

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*		Rural % Change 2018 to 2022*	State % Change 2018 to 2022*
Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State		
4,454	44,063	4,403	42,252	3,705	32,919	4,195	38,013	2,133	39,093	-52.1%	-11.3%
40.9	16.6	40.4	15.9	34.0	12.4	38.5	14.3	19.6	14.8		

Child Abuse and Neglect Substantiations

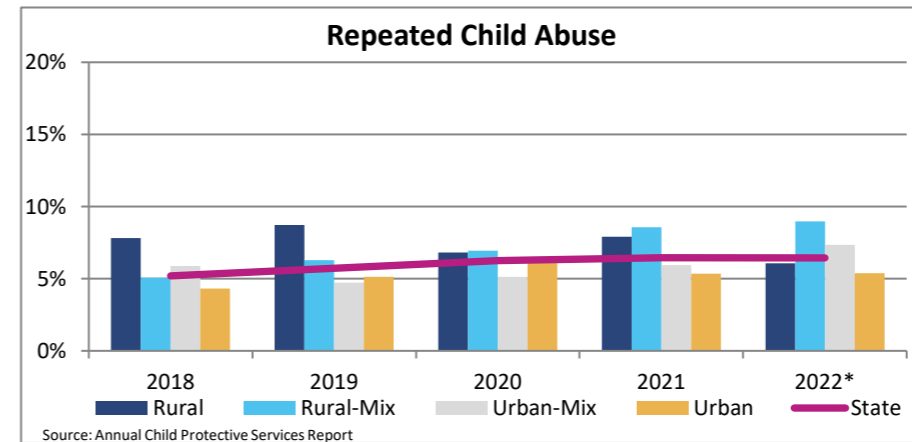
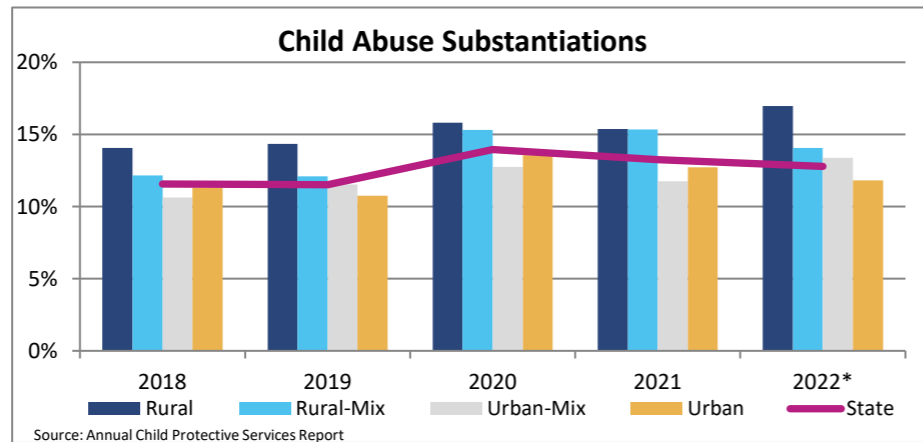
Founded or indicated reports of child abuse and/or neglect.

2018	2019	2020	2021	2022*	Rural % Change 2018 to 2022*	State % Change 2018 to 2022*					
14.1%	11.6%	14.3%	11.5%	15.8%	14.0%	15.4%	13.2%	17.0%	12.8%	20.8%	10.3%

Repeated Child Abuse and Neglect

Children with another substantiated incident of abuse and/or neglect following the first reported incident. (Data may be overstated.)

2018	2019	2020	2021	2022*	Rural % Change 2018 to 2022*	State % Change 2018 to 2022*					
7.8%	5.2%	8.7%	5.7%	6.8%	6.2%	7.9%	6.5%	6.1%	6.4%	-22.4%	23.8%
1 in 13	1 in 19	1 in 11	1 in 18	1 in 15	1 in 16	1 in 13	1 in 15	1 in 16	1 in 16		



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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

GPS Reports

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

2018		2019		2020		2021		2022*		Rural % Change 2018 to 2022*	State % Change 2018 to 2022*
Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State		
18,611	169,723	19,862	178,124	17,537	152,478	18,161	161,709	8,845	165,295	-52.5%	-4.7%

Valid GPS Reports

Reports in which the allegations were found to have merit. Includes reports accepted for in-home services and reports referred out to community agencies for services.

2018	2019	2020	2021	2022*	Rural % Change 2018 to 2022*	State % Change 2018 to 2022*					
27.3%	23.6%	29.2%	23.5%	31.6%	25.6%	32.9%	27.1%	38.4%	24.2%	40.6%	14.5%

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.

2018	2019	2020	2021	2022*	Rural % Change 2018 to 2022*	State % Change 2018 to 2022*					
7,480	58,982	8,601	60,755	8,259	56,999	8,711	63,801	4,980	57,876	-33.4%	8.2%

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		% Change 2018 to 2022	% Change 2018 to 2022
Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State		
28,544	194,761	24,606	187,280	25,330	>181,435	26,164	192,594	16,139	211,150	-43.5%	8.4%

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*		Rural % Change 2018 to 2022*	State % Change 2018 to 2022*
	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State		
Unduplicated Number of Children Served												
All Children in Foster Care During the Year	1,973	25,441	2,074	24,665	1,918	21,689	1,788	20,490	1,070	19,287	-45.8%	-24.2%
(Rate per 1,000 children age 0-20)	15.2	8.0	16.0	7.7	14.8	6.8	13.8	6.4	8.3	6.0		

By Age

Age Group	2018 Rural	2018 State	2019 Rural	2019 State	2020 Rural	2020 State	2021 Rural	2021 State	2022* Rural	2022* State	Rural % Change	State % Change
0-2	20.1%	20.2%	19.8%	20.2%	20.6%	20.9%	20.1%	21.5%	20.4%	21.1%	1.5%	4.9%
3-5	16.1%	17.9%	16.8%	17.8%	17.3%	17.8%	17.6%	18.2%	19.0%	18.2%	17.7%	1.8%
6-8	12.7%	13.4%	13.1%	13.8%	14.1%	13.5%	12.5%	13.7%	13.3%	13.7%	4.7%	2.4%
9-11	11.4%	11.8%	12.3%	11.7%	12.3%	11.7%	10.6%	11.3%	9.8%	11.2%	-14.0%	-4.8%
12-14	13.5%	11.8%	13.5%	12.3%	13.7%	12.6%	14.5%	12.6%	12.2%	12.8%	-9.2%	8.8%
15-17	22.0%	18.7%	20.9%	18.5%	19.1%	17.9%	20.5%	16.4%	22.0%	18.1%	-0.4%	-3.5%
18-20	4.2%	6.3%	3.6%	5.6%	3.0%	5.6%	4.1%	6.4%	3.4%	4.9%	-20.0%	-23.0%
Infants (age 0-1)	12.9%	12.7%	13.0%	12.9%	12.7%	13.2%	13.4%	13.7%	13.7%	13.3%	6.3%	4.8%
Youth (age 13+)	35.3%	33.1%	34.4%	32.6%	31.9%	32.3%	34.5%	31.3%	34.5%	32.0%	-2.2%	-3.1%

By Race and Ethnicity

Race/Ethnicity	2018 Rural	2018 State	2019 Rural	2019 State	2020 Rural	2020 State	2021 Rural	2021 State	2022* Rural	2022* State	Rural % Change	State % Change
Non-Hispanic White	87.1%	43.7%	88.5%	43.7%	88.0%	44.2%	85.2%	44.3%	85.4%	45.0%	-1.9%	2.9%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	3.8%	33.9%	2.5%	33.0%	3.1%	32.0%	2.5%	30.7%	1.9%	29.8%	-50.2%	-12.2%
Non-Hispanic Other Race	1.5%	2.3%	1.4%	2.6%	1.9%	3.6%	2.7%	4.2%	2.9%	4.8%	97.1%	107.6%
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	4.1%	7.1%	4.0%	7.7%	4.3%	8.0%	5.6%	8.4%	5.5%	8.2%	36.0%	15.5%
Hispanic or Latino	3.6%	13.0%	3.6%	12.9%	2.7%	12.3%	3.9%	12.3%	4.3%	12.2%	17.8%	-5.5%

