## **Berks (Urban-Mix)**

### **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		2014			2015			2016			2017			2018		County % Change
indicator	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	2014 to 2018
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)	1,054 10.7	6,632 11.9	29,273	1,275 13.0	8,771 15.7	40,590 14.5	1,450 14.8	9,593	44,359 15.9	1,383 14.1	9,982	47,485 17.0	1,290 13.1	9,598 17.2	44,063 15.8	22.4%
Child Abuse and Neglect Substantiations Founded or indicated reports of child abuse and/or neglect.	12.5%	11.6%	11.4%	10.4%	10.0%	10.4%	10.2%	9.8%	10.4%	9.0%	9.3%	10.2%	11.4%	10.6%	11.6%	-9.0%
Repeated Child Abuse and Neglect Children with another substantiated incident of abuse and/or neglect following the first reported incident. (Data may be overstated.)	3.8% 1 in 26	7.7% 1 in 13	7.2% 1 in 14	4.5% 1 in 22	5.8% 1 in 17	6.5% 1 in 15	4.1% 1 in 25	5.5% 1 in 18	5.7% 1 in 18	4.8% 1 in 21	6.1% 1 in 16	5.6% 1 in 18	4.8% 1 in 21	5.9% 1 in 17	5.2% 1 in 19	25.7%
1,600 1,400 1,200 2,000 800 800 600	2015		Percent		2018	40% - 35% - 30% support state		1,600 1,400 1,200 800 400 200 0	2014 County	se Report	5 County 20		peated C	hild Abus	40% 35% 30% 25% 10% 20% 10% 25% 10% 20% 20% 20% 20% 20% 20% 20% 20% 20% 2	

### **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.

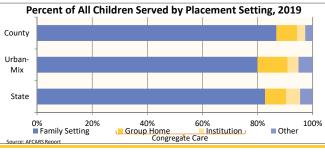
Indicator		2014			2015			2016			2017			2018		County % Change
indicator	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	2014 to 2018
GPS Reports  Total reported concerns of general neglect, not alleging child abuse.	-	-	-	5,094	30,179	131,953	5,323	34,422	151,087	5,555	36,280	163,852	5,619	38,204	169,723	-
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.	-	-	-	13.0%	15.9%	0	13.4%	20.1%	20.9%	12.6%	23.0%	22.8%	12.3%	22.5%	23.6%	-
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.	-	-	-	875	6,479	32,364	1,009	9,551	43,702	1,025	12,092	53,319	995	13,466	58,982	-
		2015			2016			2017		ī	2018			2019		County % Change
	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	2015 to 2019
Unduplicated Number of Children Served Children who received in-home services along with parents to address concerns related to child safety and well-being.	3,506	35,135		3,524	38,771	190,413	,	38,791	186,855		42,267	194,761	,	38,717	187,280	-3.1%

# **Berks (Urban-Mix)**

### **FOSTER CARE - SERVED**

Foster care is meant to be a temporary intervention to assure the safety and well-being of a child. A child who spends long periods in foster care is more likely than other children to drop out of school, have mental health challenges, and experience unemployment and/or homeless as an adult. The following shows the past five years of data regarding children served in foster care during each federal fiscal year.

