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		2011			2012			2013			2014			2015		County % Change
mulcator	County	Rural-Mix	State	County	Rural-Mix	State	County	Rural-Mix	State	County	Rural-Mix	State	County	Rural-Mix	State	2011 to 2015
Child Abuse and Neglect Reports Total reported incidents of suspected child abuse ar neglect through the ChildLine Registry. (Number and rate per 1,000 children age 0-17)	238 d 9.4	3,700 9.1	24,378 8.7	9.3	4,170 10.2	26,664 9.5	258 10.2	4,238 10.4	26,944 9.6	296 11.7	4,641 11.4	29,273 10.5	499 19.8	6,853 16.8	40,590 14.5	109.7%
Child Abuse and Neglect Substantiations Founded or indicated reports of child abuse and/or neglect.	21.4%	16.6%	14.0%	17.4%	14.6%	13.4%	15.1%	13.9%	12.7%	16.9%	11.5%	11.4%	14.8%	11.2%	10.4%	-30.8%
Repeated Child Abuse and Neglect	9.8%	6.8%	7.9%	9.8%	8.7%	7.9%	5.1%	9.2%	8.8%	16.0%	7.7%	7.2%	2.7%	6.8%	6.5%	
Children with another substantiated incident of abus and/or neglect following the first reported incident. (Data may be overstated.)	1 in 10	1 in 15	1 in 13	1 in 10	1 in 11	1 in 13	1 in 20	1 in 11	1 in 11	1 in 6	1 in 13	1 in 14	1 in 37	1 in 15	1 in 15	-72.4%
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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		2011 Inty Rural-Mix State Cou			2012			2013			2014			2015		County % Change
indicator	County	Rural-Mix	State	County	Rural-Mix	State	County	Rural-Mix	State	County	Rural-Mix	State	County	Rural-Mix	State	2011 to 2015
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.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,456	23,487	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.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	26.9%	20.4%	18.4%	-
		2012			2013			2014			2015			2016		County % Change
	County	Rural-Mix	State	County	Rural-Mix	State	County	Rural-Mix	State	County	Rural-Mix	State	County	Rural-Mix	State	2012 to 2016
Unduplicated Number of Children Served Children who received in-home services along with parents to address concerns related to child safety and well-being.	2,128	30,712	164,842	1,952	32,285	172,807	2,145	30,494	167,582	2,226	35,387	181,371	2,827	36,232	190,413	32.8%

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.