By Sex

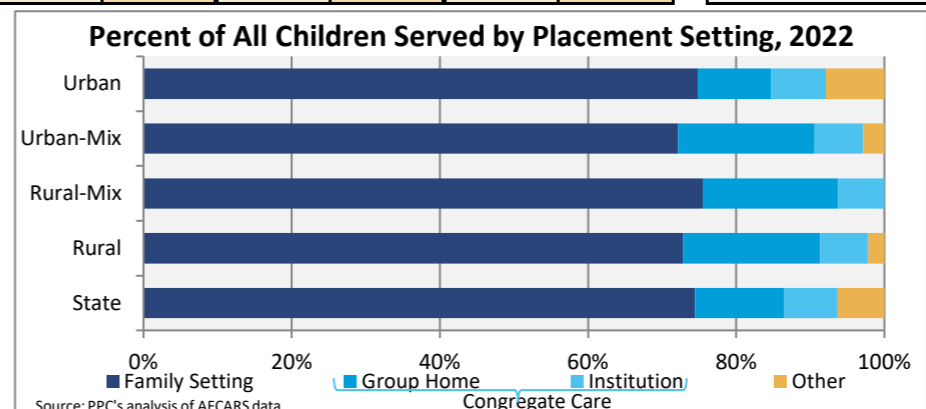
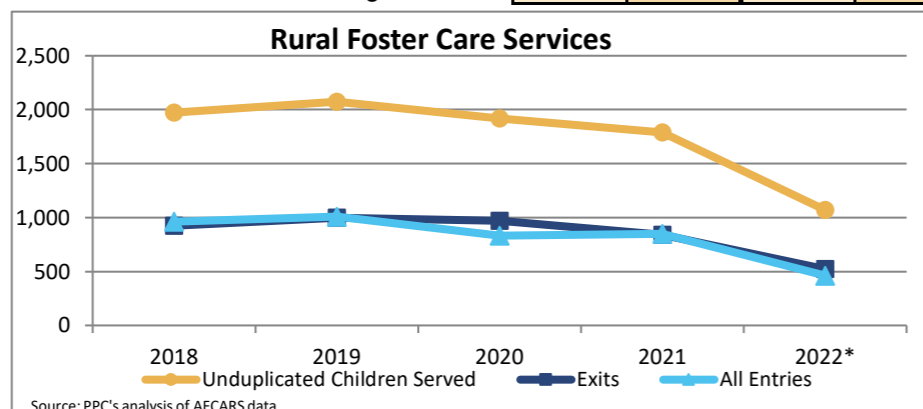
Sex	2018 Rural	2018 State	2019 Rural	2019 State	2020 Rural	2020 State	2021 Rural	2021 State	2022* Rural	2022* State	Rural % Change	State % Change
Male	52.2%	50.8%	52.4%	50.8%	52.1%	50.6%	53.5%	50.5%	52.4%	50.3%	0.4%	-1.1%
Female	47.8%	49.2%	47.6%	49.2%	47.9%	49.4%	46.5%	49.5%	47.6%	49.7%	-0.5%	1.1%

By Latest Placement Setting

Placement Setting	2018 Rural	2018 State	2019 Rural	2019 State	2020 Rural	2020 State	2021 Rural	2021 State	2022* Rural	2022* State	Rural % Change	State % Change
Family Setting	78.7%	81.6%	79.8%	82.7%	81.0%	83.8%	79.6%	84.8%	80.0%	84.9%	1.7%	4.1%
Pre-adoptive Home	3.2%	4.5%	2.7%	3.8%	2.7%	2.9%	2.2%	2.3%	1.9%	3.5%	-41.5%	-21.6%
Foster Family Home – Relative	29.9%	37.1%	32.4%	38.7%	33.5%	40.8%	35.4%	42.0%	37.8%	42.1%	26.3%	13.7%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	45.6%	40.1%	44.6%	40.3%	44.8%	40.1%	42.1%	40.5%	40.4%	39.3%	-11.4%	-1.9%
Congregate Care Setting	18.6%	14.0%	15.9%	12.7%	13.6%	11.5%	16.6%	10.5%	14.1%	10.4%	-23.9%	-25.6%
Group Home	13.4%	8.5%	11.5%	7.7%	10.3%	6.7%	11.9%	6.4%	8.3%	6.3%	-37.8%	-25.4%
Institution	5.2%	5.6%	4.3%	5.0%	3.3%	4.8%	4.7%	4.2%	5.8%	4.1%	12.1%	-25.9%
Supervised Independent Living	S	1.5%	S	1.6%	S	1.3%	S	1.2%	<1.1%	1.4%	-	-10.2%
Runaway	S	1.4%	S	1.4%	S	1.9%	0.0%	1.7%	S	1.5%	-	5.7%
Trial Home Visit	2.2%	1.4%	3.6%	1.5%	4.9%	1.6%	<3.7%	1.8%	4.8%	1.7%	113.7%	23.8%

Children Entering Foster Care

All Entries into Foster Care During the Year	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022*	Rural % Change	State % Change					
	962	10,095	1,009	9,448	834	7,286	851	7,316	462	7,307	-52.0%	-27.6%



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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

Indicator	2018		2019		2020		2021		2022*		Rural % Change 2018 to 2022*	State % Change 2018 to 2022*
	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State		
First Time Entries During the Year (Rate per 1,000 children age 0-20)	753	7,626	789	7,266	665	5,540	665	5,635	370	5,394	-50.9%	-29.3%
First Time Entries as Percent of All Entries	78.3%	75.5%	78.2%	76.9%	79.7%	76.0%	78.1%	77.0%	80.1%	73.8%	2.3%	-2.3%

By Age

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

Age Group	2018 Rural	2018 State	2019 Rural	2019 State	2020 Rural	2020 State	2021 Rural	2021 State	2022* Rural	2022* State	Rural % Change 2018 to 2022*	State % Change 2018 to 2022*
0-2	29.9%	34.4%	31.6%	35.1%	29.6%	38.2%	29.9%	38.5%	32.4%	36.2%	8.5%	4.9%
3-5	14.3%	15.4%	16.5%	14.8%	15.9%	14.5%	15.8%	14.7%	16.2%	14.2%	13.1%	-7.8%
6-8	11.6%	11.5%	12.3%	11.8%	13.4%	11.4%	11.7%	11.3%	10.3%	11.7%	-11.1%	2.2%
9-11	9.3%	10.3%	10.8%	10.7%	11.1%	9.7%	9.9%	9.3%	9.5%	9.5%	1.8%	-8.4%
12-14	16.2%	12.8%	13.7%	12.9%	16.2%	12.5%	15.5%	12.6%	12.4%	13.0%	-23.3%	2.0%
15-20	18.7%	15.6%	15.2%	14.6%	13.7%	13.7%	17.1%	13.7%	19.2%	15.4%	2.5%	-0.9%
Infants (age 0-1)	22.3%	28.0%	25.7%	29.1%	22.3%	31.7%	24.1%	32.3%	24.6%	29.7%	10.2%	6.0%
Youth (age 13+)	30.7%	24.7%	20.7%	19.5%	25.6%	22.6%	28.7%	22.5%	29.5%	25.2%	-4.0%	2.0%

