

## 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)

	2011			2012			2013			2014			2015			County % Change 2011 to 2015
	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	
	178	2,246	24,378	198	2,590	26,664	197	2,575	26,944	242	2,892	29,273	299	3,995	40,590	68.0%
	12.5	10.6	8.7	13.9	12.2	9.5	13.8	12.1	9.6	17.0	13.6	10.5	21.0	18.8	14.5	

#### Child Abuse and Neglect Substantiations

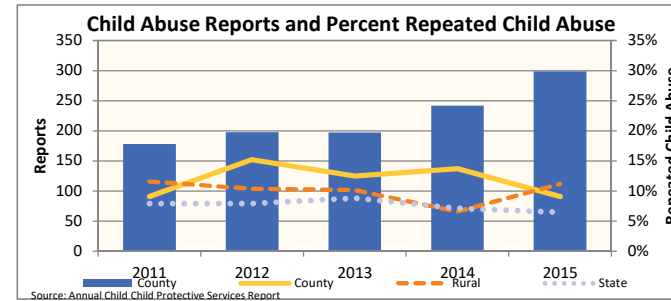
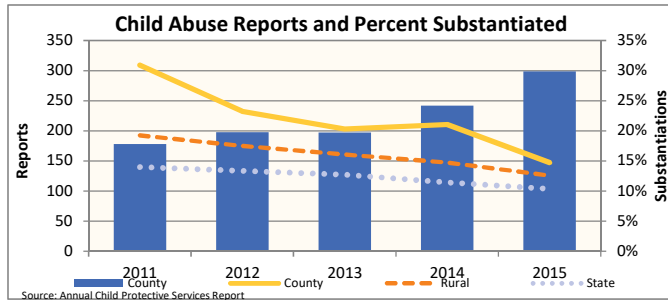
Founded or indicated reports of child abuse and/or neglect.

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
	30.9%	19.2%	14.0%	23.2%	17.5%
	13.4%	20.3%	16.1%	12.7%	21.1%
	14.7%	11.4%	14.7%	12.6%	10.4%

#### Repeated Child Abuse and Neglect

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

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
	9.1%	11.6%	7.9%	15.2%	10.4%
	7.9%	12.5%	10.1%	8.8%	13.7%
	6.6%	7.2%	9.1%	11.2%	6.5%
	1 in 11	1 in 9	1 in 13	1 in 7	1 in 10
	1 in 13	1 in 8	1 in 10	1 in 11	1 in 7
	1 in 15	1 in 14	1 in 11	1 in 9	1 in 15



## GENERAL PROTECTIVE SERVICES (GPS)

Pennsylvania has a differential response system in that 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. General neglect concerns may include parental substance abuse, inadequate shelter or supervision, parent-child conflict or truancy concerns.

	2011			2012			2013			2014			2015			County % Change 2011 to 2015
	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,672	15,186	131,953	-

#### Valid Reports

Reports of general neglect 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.

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	7.3%	22.4%	18.4%	-	-

#### Unduplicated Number of Children Served

Children who received in-home services along with parents to address concerns related to child safety and well-being.

	2012			2013			2014			2015			2016			County % Change 2012 to 2016
	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	
	892	21,306	164,842	769	20,283	172,807	713	22,048	167,582	822	22,743	181,371	1,030	24,517	190,413	15.5%

## 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	2012			2013			2014			2015			2016			County % Change 2012 to 2016
	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	
Unduplicated Number of Children Served	132	1,615	22,000	132	1,462	21,416	101	1,535	22,510	95	1,574	22,980	82	1,695	24,543	-37.9%
(Rate per 1,000 children age 0-20)	8.1	6.1	6.5	8.1	5.6	6.4	6.2	5.8	6.7	5.8	6.0	6.8	5.0	6.5	7.3	

#### By Age

Age Group	2012 County	2012 Rural	2012 State	2013 County	2013 Rural	2013 State	2014 County	2014 Rural	2014 State	2015 County	2015 Rural	2015 State	2016 County	2016 Rural	2016 State	County % Change 2012 to 2016
0-2	14.4%	16.9%	18.9%	13.6%	18.5%	19.2%	13.9%	20.6%	19.4%	22.1%	22.7%	19.9%	23.2%	22.0%	20.2%	61.0%
3-5	18.9%	16.6%	15.6%	15.2%	15.7%	15.9%	11.9%	15.0%	16.8%	17.9%	15.9%	17.1%	15.9%	16.1%	17.0%	-16.3%
6-8	15.2%	10.5%	10.8%	15.9%	11.7%	11.5%	8.9%	12.6%	12.3%	9.5%	11.5%	12.9%	7.3%	12.4%	13.0%	-51.7%
9-11	3.8%	9.7%	8.9%	6.8%	8.8%	8.9%	12.9%	8.9%	9.5%	9.5%	9.5%	10.0%	6.1%	11.2%	11.0%	61.0%
12-14	12.9%	13.9%	12.0%	10.6%	13.2%	11.4%	14.9%	12.4%	10.9%	10.5%	12.7%	11.4%	13.4%	11.3%	11.2%	4.2%
15-17	23.5%	24.8%	23.3%	30.3%	23.6%	22.3%	31.7%	24.0%	21.4%	27.4%	22.4%	20.4%	28.0%	22.7%	19.6%	19.4%
18-20	11.4%	7.6%	10.5%	7.6%	8.5%	10.7%	5.9%	6.6%	9.8%	3.2%	5.2%	8.3%	6.1%	4.4%	7.9%	-46.3%
Infants (age 0-1)	9.8%	11.4%	12.2%	9.1%	12.4%	11.9%	9.9%	14.2%	12.5%	15.8%	15.9%	12.8%	17.1%	14.9%	12.8%	73.4%
Youth (age 13+)	44.7%	42.5%	42.4%	48.5%	42.2%	41.5%	48.5%	39.1%	38.9%	37.9%	36.7%	36.7%	43.9%	34.8%	35.5%	-1.8%

#### By Race and Ethnicity

Race/Ethnicity	2012 County	2012 Rural	2012 State	2013 County	2013 Rural	2013 State	2014 County	2014 Rural	2014 State	2015 County	2015 Rural	2015 State	2016 County	2016 Rural	2016 State	County % Change 2012 to 2016
Non-Hispanic White	92.4%	89.0%	43.3%	90.9%	89.5%	41.8%	89.1%	89.9%	42.3%	85.3%	87.0%	40.9%	89.0%	88.0%	42.5%	-3.7%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	4.5%	4.6%	34.9%	1.5%	3.7%	34.8%	3.0%	2.5%	35.2%	2.1%	3.6%	34.6%	3.7%	3.1%	35.3%	-19.5%
Non-Hispanic Other Race	0.0%	1.6%	6.5%	0.8%	0.8%	7.0%	2.0%	0.7%	4.4%	1.1%	1.1%	5.9%	0.0%	0.9%	3.3%	-
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	0.0%	1.9%	3.2%	3.8%	3.3%	3.9%	4.0%	4.0%	4.9%	5.3%	5.3%	3.7%	4.9%	5.4%	5.4%	-
Hispanic or Latino	3.0%	2.8%	12.0%	3.0%	2.8%	12.5%	2.0%	2.8%	13.1%	6.3%	3.0%	13.4%	3.7%	3.1%	13.4%	20.7%

