.9%	12.7%	5.0%	13.0%	12.9%	8.6%	12.7%	13.2%	11.0%	13.4%	13.7%	14.8%	15.5%	13.3%	88.6%
Youth (age 13+)	49.7%	35.3%	33.1%	43.3%	34.4%	32.6%	35.8%	31.9%	32.3%	37.8%	34.5%	31.3%	32.4%	31.9%	32.0%	-34.8%

By Race and Ethnicity

Race/Ethnicity	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-Mix	2022* State	% Change
Non-Hispanic White	95.4%	87.1%	43.7%	94.3%	88.5%	43.7%	90.7%	88.0%	44.2%	87.4%	85.2%	44.3%	85.9%	80.1%	45.0%	-10.0%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	S	3.8%	33.9%	0.7%	2.5%	33.0%	S	3.1%	32.0%	S	2.5%	30.7%	S	5.5%	29.8%	-
Non-Hispanic Other Race	S	1.5%	2.3%	0.0%	1.4%	2.6%	0.0%	1.9%	3.6%	S	2.7%	4.2%	S	3.9%	4.8%	-
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	S	4.1%	7.1%	1.4%	4.0%	7.7%	S	4.3%	8.0%	S	5.6%	8.4%	S	6.1%	8.2%	-
Hispanic or Latino	S	3.6%	13.0%	3.5%	3.6%	12.9%	S	2.7%	12.3%	S	3.9%	12.3%	S	4.5%	12.2%	-

By Sex

Sex	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-Mix	2022* State	% Change
Male	52.9%	52.2%	50.8%	52.5%	52.4%	50.8%	57.0%	52.1%	50.6%	60.6%	53.5%	50.5%	53.5%	53.1%	50.3%	1.1%
Female	47.1%	47.8%	49.2%	47.5%	47.6%	49.2%	43.0%	47.9%	49.4%	39.4%	46.5%	49.5%	46.5%	46.9%	49.7%	-1.2%

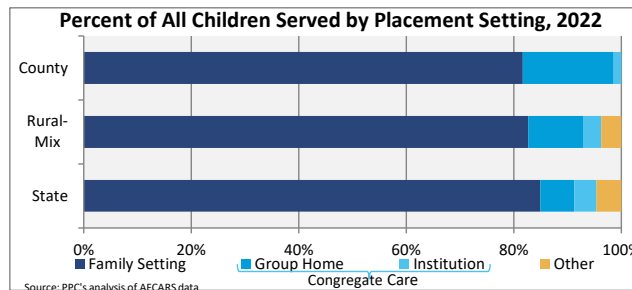
By Latest Placement Setting

Placement Setting	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-Mix	2022* State	% Change
Family Setting	>71.2%	78.7%	81.6%	76.6%	79.8%	82.7%	>80.7%	81.0%	83.8%	>81.9%	79.6%	84.8%	>80.3%	82.7%	84.9%	-
Pre-adoptive Home	S	3.2%	4.5%	2.8%	2.7%	3.8%	S	2.7%	2.9%	S	2.2%	2.3%	S	0.5%	3.5%	-
Foster Family Home – Relative	35.3%	29.9%	37.1%	32.6%	32.4%	38.7%	>33.7%	33.5%	40.8%	41.7%	35.4%	42.0%	37.3%	41.8%	42.1%	5.8%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	35.9%	45.6%	40.1%	41.1%	44.6%	40.3%	47.0%	44.8%	40.1%	40.2%	42.1%	40.5%	43.0%	40.4%	39.3%	19.5%
Congregate Care Setting	>26.0%	18.6%	14.0%	23.4%	15.9%	12.7%	17.2%	13.6%	11.5%	>15.0%	16.6%	10.5%	>16.9%	13.5%	10.4%	-
Group Home	>26.0%	13.4%	8.5%	23.4%	11.5%	7.7%	17.2%	10.3%	6.7%	15.0%	11.9%	6.4%	16.9%	10.3%	6.3%	<-35.0%
Institution	0.0%	5.2%	5.6%	0.0%	4.3%	5.0%	0.0%	3.3%	4.8%	S	4.7%	4.2%	S	3.3%	4.1%	-
Supervised Independent Living	0.0%	S	1.5%	0.0%	S	1.6%	0.0%	S	1.3%	0.0%	S	1.2%	0.0%	<0.7%	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	0.0%	2.2%	1.4%	0.0%	3.6%	1.5%	0.0%	4.9%	1.6%	0.0%	<3.7%	1.8%	0.0%	<3.2%	1.7%	-

Children Entering Foster Care

All Entries into Foster Care During the Year

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-Mix	2022* State	% Change
Children Entering Foster Care	67	962	10,095	NA	1,009	9,448	83	834	7,286	48	851	7,316	56	957	7,307	-16.4%



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S = rate suppressed due to count less than 11 persons
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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*
	Rural	State	NA	Rural	State	NA	Rural	State	NA	Rural	State	Rural-Mix	State			
59	753	7,626	NA	789	7,266	63	665	5,540	36	665	5,635	49	798	5,394	-16.9%	
5.5	5.8	2.4	5.5	6.1	2.3	5.9	5.1	1.7	3.4	5.1	1.8	4.6	2.7	1.7	-0.6%	
88.1%	78.3%	75.5%	77.1%	78.2%	76.9%	75.9%	79.7%	76.0%	75.0%	78.1%	77.0%	87.5%	83.4%	73.8%	-0.6%	

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*	% Change									
20.3%	29.9%	34.4%	10.9%	31.6%	35.1%	33.3%	29.6%	38.2%	41.7%	29.9%	38.5%	36.7%	32.6%	36.2%	80.6%
S	14.3%	15.4%	21.9%	16.5%	14.8%	S	15.9%	14.5%	S	15.8%	14.7%	S	15.2%	14.2%	-
S	11.6%	11.5%	15.6%	12.3%	11.8%	19.0%	13.4%	11.4%	S	11.7%	11.3%	S	14.4%	11.7%	-
S	9.3%	10.3%	15.6%	10.8%	10.7%	S	11.1%	9.7%	0.0%	9.9%	9.3%	S	10.0%	9.5%	-
25.4%	16.2%	12.8%	20.3%	13.7%	12.9%	S	16.2%	12.5%	S	15.5%	12.6%	S	12.8%	13.0%	-
28.8%	18.7%	15.6%	15.6%	15.2%	14.6%	S	13.7%	13.7%	S	17.1%	13.7%	S	15.0%	15.4%	-
S	22.3%	28.0%	6.3%	25.7%	29.1%	19.0%	22.3%	31.7%	S	24.1%	32.3%	26.5%	26.8%	29.7%	-
50.8%	30.7%	24.7%	20.3%	20.7%	19.5%	19.0%	25.6%	22.6%	S	28.7%	22.5%	S	25.3%	25.2%	-