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

Race/Ethnicity	2018 Rural	2018 State	2019 Rural	2019 State	2020 Rural	2020 State	2021 Rural	2021 State	2022* Rural	2022* State	Rural % Change 2018 to 2022*	State % Change 2018 to 2022*
Non-Hispanic White	87.6%	48.3%	88.3%	47.6%	86.2%	49.7%	81.8%	50.0%	85.1%	50.1%	-2.9%	3.8%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	4.0%	29.3%	1.9%	28.4%	3.0%	25.2%	1.8%	23.6%	S	23.9%	-	-18.4%
Non-Hispanic Other Race	1.5%	2.7%	1.5%	3.7%	3.5%	5.3%	3.6%	5.8%	4.3%	6.1%	196.0%	126.6%
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	3.5%	7.7%	4.2%	7.7%	5.6%	8.2%	7.8%	8.4%	<5.9%	8.0%	<70.9%	4.2%
Hispanic or Latino	3.5%	12.0%	4.1%	12.6%	1.8%	11.6%	5.0%	12.1%	4.1%	11.9%	17.4%	-1.2%

By Sex

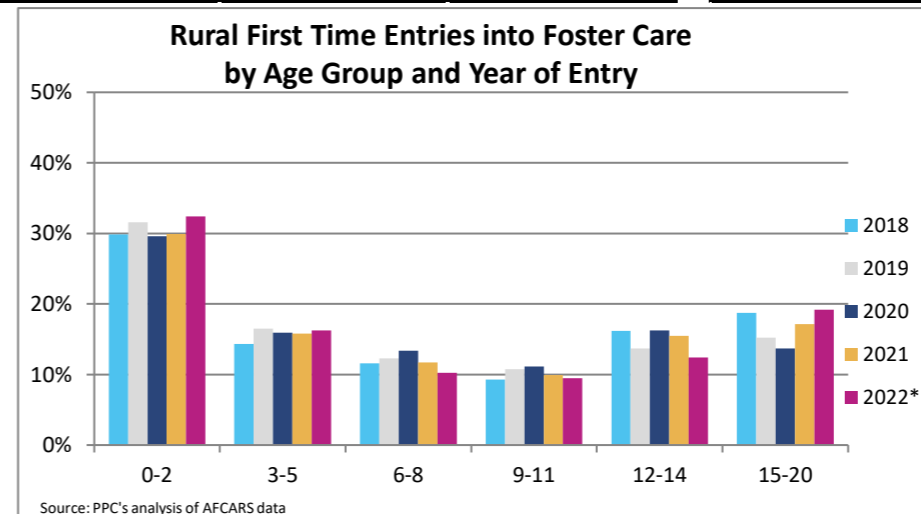
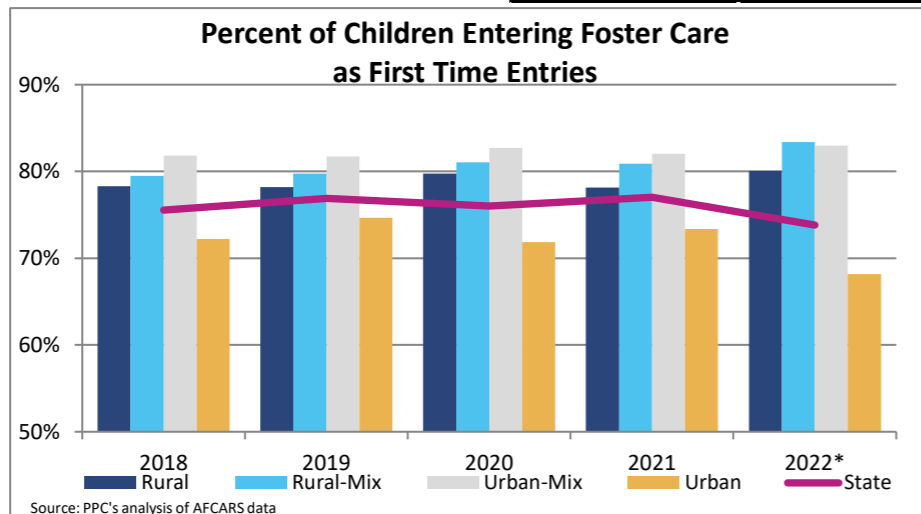
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Sex	2018 Rural	2018 State	2019 Rural	2019 State	2020 Rural	2020 State	2021 Rural	2021 State	2022* Rural	2022* State	Rural % Change 2018 to 2022*	State % Change 2018 to 2022*
Male	50.5%	50.7%	50.6%	50.8%	51.6%	50.5%	53.2%	49.7%	52.2%	50.4%	3.4%	-0.5%
Female	49.5%	49.3%	49.4%	49.2%	48.4%	49.5%	46.8%	50.3%	47.8%	49.6%	-3.4%	0.5%

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

Placement Setting	2018 Rural	2018 State	2019 Rural	2019 State	2020 Rural	2020 State	2021 Rural	2021 State	2022* Rural	2022* State	Rural % Change 2018 to 2022*	State % Change 2018 to 2022*
Family Setting	>79.9%	83.8%	>84.3%	85.7%	85.9%	>87.5%	>81.5%	>87.5%	83.8%	86.9%	<4.9%	3.8%
Pre-adoptive Home	S	0.2%	S	0.4%	0.0%	S	S	S	0.0%	0.2%	-	3.6%
Foster Family Home – Relative	34.7%	39.9%	39.8%	41.6%	39.5%	44.3%	42.1%	45.8%	41.4%	46.6%	19.3%	17.0%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	45.3%	43.7%	44.5%	43.7%	46.3%	43.1%	39.4%	41.7%	42.4%	40.1%	-6.3%	-8.3%
Congregate Care Setting	18.5%	14.3%	14.3%	12.7%	12.3%	10.6%	16.1%	10.4%	14.6%	11.1%	-20.9%	-22.1%
Group Home	13.7%	9.4%	11.2%	8.5%	9.0%	7.2%	12.3%	7.4%	8.4%	7.2%	-38.7%	-23.6%
Institution	4.8%	4.9%	3.2%	4.2%	3.3%	3.4%	3.8%	3.0%	6.2%	4.0%	30.0%	-19.4%
Supervised Independent Living	0.0%	0.2%	S	0.2%	S	S	0.0%	0.2%	0.0%	0.2%	-	53.1%
Runaway	0.0%	0.7%	S	0.8%	0.0%	0.8%	0.0%	0.7%	0.0%	0.8%	-	24.3%
Trial Home Visit	<1.6%	1.1%	S	0.6%	<1.8%	0.9%	<2.4%	<1.2%	S	0.9%	-	-19.5%



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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

Indicator	2018		2019		2020		2021		2022*		Rural % Change 2018 to 2022*	State % Change 2018 to 2022*
	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State		
Children Re-Entering Foster Care	209	2,469	220	2,182	169	1,746	186	1,681	92	1,913	-56.0%	-22.5%
	21.7%	24.5%	21.8%	23.1%	20.3%	24.0%	21.9%	23.0%	19.9%	26.2%	-8.3%	7.0%

By Age

0-2
3-5
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15-20
Infants (age 0-1)
Youth (age 13+)

Age Group	2018 Rural	2018 State	2019 Rural	2019 State	2020 Rural	2020 State	2021 Rural	2021 State	2022* Rural	2022* State	Rural % Change	State % Change
0-2	10.5%	10.8%	11.4%	11.9%	14.8%	10.5%	11.3%	12.3%	S	11.9%	-	10.6%
3-5	17.2%	12.6%	12.7%	12.7%	17.2%	10.9%	13.4%	12.8%	12.0%	12.3%	-30.6%	-1.7%
6-8	12.4%	12.1%	14.1%	11.9%	10.1%	11.0%	10.2%	10.9%	22.8%	12.2%	83.5%	1.0%
9-11	9.6%	11.5%	13.2%	10.4%	8.9%	12.0%	8.6%	11.0%	S	11.0%	-	-4.6%
12-14	12.0%	17.7%	20.9%	18.7%	21.9%	17.7%	28.5%	20.2%	14.1%	19.9%	18.1%	12.8%
15-20	38.3%	35.4%	27.7%	34.4%	27.2%	37.9%	28.0%	32.7%	32.6%	32.6%	-14.8%	-7.9%
Infants (age 0-1)	7.7%	6.4%	S	6.9%	10.7%	7.3%	S	9.2%	S	8.3%	-	29.1%
Youth (age 13+)	47.8%	48.6%	45.5%	48.7%	45.0%	51.1%	55.9%	47.7%	43.5%	47.4%	-9.1%	-2.6%