#### By Gender

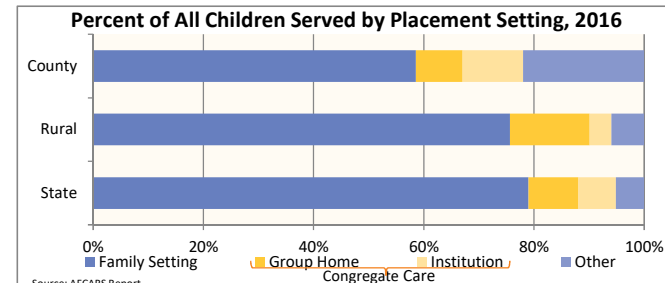
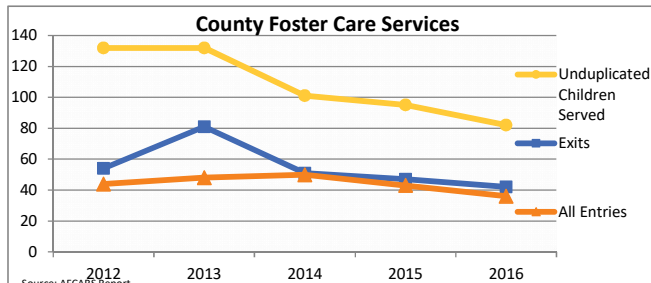
Gender	2012 County	2012 Rural	2012 State	2013 County	2013 Rural	2013 State	2014 County	2014 Rural	2014 State	2015 County	2015 Rural	2015 State	2016 County	2016 Rural	2016 State	County % Change 2012 to 2016
Male	56.1%	53.4%	50.5%	50.8%	52.9%	50.8%	56.4%	53.4%	50.8%	60.0%	53.4%	51.0%	61.0%	53.4%	51.2%	8.8%
Female	43.9%	46.6%	49.5%	49.2%	47.1%	49.2%	43.6%	46.6%	49.2%	40.0%	46.6%	49.0%	39.0%	46.6%	48.8%	-11.2%

#### By First Placement Setting

Placement Setting	2012 County	2012 Rural	2012 State	2013 County	2013 Rural	2013 State	2014 County	2014 Rural	2014 State	2015 County	2015 Rural	2015 State	2016 County	2016 Rural	2016 State	County % Change 2012 to 2016
<b>Family Setting</b>	<b>89.4%</b>	<b>75.7%</b>	<b>72.8%</b>	<b>68.2%</b>	<b>73.8%</b>	<b>73.4%</b>	<b>64.4%</b>	<b>75.2%</b>	<b>75.8%</b>	<b>60.0%</b>	<b>75.0%</b>	<b>77.1%</b>	<b>58.5%</b>	<b>75.6%</b>	<b>79.0%</b>	<b>-34.5%</b>
Pre-adoptive Home	1.5%	3.0%	3.2%	3.0%	4.2%	3.4%	1.0%	4.0%	3.5%	2.1%	4.3%	3.1%	2.4%	3.4%	4.5%	61.0%
Foster Family Home – Relative	13.6%	23.1%	24.4%	15.9%	22.0%	24.8%	12.9%	26.6%	29.6%	16.8%	26.9%	31.5%	13.4%	28.8%	34.1%	-1.6%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	74.2%	49.7%	45.2%	49.2%	47.6%	45.2%	50.5%	44.7%	42.7%	41.1%	43.8%	42.5%	42.7%	43.4%	40.5%	-42.5%
<b>Congregate Care Setting</b>	<b>9.8%</b>	<b>19.9%</b>	<b>20.6%</b>	<b>15.9%</b>	<b>20.0%</b>	<b>19.6%</b>	<b>17.8%</b>	<b>18.6%</b>	<b>18.3%</b>	<b>14.7%</b>	<b>18.4%</b>	<b>17.1%</b>	<b>19.5%</b>	<b>18.4%</b>	<b>15.8%</b>	<b>98.1%</b>
Group Home	3.0%	14.7%	12.5%	3.8%	14.2%	12.1%	5.9%	13.9%	11.6%	6.3%	14.5%	10.5%	8.5%	14.5%	9.1%	181.7%
Institution	6.8%	5.2%	8.0%	12.1%	5.7%	7.5%	11.9%	4.7%	6.8%	8.4%	3.9%	6.6%	11.0%	4.0%	6.8%	61.0%
<b>Supervised Independent Living</b>	<b>0.8%</b>	<b>1.1%</b>	<b>1.8%</b>	<b>1.5%</b>	<b>1.4%</b>	<b>2.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.8%</b>	<b>1.9%</b>	<b>2.1%</b>	<b>1.1%</b>	<b>1.7%</b>	<b>3.7%</b>	<b>0.8%</b>	<b>1.6%</b>	<b>382.9%</b>
Runaway	0.0%	0.1%	1.4%	0.8%	0.2%	1.8%	0.0%	0.3%	1.2%	0.0%	0.0%	1.3%	0.0%	0.2%	1.4%	-
Trial Home Visit	0.0%	3.2%	3.4%	13.6%	4.6%	3.2%	17.8%	5.0%	2.8%	23.2%	5.5%	2.9%	18.3%	5.0%	2.2%	-

#### Children Entering Foster Care

All Entries into Foster Care During the Year	2012 County	2012 Rural	2012 State	2013 County	2013 Rural	2013 State	2014 County	2014 Rural	2014 State	2015 County	2015 Rural	2015 State	2016 County	2016 Rural	2016 State	County % Change 2012 to 2016
All Entries into Foster Care During the Year	44	757	9,793	48	700	9,306	50	811	10,364	43	821	10,387	36	945	10,567	-18.2%



## 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	2012			2013			2014			2015			2016			County % Change 2012 to 2016
	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	
Children Entering for the First Time	38	568	7,018	42	546	6,698	41	658	7,592	39	646	7,843	29	721	8,082	-23.7%
First Time Entries During the Year (Rate per 1,000 children age 0-20)	2.3	2.2	2.1	2.6	2.1	2.0	2.5	2.5	2.3	2.4	2.5	2.3	1.8	2.7	2.4	-
First Time Entries as Percent of All Entries	86.4%	75.0%	71.7%	87.5%	78.0%	72.0%	82.0%	81.1%	73.3%	90.7%	78.7%	75.5%	80.6%	76.3%	76.5%	-6.7%