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*	% Change									
91.5%	87.6%	48.3%	98.4%	88.3%	47.6%	<90.6%	86.2%	49.7%	83.3%	81.8%	50.0%	81.6%	78.4%	50.1%	-10.8%
S	4.0%	29.3%	0.0%	1.9%	28.4%	0.0%	3.0%	25.2%	0.0%	1.8%	23.6%	0.0%	6.3%	23.9%	-
0.0%	1.5%	2.7%	0.0%	1.5%	3.7%	0.0%	3.5%	5.3%	S	3.6%	5.8%	S	5.4%	6.1%	-
0.0%	3.5%	7.7%	0.0%	4.2%	7.7%	S	5.6%	8.2%	S	7.8%	8.4%	S	5.5%	8.0%	-
S	3.5%	12.0%	1.6%	4.1%	12.6%	0.0%	1.8%	11.6%	S	5.0%	12.1%	S	4.4%	11.9%	-

By Sex

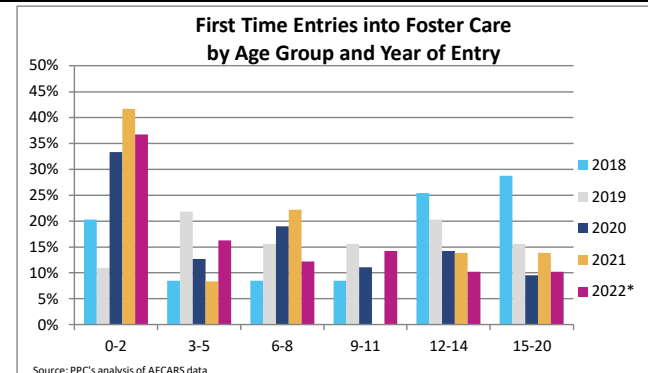
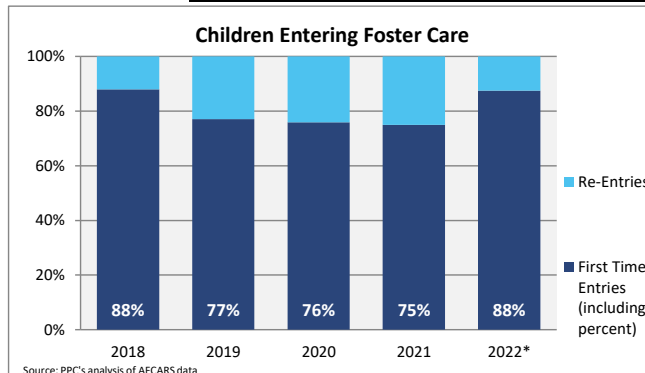
Male
Female

County	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022*	% Change									
50.8%	50.5%	50.7%	48.4%	50.6%	50.8%	58.7%	51.6%	50.5%	63.9%	53.2%	49.7%	38.8%	54.1%	50.4%	-23.7%
49.2%	49.5%	49.3%	51.6%	49.4%	49.2%	41.3%	48.4%	49.5%	36.1%	46.8%	50.3%	61.2%	45.9%	49.6%	24.6%

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*	% Change									
74.6%	>79.9%	83.8%	82.8%	>84.3%	85.7%	>90.4%	85.9%	>87.5%	>52.8%	>81.5%	>87.5%	>85.6%	87.3%	86.9%	>14.8%
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%	-
47.5%	34.7%	39.9%	32.8%	39.8%	41.6%	36.5%	39.5%	44.3%	52.8%	42.1%	45.8%	>44.8%	51.3%	46.6%	>-5.6%
27.1%	45.3%	43.7%	50.0%	44.5%	43.7%	>53.9%	46.3%	43.1%	S	39.4%	41.7%	40.8%	36.1%	40.1%	50.5%
25.4%	18.5%	14.3%	17.2%	14.3%	12.7%	>0.0%	12.3%	10.6%	>0.0%	16.1%	10.4%	>0.0%	11.0%	11.1%	>-100.0%
25.4%	13.7%	9.4%	17.2%	11.2%	8.5%	S	9.0%	7.2%	S	12.3%	7.4%	S	8.0%	7.2%	-
0.0%	4.8%	4.9%	0.0%	3.2%	4.2%	0.0%	3.3%	3.4%	0.0%	3.8%	3.0%	0.0%	3.0%	4.0%	-
0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.0%	S	0.2%	0.0%	S	S	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.0%	S	0.2%	-
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%	-
0.0%	<1.6%	1.1%	0.0%	S	0.6%	0.0%	<1.8%	0.9%	0.0%	<2.4%	<1.2%	0.0%	<1.6%	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*				
	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural-Mix	State					
S	209	2,469	NA	220	2,182	20	169	1,746	12	186	1,681	S	159	1,913	-
S	21.7%	24.5%	22.9%	21.8%	23.1%	24.1%	20.3%	24.0%	25.0%	21.9%	23.0%	S	16.6%	26.2%	-