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

Race/Ethnicity	2018 Rural	2018 State	2019 Rural	2019 State	2020 Rural	2020 State	2021 Rural	2021 State	2022* Rural	2022* State	Rural % Change	State % Change
Non-Hispanic White	89.0%	39.6%	87.7%	52.7%	88.2%	31.3%	86.0%	42.8%	84.8%	35.7%	-4.7%	-9.9%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	S	40.5%	S	49.0%	S	31.0%	S	35.2%	0.0%	42.6%	-	5.1%
Non-Hispanic Other Race	S	1.8%	0.0%	2.0%	S	2.7%	S	3.9%	S	3.9%	-	120.0%
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	S	7.1%	S	11.2%	S	5.4%	S	6.5%	S	7.8%	-	9.9%
Hispanic or Latino	S	11.1%	S	15.0%	S	9.6%	S	11.6%	S	10.1%	-	-8.8%

By Sex

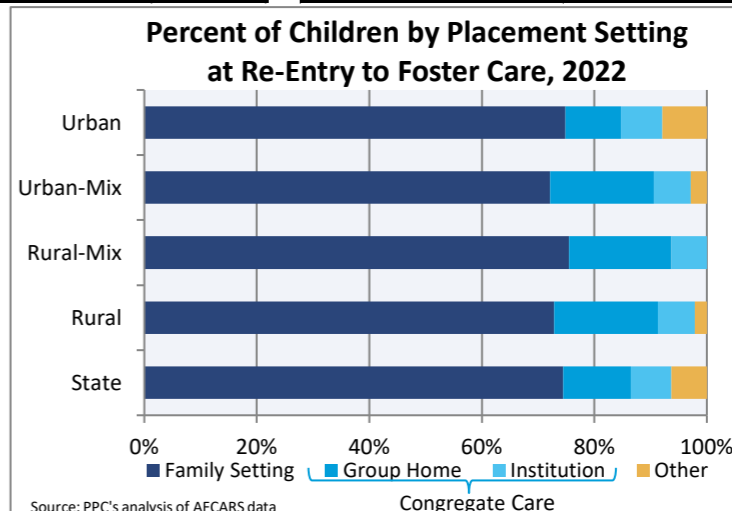
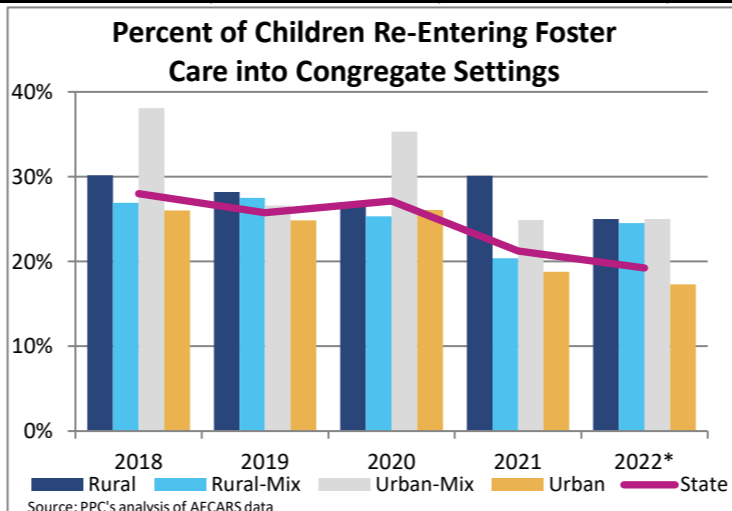
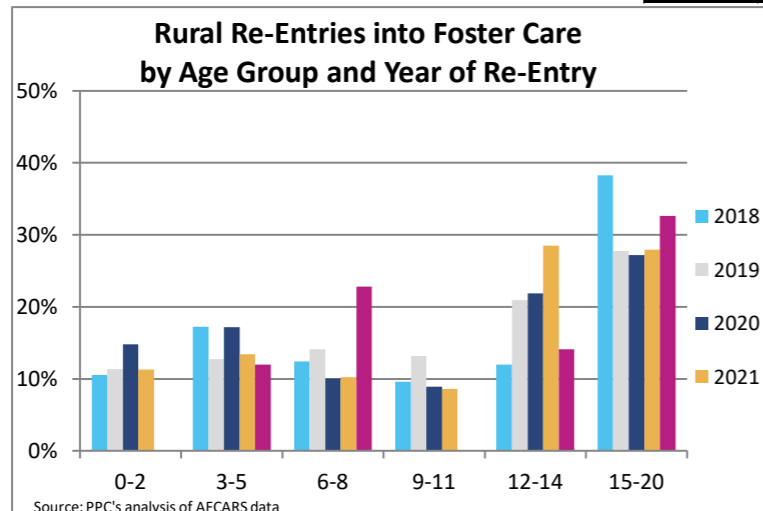
Male
Female

Sex	2018 Rural	2018 State	2019 Rural	2019 State	2020 Rural	2020 State	2021 Rural	2021 State	2022* Rural	2022* State	Rural % Change	State % Change
Male	54.5%	49.1%	56.8%	51.2%	54.4%	49.0%	54.3%	48.4%	53.3%	46.1%	-2.4%	-6.1%
Female	45.5%	50.9%	43.2%	48.8%	45.6%	51.0%	45.7%	51.6%	46.7%	53.9%	2.8%	5.9%

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

Placement Setting	2018 Rural	2018 State	2019 Rural	2019 State	2020 Rural	2020 State	2021 Rural	2021 State	2022* Rural	2022* State	Rural % Change	State % Change
Family Setting	65.1%	66.7%	69.1%	68.5%	67.5%	>65.0%	67.2%	>71.1%	72.8%	74.4%	11.9%	11.6%
Pre-adoptive Home	0.0%	0.4%	0.0%	0.6%	0.0%	S	0.0%	S	0.0%	0.6%	-	29.0%
Foster Family Home – Relative	22.5%	28.3%	29.1%	32.5%	28.4%	34.8%	28.5%	36.4%	23.9%	37.1%	6.3%	30.9%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	42.6%	37.9%	40.0%	35.3%	39.1%	30.1%	38.7%	34.7%	48.9%	36.8%	14.9%	-3.0%
Congregate Care Setting	30.1%	28.0%	28.2%	25.8%	>22.5%	27.1%	30.1%	21.2%	>18.5%	19.2%	>-38.7%	-31.3%
Group Home	24.4%	18.4%	22.3%	16.6%	22.5%	16.5%	24.2%	13.9%	18.5%	12.1%	-24.3%	-34.2%
Institution	5.7%	9.6%	5.9%	9.2%	S	10.6%	5.9%	7.3%	S	7.2%	-	-25.7%
Supervised Independent Living	S	1.8%	S	1.6%	S	1.4%	0.0%	2.2%	0.0%	<1.2%	-	<-32.7%
Runaway	S	2.7%	0.0%	3.6%	0.0%	5.4%	S	4.2%	S	4.8%	-	75.2%
Trial Home Visit	S	0.8%	S	0.6%	S	<1.0%	S	<1.3%	S	S	-	-