Indicator		2015			2016			2017			2018			2019		County % Char
	County	Urban-Mix	State	2015 to 2019												
Unduplicated Number of Children Served																
All Children in Foster Care During the Year	991	4,024	22,980	979	4,141	24,543	1,014	4,312	25,381	957	4,264	25,441	ND	3,986	24,665	-
(Rate per 1,000 children age 0-20)	8.4	5.8	6.8	8.3	6.0	7.3	8.6	6.3	7.5	8.1	6.2	7.5	6.5	5.8	7.3	
By Age							l			l						
0-2	26.4%	20.9%	19.9%	27.2%	21.9%	20.2%	25.1%	22.3%	20.3%	25.7%	22.1%	20.2%	26.6%	21.3%	20.2%	0.5%
3-5	16.6%	17.4%	17.1%	18.7%	17.2%	17.0%	19.1%	17.2%	17.4%	19.9%	18.0%	17.9%	20.0%	18.4%	17.8%	20.1%
6-8	13.2%	13.4%	12.9%	13.3%	13.1%	13.0%	14.2%	13.1%	13.3%	14.0%	12.7%	13.4%	14.2%	13.2%	13.8%	7.4%
9-11	9.4%	9.7%	10.0%	10.8%	10.7%	11.0%	12.6%	11.5%	11.4%	13.3%	11.5%	11.8%	11.9%	10.6%	11.7%	26.5%
12-14	8.8%	11.0%	11.4%	8.9%	10.9%	11.2%	9.5%	10.1%	11.6%	9.3%	10.8%	11.8%	9.7%	11.9%	12.3%	10.2%
15-17	18.8%	20.5%	20.4%	13.7%	18.9%	19.6%	13.3%	18.5%	18.6%	13.0%	18.0%	18.7%	13.0%	18.2%	18.5%	-30.6%
18-20	6.8%	7.0%	8.3%	7.5%	7.2%	7.9%	6.1%	7.3%	7.4%	4.9%	6.8%	6.3%	4.6%	6.4%	5.6%	-31.3%
Infants (age 0-1)	17.9%	13.5%	12.8%	18.7%	14.4%	12.8%	16.4%	14.4%	12.7%	16.8%	14.3%	12.7%	17.9%	13.9%	12.9%	0.4%
Youth (age 13+)	31.0%	35.2%	36.7%	27.3%	34.1%	35.5%	25.9%	33.0%	34.0%	24.1%	31.9%	33.1%	23.6%	32.6%	32.6%	-23.8%
By Race and Ethnicity							I			I						
Non-Hispanic White	33.1%	56.0%	40.9%	33.9%	57.5%	42.5%	37.6%	57.1%	42.9%	38.9%	56.2%	43.7%	39.5%	55.6%	43.7%	19.3%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	14.6%	15.1%	34.6%	13.1%	12.8%	35.3%	12.0%	12.8%	34.9%	9.0%	12.5%	33.9%	11.0%	12.4%	33.0%	-25.0%
Non-Hispanic Other Race	6.4%	3.0%	5.9%	5.1%	2.8%	3.3%	4.3%	2.4%	2.9%	2.0%	2.2%	2.3%	0.0%	2.1%	2.6%	-100.0%
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	0.0%	7.9%	5.3%	0.0%	8.4%	5.4%	0.0%	8.8%	6.2%	3.8%	11.2%	7.1%	5.3%	13.1%	7.7%	-
Hispanic or Latino	45.9%	18.0%	13.4%	47.9%	18.4%	13.4%	46.1%	18.9%	13.2%	46.4%	18.0%	13.0%	44.3%	16.8%	12.9%	-3.6%
By Gender							l			l						
Male	46.9%	50.8%	51.0%	47.8%	51.6%	51.2%	48.5%	51.7%	51.0%	48.6%	50.6%	50.8%	50.8%	51.4%	50.8%	8.3%
Female	53.1%	49.2%	49.0%	52.2%	48.4%	48.8%	51.5%	48.3%	49.0%	51.4%	49.4%	49.2%	49.2%	48.6%	49.2%	-7.4%
By Latest Placement Setting Family Setting	80.7%	77.1%	77.1%	82.9%	78.0%	79.0%	82.9%	78.6%	80.5%	85.0%	79.8%	81.6%	86.8%	80.0%	82.7%	7.6%
Pre-adoptive Home	0.2%	1.8%	3.1%	0.1%	1.1%	4.5%	0.3%	0.8%	4.0%	0.0%	0.9%	4.5%	0.0%	0.9%	3.8%	-100.0%
Foster Family Home – Relative	19.3%	25.0%	31.5%	22.6%	29.4%	34.1%	23.3%	32.7%	36.4%	25.1%	33.3%	37.1%	24.0%	31.6%	38.7%	24.5%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	61.3%	50.3%	42.5%	60.3%	47.5%	40.5%	59.4%	45.1%	40.1%	59.9%	45.7%	40.1%	62.8%	47.4%	40.3%	2.6%
Congregate Care Setting	16.8%	18.5%	17.1%	14.7%	17.0%	15.8%	14.6%	16.3%	14.9%	12.6%	15.2%	14.0%	10.5%	14.9%	12.7%	-37.6%
Group Home	12.4%	13.4%	10.5%	10.0%	11.9%	9.1%	11.3%	11.7%	8.8%	9.8%	11.4%	8.5%	7.5%	10.9%	7.7%	-39.7%
Institution	4.3%	5.1%	6.6%	4.7%	5.1%	6.8%	3.3%	4.6%	6.1%	2.8%	3.8%	5.6%	3.0%	3.9%	5.0%	-31.6%
Supervised Independent Living	0.0%	1.3%	1.7%	0.0%	1.4%	1.6%	0.2%	1.9%	1.5%	0.3%	2.2%	1.5%	0.1%	2.6%	1.6%	-51.076
Runaway	1.4%	0.8%	1.7%	1.3%	0.7%	1.4%	1.0%	0.4%	1.4%	0.3%	0.4%	1.4%	1.4%	0.4%	1.4%	0.5%
Trial Home Visit	1.1%	2.3%	2.9%	1.0%	3.0%	2.2%	1.3%	2.8%	1.7%	1.1%	2.4%	1.4%	1.2%	2.2%	1.5%	4.6%
Children Entering Footer Core				1			ı			ı						
Children Entering Foster Care	1												I			
All Entries into Foster Care During the Year	410	1.858	10,387	366	1.867	10,567	358	1,860	10,781	301	1.704	10.095	ND	1,521	9.448	