By Age

Age Group	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural-Mix	State	County % Change 2018 to 2022*
0-2	S	10.5%	10.8%	10.5%	11.4%	11.9%	S	14.8%	10.5%	S	11.3%	12.3%	0.0%	13.2%	11.9%	-
3-5	S	17.2%	12.6%	0.0%	12.7%	12.7%	S	17.2%	10.9%	0.0%	13.4%	12.8%	S	11.3%	12.3%	-
6-8	S	12.4%	12.1%	0.0%	14.1%	11.9%	S	10.1%	11.0%	0.0%	10.2%	10.9%	0.0%	15.1%	12.2%	-
9-11	S	9.6%	11.5%	15.8%	13.2%	10.4%	S	8.9%	12.0%	S	8.6%	11.0%	S	11.3%	11.0%	-
12-14	S	12.0%	17.7%	42.1%	20.9%	18.7%	S	21.9%	17.7%	S	28.5%	20.2%	0.0%	15.1%	19.9%	-
15-20	S	38.3%	35.4%	31.6%	27.7%	34.4%	S	27.2%	37.9%	S	28.0%	32.7%	S	34.0%	32.6%	-
Infants (age 0-1)	S	7.7%	6.4%	0.0%	S	6.9%	S	10.7%	7.3%	0.0%	S	9.2%	0.0%	10.1%	8.3%	-
Youth (age 13+)	S	47.8%	48.6%	57.9%	45.5%	48.7%	S	45.0%	51.1%	S	55.9%	47.7%	S	46.5%	47.4%	-

By Race and Ethnicity

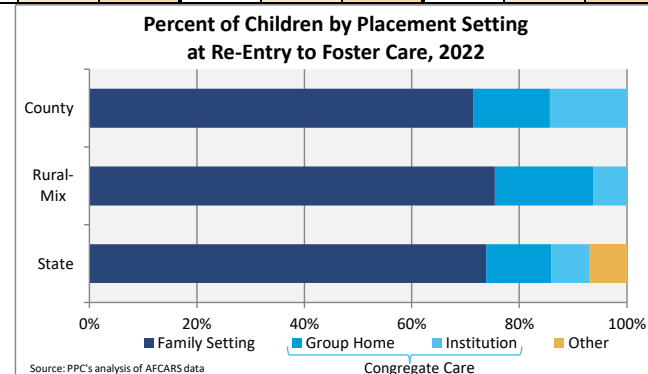
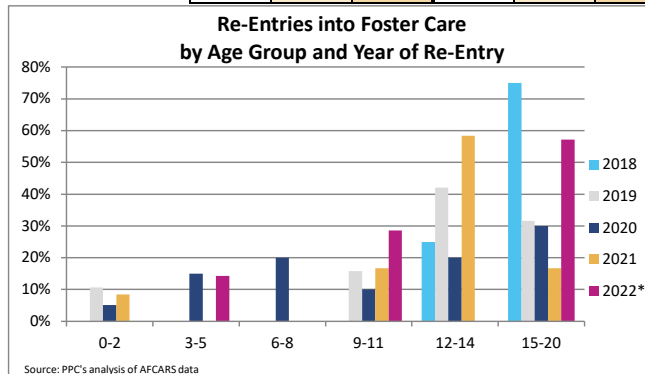
Race/Ethnicity	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural-Mix	State	County % Change 2018 to 2022*
Non-Hispanic White	S	89.0%	39.6%	73.7%	87.7%	52.7%	<95.1%	88.2%	31.3%	100.0%	86.0%	42.8%	S	84.9%	35.7%	-
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	0.0%	S	40.5%	0.0%	S	49.0%	0.0%	S	31.0%	0.0%	S	35.2%	0.0%	S	42.6%	-
Non-Hispanic Other Race	0.0%	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%	5.3%	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%	21.1%	S	15.0%	S	S	9.6%	0.0%	S	11.6%	0.0%	S	10.1%	-

By Sex

Sex	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural-Mix	State	County % Change 2018 to 2022*
Male	S	54.5%	49.1%	57.9%	56.8%	51.2%	>59.9%	54.4%	49.0%	S	54.3%	48.4%	S	46.5%	46.1%	-
Female	S	45.5%	50.9%	42.1%	43.2%	48.8%	S	45.6%	51.0%	S	45.7%	51.6%	S	53.5%	53.9%	-

By Placement Setting at Re-Entry

Placement Setting	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural-Mix	State	County % Change 2018 to 2022*
Family Setting	>62.4%	65.1%	66.7%	63.2%	69.1%	68.5%	>64.9%	67.5%	>65.0%	41.7%	67.2%	>71.1%	71.4%	75.5%	74.4%	<14.5%
Pre-adoptive Home	0.0%	0.0%	0.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.6%	0.0%	0.0%	S	0.0%	0.0%	S	0.0%	0.0%	0.6%	-
Foster Family Home – Relative	S	22.5%	28.3%	36.8%	29.1%	32.5%	S	28.4%	34.8%	S	28.5%	36.4%	S	34.6%	37.1%	-
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	S	42.6%	37.9%	26.3%	40.0%	35.3%	S	39.1%	30.1%	S	38.7%	34.7%	S	40.9%	36.8%	-
Congregate Care Setting	>0.0%	30.1%	28.0%	36.8%	28.2%	25.8%	>0.0%	>22.5%	27.1%	58.3%	30.1%	21.2%	28.6%	>18.2%	19.2%	-
Group Home	S	24.4%	18.4%	36.8%	22.3%	16.6%	S	22.5%	16.5%	S	24.2%	13.9%	S	18.2%	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%	0.0%	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%	<0.1%	S	-



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FOSTER CARE - PLACEMENT REASONS

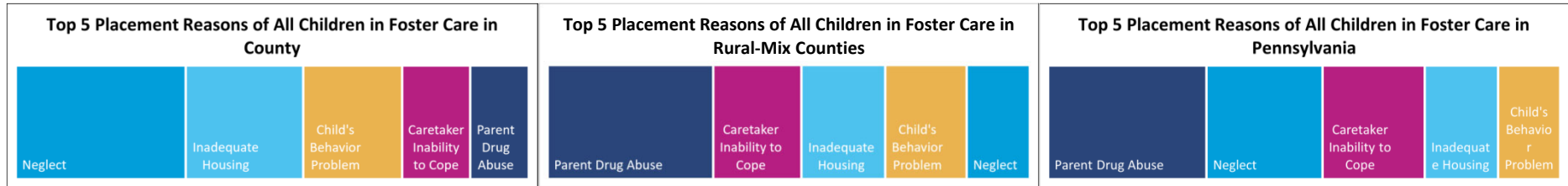
County child welfare agencies are required to report the reasons in which a child experiences a placement episode. There are 15 factors defined by the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) technical bulletin issued by the Administration for Children and Families which are federally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

A child can have more than one placement reason.