FOSTER CARE - PLACEMENT REASONS

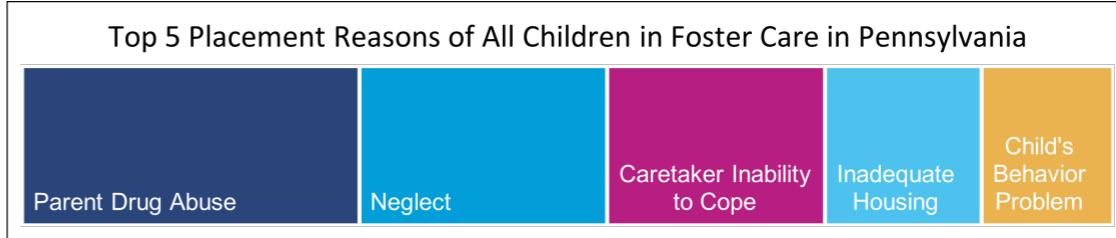
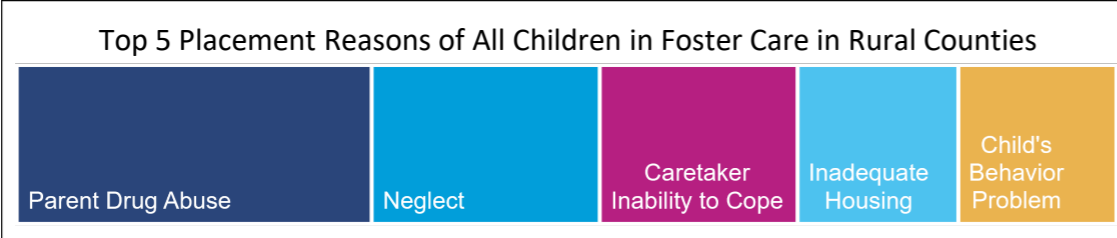
County child welfare agencies are required to report the reasons in which a child experiences a placement episode. There are 15 factors defined by the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) technical bulletin issued by the Administration for Children and Families which are federally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

A child can have more than one placement reason.

Indicator

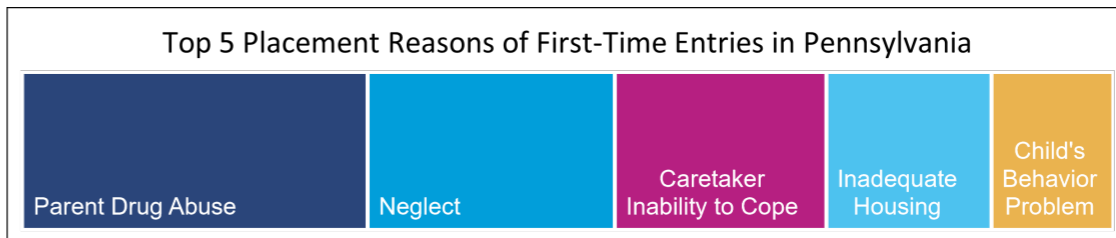
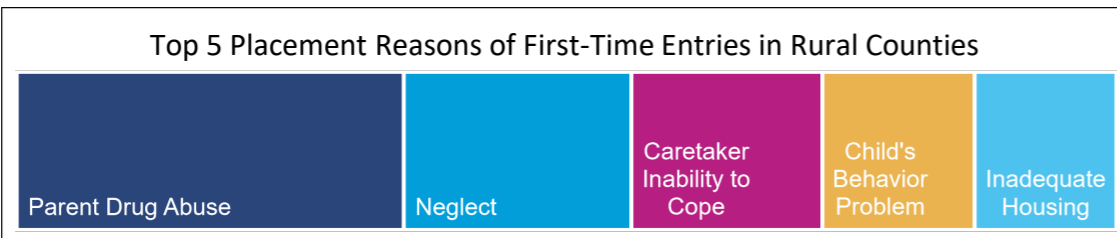
Top Five Placement Reasons Of All Children in Foster Care During the Year

2022	
Rural	State
38.8% Parent Drug Abuse	34.9% Parent Drug Abuse
25.0% Neglect	25.6% Neglect
21.6% Caretaker Inability to Cope	22.5% Caretaker Inability to Cope
17.6% Inadequate Housing	16.2% Inadequate Housing
17.3% Child's Behavior Problem	13.6% Child's Behavior Problem



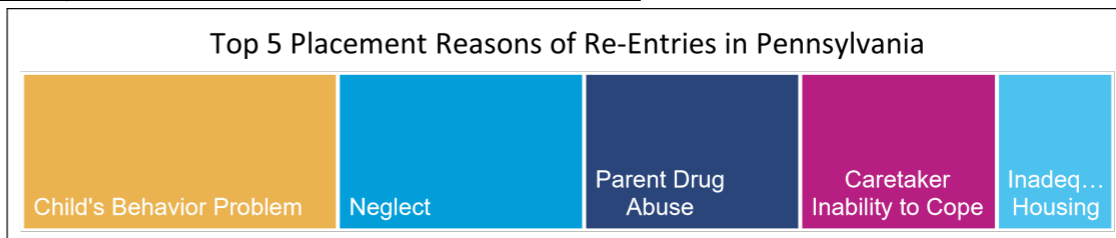
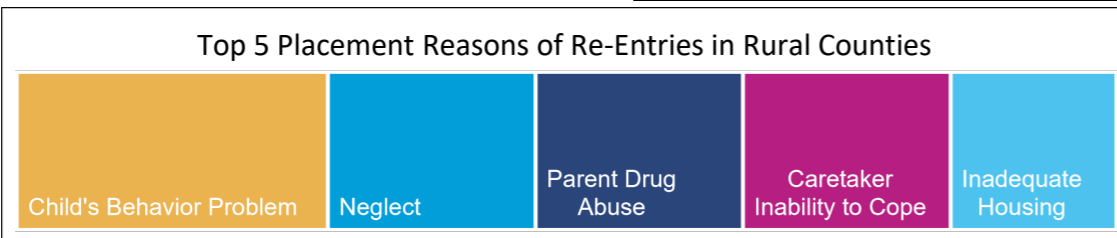
Of First-Time Entries into Foster Care

Rural	State
40.5% Parent Drug Abuse	35.9% Parent Drug Abuse
23.8% Neglect	25.7% Neglect
20.0% Caretaker Inability to Cope	22.0% Caretaker Inability to Cope
15.9% Child's Behavior Problem	17.2% Inadequate Housing
14.9% Inadequate Housing	12.6% Child's Behavior Problem



Of Re-Entries into Foster Care

Rural	State
32.6% Child's Behavior Problem	29.2% Child's Behavior Problem
21.7% Neglect	22.8% Neglect
21.7% Parent Drug Abuse	20.0% Parent Drug Abuse
21.7% Caretaker Inability to Cope	18.2% Caretaker Inability to Cope
17.4% Inadequate Housing	10.8% Inadequate Housing



A child can have more than one placement reason. 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