#### By Age

0-2  
3-5  
6-8  
9-11  
12-14  
15-17  
18-20  
Infants (age 0-1)  
Youth (age 13+)

Age Group	2012 County	2012 Rural	2012 State	2013 County	2013 Rural	2013 State	2014 County	2014 Rural	2014 State	2015 County	2015 Rural	2015 State	2016 County	2016 Rural	2016 State	% Change
0-2	31.6%	28.0%	32.2%	23.8%	30.2%	32.8%	17.1%	31.9%	32.7%	43.6%	34.8%	32.7%	31.0%	29.5%	33.3%	-1.7%
3-5	18.4%	14.3%	14.2%	9.5%	13.9%	14.6%	14.6%	16.0%	15.7%	12.8%	12.2%	14.6%	6.9%	15.4%	14.7%	-62.6%
6-8	2.6%	9.7%	10.1%	7.1%	10.8%	10.0%	9.8%	13.1%	11.5%	10.3%	10.8%	11.9%	3.4%	13.9%	12.5%	31.0%
9-11	5.3%	9.3%	8.6%	11.9%	8.8%	8.2%	24.4%	8.8%	9.2%	2.6%	10.4%	9.8%	6.9%	11.2%	9.6%	31.0%
12-14	15.8%	15.1%	14.4%	11.9%	15.6%	13.5%	14.6%	10.9%	12.7%	12.8%	14.7%	13.4%	17.2%	11.5%	12.6%	9.2%
15-17	26.3%	23.6%	20.4%	35.7%	20.5%	20.8%	19.5%	19.0%	18.0%	17.9%	17.0%	17.4%	34.5%	18.4%	17.2%	31.0%
18-20	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.1%	0.0%	0.3%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	-
Infants (age 0-1)	26.3%	21.5%	26.2%	19.0%	24.5%	26.4%	12.2%	24.2%	26.3%	30.8%	28.0%	26.2%	31.0%	23.6%	26.3%	17.9%
Youth (age 13+)	39.5%	35.4%	31.2%	45.2%	32.2%	31.4%	29.3%	27.4%	27.6%	25.6%	28.9%	27.5%	48.3%	26.8%	26.6%	22.3%

#### 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	2012 County	2012 Rural	2012 State	2013 County	2013 Rural	2013 State	2014 County	2014 Rural	2014 State	2015 County	2015 Rural	2015 State	2016 County	2016 Rural	2016 State	% Change
Non-Hispanic White	94.7%	89.8%	49.3%	90.5%	89.4%	45.7%	87.8%	89.2%	46.9%	76.9%	85.0%	42.7%	89.7%	89.5%	49.4%	-5.4%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	5.3%	5.5%	31.9%	0.0%	3.8%	29.6%	4.9%	2.3%	29.2%	0.0%	4.6%	29.1%	3.4%	2.5%	28.6%	-34.5%
Non-Hispanic Other Race	0.0%	1.4%	4.1%	2.4%	0.9%	7.9%	2.4%	0.9%	5.1%	2.6%	1.9%	8.7%	0.0%	0.8%	4.1%	-
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	0.0%	1.6%	3.0%	2.4%	2.9%	3.9%	2.4%	4.3%	4.9%	7.7%	4.8%	5.6%	3.4%	4.0%	5.4%	-
Hispanic or Latino	0.0%	1.8%	11.7%	4.8%	2.9%	13.0%	2.4%	3.3%	13.9%	12.8%	3.7%	14.0%	3.4%	3.2%	12.6%	-

#### By Gender

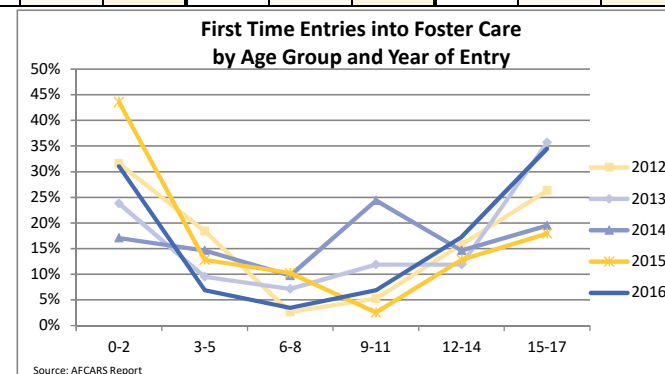
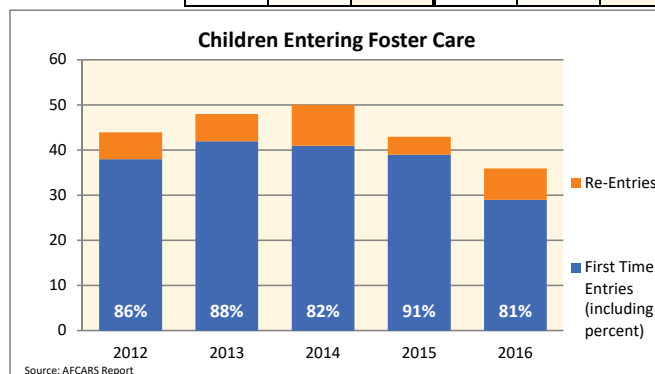
Male  
Female

Gender	2012 County	2012 Rural	2012 State	2013 County	2013 Rural	2013 State	2014 County	2014 Rural	2014 State	2015 County	2015 Rural	2015 State	2016 County	2016 Rural	2016 State	% Change
Male	50.0%	49.8%	49.9%	42.9%	49.5%	50.2%	63.4%	53.3%	51.0%	64.1%	52.3%	50.8%	55.2%	53.5%	50.8%	10.3%
Female	50.0%	50.2%	50.1%	57.1%	50.5%	49.8%	36.6%	46.7%	49.0%	35.9%	47.7%	49.2%	44.8%	46.5%	49.2%	-10.3%