Indicator

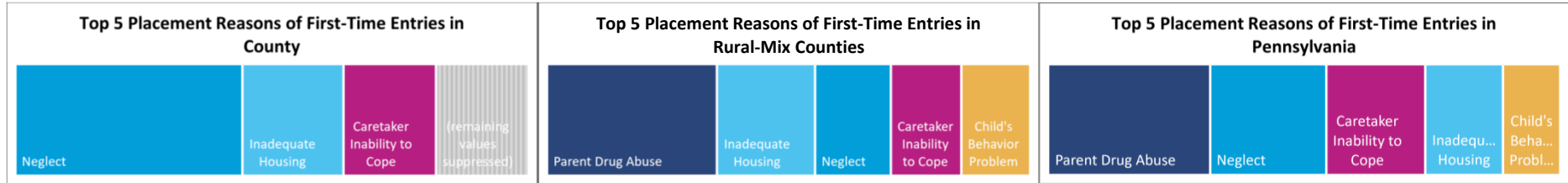
Top Five Placement Reasons Of All Children in Foster Care During the Year

2022					
County		Rural-Mix		State	
38.7%	Neglect	38.7%	Parent Drug Abuse	34.9%	Parent Drug Abuse
26.8%	Inadequate Housing	20.6%	Caretaker Inability to Cope	25.6%	Neglect
22.5%	Child's Behavior Problem	19.6%	Inadequate Housing	22.5%	Caretaker Inability to Cope
15.5%	Caretaker Inability to Cope	19.0%	Child's Behavior Problem	16.2%	Inadequate Housing
13.4%	Parent Drug Abuse	14.7%	Neglect	13.6%	Child's Behavior Problem



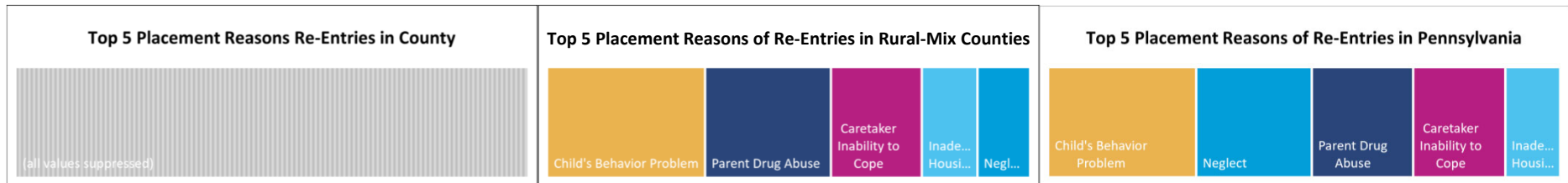
Of First-Time Entries into Foster Care

55.1%	Neglect	40.2%	Parent Drug Abuse	35.9%	Parent Drug Abuse
24.5%	Inadequate Housing	23.2%	Inadequate Housing	25.7%	Neglect
22.4%	Caretaker Inability to Cope	17.9%	Neglect	22.0%	Caretaker Inability to Cope
S (remaining values suppressed)		16.7%	Caretaker Inability to Cope	17.2%	Inadequate Housing
S (remaining values suppressed)		16.3%	Child's Behavior Problem	12.6%	Child's Behavior Problem



Of Re-Entries into Foster Care

S (all values suppressed)		34.0%	Child's Behavior Problem	29.2%	Child's Behavior Problem
S (remaining values suppressed)		27.0%	Parent Drug Abuse	22.8%	Neglect
S (remaining values suppressed)		19.5%	Caretaker Inability to Cope	20.0%	Parent Drug Abuse
S (remaining values suppressed)		11.9%	Inadequate Housing	18.2%	Caretaker Inability to Cope
S (remaining values suppressed)		11.3%	Neglect	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.

State of Child Welfare 2023

Jefferson (Rural-Mix)

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)

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-Mix	State	
Family-Based Permanency Goals	99.2%	98.2%	95.1%	100.0%	98.3%	95.5%	>93.4%	99.0%	96.4%	100.0%	98.9%	96.8%	90.8%	90.3%	92.1%	-8.4%
Reunify With Parent(s) or Principal Caretaker(s)	58.1%	71.6%	65.3%	65.4%	70.4%	63.7%	68.9%	70.6%	65.8%	42.5%	70.3%	65.6%	55.6%	70.2%	65.1%	-4.3%
Adoption	22.5%	20.2%	23.6%	24.3%	20.9%	24.5%	24.5%	22.2%	23.7%	46.5%	22.9%	25.0%	46.5%	19.3%	25.0%	56.6%
Guardianship	18.6%	5.0%	5.1%	10.3%	5.5%	5.9%	S	5.2%	5.4%	11.0%	5.1%	5.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.5%	-100.0%
Live with Relative(s)	0.0%	1.5%	1.2%	0.0%	1.5%	1.5%	0.0%	1.0%	1.4%	0.0%	0.6%	1.0%	0.0%	0.8%	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%	>7.7%	9.7%	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%	S	0.8%	2.5%	-
Emancipation	S	1.5%	4.3%	0.0%	1.7%	4.4%	S	1.0%	3.1%	0.0%	1.1%	2.7%	7.7%	8.9%	5.4%	-

Another Planned Permanent Living Arrangement (APPLA)

Long Term Foster Care

Emancipation

APPLA By Age as % of Age Group Served

0-15

16-20

0-15	0.0%	S	1.0%	0.0%	S	S	0.0%	0.0%	S	0.0%	0.0%	S	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	-
16-20	S	9.3%	25.1%	0.0%	1.6%	23.5%	S	6.2%	19.6%	0.0%	6.2%	17.5%	S	5.2%	17.5%	-

APPLA By Discharge Reason

Exit to Permanent Arrangements

Reunification

(number of months until reunification)

Adoption

(number of months until adoption)

Guardianship

(number of month until guardianship)

Live with Other Relatives

(number of months until living with relatives)

Exit to Non-Permanent Arrangements

Emancipation

(number of months until emancipation)

Transfer to Another Agency

(number of months until transfer)