# **Berks (Urban-Mix)**

### **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	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	2015 to 2019
Children Entering for the First Time							,			,			,			
First Time Entries During the Year	338	1,462	7,843	304	1,514	8,082	319	1,530	8,438	266	1,394	7,626	ND	1,243	7,266	
(Rate per 1,000 children age 0-20)	2.9	2.1	2.3	2.6	2.2	2.4	2.7	2.2	2.5	2.2	2.0	2.3	1.4	1.8	2.2	-
First Time Entries as Percent of All Entries	82.4%	78.7%	75.5%	83.1%	81.1%	76.5%	89.1%	82.3%	78.3%	88.4%	81.8%	75.5%	94.3%	81.7%	76.9%	14.3%
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By Age 0-2	38.2%	31.1%	32.7%	44.1%	35.0%	33.3%	36.1%	34.0%	33.2%	46.2%	35.9%	34.4%	54.3%	34.4%	35.1%	42.2%
3-5	16.3%	15.7%	14.6%	16.1%	14.9%	14.7%	18.5%	16.3%	15.3%	18.4%	17.1%	15.4%	17.7%	15.8%	14.8%	8.7%
6-8	13.6%	13.6%	11.9%	13.8%	11.8%	12.5%	12.5%	12.4%	11.9%	11.3%	11.1%	11.5%	11.0%	12.1%	11.8%	-19.4%
9-11	9.8%	9.8%	9.8%	6.6%	8.7%	9.6%	12.2%	10.9%	10.1%	9.0%	9.3%	10.3%	6.1%	9.8%	10.7%	-37.5%
12-14	8.9%	13.1%	13.4%	11.2%	13.5%	12.6%	11.0%	10.8%	13.1%	7.9%	11.1%	12.8%	6.7%	13.5%	12.9%	-24.4%
15-17	13.3%	16.6%	17.4%	8.2%	16.1%	17.2%	9.7%	15.6%	16.3%	7.1%	15.5%	15.6%	4.3%	14.2%	14.5%	-67.9%
18-20	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	-
Infants (age 0-1)	31.1%	24.6%	26.2%	36.8%	28.0%	26.3%	30.4%	27.3%	26.5%	40.6%	29.5%	28.0%	45.1%	28.3%	29.1%	45.2%
Youth (age 13+)	19.8%	26.1%	27.5%	17.4%	26.5%	26.6%	15.7%	23.3%	26.0%	12.0%	23.2%	24.7%	6.1%	19.0%	19.5%	-69.2%
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By Race and Ethnicity  Non-Hispanic White	36.1%	55.7%	42.7%	35.5%	61.7%	49.4%	41.4%	57.7%	47.6%	46.2%	57.3%	48.3%	33.5%	56.3%	47.6%	-7.1%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	14.2%	13.6%	29.1%	9.5%	10.2%	28.6%	12.5%	13.1%	29.7%	6.8%	13.0%	29.3%	17.1%	11.9%	28.4%	20.2%
Non-Hispanic Other Race	8.6%	3.9%	8.7%	5.3%	3.2%	4.1%	2.8%	2.1%	3.4%	1.9%	3.3%	2.7%	0.0%	3.1%	3.7%	-100.0%
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	0.0%	9.6%	5.6%	0.0%	8.1%	5.4%	0.0%	8.6%	6.3%	2.6%	11.9%	7.7%	7.9%	13.0%	7.7%	-
Hispanic or Latino	45.6%	16.6%	13.4%	49.7%	16.8%	12.6%	43.3%	18.6%	13.0%	42.5%	14.5%	12.0%	41.5%	15.8%	12.6%	-9.0%
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By Gender																
_ Male	49.7%	51.2%	50.8%	48.4%	52.2%	50.8%	48.6%	51.7%	51.0%	50.8%	48.9%	50.7%	47.6%	50.8%	50.8%	-4.3%
Female	50.3%	48.8%	49.2%	51.6%	47.8%	49.2%	51.4%	48.3%	49.0%	49.2%	51.1%	49.3%	52.4%	49.2%	49.2%	4.3%
By First Reported Placement Setting																
Family Setting	86.7%	81.8%	80.9%	87.2%	81.1%	82.3%	86.2%	84.2%	83.6%	88.0%	84.1%	83.8%	95.7%	85.4%	85.7%	10.4%
Pre-adoptive Home	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%	0.2%	0.0%	0.1%	0.3%	0.0%	0.1%	0.2%	0.0%	0.2%	0.4%	-
Foster Family Home – Relative	18.3%	26.8%	33.6%	20.4%	34.5%	37.5%	22.3%	36.5%	39.1%	27.8%	36.5%	39.9%	26.2%	34.8%	41.6%	42.9%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	68.3%	55.0%	47.2%	66.8%	46.5%	44.6%	63.9%	47.6%	44.2%	60.2%	47.4%	43.7%	69.5%	50.4%	43.7%	1.7%
Congregate Care Setting	13.0%	17.3%	17.0%	12.2%	17.1%	15.9%	12.2%	14.9%	15.0%	9.8%	14.6%	14.3%	3.7%	13.5%	12.7%	-71.9%
Group Home	11.2%	13.3%	10.7%	8.9%	11.9%	9.7%	10.0%	10.7%	9.1%	6.4%	12.3%	9.4%	3.0%	11.5%	8.5%	-72.9%
Institution	1.8%	4.0%	6.3%	3.3%	5.2%	6.2%	2.2%	4.2%	5.9%	3.4%	2.3%	4.9%	0.6%	2.0%	4.2%	-65.7%
Supervised Independent Living	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.0%	0.1%	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.0%	0.3%	0.2%	-
Runaway Trial Home Visit	0.0% 0.3%	0.0% 0.9%	0.4% 1.5%	0.3% 0.3%	0.3% 1.4%	0.6% 1.0%	0.3% 1.3%	0.1% 0.8%	0.5% 0.8%	0.0% 2.3%	0.0% 1.4%	0.7% 1.1%	0.0% 0.6%	0.1% 0.7%	0.8% 0.6%	- 106.1%
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# **Berks (Urban-Mix)**