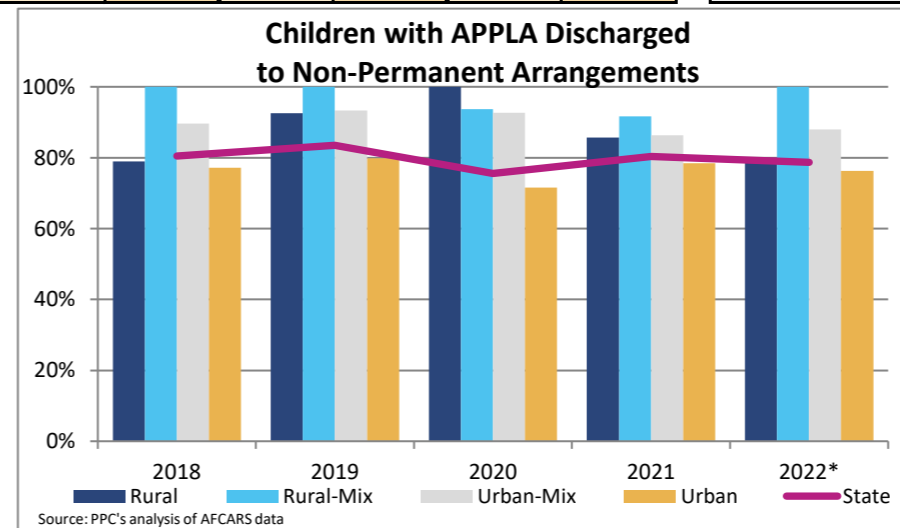
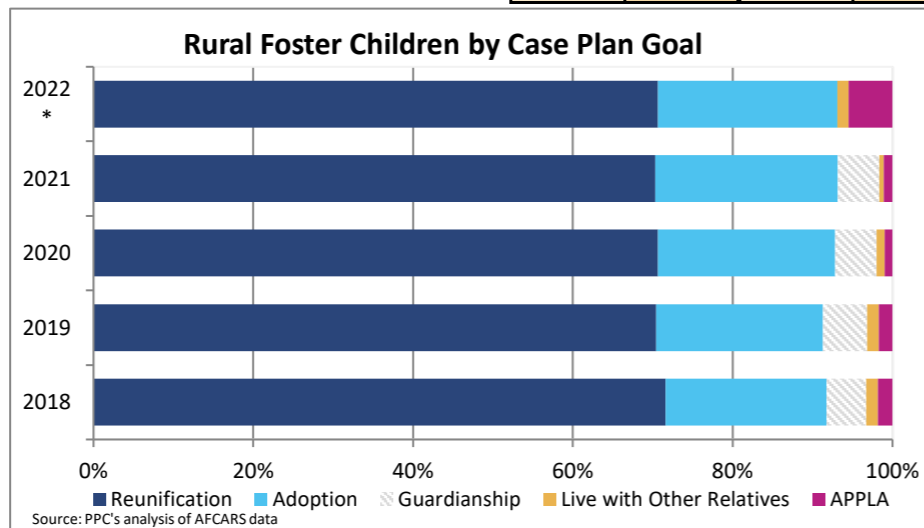
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	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State		
Family-Based Permanency Goals	98.2%	95.1%	98.3%	95.5%	99.0%	96.4%	98.9%	96.8%	94.5%	92.1%	-3.8%	-3.2%
Reunify With Parent(s) or Principal Caretaker(s)	71.6%	65.3%	70.4%	63.7%	70.6%	65.8%	70.3%	65.6%	70.7%	65.1%	-1.3%	-0.3%
Adoption	20.2%	23.6%	20.9%	24.5%	22.2%	23.7%	22.9%	25.0%	22.4%	25.0%	11.3%	6.2%
Guardianship	5.0%	5.1%	5.5%	5.9%	5.2%	5.4%	5.1%	5.3%	0.0%	0.5%	-100.0%	-89.6%
Live with Relative(s)	1.5%	1.2%	1.5%	1.5%	1.0%	1.4%	0.6%	1.0%	1.4%	1.4%	-3.4%	18.1%
Another Planned Permanent Living Arrangement (APPLA)	>1.5%	4.9%	1.7%	4.5%	1.0%	3.6%	1.1%	3.2%	5.5%	7.9%	>267.6%	62.2%
Long Term Foster Care	S	0.6%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.5%	0.0%	0.5%	1.4%	2.5%	-	352.4%
Emancipation	1.5%	4.3%	1.7%	4.4%	1.0%	3.1%	1.1%	2.7%	4.1%	5.4%	183.4%	24.9%

APPLA By Age as % of Age Group Served

Age Group	2018 Rural	2018 State	2019 Rural	2019 State	2020 Rural	2020 State	2021 Rural	2021 State	2022* Rural	2022* State	Rural % Change 2018 to 2022*	State % Change 2018 to 2022*
0-15	S	1.0%	S	S	0.0%	S	0.0%	S	S	0.1%	-	-94.9%
16-20	9.3%	25.1%	1.6%	23.5%	6.2%	19.6%	6.2%	17.5%	6.2%	17.5%	-33.8%	-30.0%

APPLA By Discharge Reason

Discharge Reason	2018 Rural	2018 State	2019 Rural	2019 State	2020 Rural	2020 State	2021 Rural	2021 State	2022* Rural	2022* State	Rural % Change 2018 to 2022*	State % Change 2018 to 2022*
Exit to Permanent Arrangements	>0.0%	19.5%	>0.0%	16.4%	0.0%	24.1%	>0.0%	19.6%	>0.0%	21.3%	-	8.9%
Reunification	S	16.9%	S	15.0%	0.0%	23.0%	S	18.5%	S	18.3%	-	7.9%
(number of months until reunification)	11.9	18.6	2.1	19.2	0.0	25.1	30.4	34.1	0.1	42.9	-99.4%	131.0%
Adoption	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	-	-
Guardianship	S	2.3%	S	S	0.0%	S	0.0%	S	0.0%	S	-	-
(number of month until guardianship)	28.5	25.6	11.2	23.8	0.0	32.5	0.0	42.9	0.0	24.0	-100.0%	-6.2%
Live with Other Relatives	0.0%	S	0.0%	S	0.0%	S	0.0%	S	S	S	-	-
(number of months until living with relatives)	0.0	32.9	0.0	49.6	0.0	61.6	0.0	0.0	7.1	12.0	-	-63.7%
Exit to Non-Permanent Arrangements	>68.4%	80.5%	>85.2%	83.5%	100.0%	75.6%	85.7%	80.4%	>0.0%	78.8%	-	-2.2%
Emancipation	68.4%	72.1%	85.2%	74.3%	100.0%	68.0%	85.7%	68.2%	S	70.8%	-	-1.9%
(number of months until emancipation)	45.2	27.6	63.9	30.7	31.2	26.1	41.2	30.9	43.4	34.1	-4.0%	23.5%
Transfer to Another Agency	S	5.3%	S	7.1%	0.0%	6.1%	0.0%	7.5%	0.0%	5.8%	-	7.8%
(number of months until transfer)	109.1	19.4	19.3	17.9	0.0	16.0	0.0	22.4	0.0	7.2	-100.0%	-63.2%
Runaway	0.0%	3.0%	0.0%	2.1%	0.0%	S	0.0%	4.7%	0.0%	S	-	-
(number of months until running away)	0.0	22.4	0.0	26.9	0.0	22.8	0.0	36.1	0.0	10.4	-	-53.4%
Death of Child	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	S	0.0%	S	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-	0.0%
(number of months until death of a child)	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.7	0.0	115.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-	0.0%



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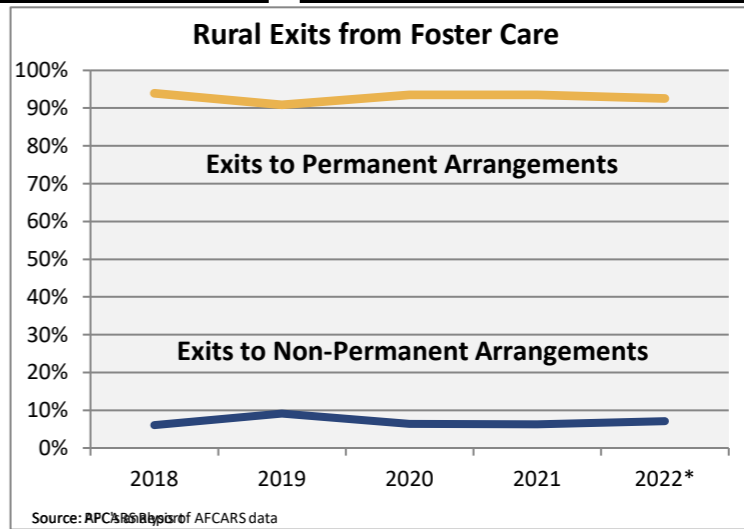
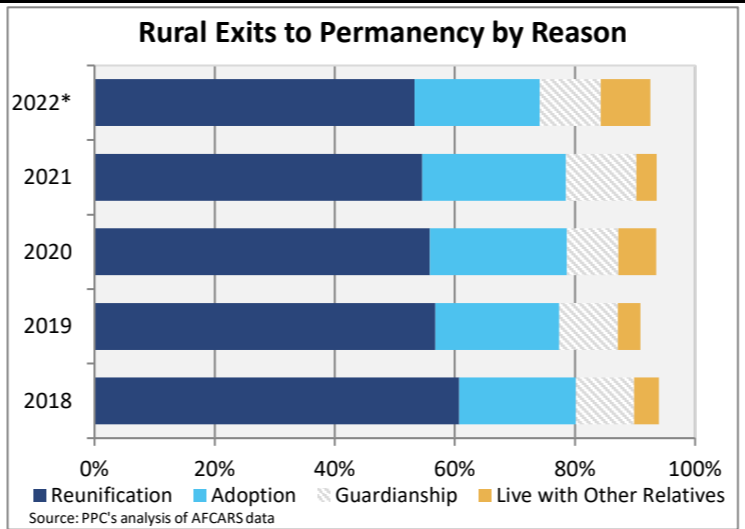
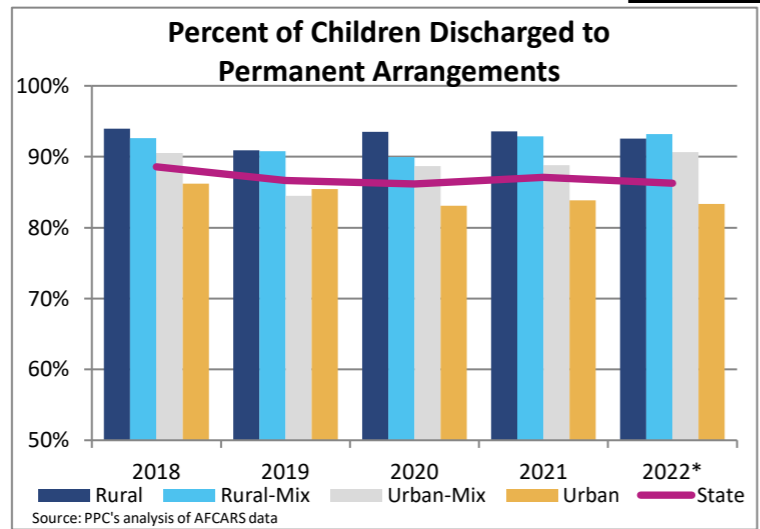
* County classifications changed with the 2022 data.