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Indicator	County	Rural-Mix	State	County		State	County	Rural-Mix	State	County	Rural-Mix	State	County	Rural-Mix	State	2012 to 2016
Unduplicated Number of Children Served																
All Children in Foster Care During the Year	183	2,969	22,000	136	2,713	21,416	122	2,743	22,510	106	2,805	22,980	81	3,123	24,543	-55.7%
(Rate per 1,000 children age 0-20)	6.0	6.1	6.5	4.4	5.6	6.4	4.0	5.7	6.7	3.5	5.8	6.8	2.6	6.5	7.3	
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By Age 0-2	15.8%	19.3%	18.9%	13.2%	20.2%	19.2%	17.2%	20.1%	19.4%	13.2%	21.1%	19.9%	19.8%	23.8%	20.2%	24.6%
3-5	18.6%	16.2%	15.6%	15.4%	15.6%	15.9%	13.9%	16.6%	16.8%	22.6%	16.8%	17.1%	12.3%	16.5%	17.0%	-33.6%
6-8	6.6%	11.1%	10.8%	8.1%	12.2%	11.5%	12.3%	12.7%	12.3%	13.2%	12.5%	12.9%	12.3%	12.2%	13.0%	88.3%
9-11	6.0%	8.4%	8.9%	5.1%	8.2%	8.9%	9.0%	9.8%	9.5%	9.4%	9.7%	10.0%	8.6%	9.9%	11.0%	43.8%
12-14	14.2%	13.2%	12.0%	14.0%	11.6%	11.4%	10.7%	11.4%	10.9%	9.4%	12.2%	11.4%	6.2%	11.6%	11.2%	-56.6%
15-17	30.6%	24.7%	23.3%	34.6%	24.5%	22.3%	30.3%	22.7%	21.4%	26.4%	21.6%	20.4%	34.6%	21.0%	19.6%	13.0%
18-20	8.2%	7.0%	10.5%	9.6%	7.7%	10.7%	6.6%	6.8%	9.8%	5.7%	6.1%	8.3%	6.2%	5.0%	7.9%	-24.7%
Infants (age 0-1) Youth (age 13+)	11.5% 49.2%	13.3% 39.2%	12.2% 42.4%	10.3% 55.1%	12.6% 41.2%	11.9% 41.5%	8.2% 46.7%	12.8% 38.0%	12.5% 38.9%	6.6% 37.7%	14.4% 36.3%	12.8% 36.7%	12.3% 46.9%	16.0% 34.6%	12.8% 35.5%	7.6% -4.6%
Toutil (age 131)	43.270	39.270	42.4 /0	33.170	41.270	41.570	40.7 70	30.070	30.970	31.170	30.370	30.7 /0	40.370	34.070	33.370	-4.070
By Race and Ethnicity																
Non-Hispanic White	62.8%	75.2%	43.3%	64.7%	75.5%	41.8%	67.2%	74.3%	42.3%	82.1%	73.5%	40.9%	70.4%	74.4%	42.5%	12.0%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	35.5%	15.3%	34.9%	19.1%	13.5%	34.8%	16.4%	12.9%	35.2%	11.3%	12.2%	34.6%	14.8%	10.7%	35.3%	-58.3%
Non-Hispanic Other Race	0.0%	1.0%	6.5%	0.7%	1.3%	7.0%	2.5%	1.4%	4.4%	0.9%	1.4%	5.9%	0.0%	1.1%	3.3%	-
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	0.0%	2.4%	3.2%	14.0%	3.8%	3.9%	12.3%	4.7%	4.9%	4.7% 0.9%	6.7%	5.3% 13.4%	14.8%	7.0%	5.4%	-
Hispanic or Latino	1.6%	6.1%	12.0%	1.5%	5.9%	12.5%	1.6%	6.7%	13.1%	0.9%	6.1%	13.4%	0.0%	6.7%	13.4%	-100.0%
By Gender																
Male	50.3%	51.1%	50.5%	58.8%	53.0%	50.8%	52.5%	52.8%	50.8%	54.7%	53.7%	51.0%	49.4%	53.5%	51.2%	-1.8%
Female	49.7%	48.9%	49.5%	41.2%	47.0%	49.2%	47.5%	47.2%	49.2%	45.3%	46.3%	49.0%	50.6%	46.5%	48.8%	1.8%
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Foster Family Home – Relative	21.3%	16.9%	24.4%	16.9%	17.4%	24.8%	13.9%	19.2%	29.6%	23.6%	21.4%	31.5%	21.0%	25.3%	34.1%	-1.5%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	46.4%	51.3%	45.2%	43.4%	51.8%	45.2%	54.9%	52.2%	42.7%	50.9%	50.3%	42.5%	48.1%	50.7%	40.5%	3.7%
Congregate Care Setting	30.1%	19.9%	20.6%	33.8%	19.3%	19.6%	23.8%	18.7%	18.3%	22.6%	17.9%	17.1%	30.9%	16.0%	15.8%	2.7%
Group Home	27.9%	13.9%	12.5%	33.1%	13.5%	12.1%	22.1%	12.6%	11.6%	19.8%	11.2%	10.5%	25.9%	10.0%	9.1%	-7.0%
Institution	2.2%	6.0%	8.0%	0.7%	5.9%	7.5%	1.6%	6.1%	6.8%	2.8%	6.7%	6.6%	4.9%	6.1%	6.8%	125.9%
Supervised Independent Living	2.2%	0.6%	1.8%	5.1%	0.8%	2.0%	4.9%	0.7%	1.9%	0.9%	1.0%	1.7%	0.0%	0.8%	1.6%	-100.0%
Runaway Trial Home Visit	0.0% 0.0%	0.8% 6.9%	1.4% 3.4%	0.0% 0.0%	0.8% 7.6%	1.8% 3.2%	0.0% 0.0%	0.7% 6.1%	1.2% 2.8%	0.0% 0.0%	0.4% 7.2%	1.3% 2.9%	0.0% 0.0%	0.2% 5.2%	1.4% 2.2%	-
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Children Entering Foster Care																
All Entries into Foster Care During the Year	90	1,451	9,793	73	1,314	9,306	61	1,379	10,364	60	1,381	10,387	40	1,602	10,567	-55.6%
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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.