### **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		State	County		State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County		State	2015 to 2019
Children Re-Entering Foster Care	County	OI Dail-Wilk	Jiaie	County	Ol Dall-Wilk	State	County	OI Dall-Wilk	State	County	OI Dail-Wilk	State	County	OI Dall-Wilk	State	2010 to 2013
Re-Entries During the Y	ear 72	396	2,544	62	353	2,485	39	330	2,343	35	310	2,469	ND	278	2,182	
Re-Entries as Percent of All Ent		21.3%	24.5%	16.9%	18.9%	23.5%	10.9%	17.7%	2,343	11.6%	18.2%	2,469	5.7%	18.3%	23.1%	- -67.3%
Re-Entities as Fercent of All Ent	17.0%	21.376	24.5%	10.9%	10.9%	23.5%	10.9%	17.770	21.770	11.0%	10.2%	24.5%	5.7%	10.3%	23.1%	-07.3%
By Age				1			1			1			1			
by Age	2 13.9%	11.9%	10.8%	19.4%	10.5%	11.2%	7.7%	8.2%	11.4%	22.9%	10.0%	10.8%	20.0%	17.6%	11.9%	44.0%
3		13.9%	11.4%	11.3%	9.6%	9.7%	12.8%	10.0%	11.1%	14.3%	10.6%	12.6%	10.0%	13.3%	12.7%	-20.0%
6		9.1%	9.0%	9.7%	11.0%	10.1%	2.6%	9.4%	11.7%	17.1%	8.1%	12.1%	0.0%	13.7%	11.9%	-100.0%
9-		8.8%	7.9%	12.9%	8.8%	9.6%	7.7%	10.6%	10.6%	2.9%	10.0%	11.5%	10.0%	9.0%	10.4%	44.0%
12-		11.9%	16.5%	16.1%	15.6%	18.5%	20.5%	14.8%	17.2%	8.6%	17.7%	17.7%	10.0%	14.4%	18.7%	20.0%
15-		36.1%	38.2%	27.4%	38.0%	36.4%	35.9%	36.4%	33.4%	22.9%	35.8%	31.2%	50.0%	24.8%	31.1%	33.3%
18-2		8.3%	6.3%	3.2%	6.5%	4.5%	12.8%	10.6%	4.7%	11.4%	7.7%	4.2%	0.0%	7.2%	3.3%	-100.0%
Infants (age 0-		7.6%	6.5%	12.9%	5.9%	7.4%	0.0%	4.5%	6.6%	14.3%	5.8%	6.4%	20.0%	10.4%	6.9%	188.0%
Youth (age 13		53.5%	57.9%	41.9%	57.5%	55.3%	69.2%	59.7%	51.1%	40.0%	57.7%	48.6%	60.0%	42.8%	48.7%	8.0%
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By Race and Ethnicity				Ī									1			
Non-Hispanic Whi	e 30.6%	54.3%	34.7%	38.7%	56.7%	39.5%	33.3%	58.5%	40.6%	20.0%	51.6%	39.6%	20.0%	49.6%	40.6%	-34.5%
Non-Hispanic Black or African America		18.7%	40.4%	19.4%	19.5%	40.1%	17.9%	15.2%	39.4%	31.4%	17.1%	40.5%	0.0%	16.9%	37.7%	-100.0%