#### By First 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	2012 County	2012 Rural	2012 State	2013 County	2013 Rural	2013 State	2014 County	2014 Rural	2014 State	2015 County	2015 Rural	2015 State	2016 County	2016 Rural	2016 State	% Change
<b>Family Setting</b>	<b>94.7%</b>	<b>77.8%</b>	<b>76.4%</b>	<b>73.8%</b>	<b>77.5%</b>	<b>76.7%</b>	<b>68.3%</b>	<b>79.9%</b>	<b>80.7%</b>	<b>61.5%</b>	<b>79.1%</b>	<b>80.9%</b>	<b>62.1%</b>	<b>81.0%</b>	<b>82.3%</b>	<b>-34.5%</b>
Pre-adoptive Home	0.0%	0.2%	0.2%	0.0%	0.2%	0.3%	0.0%	0.3%	0.2%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	-
Foster Family Home – Relative	21.1%	27.8%	25.8%	11.9%	25.8%	27.2%	7.3%	33.6%	33.1%	23.1%	32.7%	33.6%	6.9%	35.0%	37.5%	-67.2%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	73.7%	49.8%	50.4%	61.9%	51.5%	49.3%	61.0%	46.0%	47.5%	38.5%	46.4%	47.2%	55.2%	46.0%	44.6%	-25.1%
<b>Congregate Care Setting</b>	<b>5.3%</b>	<b>21.1%</b>	<b>21.1%</b>	<b>23.8%</b>	<b>21.2%</b>	<b>21.0%</b>	<b>14.6%</b>	<b>16.6%</b>	<b>17.5%</b>	<b>17.9%</b>	<b>18.0%</b>	<b>17.0%</b>	<b>27.6%</b>	<b>16.2%</b>	<b>15.9%</b>	<b>424.1%</b>
Group Home	0.0%	18.3%	14.7%	2.4%	16.1%	15.0%	7.3%	13.8%	12.1%	7.7%	14.9%	10.7%	10.3%	12.8%	9.7%	-
Institution	5.3%	2.8%	6.4%	21.4%	5.1%	6.0%	7.3%	2.7%	5.4%	10.3%	3.1%	6.3%	17.2%	3.5%	6.2%	227.6%
<b>Supervised Independent Living</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>-</b>
Runaway	0.0%	0.0%	0.4%	2.4%	0.4%	0.6%	0.0%	0.3%	0.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.4%	0.0%	0.1%	0.6%	-
Trial Home Visit	0.0%	0.9%	1.9%	0.0%	0.7%	1.5%	17.1%	3.0%	1.2%	20.5%	2.8%	1.5%	10.3%	2.6%	1.0%	-



## 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	2012			2013			2014			2015			2016			County % Change 2012 to 2016
	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State		
6	189	2,775	6	154	2,608	9	153	2,772	4	175	2,544	7	224	2,485	16.7%	
13.6%	25.0%	28.3%	12.5%	22.0%	28.0%	18.0%	18.9%	26.7%	9.3%	21.3%	24.5%	19.4%	23.7%	23.5%	42.6%	

### By Age

Age Group	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County % Change 2012 to 2016
0-2	0.0%	11.1%	8.5%	33.3%	5.2%	6.6%	0.0%	9.2%	8.2%	0.0%	10.3%	10.8%	0.0%	9.4%	11.2%	-
3-5	0.0%	16.4%	9.5%	0.0%	9.1%	7.8%	0.0%	7.2%	9.2%	0.0%	16.0%	11.4%	0.0%	11.2%	9.7%	-
6-8	0.0%	6.9%	6.5%	16.7%	7.8%	7.4%	11.1%	8.5%	8.8%	0.0%	8.0%	9.0%	42.9%	10.3%	10.1%	-
9-11	0.0%	5.8%	7.4%	0.0%	5.8%	6.3%	22.2%	9.8%	7.5%	0.0%	5.7%	7.9%	14.3%	12.1%	9.6%	-
12-14	33.3%	17.5%	21.7%	16.7%	20.1%	18.4%	22.2%	19.6%	17.1%	0.0%	17.7%	16.5%	14.3%	15.2%	18.5%	-57.1%
15-17	66.7%	41.8%	44.1%	33.3%	45.5%	46.3%	44.4%	41.2%	43.7%	100.0%	38.3%	38.2%	14.3%	39.7%	36.4%	-78.6%
18-20	0.0%	0.5%	2.5%	0.0%	6.5%	7.1%	0.0%	4.6%	5.7%	0.0%	4.0%	6.3%	14.3%	2.2%	4.5%	-
Infants (age 0-1)	0.0%	4.8%	4.9%	16.7%	2.6%	3.8%	0.0%	5.9%	5.2%	0.0%	5.7%	6.5%	0.0%	6.3%	7.4%	-
Youth (age 13+)	83.3%	55.6%	64.3%	50.0%	68.2%	68.6%	66.7%	63.4%	63.5%	100.0%	55.4%	57.9%	42.9%	55.4%	55.3%	-48.6%

### By Race and Ethnicity

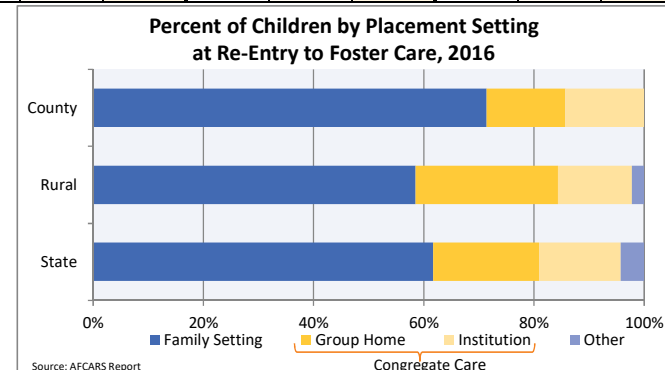
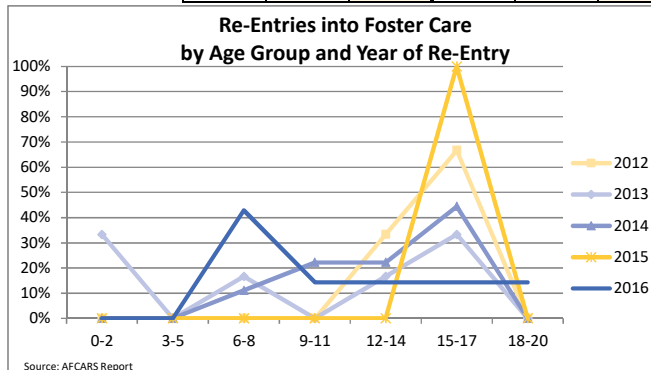
Race/Ethnicity	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County % Change 2012 to 2016
Non-Hispanic White	100.0%	93.1%	35.7%	100.0%	90.9%	34.3%	88.9%	94.1%	35.8%	100.0%	86.3%	34.7%	85.7%	87.5%	39.5%	-14.3%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	0.0%	2.6%	45.5%	0.0%	3.2%	44.2%	0.0%	2.0%	43.3%	0.0%	4.0%	40.4%	14.3%	4.0%	40.1%	-
Non-Hispanic Other Race	0.0%	0.0%	4.1%	0.0%	0.0%	6.7%	0.0%	0.7%	4.1%	0.0%	2.3%	7.8%	0.0%	0.9%	3.1%	-
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	0.0%	1.1%	3.3%	0.0%	3.9%	3.4%	0.0%	0.7%	4.5%	0.0%	5.7%	4.9%	0.0%	4.9%	5.8%	-
Hispanic or Latino	0.0%	3.2%	11.3%	0.0%	1.9%	11.4%	11.1%	2.6%	12.2%	0.0%	1.7%	12.2%	0.0%	2.7%	11.6%	-