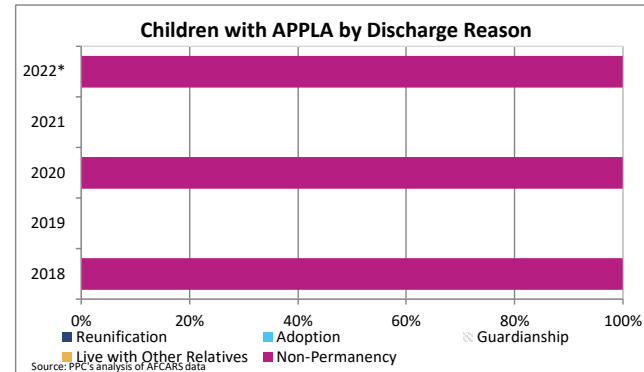
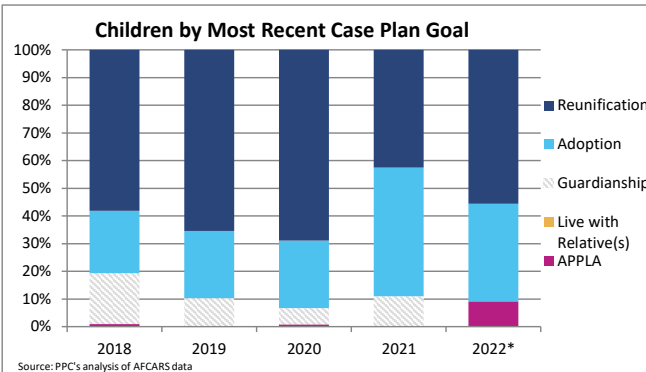
Runaway

(number of months until running away)

Death of Child

(number of months until death of a child)

Reunification	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%	-
(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	0.0	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%	0.0%	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	0.0	12.0	-
Emancipation	100.0%	>68.4%	80.5%	0.0%	>85.2%	83.5%	100.0%	100.0%	75.6%	0.0%	85.7%	80.4%	100.0%	100.0%	78.8%	0.0%
(number of months until emancipation)	125.3	45.2	27.6	0.0	63.9	30.7	6.0	31.2	26.1	0.0	41.2	30.9	41.1	30.6	34.1	-67.2%
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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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)

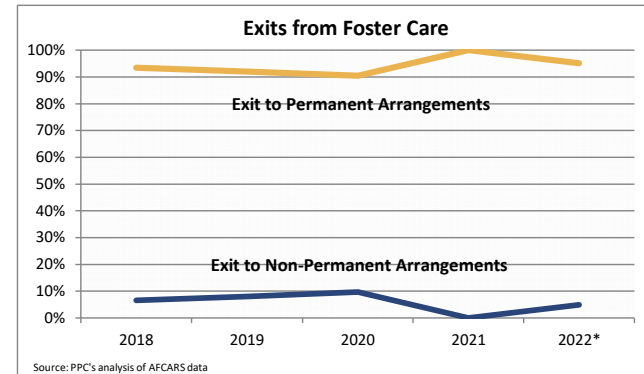
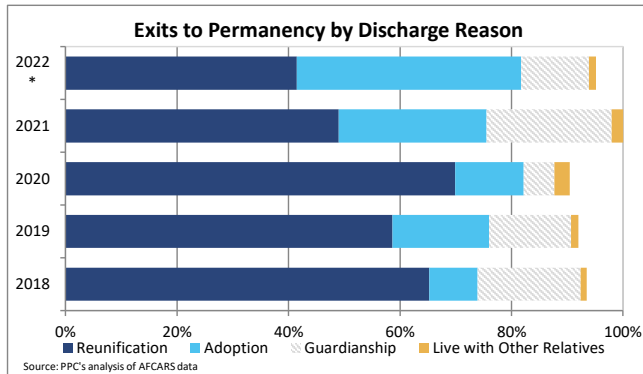
County	2018			2019			2020			2021			2022*			County % Change 2018 to 2022*
	Rural	State	NA	Rural	State	NA	Rural	State	NA	Rural	State	Rural-Mix	State			
Jefferson	92	924	10,694	NA	998	10,801	73	970	8,712	49	839	8,439	82	1,016	8,850	-10.9%
	60.1%	46.8%	42.0%	53.2%	55.8%	43.8%	48.3%	50.6%	40.2%	38.6%	46.9%	41.2%	57.7%	47.9%	45.9%	-4.0%
	7.9	10.6	13.0	5.6	11.1	15.9	6.9	11.4	15.4	15.3	13.4	33.2	16.1	12.3	15.7	102.9%

By Discharge Reason

Exit to Permanent Arrangements

Reunification
(number of months until reunification)
Adoption
(number of months until adoption)
Guardianship
(number of month until guardianship)
Live with Other Relatives
(number of months until living with relatives)