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Indicator	County	Rural-Mix	State	County	Rural-Mix	State	County	Rural-Mix	State	County	Rural-Mix	State	County	Rural-Mix	State	2012 to 2016
Children Entering for the First Time																
First Time Entries During the Year	45	1,064	7,018	38	957	6,698	41	1,031	7,592	48	1,097	7,843	29	1,291	8,082	-35.6%
(Rate per 1,000 children age 0-20)	1.5	2.2	2.1	1.2	2.0	2.0	1.3	2.1	2.3	1.6	2.3	2.3	0.9	2.7	2.4	-33.070
First Time Entries as Percent of All Entries	50.0%	73.3%	71.7%	52.1%	72.8%	72.0%	67.2%	74.8%	73.3%	80.0%	79.4%	75.5%	72.5%	80.6%	76.5%	45.0%
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0-2	37.8%	31.1%	32.2%	28.9%	31.1%	32.8%	31.7%	29.0%	32.7%	18.8%	31.3%	32.7%	48.3%	36.3%	33.3%	27.8%
3-5	13.3%	13.9%	14.2%	15.8%	13.7%	14.6%	9.8%	14.9%	15.7%	20.8%	15.9%	14.6%	6.9%	14.3%	14.7%	-48.3%
6-8	8.9%	9.1%	10.1%	2.6%	9.3%	10.0%	7.3%	11.0%	11.5%	18.8%	10.0%	11.9%	10.3%	11.9%	12.5%	16.4%
9-11	2.2%	8.4%	8.6%	0.0%	8.2%	8.2%	12.2%	10.6%	9.2%	12.5%	7.9%	9.8%	0.0%	7.7%	9.6%	-100.0%
12-14	15.6%	16.1%	14.4%	21.1%	13.6%	13.5%	17.1%	15.1%	12.7%	6.3%	15.9%	13.4%	6.9%	11.4%	12.6%	-55.7%
15-17	22.2%	21.4%	20.4%	31.6%	24.1%	20.8%	22.0%	19.3%	18.0%	22.9%	19.0%	17.4%	27.6%	18.4%	17.2%	24.1%
18-20	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%	0.2%	0.1%	-
Infants (age 0-1)	37.8%	25.8%	26.2%	21.1%	24.2%	26.4%	19.5%	23.6%	26.3%	14.6%	26.1%	26.2%	34.5%	29.0%	26.3%	-8.7%
Youth (age 13+)	33.3%	33.1%	31.2%	52.6%	35.1%	31.4%	31.7%	31.1%	27.6%	29.2%	31.4%	27.5%	34.5%	27.2%	26.6%	3.4%
By Race and Ethnicity																
Non-Hispanic White	68.9%	75.4%	49.3%	68.4%	75.1%	45.7%	65.9%	73.9%	46.9%	81.3%	72.8%	42.7%	62.1%	74.3%	49.4%	-9.9%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	31.1%	16.1%	31.9%	13.2%	13.2%	29.6%	17.1%	11.4%	29.2%	12.5%	11.7%	29.1%	6.9%	9.5%	28.6%	-77.8%
Non-Hispanic Other Race	0.0%	1.2%	4.1%	2.6%	1.8%	7.9%	7.3%	1.6%	5.1%	0.0%	1.5%	8.7%	0.0%	1.6%	4.1%	-
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	0.0%	1.9%	3.0%	13.2%	3.9%	3.9%	7.3%	4.4%	4.9%	6.3%	8.0%	5.6%	31.0%	7.0%	5.4%	-
Hispanic or Latino	0.0%	5.5%	11.7%	2.6%	6.1%	13.0%	2.4%	8.6%	13.9%	0.0%	6.0%	14.0%	0.0%	7.6%	12.6%	-
By Gender																
Male	46.7%	51.7%	49.9%	63.2%	52.8%	50.2%	46.3%	52.9%	51.0%	50.0%	52.9%	50.8%	31.0%	53.1%	50.8%	-33.5%
Female	53.3%	48.3%	50.1%	36.8%	47.2%	49.8%	53.7%	47.1%	49.0%	50.0%	47.1%	49.2%	69.0%	46.9%	49.2%	29.3%
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By First Placement Setting Family Setting	66.7%	74.8%	76.4%	50.0%	70.8%	76.7%	73.2%	76.9%	80.7%	81.3%	75.7%	80.9%	75.9%	82.7%	82.3%	13.8%
Pre-adoptive Home	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.0%	0.2%	0.3%	0.0%	0.1%	0.2%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%	0.2%	0.2%	13.0 /0
Foster Family Home – Relative	22.2%	17.2%	25.8%	15.8%	16.6%	27.2%	24.4%	20.6%	33.1%	29.2%	22.6%	33.6%	31.0%	27.5%	37.5%	39.7%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	44.4%	57.6%	50.4%	34.2%	54.0%	49.3%	48.8%	56.3%	47.5%	52.1%	53.0%	47.2%	44.8%	55.0%	44.6%	0.9%
Congregate Care Setting	33.3%	21.5%	21.1%	44.7%	25.4%	21.0%	26.8%	21.0%	17.5%	18.8%	20.3%	17.0%	24.1%	15.6%	15.9%	-27.6%
Group Home	31.1%	16.4%	14.7%	44.7%	20.0%	15.0%	24.4%	15.3%	12.1%	16.7%	13.3%	10.7%	24.1%	10.2%	9.7%	-22.4%
Institution	2.2%	5.1%	6.4%	0.0%	5.4%	6.0%	2.4%	5.6%	5.4%	2.1%	7.0%	6.3%	0.0%	5.3%	6.2%	-100.0%
Supervised Independent Living	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	5.3%	0.2%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%	0.2%	0.0%	0.1%	0.2%	-
Runaway Trial Home Visit	0.0% 0.0%	0.3% 3.4%	0.4% 1.9%	0.0% 0.0%	0.5% 3.0%	0.6% 1.5%	0.0% 0.0%	0.3% 1.8%	0.4% 1.2%	0.0% 0.0%	0.0% 3.9%	0.4% 1.5%	0.0% 0.0%	0.2% 1.5%	0.6% 1.0%	-
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FOSTER CARE - RE-ENTRIES

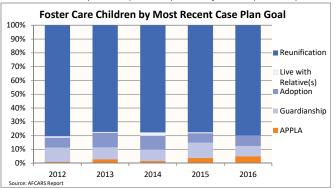
Data on re-entries provides information on children who come back into foster care because of new or continuing challenges at home. Some children experience numerous foster care episodes or cycle in and out of the system. Others can experience large spans of time between foster care episodes, which is why the age of children who re-enter is typically older.