### By Gender

Gender	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County % Change 2012 to 2016
Male	66.7%	55.6%	47.6%	66.7%	50.0%	48.1%	66.7%	53.6%	50.6%	50.0%	57.7%	50.5%	71.4%	57.6%	50.3%	7.1%
Female	33.3%	44.4%	52.4%	33.3%	50.0%	51.9%	33.3%	46.4%	49.4%	50.0%	42.3%	49.5%	28.6%	42.4%	49.7%	-14.3%

### By Placement Setting at Re-Entry

Placement Setting	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County % Change 2012 to 2016
Family Setting	66.7%	58.7%	50.5%	50.0%	52.6%	48.5%	77.8%	57.5%	53.7%	25.0%	57.7%	58.0%	71.4%	58.5%	61.7%	7.1%
Pre-adoptive Home	0.0%	0.0%	0.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.7%	-
Foster Family Home – Relative	0.0%	18.0%	16.5%	16.7%	11.0%	14.9%	0.0%	19.0%	20.2%	25.0%	16.0%	24.3%	14.3%	17.9%	26.3%	-
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	66.7%	40.7%	33.5%	33.3%	41.6%	33.3%	77.8%	38.6%	33.3%	0.0%	41.7%	33.1%	57.1%	40.6%	34.6%	-14.3%
Congregate Care Setting	33.3%	40.7%	45.3%	50.0%	45.5%	44.4%	11.1%	40.5%	40.6%	75.0%	40.0%	37.1%	28.6%	39.3%	34.0%	-14.3%
Group Home	16.7%	34.4%	26.0%	0.0%	35.7%	26.7%	0.0%	32.7%	24.8%	0.0%	31.4%	22.3%	14.3%	25.9%	19.3%	-14.3%
Institution	16.7%	6.3%	19.2%	50.0%	9.7%	17.7%	11.1%	7.8%	15.9%	75.0%	8.6%	14.8%	14.3%	13.4%	14.8%	-14.3%
Supervised Independent Living	0.0%	0.5%	0.8%	0.0%	1.3%	1.6%	0.0%	1.3%	1.6%	0.0%	0.0%	1.7%	0.0%	0.4%	1.3%	-
Runaway	0.0%	0.0%	2.5%	0.0%	0.0%	4.3%	0.0%	0.0%	3.3%	0.0%	0.0%	2.4%	0.0%	0.0%	2.5%	-
Trial Home Visit	0.0%	0.0%	1.0%	0.0%	0.6%	1.2%	11.1%	0.7%	0.8%	0.0%	2.3%	0.8%	0.0%	1.8%	0.5%	-



## 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

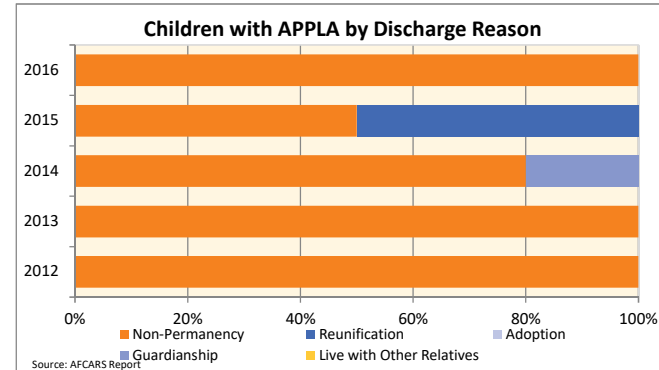
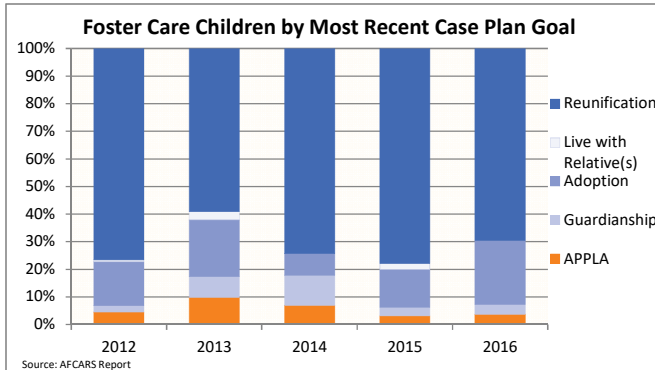
Indicator	2012			2013			2014			2015			2016			County % Change 2012 to 2016
	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	
<b>Family-Based Permanency Goals</b>	<b>95.5%</b>	<b>91.2%</b>	<b>90.9%</b>	<b>90.2%</b>	<b>91.7%</b>	<b>92.8%</b>	<b>93.1%</b>	<b>94.9%</b>	<b>93.6%</b>	<b>96.8%</b>	<b>96.7%</b>	<b>95.2%</b>	<b>96.3%</b>	<b>97.7%</b>	<b>95.0%</b>	<b>0.9%</b>
Reunify With Parent(s) or Principal Caretaker(s)	76.5%	65.9%	69.6%	59.1%	64.0%	70.5%	74.3%	69.5%	72.6%	77.9%	70.5%	73.1%	69.5%	72.6%	69.8%	-9.2%
Adoption	15.9%	17.1%	16.6%	20.5%	18.6%	16.7%	7.9%	17.0%	16.1%	13.7%	20.0%	17.4%	23.2%	18.3%	19.5%	45.6%
Guardianship	2.3%	2.6%	3.1%	7.6%	7.1%	3.6%	10.9%	6.0%	3.1%	3.2%	4.3%	3.0%	3.7%	4.6%	4.3%	61.0%
Live with Relative(s)	0.8%	5.6%	1.6%	3.0%	1.9%	2.1%	0.0%	2.4%	1.8%	2.1%	1.9%	1.7%	0.0%	2.2%	1.5%	-100.0%
<b>Another Planned Permanent Living Arrangement (APPLA)</b>	<b>4.5%</b>	<b>8.8%</b>	<b>9.1%</b>	<b>9.8%</b>	<b>8.3%</b>	<b>7.2%</b>	<b>6.9%</b>	<b>5.1%</b>	<b>6.4%</b>	<b>3.2%</b>	<b>3.3%</b>	<b>4.8%</b>	<b>3.7%</b>	<b>2.3%</b>	<b>5.0%</b>	<b>-19.5%</b>
Long Term Foster Care	3.0%	4.8%	3.2%	0.8%	3.3%	2.1%	1.0%	1.3%	1.8%	0.0%	0.7%	1.2%	0.0%	0.4%	1.0%	-100.0%
Emancipation	1.5%	4.0%	5.9%	9.1%	5.0%	5.1%	5.9%	3.8%	4.6%	3.2%	2.7%	3.6%	3.7%	2.0%	4.0%	141.5%

#### APPLA By Age as % of Age Group Served

Age Group	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	County % Change 2012 to 2016
0-15	2.1%	1.7%	1.1%	0.0%	0.2%	-100.0%
16-20	11.4%	28.4%	23.6%	13.6%	21.6%	31.3%