County	2018			2019			2020			2021			2022*			County % Change 2018 to 2022*
Rural	State	NA	Rural	State	NA	Rural	State	NA	Rural	State	Rural-Mix	State				
Jefferson	93.5%	93.9%	88.6%	92.0%	90.9%	86.6%	90.4%	93.5%	86.2%	>98.0%	93.6%	87.1%	95.1%	93.2%	86.3%	1.8%
	65.2%	60.7%	52.5%	58.7%	56.7%	49.8%	69.9%	55.9%	50.8%	49.0%	54.6%	49.8%	41.5%	53.1%	50.8%	-36.4%
	6.2	5.7	6.4	4.2	7.0	7.4	3.7	7.0	8.4	6.8	5.5	9.0	6.4	5.9	8.3	3.2%
	S	19.5%	23.9%	17.3%	20.6%	25.2%	S	22.8%	23.5%	26.5%	24.0%	25.4%	40.2%	20.7%	23.0%	-
	27.0	25.1	30.5	30.7	25.8	31.0	29.4	30.2	29.8	19.4	28.5	32.2	24.3	26.0	32.7	-10.2%
	18.5%	9.6%	7.5%	14.7%	9.8%	7.6%	S	8.6%	7.7%	22.4%	11.7%	7.6%	S	11.8%	7.8%	-
	10.1	15.9	19.4	12.6	18.1	22.8	8.5	15.3	22.3	19.8	16.8	23.5	13.6	22.0	23.7	35.0%
	S	4.1%	4.6%	1.3%	3.7%	4.1%	S	6.3%	4.1%	S	3.3%	4.3%	S	7.6%	4.6%	-
	0.7	6.8	2.1	0.1	2.1	2.5	0.0	4.4	2.4	0.2	8.1	2.0	28.7	9.0	4.0	4269.9%
Jefferson	6.5%	6.1%	11.4%	8.0%	>8.2%	13.2%	>0.0%	>6.1%	13.7%	0.0%	>5.4%	12.8%	>0.0%	6.7%	13.5%	>-100.0%
	S	4.5%	7.3%	8.0%	8.2%	9.3%	S	6.1%	9.5%	0.0%	5.4%	7.9%	S	5.7%	7.6%	-
	33.3	37.8	23.7	14.2	29.9	26.2	7.1	12.3	22.9	0.0	26.4	24.3	41.1	30.1	24.1	23.4%
	S	1.5%	3.5%	0.0%	S	3.5%	0.0%	S	3.7%	0.0%	S	4.1%	0.0%	S	5.3%	-
	52.1	25.5	7.9	0.0	12.2	5.5	0.0	0.2	6.6	0.0	10.6	8.0	0.0	2.6	4.2	-100.0%
	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%	S	0.6%	-
	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	28.9	10.4	-
Jefferson	0.0%	0.0%	S	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	S	0.2%	0.0%	S	0.1%	0.0%	S	0.2%	-
	0.0	0.0	5.5	0.0	0.0	12.6	0.0	90.0	6.1	0.0	10.0	5.9	0.0	0.3	15.3	-



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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	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural-Mix	State	
Children in Foster Care on Last Day	63	1,142	16,074	NA	1,153	15,082	82	1,005	13,949	82	1,017	13,033	60	1,161	11,866	-4.8%
(number of months children have been in care)	11.8	10.4	14.2	8.0	11.4	14.0	10.6	10.2	16.4	13.4	10.2	16.8	4.5	10.7	15.2	-62.4%

By Age

Age Group	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural-Mix	State	County % Change 2018 to 2022*
0-2	S	18.7%	21.0%	15.5%	22.1%	21.6%	18.3%	22.4%	22.2%	17.1%	21.9%	23.0%	25.0%	23.3%	22.8%	-
3-5	S	16.6%	17.5%	14.1%	16.7%	17.7%	13.4%	17.5%	18.0%	18.3%	17.8%	17.9%	S	16.1%	17.8%	-
6-8	S	13.0%	13.6%	9.9%	13.9%	13.8%	20.7%	12.6%	13.9%	17.1%	12.0%	13.6%	S	14.2%	13.4%	-
9-11	S	12.1%	12.2%	11.3%	12.8%	12.1%	S	12.1%	12.1%	S	9.7%	11.5%	S	11.2%	11.4%	-
12-14	S	13.9%	12.3%	18.3%	14.4%	13.3%	<18.4%	15.3%	13.1%	<19.6%	17.4%	13.0%	S	14.0%	13.4%	-
15-20	S	38.1%	25.7%	18.3%	31.0%	17.7%	22.0%	20.0%	17.2%	22.0%	21.1%	16.7%	21.7%	21.3%	17.9%	-43.1%
Infants (age 0-1)	S	12.3%	13.7%	8.5%	15.4%	14.4%	S	14.3%	14.5%	13.4%	15.1%	15.0%	S	15.6%	14.8%	-
Youth (age 13+)	S	50.8%	34.7%	31.9%	49.3%	34.8%	35.4%	31.0%	29.9%	37.8%	32.7%	29.7%	31.7%	32.0%	30.8%	-37.7%

By Race and Ethnicity

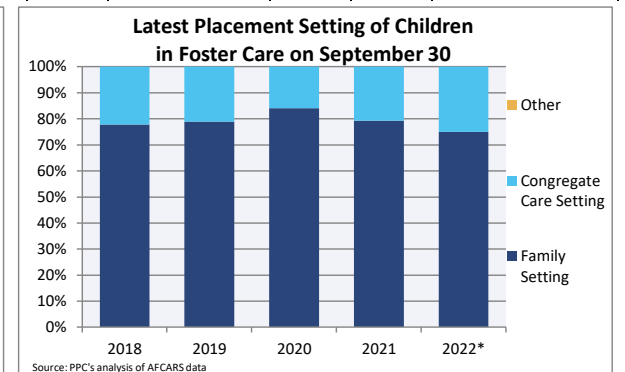
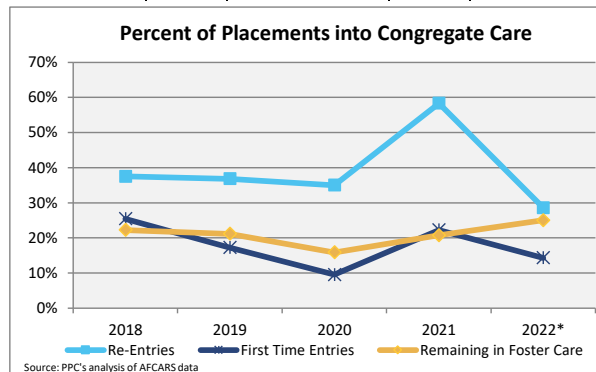
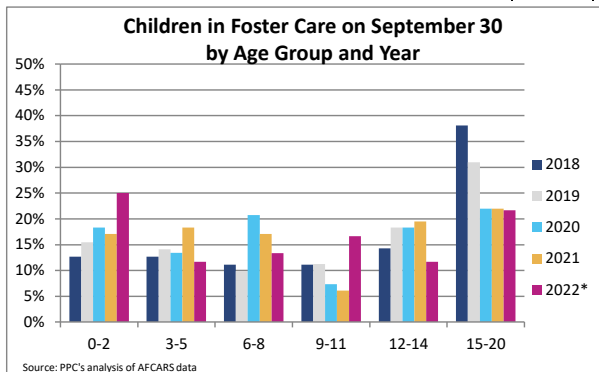
Race/Ethnicity	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural-Mix	State	County % Change 2018 to 2022*
Non-Hispanic White	96.8%	89.2%	42.2%	88.7%	88.8%	42.3%	87.8%	87.9%	41.8%	84.1%	85.0%	43.1%	90.0%	79.7%	43.5%	-7.0%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	S	3.0%	35.4%	1.4%	2.8%	34.4%	S	3.0%	33.7%	S	2.4%	32.2%	0.0%	5.3%	31.2%	-
Non-Hispanic Other Race	0.0%	1.4%	2.3%	0.0%	S	2.6%	0.0%	2.4%	3.7%	S	3.0%	4.5%	S	4.6%	4.9%	-
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	S	3.5%	7.1%	2.8%	<4.4%	7.8%	S	4.0%	8.3%	S	6.4%	8.0%	S	5.6%	8.0%	-
Hispanic or Latino	0.0%	2.9%	13.0%	7.0%	3.5%	13.0%	S	2.8%	12.5%	S	3.2%	12.2%	S	4.8%	12.5%	-