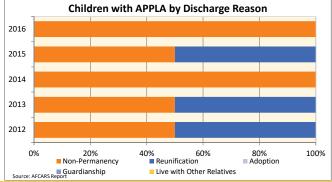
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Indicator	County	Rural-Mix	State	County	Rural-Mix	State	County	Rural-Mix	State	County	Rural-Mix	State	County	Rural-Mix	State	2012 to 2016
Children Re-Entering Foster Care																
Re-Entries During the Year	45	387	2,775	35	357	2,608	20	348	2,772	12	284	2,544	11	311	2,485	-75.6%
Re-Entries as Percent of All Entries	50.0%	26.7%	28.3%	47.9%	27.2%	28.0%	32.8%	25.2%	26.7%	20.0%	20.6%	24.5%	27.5%	19.4%	23.5%	-45.0%
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By Age	44.40/	0.00/	8.5%	F 70/	7.00/	6.6%	0.0%	0.00/	8.2%	16.7%	40.00/	40.00/	0.00/	9.3%	11.2%	-100.0%
0-2 3-5	11.1% 13.3%	9.3% 12.4%	9.5%	5.7% 11.4%	7.6% 10.9%	7.8%	0.0%	8.9% 10.6%	9.2%	8.3%	10.2% 12.0%	10.8% 11.4%	0.0% 9.1%	10.3%	9.7%	-31.8%
5-3 6-8	8.9%	7.2%	6.5%	2.9%	10.9%	7.6%	15.0%	9.8%	8.8%	16.7%	9.2%	9.0%	0.0%	10.5%	10.1%	-100.0%
9-11	6.7%	6.5%	7.4%	2.9%	6.7%	6.3%	5.0%	9.2%	7.5%	0.0%	9.5%	7.9%	0.0%	11.6%	9.6%	-100.0%
12-14	15.6%	24.3%	21.7%	20.0%	17.6%	18.4%	25.0%	19.0%	17.1%	25.0%	18.7%	16.5%	45.5%	22.2%	18.5%	192.2%
15-17	44.4%	39.5%	44.1%	48.6%	41.7%	46.3%	50.0%	38.2%	43.7%	33.3%	36.3%	38.2%	45.5%	30.9%	36.4%	2.3%
18-20	0.0%	0.8%	2.5%	8.6%	5.3%	7.1%	5.0%	4.3%	5.7%	0.0%	4.2%	6.3%	0.0%	5.1%	4.5%	-
Infants (age 0-1)	6.7%	5.9%	4.9%	2.9%	4.8%	3.8%	0.0%	4.9%	5.2%	0.0%	6.0%	6.5%	0.0%	7.1%	7.4%	-100.0%
Youth (age 13+)	57.8%	61.2%	64.3%	77.1%	62.5%	68.6%	70.0%	58.3%	63.5%	41.7%	56.0%	57.9%	81.8%	51.8%	55.3%	41.6%
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By Race and Ethnicity	70.00/	74.40/	25.70/	77.40/	74.00/	24.20/	CF 00/	70.00/	25.00/	CC 70/	75 70/	0.4.70/	07.00/	CO 00/	20.50/	CO 00/
Non-Hispanic White Non-Hispanic Black or African American	73.3% 26.7%	74.4% 16.0%	35.7% 45.5%	77.1% 8.6%	74.8% 14.8%	34.3% 44.2%	65.0% 15.0%	73.3% 15.5%	35.8% 43.3%	66.7% 25.0%	75.7% 12.7%	34.7% 40.4%	27.3% 45.5%	69.8% 13.2%	39.5% 40.1%	-62.8% 70.5%
Non-Hispanic Other Race	0.0%	0.8%	4.1%	0.0%	1.4%	6.7%	0.0%	1.7%	43.3%	0.0%	1.4%	7.8%	0.0%	0.3%	3.1%	70.5%
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	0.0%	4.1%	3.3%	14.3%	4.5%	3.4%	20.0%	6.6%	4.5%	8.3%	5.6%	4.9%	27.3%	8.4%	5.8%	_
Hispanic or Latino	0.0%	4.7%	11.3%	0.0%	4.5%	11.4%	0.0%	2.9%	12.2%	0.0%	4.6%	12.2%	0.0%	8.4%	11.6%	_
By Gender																
Male	62.2%	54.5%	47.6%	60.0%	53.2%	48.1%	60.0%	53.2%	50.6%	66.7%	52.1%	50.5%	45.5%	55.0%	50.3%	-26.9%
Female	37.8%	45.5%	52.4%	40.0%	46.8%	51.9%	40.0%	46.8%	49.4%	33.3%	47.9%	49.5%	54.5%	45.0%	49.7%	44.4%
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By Placement Setting at Re-Entry Family Setting	44.4%	48.8%	50.5%	28.6%	53.2%	48.5%	40.0%	53.4%	53.7%	58.3%	58.8%	58.0%	27.3%	67.2%	61.7%	-38.6%
Pre-adoptive Home	0.0%	0.0%	0.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.0%	0.3%	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.7%	-30.0 /0
Foster Family Home – Relative	6.7%	7.5%	16.5%	2.9%	9.5%	14.9%	5.0%	11.8%	20.2%	16.7%	14.1%	24.3%	9.1%	16.7%	26.3%	36.4%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	37.8%	41.3%	33.5%	25.7%	43.7%	33.3%	35.0%	41.4%	33.3%	41.7%	44.7%	33.1%	18.2%	50.5%	34.6%	-51.9%
Congregate Care Setting	55.6%	47.5%	45.3%	68.6%	41.7%	44.4%	55.0%	42.2%	40.6%	41.7%	37.0%	37.1%	72.7%	30.5%	34.0%	30.9%
Group Home	55.6%	35.4%	26.0%	62.9%	31.4%	26.7%	50.0%	33.3%	24.8%	33.3%	26.8%	22.3%	54.5%	18.6%	19.3%	-1.8%
Institution	0.0%	12.1%	19.2%	5.7%	10.4%	17.7%	5.0%	8.9%	15.9%	8.3%	10.2%	14.8%	18.2%	11.9%	14.8%	-
Supervised Independent Living	0.0%	0.0%	0.8%	2.9%	0.6%	1.6%	5.0%	0.6%	1.6%	0.0%	0.7%	1.7%	0.0%	1.0%	1.3%	-
Runaway	0.0%	1.3%	2.5%	0.0%	0.8%	4.3%	0.0%	0.9%	3.3%	0.0%	0.0%	2.4%	0.0%	0.3%	2.5%	-
Trial Home Visit	0.0%	2.3%	1.0%	0.0%	3.6%	1.2%	0.0%	2.9%	0.8%	0.0%	3.5%	0.8%	0.0%	1.0%	0.5%	-
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Source: AFCARS Report												Congreg	ate Care			