#### APPLA By Discharge Reason

Exit Reason	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	County % Change 2012 to 2016										
<b>Exit to Permanent Arrangements</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>28.6%</b>	<b>34.1%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>25.4%</b>	<b>28.9%</b>	<b>20.0%</b>	<b>15.0%</b>	<b>19.4%</b>	<b>50.0%</b>	<b>16.7%</b>	<b>23.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>17.9%</b>	<b>32.1%</b>	-
Reunification	0.0%	20.6%	29.6%	0.0%	6.8%	22.8%	0.0%	10.0%	14.5%	50.0%	16.7%	17.6%	0.0%	10.7%	27.0%	-
(number of months until reunification)	0.0	54.0	37.2	0.0	16.5	27.8	0.0	33.4	36.2	82.6	46.8	27.5	0.0	50.0	30.4	-
Adoption	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-
(number of months until adoption)	0.0	0.0	76.0	0.0	0.0	41.1	0.0	0.0	149.3	0.0	0.0	31.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	-
Guardianship	0.0%	6.3%	1.7%	0.0%	16.9%	3.4%	20.0%	5.0%	2.5%	0.0%	0.0%	1.4%	0.0%	7.1%	4.2%	-
(number of month until guardianship)	0.0	21.7	35.3	0.0	23.6	32.0	28.4	17.8	27.8	0.0	0.0	18.0	0.0	129.1	32.0	-
Live with Other Relatives	0.0%	1.6%	2.6%	0.0%	1.7%	2.2%	0.0%	0.0%	2.1%	0.0%	0.0%	3.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.9%	-
(number of months until living with relatives)	0.0	19.8	25.8	0.0	11.3	30.6	0.0	0.0	15.9	0.0	0.0	37.1	0.0	0.0	39.8	-
<b>Exit to Non-Permanent Arrangements</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>71.4%</b>	<b>65.8%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>74.6%</b>	<b>70.8%</b>	<b>80.0%</b>	<b>85.0%</b>	<b>80.4%</b>	<b>50.0%</b>	<b>83.3%</b>	<b>76.4%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>68.6%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
Emancipation	100.0%	69.8%	60.5%	100.0%	71.2%	64.2%	80.0%	82.5%	73.0%	50.0%	80.0%	71.7%	100.0%	100.0%	62.2%	0.0%
(number of months until emancipation)	103.0	35.1	40.6	41.7	43.5	33.1	39.7	44.3	33.5	7.2	40.6	34.3	20.4	29.8	30.6	-80.2%
Transfer to Another Agency	0.0%	1.6%	3.6%	0.0%	3.4%	3.6%	0.0%	2.5%	5.5%	0.0%	3.3%	2.7%	0.0%	0.0%	5.0%	-
(number of months until transfer)	0.0	98.6	51.5	0.0	41.6	46.4	0.0	20.2	13.0	0.0	84.3	40.7	0.0	0.0	27.6	-
Runaway	0.0%	0.0%	1.6%	0.0%	0.0%	3.1%	0.0%	0.0%	1.9%	0.0%	0.0%	2.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.4%	-
(number of months until running away)	0.0	0.0	8.9	0.0	0.0	26.5	0.0	0.0	16.3	0.0	0.0	23.4	0.0	0.0	14.1	-
<b>Death of Child</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.3%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.6%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>3.6%</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>-</b>
(number of months until death of a child)	0.0	0.0	42.8	0.0	0.0	92.4	0.0	0.0	129.8	0.0	0.0	9.0	0.0	143.7	143.7	-





## FOSTER CARE - EXITS

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

### Indicator

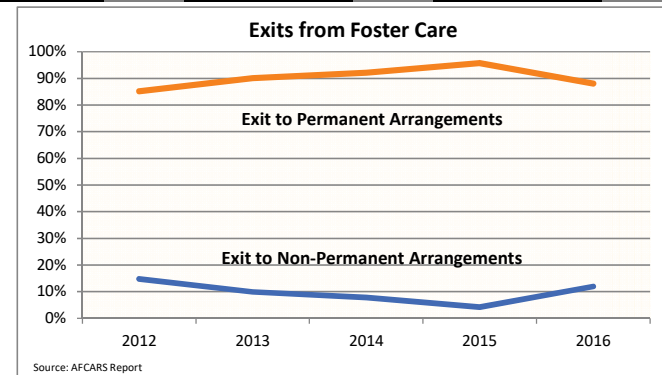
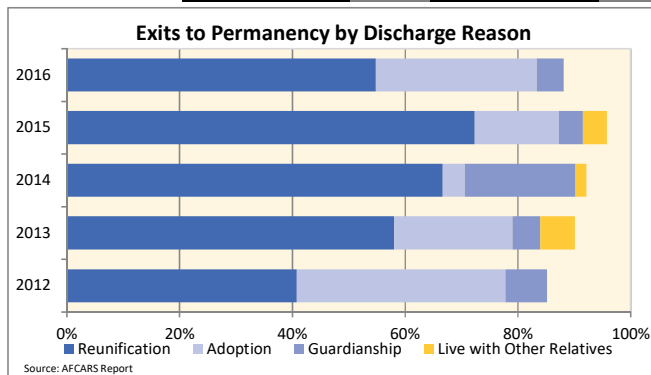
#### Children Exiting Foster Care

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

Indicator	2012			2013			2014			2015			2016			County % Change 2012 to 2016
	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	
Total Children Leaving Foster Care	54	893	10,098	81	751	9,123	51	752	9,769	47	807	9,471	42	874	10,635	-22.2%
Percent of Children Leaving Foster Care	40.9%	55.3%	45.9%	61.4%	51.4%	42.6%	50.5%	49.0%	43.4%	49.5%	51.3%	41.2%	51.2%	51.6%	43.3%	25.2%
(number of months until leaving)	25.4	11.0	11.9	15.2	10.6	11.9	7.9	9.1	10.7	8.1	11.1	11.4	17.9	12.1	11.7	-29.7%