FOSTER CARE - EXITS

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

Indicator	2018		2019		2020		2021		2022*		Rural % Change 2018 to 2022*	State % Change 2018 to 2022*
	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State		
Children Exiting Foster Care												
Total Children Leaving Foster Care	924	10,694	998	10,801	970	8,712	839	8,439	522	8,850	-43.5%	-17.2%
Percent of Children Leaving Foster Care (number of months until leaving)	46.8%	42.0%	55.8%	43.8%	50.6%	40.2%	46.9%	41.2%	48.8%	45.9%	4.2%	9.2%
	10.6	13.0	11.1	15.9	11.4	15.4	13.4	33.2	12.1	15.7	14.0%	21.3%

By Discharge Reason		2018		2019		2020		2021		2022*		Rural % Change 2018 to 2022*	State % Change 2018 to 2022*
Exit to Permanent Arrangements		93.9%	88.6%	90.9%	86.6%	93.5%	86.2%	93.6%	87.1%	92.5%	86.3%		
Reunification (number of months until reunification)		60.7%	52.5%	56.7%	49.8%	55.9%	50.8%	54.6%	49.8%	53.3%	50.8%	-12.3%	-3.1%
Adoption (number of months until adoption)		19.5%	23.9%	20.6%	25.2%	22.8%	23.5%	24.0%	25.4%	20.9%	23.0%	44.4%	29.1%
Guardianship (number of month until guardianship)		25.1	30.5	25.8	31.0	30.2	29.8	28.5	32.2	26.0	32.7	7.2%	-3.7%
Live with Other Relatives (number of months until living with relatives)		9.6%	7.5%	9.8%	7.6%	8.6%	7.7%	11.7%	7.6%	10.2%	7.8%	3.7%	7.2%
		15.9	19.4	18.1	22.8	15.3	22.3	16.8	23.5	21.5	23.7	5.4%	3.7%
Death of Child (number of months until death of a child)		4.1%	4.6%	3.7%	4.1%	6.3%	4.1%	3.3%	4.3%	8.2%	4.6%	35.0%	22.0%
		6.8	2.1	2.1	2.5	4.4	2.4	8.1	2.0	5.6	4.0	100.3%	-0.8%
Exit to Non-Permanent Arrangements		6.1%	11.4%	>8.2%	13.2%	>6.1%	13.7%	>5.4%	12.8%	>5.7%	13.5%	>-6.0%	19.1%
Emancipation (number of months until emancipation)		4.5%	7.3%	8.2%	9.3%	6.1%	9.5%	5.4%	7.9%	5.7%	7.6%	26.4%	5.1%
Transfer to Another Agency (number of months until transfer)		37.8	23.7	29.9	26.2	12.3	22.9	26.4	24.3	25.6	24.1	-32.3%	1.8%
Runaway (number of months until running away)		1.5%	3.5%	S	3.5%	S	3.7%	S	4.1%	S	5.3%	-	53.7%
		25.5	7.9	12.2	5.5	0.2	6.6	10.6	8.0	10.2	4.2	-59.8%	-47.5%
		0.0%	0.6%	0.0%	0.5%	0.0%	0.4%	0.0%	0.8%	0.0%	0.6%	-	-9.8%
		0.0	14.0	0.0	14.1	0.0	11.4	0.0	17.8	0.0	10.4	-	-25.8%
		0.0%	S	0.0%	0.1%	S	0.2%	S	0.1%	S	0.2%	-	-
		0.0	5.5	0.0	12.6	90.0	6.1	10.0	5.9	13.4	15.3	-	177.4%



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*		Rural % Change 2018 to 2022*	State % Change 2018 to 2022*
	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State		
Children Remaining in Foster Care	1,142	16,074	1,153	15,082	1,005	13,949	1,017	13,033	576	11,866	-49.6%	-26.2%
(number of months children have been in care)	10.4	14.2	11.4	14.0	10.2	16.4	10.2	16.8	11.1	15.2	6.7%	6.9%

By Age

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

Age Group	2018 Rural	2018 State	2019 Rural	2019 State	2020 Rural	2020 State	2021 Rural	2021 State	2022* Rural	2022* State	Rural % Change	State % Change
0-2	18.7%	21.0%	22.1%	21.6%	22.4%	22.2%	21.9%	23.0%	21.9%	22.8%	17.3%	8.5%
3-5	16.6%	17.5%	16.7%	17.7%	17.5%	18.0%	17.8%	17.9%	18.4%	17.8%	10.6%	2.0%
6-8	13.0%	13.6%	13.9%	13.8%	12.6%	13.9%	12.0%	13.6%	13.4%	13.4%	2.5%	-1.3%
9-11	12.1%	12.2%	12.8%	12.1%	12.1%	12.1%	9.7%	11.5%	9.7%	11.4%	-19.5%	-6.7%
12-14	13.9%	12.3%	14.4%	13.3%	15.3%	13.1%	17.4%	13.0%	13.7%	13.4%	-1.5%	9.2%
15-20	25.7%	23.5%	20.0%	21.5%	20.0%	20.8%	21.1%	21.0%	22.9%	21.2%	-10.7%	-9.7%
Infants (age 0-1)	12.3%	13.7%	15.4%	14.4%	14.3%	14.5%	15.1%	15.0%	15.1%	14.8%	22.3%	8.3%
Youth (age 13+)	34.7%	31.9%	34.4%	34.8%	31.0%	29.9%	32.7%	29.7%	33.0%	30.8%	-4.9%	-3.6%

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

Race/Ethnicity	2018 Rural	2018 State	2019 Rural	2019 State	2020 Rural	2020 State	2021 Rural	2021 State	2022* Rural	2022* State	Rural % Change	State % Change
Non-Hispanic White	89.2%	42.2%	88.8%	42.3%	87.9%	41.8%	85.0%	43.1%	85.6%	43.5%	-4.1%	3.0%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	3.0%	35.4%	2.8%	34.4%	3.0%	33.7%	2.4%	32.2%	S	31.2%	-	-11.9%
Non-Hispanic Other Race	1.4%	2.3%	S	2.6%	2.4%	3.7%	3.0%	4.5%	3.6%	4.9%	160.2%	114.1%
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	3.5%	7.1%	<4.4%	7.8%	4.0%	8.3%	6.4%	8.0%	<5.9%	8.0%	<68.4%	12.3%
Hispanic or Latino	2.9%	13.0%	3.5%	13.0%	2.8%	12.5%	3.2%	12.2%	3.3%	12.5%	14.2%	-4.0%