By Sex

Sex	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural-Mix	State	County % Change 2018 to 2022*
Male	52.4%	52.5%	50.9%	56.3%	52.4%	50.6%	61.0%	53.3%	50.8%	61.0%	54.3%	50.2%	55.0%	53.6%	50.7%	5.0%
Female	47.6%	47.5%	49.1%	43.7%	47.6%	49.4%	39.0%	46.7%	49.2%	39.0%	45.7%	49.8%	45.0%	46.4%	49.3%	-5.5%

By Latest Placement Setting

Placement Setting	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural-Mix	State	County % Change 2018 to 2022*
Family Setting	>73.0%	81.5%	84.0%	78.9%	82.3%	85.1%	>81.7%	82.6%	86.3%	>78.0%	>80.2%	86.6%	>73.3%	>82.6%	86.4%	-
Pre-adoptive Home	S	2.1%	4.0%	1.4%	1.4%	3.2%	S	2.7%	2.7%	S	S	1.3%	S	S	3.5%	-
Foster Family Home – Relative	28.6%	29.1%	37.8%	23.9%	31.0%	39.4%	35.4%	30.9%	41.5%	35.4%	33.3%	43.0%	38.3%	40.0%	40.7%	34.2%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	44.4%	50.4%	42.2%	53.5%	50.0%	42.5%	46.3%	49.0%	42.2%	42.7%	46.9%	42.4%	35.0%	42.6%	42.1%	-21.3%
Congregate Care Setting	>22.1%	17.4%	13.2%	21.1%	15.6%	11.9%	>15.8%	15.3%	10.7%	>19.5%	17.3%	10.4%	>21.7%	14.6%	10.8%	-
Group Home	>22.1%	11.8%	7.9%	21.1%	11.4%	7.0%	>15.8%	11.1%	5.9%	19.5%	12.6%	6.4%	21.7%	11.3%	6.4%	>-2.0%
Institution	0.0%	5.6%	5.3%	0.0%	4.2%	4.9%	0.0%	4.2%	4.8%	S	4.7%	4.1%	S	3.4%	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%	0.0%	1.1%	-
Trial Home Visit	0.0%	S	0.4%	0.0%	1.6%	0.5%	0.0%	<1.9%	0.4%	0.0%	1.8%	0.7%	0.0%	1.7%	0.6%	-

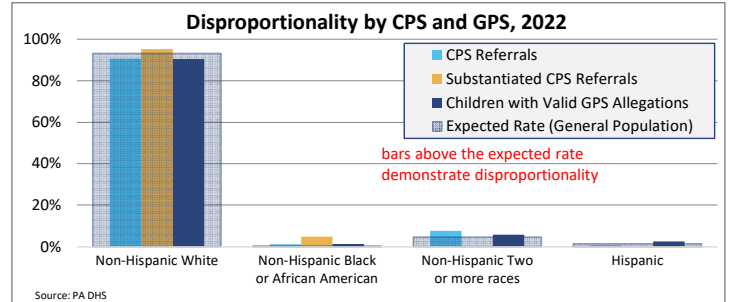


DISPROPORTIONALITY

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).

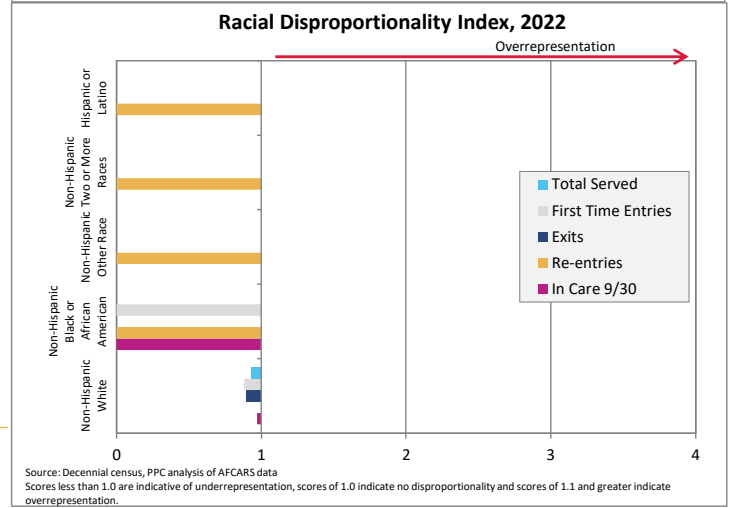
Indicator	2022				
	CPS Referrals	Valid CPS Referrals	GPS Reports	Valid GPS Reports	Children with Valid Allegations
CPS/GPS Race and Ethnicity					
Non-Hispanic White	90.6%	95.2%	-	-	90.5%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	1.2%	4.8%	-	-	1.3%
Non-Hispanic Other Race	0.0%	0.0%	-	-	0.0%
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	7.6%	0.0%	-	-	5.7%
Hispanic or Latino	0.6%	0.0%	-	-	2.5%

General Population Age 0-17
93.0%
0.4%
0.6%
4.7%
1.4%



Indicator	2022				
	Total Served	First Time Entries	Exits	Re-entries	In Care 9/30
Foster Care Race and Ethnicity					
Non-Hispanic White	85.9%	81.6%	82.9%	S	90.0%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	S	0.0%	S	0.0%	0.0%
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	S	S	0.0%	S