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		2012		2013				2014			2015			2016		County % Change
indicator	County	Rural-Mix	State	County	Rural-Mix	State	County	Rural-Mix	State	County	Rural-Mix	State	County	Rural-Mix	State	2012 to 2016
Percent of Children by Case Plan Goal																
Family-Based Permanency Goals	98.9%	93.7%	90.9%	97.1%	93.8%	92.8%	98.3%	94.3%	93.6%	96.2%	95.5%	95.2%	94.9%	97.0%	95.0%	-4.0%
Reunify With Parent(s) or Principal Caretaker(s)	80.3%	69.6%	69.6%	77.2%	68.9%	70.5%	77.5%	72.0%	72.6%	77.4%	71.6%	73.1%	79.7%	75.0%	69.8%	-0.7%
Adoption	7.1%	16.8%	16.6%	10.3%	17.4%	16.7%	10.0%	16.0%	16.1%	6.6%	17.6%	17.4%	7.6%	15.8%	19.5%	6.9%
Guardianship	10.4%	2.9%	3.1%	8.8%	4.4%	3.6%	8.3%	3.9%	3.1%	11.3%	3.9%	3.0%	7.6%	4.4%	4.3%	-26.8%
Live with Relative(s)	1.1%	4.4%	1.6%	0.7%	3.1%	2.1%	2.5%	2.3%	1.8%	0.9%	2.3%	1.7%	0.0%	1.8%	1.5%	-100.0%
Another Planned Permanent Living	1.1%	6.3%	9.1%	2.9%	C 20/	7 20/	1.7%	5.7%	6.4%	3.8%	4.5%	4.8%	E 40/	2.00/	5.0%	262.20/
Arrangement (APPLA)	1.1%	6.3%	9.1%	2.9%	6.2%	7.2%	1.7%	5.7%	6.4%	3.8%	4.5%	4.8%	5.1%	3.0%	5.0%	363.3%
Long Term Foster Care	0.0%	3.2%	3.2%	2.2%	2.6%	2.1%	0.8%	2.4%	1.8%	0.0%	1.7%	1.2%	0.0%	0.9%	1.0%	-
Emancipation	1.1%	3.1%	5.9%	0.7%	3.5%	5.1%	0.8%	3.3%	4.6%	3.8%	2.8%	3.6%	5.1%	2.1%	4.0%	363.3%
APPLA By Age as % of Age Group Served																
0-15	0.0%	0.9%	1.7%	0.0%	0.6%	1.1%	0.0%	0.6%	0.8%	0.0%	0.4%	0.4%	0.0%	0.1%	0.2%	-
16-20	3.6%	22.4%	28.4%	8.5%	22.7%	23.6%	5.4%	22.5%	23.1%	16.7%	20.3%	19.4%	15.4%	14.8%	21.6%	330.8%
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APPLA By Discharge Reason				/												
Exit to Permanent Arrangements	50.0%	31.1%	34.1%	50.0%	19.5%	28.9%	0.0%	10.5%	19.4%	50.0%	23.8%	23.0%	0.0%	20.3%	32.1%	-100.0%
Reunification	50.0%	25.7%	29.6%	50.0%	17.1%	22.8%	0.0%	6.6%	14.5%	50.0%	15.9%	17.6%	0.0%	16.9%	27.0%	-100.0%
(number of months until reunification)	0.3	39.9 0.0%	37.2	23.4	25.7 0.0%	27.8 0.5%	0.0	19.4	36.2 0.3%	19.1	10.1	27.5	0.0	39.9 0.0%	30.4 0.0%	-100.0%
Adoption	0.0%	0.0%	0.1% 76.0	0.0% 0.0	0.0%	41.1	0.0%	1.3% 104.2	149.3	0.0% 0.0	0.0% 0.0	0.2% 31.2	0.0% 0.0	0.0%	0.0%	-
(number of months until adoption) Guardianship	0.0%	1.4%	1.7%	0.0%	2.4%	3.4%	0.0%	1.3%	2.5%	0.0%	4.8%	1.4%	0.0%	0.0%	4.2%	-
	0.0%	8.5	35.3	0.0%	35.4	3.4%	0.0%	1.3%	2.5%	0.0%	4.8% 19.5	1.4%	0.0%	0.0%	4.2% 32.0	-
(number of month until guardianship) Live with Other Relatives	0.0%	4.1%	2.6%	0.0%	0.0%	2.2%	0.0%	1.3%	2.1%	0.0%	3.2%	3.7%	0.0%	3.4%	0.9%	-
(number of months until living with relatives)	0.0%	16.8	25.8	0.0%	0.0%	30.6	0.0%	17.1	15.9	0.0%	40.4	37.1	0.0%	39.8	39.8	-
Exit to Non-Permanent Arrangements	50.0%	68.9%	65.8%	50.0%	80.5%	70.8%	100.0%	88.2%	80.4%	50.0%	73.0%	76.4%	100.0%	79.7%	68.6%	100.0%
Emancipation	50.0%	66.2%	60.5%	50.0%	69.5%	64.2%	100.0%	85.5%	73.0%	50.0%	69.8%	71.7%	100.0%	76.3%	62.2%	100.0%
(number of months until emancipation)	68.2	50.6	40.6	54.2	36.6	33.1	1.8	29.9	33.5	32.7	37.7	34.3	38.7	36.0	30.6	-43.3%
Transfer to Another Agency	0.0%	0.0%	3.6%	0.0%	6.1%	3.6%	0.0%	1.3%	5.5%	0.0%	1.6%	2.7%	0.0%	3.4%	5.0%	-
(number of months until transfer)	0.0	0.0	51.5	0.0	59.3	46.4	0.0	1.1	13.0	0.0	28.2	40.7	0.0	52.4	27.6	_
Runaway	0.0%	2.7%	1.6%	0.0%	4.9%	3.1%	0.0%	1.3%	1.9%	0.0%	1.6%	2.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.4%	-
(number of months until running away)	0.0	8.6	8.9	0.0	24.7	26.5	0.0	13.2	16.3	0.0	7.4	23.4	0.0	0.0	14.1	-
Death of Child	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.3%	0.0%	1.3%	0.2%	0.0%	3.2%	0.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	-
(number of months until death of a child)	0.0	0.0	42.8	0.0	0.0	92.4	0.0	129.8	129.8	0.0	18.9	9.0	0.0	0.0	143.7	-
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County % Change 2012 to 2016