By Sex

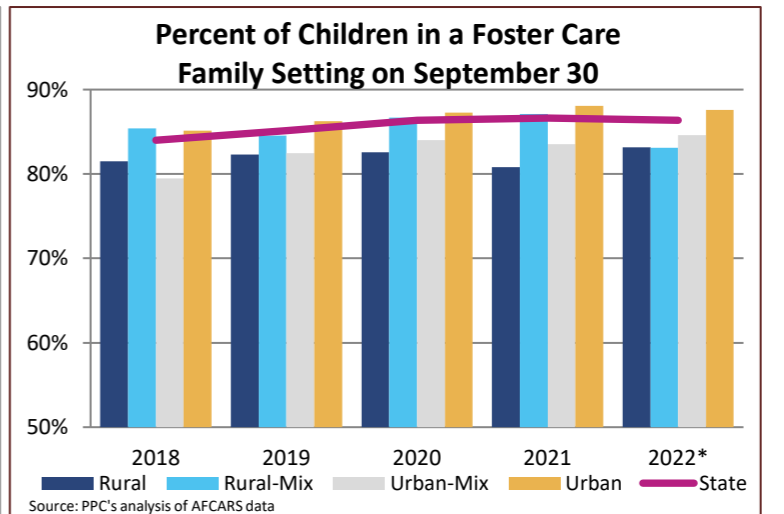
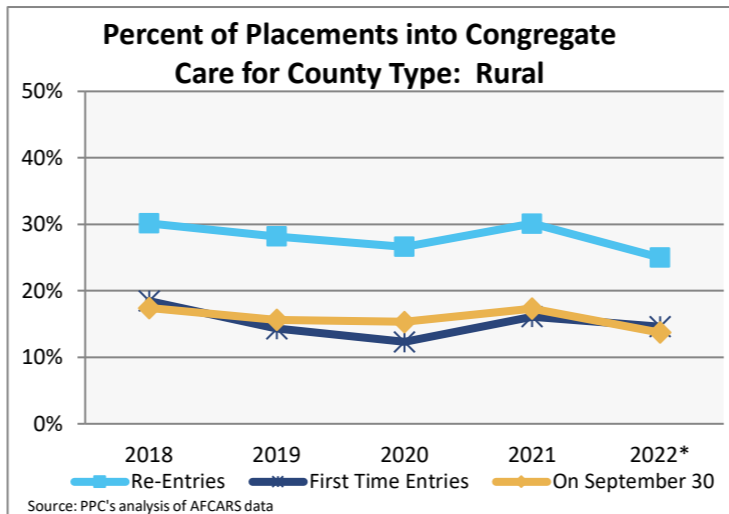
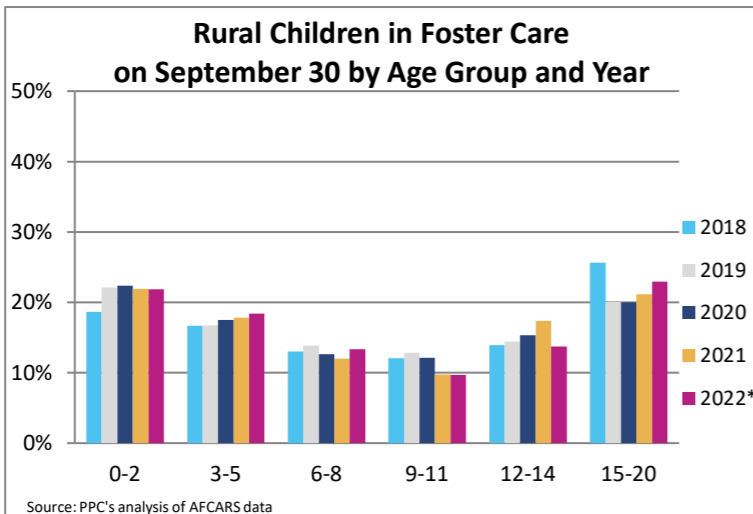
Male
Female

Sex	2018 Rural	2018 State	2019 Rural	2019 State	2020 Rural	2020 State	2021 Rural	2021 State	2022* Rural	2022* State	Rural % Change	State % Change
Male	52.5%	50.9%	52.4%	50.6%	53.3%	50.8%	54.3%	50.2%	54.2%	50.7%	3.1%	-0.4%
Female	47.5%	49.1%	47.6%	49.4%	46.7%	49.2%	45.7%	49.8%	45.8%	49.3%	-3.4%	0.4%

By Latest 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

Placement Setting	2018 Rural	2018 State	2019 Rural	2019 State	2020 Rural	2020 State	2021 Rural	2021 State	2022* Rural	2022* State	Rural % Change	State % Change
Family Setting	81.5%	84.0%	82.3%	85.1%	82.6%	86.3%	>80.2%	86.6%	>81.8%	86.4%	>0.3%	2.8%
Pre-adoptive Home	2.1%	4.0%	1.4%	3.2%	2.7%	2.7%	S	1.3%	S	3.5%	-	-12.4%
Foster Family Home – Relative	29.1%	37.8%	31.0%	39.4%	30.9%	41.5%	33.3%	43.0%	36.1%	40.7%	24.2%	7.9%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	50.4%	42.2%	50.0%	42.5%	49.0%	42.2%	46.9%	42.4%	45.7%	42.1%	-9.3%	-0.3%
Congregate Care Setting	17.4%	13.2%	15.6%	11.9%	15.3%	10.7%	17.3%	10.4%	13.7%	10.8%	-21.3%	-17.8%
Group Home	11.8%	7.9%	11.4%	7.0%	11.1%	5.9%	12.6%	6.4%	8.2%	6.4%	-31.0%	-18.9%
Institution	5.6%	5.3%	4.2%	4.9%	4.2%	4.8%	4.7%	4.1%	5.6%	4.4%	-0.9%	-16.0%
Supervised Independent Living	S	1.5%	S	1.3%	S	1.0%	S	1.2%	S	1.1%	-	-25.4%
Runaway	0.0%	0.9%	S	1.2%	0.0%	1.5%	0.0%	1.1%	S	1.1%	-	17.8%
Trial Home Visit	S	0.4%	1.6%	0.5%	<1.9%	0.4%	1.8%	0.7%	2.1%	0.6%	-	50.5%



FOSTER CARE - STABILITY

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

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*		Rural % Change 2018 to 2022*	State % Change 2018 to 2022*
Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State		
30.8%	31.8%	35.2%	31.1%	30.5%	28.4%	29.9%	25.6%	24.5%	25.2%	-20.6%	-20.8%

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*		Rural % Change 2018 to 2022*	State % Change 2018 to 2022*
Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State		
41.1%	37.3%	44.4%	38.7%	45.9%	36.8%	47.8%	36.6%	41.1%	37.8%	-0.1%	1.2%

FOSTER CARE - FAILED REUNIFICATION

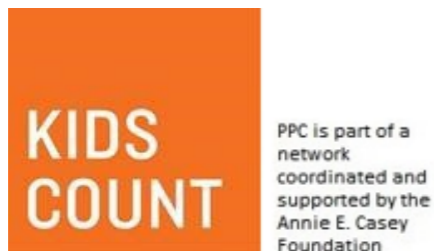
A child re-entering foster care following a return to his or her family signals a breakdown in the family and a potential failure on the part of the child welfare system to appropriately address family needs.

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*		Rural % Change 2018 to 2022*	State % Change 2018 to 2022*
Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State	Rural	State		
22.2%	21.4%	21.8%	22.3%	16.5%	20.2%	13.6%	18.1%	19.7%	19.1%	-11.2%	-11.1%



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