#### By Discharge Reason

Discharge Reason	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	County % Change 2012 to 2016										
<b>Exit to Permanent Arrangements</b>	<b>85.2%</b>	<b>90.5%</b>	<b>87.9%</b>	<b>90.1%</b>	<b>89.6%</b>	<b>89.3%</b>	<b>92.2%</b>	<b>91.1%</b>	<b>86.9%</b>	<b>95.7%</b>	<b>92.9%</b>	<b>85.0%</b>	<b>88.1%</b>	<b>93.1%</b>	<b>84.5%</b>	<b>3.4%</b>
Reunification	40.7%	60.4%	60.1%	58.0%	52.9%	57.3%	66.7%	61.3%	57.2%	72.3%	60.7%	54.5%	54.8%	61.3%	54.5%	34.4%
(number of months until reunification)	10.4	5.8	6.1	7.0	4.8	6.0	3.3	5.6	5.5	5.7	7.0	5.7	6.7	5.6	6.7	-35.8%
Adoption	37.0%	17.4%	18.0%	21.0%	20.0%	20.2%	3.9%	13.0%	18.6%	14.9%	21.2%	18.7%	28.6%	19.8%	18.7%	-22.9%
(number of months until adoption)	37.7	31.5	27.6	35.9	28.2	26.7	34.2	27.3	27.4	32.8	26.3	28.3	28.1	29.6	28.7	-25.5%
Guardianship	7.4%	7.3%	5.4%	4.9%	9.3%	6.4%	19.6%	9.4%	6.1%	4.3%	5.1%	6.5%	4.8%	7.1%	6.6%	-35.7%
(number of month until guardianship)	27.5	17.8	20.4	23.2	18.7	21.2	23.0	21.4	20.8	3.9	18.4	21.1	53.7	18.9	19.4	95.3%
Live with Other Relatives	0.0%	5.5%	4.4%	6.2%	7.5%	5.5%	2.0%	7.3%	5.0%	4.3%	5.9%	5.4%	0.0%	4.9%	4.7%	-
(number of months until living with relatives)	0.0	4.3	2.7	7.9	4.7	2.6	69.5	10.7	1.0	16.0	8.6	3.0	0.0	4.4	2.2	-
<b>Exit to Non-Permanent Arrangements</b>	<b>14.8%</b>	<b>9.5%</b>	<b>12.0%</b>	<b>9.9%</b>	<b>10.1%</b>	<b>10.5%</b>	<b>7.8%</b>	<b>8.8%</b>	<b>13.0%</b>	<b>4.3%</b>	<b>7.1%</b>	<b>14.8%</b>	<b>11.9%</b>	<b>6.6%</b>	<b>15.4%</b>	<b>-19.6%</b>
Emancipation	14.8%	8.5%	8.0%	7.4%	7.7%	8.1%	7.8%	7.3%	7.7%	4.3%	6.2%	7.8%	11.9%	6.1%	6.8%	-19.6%
(number of months until emancipation)	67.5	32.3	37.4	41.7	36.2	31.4	39.7	31.4	29.6	15.2	21.6	28.1	22.6	24.9	23.4	-66.5%
Transfer to Another Agency	0.0%	1.0%	1.6%	1.2%	2.1%	2.0%	0.0%	1.2%	4.3%	0.0%	0.7%	5.8%	0.0%	0.6%	7.9%	-
(number of months until transfer)	0.0	11.0	5.3	5.2	10.4	6.0	0.0	10.3	5.0	0.0	26.3	6.7	0.0	17.7	7.6	-
Runaway	0.0%	0.0%	2.4%	1.2%	0.3%	0.5%	0.0%	0.3%	1.1%	0.0%	0.1%	1.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.7%	-
(number of months until running away)	0.0	0.0	4.8	0.1	41.6	14.9	0.0	25.2	13.2	0.0	25.7	15.5	0.0	0.0	11.2	-
Death of Child	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.3%	0.2%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.2%	0.1%	-
(number of months until death of a child)	0.0	0.0	4.7	0.0	5.1	11.9	0.0	13.7	30.9	0.0	0.0	4.9	0.0	76.1	13.2	-



## 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	2012			2013			2014			2015			2016			County % Change 2012 to 2016
	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	
Children in Foster Care on Last Day	84	816	13,566	55	774	13,697	55	840	14,162	50	849	14,859	43	918	15,382	-48.8%
(number of months children have been in care)	15.4	12.7	13.0	17.0	12.6	13.1	12.2	12.4	12.6	15.0	10.6	12.5	9.7	9.7	13.2	-37.4%

#### By Age

Age Group	2012 County	2012 Rural	2012 State	2013 County	2013 Rural	2013 State	2014 County	2014 Rural	2014 State	2015 County	2015 Rural	2015 State	2016 County	2016 Rural	2016 State	% Change
0-2	13.1%	17.6%	19.5%	18.2%	20.0%	19.9%	16.4%	22.5%	20.0%	26.0%	24.3%	21.0%	25.6%	21.7%	21.3%	95.3%
3-5	20.2%	16.7%	15.3%	9.1%	13.8%	15.6%	12.7%	14.9%	16.7%	20.0%	14.5%	16.7%	9.3%	16.4%	17.0%	-54.0%
6-8	15.5%	10.4%	10.9%	9.1%	10.2%	11.6%	12.7%	12.6%	12.4%	6.0%	11.8%	12.9%	7.0%	12.4%	13.2%	-54.9%
9-11	4.8%	10.5%	9.2%	3.6%	9.7%	9.1%	14.5%	9.6%	9.6%	6.0%	9.5%	10.7%	9.3%	12.0%	11.6%	95.3%
12-14	15.5%	14.2%	12.4%	16.4%	15.6%	11.7%	10.9%	12.3%	11.5%	14.0%	13.2%	11.7%	14.0%	11.7%	12.0%	-9.8%
15-17	23.8%	24.9%	23.4%	40.0%	23.6%	22.6%	32.7%	24.3%	21.1%	24.0%	22.9%	20.2%	30.2%	23.4%	19.6%	27.0%
18-20	7.1%	5.6%	9.4%	3.6%	7.0%	9.5%	0.0%	3.8%	8.4%	4.0%	3.9%	6.8%	4.7%	2.4%	5.3%	-34.9%
Infants (age 0-1)	7.1%	11.9%	13.2%	14.5%	14.3%	12.7%	10.9%	15.5%	13.2%	16.0%	16.8%	13.9%	20.9%	15.3%	13.8%	193.0%
Youth (age 13+)	42.9%	41.1%	41.9%	60.0%	41.7%	40.7%	38.2%	37.0%	37.8%	38.0%	36.4%	35.2%	41.9%	33.9%	33.5%	-2.3%