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FOSTER CARE - EXITS

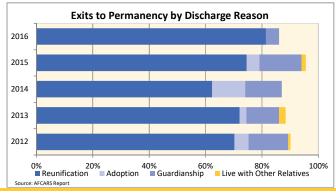
Data on foster care exits provides information on children who left foster care during the federal fiscal year, where they went when they left and how long their most recent episode of foster care was. A paramount goal of the foster care system is to ensure every child has the lifelong support of a permanent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

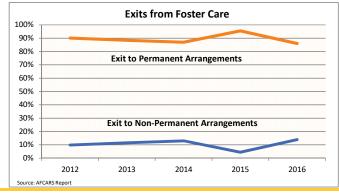
Children Exiting Foster Care

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

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	County	Rural-Mix	State	County	Rural-Mix	State	County	Rural-Mix	State	County	Rural-Mix	State	County	Rural-Mix	State
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	121	1,598	10,098	86	1,360	9,123	77	1,316	9,769	67	1,323	9,471	43	1,405	10,635
	66.1%	53.8%	45.9%	63.2%	50.1%	42.6%	63.1%	48.0%	43.4%	63.2%	47.2%	41.2%	53.1%	45.0%	43.3%
L	9.5	9.5	11.9	6.0	8.9	11.9	9.6	8.0	10.7	11.9	9.0	11.4	7.5	7.8	11.7