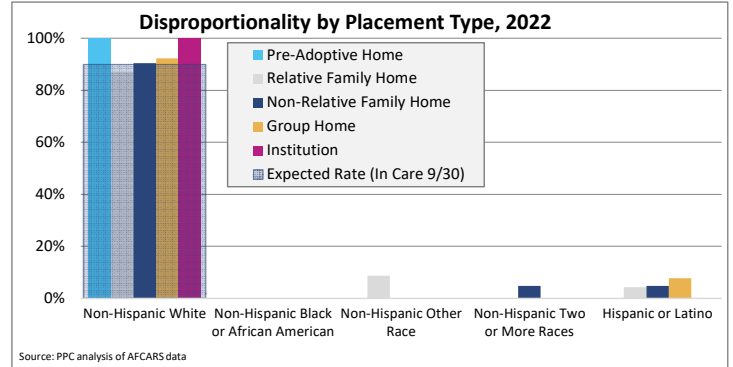
General Population Age 0-20
92.7%
0.4%
0.7%
4.8%
1.4%



Indicator	2022					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.
	Total Served	First Time Entries	Exits	Re-entries	In Care 9/30	
Racial Disproportionality Index						
Non-Hispanic White	0.9	0.9	0.9	S	1.0	
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	S	0.0	S	0.0	0.0	
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	S	S	0.0	S	

Indicator	2022				
	Pre-Adoptive Home	Relative Family Home	Non-Relative Family Home	Group Home	Institution
Children Remaining in Care By Specific Latest Placement Settings					
Non-Hispanic White	100.0%	87.0%	90.5%	92.3%	100.0%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Non-Hispanic Other Race	0.0%	8.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	0.0%	0.0%	4.8%	0.0%	0.0%
Hispanic or Latino	0.0%	4.3%	4.8%	7.7%	0.0%

In Care 9/30
90.0%
0.0%
S
S
S



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

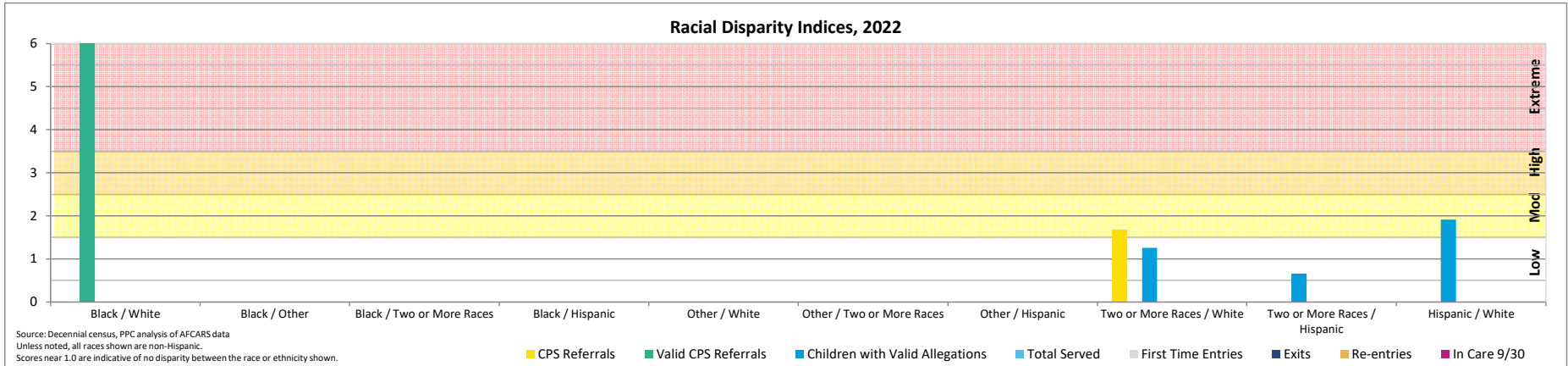
Racial Disparity Index

	CPS Referrals	Valid CPS Referrals	GPS Reports	Valid GPS Reports	Children with Valid Allegations
Non-Hispanic Black / Non-Hispanic White	-	13.0			-
Non-Hispanic Black / Non-Hispanic Other	-	-			-
Non-Hispanic Black / Non-Hispanic Two or More	-	-			-
Non-Hispanic Black / Hispanic	-	-			-
Non-Hispanic Other / Non-Hispanic White	-	-			-
Non-Hispanic Other / Non-Hispanic Two or More	-	-			-
Non-Hispanic Other / Hispanic	-	-			-
Non-Hispanic Two or More / Non-Hispanic White	1.7	-			1.3
Non-Hispanic Two or More / Hispanic	-	-			0.7
Hispanic / Non-Hispanic White	-	-			1.9

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

2022				
CPS Referrals	Valid CPS Referrals	GPS Reports	Valid GPS Reports	Children with Valid Allegations
-	13.0			-
-	-			-
-	-			-
-	-			-
-	-			-
-	-			-
-	-			-
1.7	-			1.3
-	-			0.7
-	-			1.9

2022				
Total Served	First Time Entries	Exits	Re-entries	In Care 9/30
S	-	S	-	-
S	-	S	-	-
S	-	S	-	-
S	-	S	-	-
S	S	S	-	S
S	S	S	-	S
S	S	S	-	S
S	S	S	-	S
S	S	S	-	S
S	S	S	-	S



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	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural-Mix	State	
41.5%	30.8%	31.8%	57.9%	35.2%	31.1%	31.3%	30.5%	28.4%	32.9%	29.9%	25.6%	30.0%	29.9%	25.2%	-27.7%

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	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural-Mix	State	
50.0%	41.1%	37.3%	58.5%	44.4%	38.7%	44.3%	45.9%	36.8%	47.2%	47.8%	36.6%	28.9%	46.1%	37.8%	-42.1%

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.

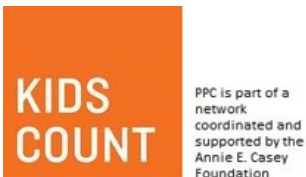
Indicator

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	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural-Mix	State	
34.8%	22.2%	21.4%	11.5%	21.8%	22.3%	25.0%	16.5%	20.2%	<19.0%	13.6%	18.1%	<41.8%	14.5%	19.1%	<20.1%

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



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