#### By Race and Ethnicity

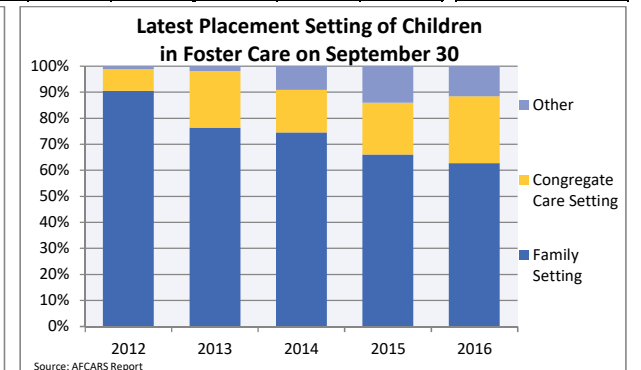
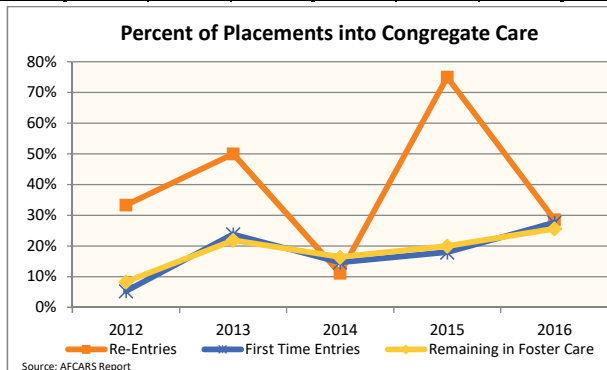
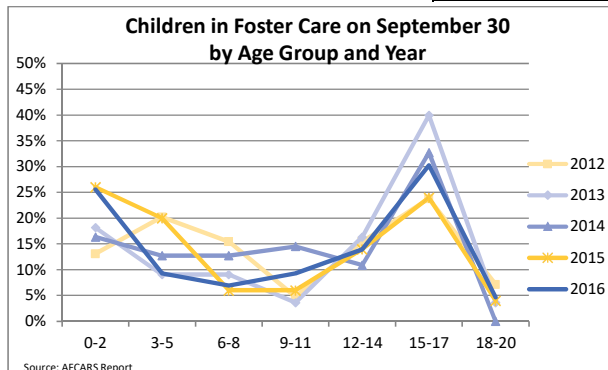
Race/Ethnicity	2012 County	2012 Rural	2012 State	2013 County	2013 Rural	2013 State	2014 County	2014 Rural	2014 State	2015 County	2015 Rural	2015 State	2016 County	2016 Rural	2016 State	% Change
Non-Hispanic White	92.9%	89.6%	40.9%	90.9%	90.1%	38.7%	89.1%	89.2%	40.1%	88.0%	86.3%	37.9%	90.7%	86.5%	41.0%	-2.3%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	4.8%	4.4%	37.5%	3.6%	3.5%	37.1%	3.6%	2.7%	38.3%	2.0%	4.0%	36.9%	4.7%	3.3%	37.0%	-2.3%
Non-Hispanic Other Race	0.0%	1.2%	6.0%	1.8%	0.4%	7.8%	1.8%	0.6%	3.9%	2.0%	1.2%	6.0%	0.0%	1.1%	2.9%	-
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	0.0%	2.5%	3.3%	3.6%	3.5%	3.7%	3.6%	5.1%	4.7%	6.0%	5.5%	4.9%	2.3%	5.0%	5.5%	-
Hispanic or Latino	2.4%	2.3%	12.2%	0.0%	2.6%	12.7%	1.8%	2.4%	13.0%	2.0%	2.9%	14.3%	2.3%	4.1%	13.6%	-2.3%

#### By Gender

Gender	2012 County	2012 Rural	2012 State	2013 County	2013 Rural	2013 State	2014 County	2014 Rural	2014 State	2015 County	2015 Rural	2015 State	2016 County	2016 Rural	2016 State	% Change
Male	54.8%	56.0%	50.8%	50.9%	52.7%	50.7%	58.2%	53.7%	50.9%	64.0%	54.1%	51.3%	65.1%	54.8%	51.2%	18.9%
Female	45.2%	44.0%	49.2%	49.1%	47.3%	49.3%	41.8%	46.3%	49.1%	36.0%	45.9%	48.7%	34.9%	45.2%	48.8%	-22.9%

#### By Latest Placement Setting

Placement Setting	2012 County	2012 Rural	2012 State	2013 County	2013 Rural	2013 State	2014 County	2014 Rural	2014 State	2015 County	2015 Rural	2015 State	2016 County	2016 Rural	2016 State	% Change
Family Setting	90.5%	79.2%	76.1%	76.4%	77.8%	76.8%	74.5%	78.2%	79.0%	66.0%	77.3%	80.6%	62.8%	79.2%	82.5%	-30.6%
Pre-adoptive Home	0.0%	2.3%	3.0%	3.6%	1.9%	3.2%	0.0%	3.7%	3.9%	4.0%	2.7%	3.2%	2.3%	1.4%	5.3%	-
Foster Family Home – Relative	16.7%	22.3%	25.2%	14.5%	22.5%	25.7%	12.7%	25.8%	30.0%	18.0%	25.4%	32.8%	11.6%	28.5%	35.1%	-30.2%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	73.8%	54.5%	47.9%	58.2%	53.4%	47.9%	61.8%	48.7%	45.1%	44.0%	49.1%	44.5%	48.8%	49.2%	42.1%	-33.8%
Congregate Care Setting	8.3%	18.8%	19.2%	21.8%	19.4%	18.7%	16.4%	19.2%	17.3%	20.0%	19.3%	16.0%	25.6%	18.3%	14.7%	207.0%
Group Home	4.8%	12.5%	11.0%	5.5%	12.8%	10.8%	9.1%	13.8%	10.6%	10.0%	14.6%	9.0%	11.6%	14.9%	8.4%	144.2%
Institution	3.6%	6.3%	8.2%	16.4%	6.6%	7.8%	7.3%	5.4%	6.7%	10.0%	4.7%	7.0%	14.0%	3.4%	6.3%	290.7%
Supervised Independent Living	1.2%	1.2%	1.9%	1.8%	1.4%	2.1%	0.0%	0.8%	1.7%	4.0%	0.9%	1.4%	2.3%	0.8%	1.3%	95.3%
Runaway	0.0%	0.0%	1.8%	0.0%	0.1%	1.4%	0.0%	0.0%	1.1%	0.0%	0.0%	1.1%	0.0%	0.3%	0.7%	-
Trial Home Visit	0.0%	0.9%	1.1%	0.0%	1.3%	1.0%	9.1%	1.8%	0.8%	0.0%	2.5%	1.0%	9.3%	1.4%	0.7%	-



## 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.

2012			2013			2014			2015			2016			County % Change 2012 to 2016
County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	
35.2%	36.7%	36.9%	46.0%	37.4%	34.1%	51.5%	33.7%	32.7%	48.8%	34.0%	32.8%	53.8%	29.0%	33.6%	53.0%

## 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.

2012			2013			2014			2015			2016			County % Change 2012 to 2016
County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	
48.6%	56.0%	44.6%	45.9%	52.1%	41.3%	60.0%	44.2%	39.7%	54.3%	48.4%	39.0%	48.6%	52.2%	36.0%	0.0%

## FOSTER CARE - FAILED REUNIFICATION

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

### Indicator

#### Failed 1-Year Reunification (Re-entry)

Children who re-entered foster care in fewer than 12 months following reunification with parents or relatives.

2012			2013			2014			2015			2016			County % Change 2012 to 2016
County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	County	Rural	State	
18.2%	19.7%	26.3%	22.2%	20.3%	26.4%	12.2%	20.9%	26.9%	11.4%	15.8%	24.1%	5.7%	19.5%	24.8%	-68.6%

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