By Discharge Reason																
Exit to Permanent Arrangements	90.1%	92.5%	87.9%	88.4%	90.4%	89.3%	87.0%	90.1%	86.9%	95.5%	91.2%	85.0%	86.0%	92.7%	84.5%	-4.5%
Reunification	70.2%	64.5%	60.1%	72.1%	59.3%	57.3%	62.3%	60.6%	57.2%	74.6%	57.2%	54.5%	81.4%	60.1%	54.5%	15.9%
(number of months until reunification)	5.8	5.1	6.1	5.9	5.7	6.0	6.1	4.8	5.5	9.6	5.3	5.7	6.2	4.0	6.7	5.6%
Adoption	5.0%	13.7%	18.0%	2.3%	16.3%	20.2%	11.7%	15.1%	18.6%	4.5%	17.8%	18.7%	0.0%	15.6%	18.7%	-100.0%
(number of months until adoption)	50.3	31.7	27.6	35.3	28.5	26.7	25.3	31.5	27.4	27.5	29.9	28.3	0.0	27.5	28.7	-100.0%
Guardianship	14.0%	6.0%	5.4%	11.6%	5.8%	6.4%	13.0%	5.5%	6.1%	14.9%	6.4%	6.5%	4.7%	8.0%	6.6%	-66.9%
(number of month until guardianship)	26.5	22.0	20.4	21.7	20.6	21.2	22.4	22.0	20.8	17.5	18.4	21.1	9.3	17.0	19.4	-65.0%
Live with Other Relatives	0.8%	8.3%	4.4%	2.3%	8.9%	5.5%	0.0%	8.8%	5.0%	1.5%	9.7%	5.4%	0.0%	9.0%	4.7%	-100.0%
(number of months until living with relatives)	3.4	3.4	2.7	8.0	6.5	2.6	0.0	3.5	1.0	0.4	4.1	3.0	0.0	5.5	2.2	-100.0%
Exit to Non-Permanent Arrangements	9.9%	7.2%	12.0%	11.6%	9.6%	10.5%	13.0%	9.7%	13.0%	4.5%	8.6%	14.8%	14.0%	7.3%	15.4%	40.7%
Emancipation	7.4%	5.9%	8.0%	8.1%	7.6%	8.1%	5.2%	7.8%	7.7%	4.5%	7.0%	7.8%	9.3%	5.8%	6.8%	25.1%
(number of months until emancipation)	27.1	40.6	37.4	24.6	26.4	31.4	5.6	23.4	29.6	32.7	27.2	28.1	38.7	25.8	23.4	42.6%
Transfer to Another Agency	2.5%	1.1%	1.6%	3.5%	1.3%	2.0%	7.8%	1.7%	4.3%	0.0%	1.4%	5.8%	4.7%	1.3%	7.9%	87.6%
(number of months until transfer)	1.0	1.9	5.3	3.6	31.4	6.0	10.7	4.9	5.0	0.0	18.4	6.7	6.9	14.8	7.6	572.6%
Runaway	0.0%	0.3%	2.4%	0.0%	0.7%	0.5%	0.0%	0.2%	1.1%	0.0%	0.2%	1.3%	0.0%	0.2%	0.7%	-
(number of months until running away)	0.0	26.1	4.8	0.0	19.7	14.9	0.0	39.9	13.2	0.0	3.7	15.5	0.0	6.6	11.2	-
Death of Child	0.0%	0.3%	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%	0.2%	0.0%	0.2%	0.1%	0.0%	0.2%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	-
(number of months until death of a child)	0.0	7.0	4.7	0.0	11.5	11.9	0.0	45.6	30.9	0.0	42.2	4.9	0.0	0.0	13.2	-



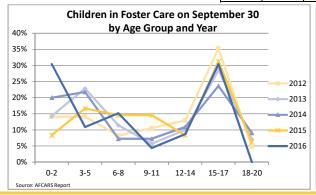


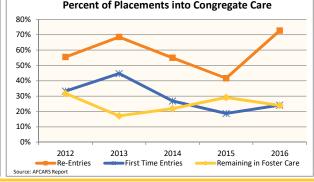
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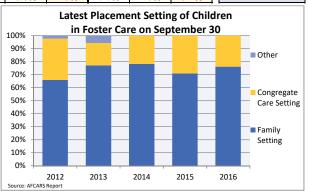
FOSTER CARE - REMAINING IN CARE

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.

ars. dicator		2012			2013			2014			2015			2016		County % Chan
uicator	County	Rural-Mix	State	County	Rural-Mix	State	County	Rural-Mix	State	County	Rural-Mix	State	County	Rural-Mix	State	2012 to 2016
nildren Remaining in Foster Care																
Children in Foster Care on Last Day	85	1,542	13,566	70	1,498	13,697	55	1,568	14,162	48	1,617	14,859	46	1,842	15,382	-45.9%
(number of months children have been in care)	10.0	11.4	13.0	11.6	12.3	13.1	11.0	12.0	12.6	6.6	10.5	12.5	9.1	10.2	13.2	-9.5%
By Age										1						
0-2	14.1%	21.1%	19.5%	14.3%	22.8%	19.9%	20.0%	21.7%	20.0%	8.3%	23.4%	21.0%	30.4%	26.7%	21.3%	115.6%
3-5	14.1%	16.5%	15.3%	22.9%	16.6%	15.6%	21.8%	16.8%	16.7%	16.7%	15.8%	16.7%	10.9%	16.6%	17.0%	-23.0%
6-8	8.2%	11.5%	10.9%	11.4%	13.1%	11.6%	7.3%	13.3%	12.4%	14.6%	11.6%	12.9%	15.2%	11.7%	13.2%	84.8%
9-11	10.6%	8.9%	9.2%	5.7%	8.0%	9.1%	7.3%	11.0%	9.6%	14.6%	10.6%	10.7%	4.3%	10.2%	11.6%	-58.9%
12-14	12.9%	12.6%	12.4%	10.0%	11.3%	11.7%	10.9%	11.2%	11.5%	8.3%	13.2%	11.7%	8.7%	11.5%	12.0%	-32.8%
15-17	35.3%	24.0%	23.4%	28.6%	23.1%	22.6%	23.6%	21.1%	21.1%	31.3%	20.6%	20.2%	30.4%	19.9%	19.6%	-13.8%
18-20	4.7%	5.4%	9.4%	7.1%	5.0%	9.5%	9.1%	4.9%	8.4%	6.3%	4.7%	6.8%	0.0%	3.5%	5.3%	-100.0%
Infants (age 0-1)	10.6%	14.7%	13.2%	10.0%	14.4%	12.7%	7.3%	14.7%	13.2%	4.2%	16.9%	13.9%	19.6%	18.4%	13.8%	84.8%
Youth (age 13+)	49.4%	38.7%	41.9%	42.9%	36.6%	40.7%	41.8%	34.2%	37.8%	41.7%	34.4%	35.2%	39.1%	32.1%	33.5%	-20.8%
By Race and Ethnicity																
Non-Hispanic White	65.9%	75.7%	40.9%	68.6%	74.8%	38.7%	85.5%	74.9%	40.1%	83.3%	75.8%	37.9%	69.6%	75.1%	41.0%	5.6%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	32.9%	14.2%	37.5%	15.7%	13.9%	37.1%	7.3%	13.0%	38.3%	14.6%	11.2%	36.9%	10.9%	9.9%	37.0%	-67.0%
Non-Hispanic Other Race	0.0%	1.4%	6.0%	1.4%	1.5%	7.8%	1.8%	1.2%	3.9%	0.0%	1.2%	6.0%	0.0%	0.8%	2.9%	-
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	0.0%	2.8%	3.3%	12.9%	4.1%	3.7%	3.6%	4.6%	4.7%	2.1%	6.3%	4.9%	19.6%	7.6%	5.5%	-
Hispanic or Latino	1.2%	5.9%	12.2%	1.4%	5.7%	12.7%	1.8%	6.3%	13.0%	0.0%	5.5%	14.3%	0.0%	6.7%	13.6%	-100.0%
By Gender																
Male	54.1%	53.1%	50.8%	57.1%	52.7%	50.7%	60.0%	54.0%	50.9%	62.5%	54.1%	51.3%	47.8%	53.9%	51.2%	-11.6%
Female	45.9%	46.9%	49.2%	42.9%	47.3%	49.3%	40.0%	46.0%	49.1%	37.5%	45.9%	48.7%	52.2%	46.1%	48.8%	13.7%
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By Latest Placement Setting Family Setting	65.9%	78.5%	76.1%	77.1%	80.6%	76.8%	78.2%	80.5%	79.0%	70.8%	78.6%	80.6%	76.1%	82.6%	82.5%	15.5%
Pre-adoptive Home	0.0%	1.4%	3.0%	1.4%	1.5%	3.2%	3.6%	1.9%	3.9%	0.0%	1.3%	3.2%	0.0%	1.9%	5.3%	-
Foster Family Home – Relative	11.8%	19.1%	25.2%	17.1%	19.4%	25.7%	18.2%	22.1%	30.0%	29.2%	23.9%	32.8%	19.6%	25.2%	35.1%	66.3%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	54.1%	58.0%	47.9%	58.6%	59.7%	47.9%	56.4%	56.6%	45.1%	41.7%	53.4%	44.5%	56.5%	55.5%	42.1%	4.4%
Congregate Care Setting	31.8%	17.0%	19.2%	17.1%	15.0%	18.7%	21.8%	16.1%	17.3%	29.2%	17.3%	16.0%	23.9%	14.8%	14.7%	-24.7%
Group Home	28.2%	11.0%	11.0%	15.7%	9.2%	10.8%	20.0%	9.8%	10.6%	25.0%	10.3%	9.0%	17.4%	8.7%	8.4%	-38.4%
Institution	3.5%	6.0%	8.2%	1.4%	5.7%	7.8%	1.8%	6.3%	6.7%	4.2%	7.0%	7.0%	6.5%	6.1%	6.3%	84.8%
Supervised Independent Living	2.4%	0.5%	1.9%	5.7%	0.8%	2.1%	0.0%	0.4%	1.7%	0.0%	0.8%	1.4%	0.0%	0.6%	1.3%	-100.0%
Runaway	0.0%	0.5%	1.8%	0.0%	0.4%	1.4%	0.0%	0.3%	1.1%	0.0%	0.1%	1.1%	0.0%	0.1%	0.7%	-
Trial Home Visit	0.0%	3.6%	1.1%	0.0%	3.2%	1.0%	0.0%	2.7%	0.8%	0.0%	3.3%	1.0%	0.0%	1.9%	0.7%	-
Children in Foster Care on Septe	mber 30			Pe	rcent of P	lacemer	nts into C	ongregat	e Care			Latest	Placemo	ent Settin	g of Child	Iren







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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	Rural-Mix	State												
39.7%	37.2%	36.9%	65.9%	38.4%	34.1%	50.0%	37.5%	32.7%	55.6%	35.6%	32.8%	19.5%	30.2%	33.6%

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.

Ī		2012			2013			2014			2015			2016		(County % Change
	County	Rural-Mix	State		2012 to 2016												
0	56.5%	53.7%	44.6%	66.7%	50.9%	41.3%	70.3%	45.9%	39.7%	47.4%	49.5%	39.0%	42.1%	42.6%	36.0%		-25.5%

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	Rural-Mix	State												
27.7%	23.1%	26.3%	38.0%	20.4%	26.4%	39.0%	21.0%	26.9%	16.7%	17.7%	24.1%	18.8%	20.0%	24.8%

County % Change 2012 to 2016 -32.3%

County % Change

2012 to 2016

-50.9%



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