Non-Hispanic Other Rad		1.8%	7.8%	1.6%	1.1%	3.1%	2.6%	0.9%	1.7%	2.9%	2.9%	1.8%	0.0%	1.4%	1.5%	-100.0%
Non-Hispanic Two or More Race		7.3%	4.9%	0.0%	8.8%	5.8%	0.0%	10.3%	6.3%	8.6%	14.5%	7.1%	20.0%	19.8%	8.6%	-
Hispanic or Latir		17.9%	12.2%	40.3%	13.9%	11.6%	46.2%	15.2%	11.9%	37.1%	13.9%	11.1%	60.0%	12.2%	11.5%	8.0%
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Ma	e 52.8%	51.3%	50.5%	51.6%	48.7%	50.3%	38.5%	52.4%	49.6%	45.7%	47.7%	49.1%	90.0%	57.9%	51.2%	70.5%
Fema	e 47.2%	48.7%	49.5%	48.4%	51.3%	49.7%	61.5%	47.6%	50.4%	54.3%	52.3%	50.9%	10.0%	42.1%	48.8%	-78.8%
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By Placement Setting at Re-Entry																
Family Sett	ng 65.3%	60.4%	58.0%	66.1%	53.5%	61.7%	46.2%	54.8%	63.9%	80.0%	56.8%	66.7%	60.0%	67.6%	68.5%	-8.1%
Pre-adoptive Hon	e 0.0%	0.0%	0.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.6%	-
Foster Family Home – Relativ	e 22.2%	17.2%	24.3%	9.7%	19.3%	26.3%	15.4%	24.5%	30.7%	5.7%	20.0%	28.3%	10.0%	21.2%	32.5%	-55.0%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relativ	e 43.1%	43.2%	33.1%	56.5%	34.3%	34.6%	30.8%	30.3%	32.6%	74.3%	36.8%	37.9%	50.0%	46.4%	35.3%	16.1%
Congregate Care Sett	ng 31.9%	36.1%	37.1%	32.3%	42.8%	34.0%	51.3%	37.0%	31.2%	17.1%	38.1%	28.0%	30.0%	26.6%	25.8%	-6.1%
Group Hon	e 26.4%	27.8%	22.3%	27.4%	32.3%	19.3%	43.6%	29.7%	19.9%	11.4%	32.3%	18.4%	20.0%	23.0%	16.6%	-24.2%
Institution	n 5.6%	8.3%	14.8%	4.8%	10.5%	14.8%	7.7%	7.3%	11.3%	5.7%	5.8%	9.6%	10.0%	3.6%	9.2%	80.0%
Supervised Independent Liv	ng 0.0%	2.3%	1.7%	0.0%	2.0%	1.3%	0.0%	5.8%	1.8%	0.0%	3.9%	1.8%	0.0%	4.7%	1.6%	-
Runav	ay 2.8%	0.8%	2.4%	1.6%	1.4%	2.5%	2.6%	1.5%	2.5%	2.9%	1.0%	2.7%	10.0%	0.4%	3.6%	260.0%
Trial Home V	sit 0.0%	0.5%	0.8%	0.0%	0.3%	0.5%	0.0%	0.9%	0.7%	0.0%	0.3%	0.8%	0.0%	0.7%	0.6%	-
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# **Berks (Urban-Mix)**

2019

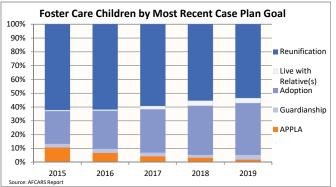
### **FOSTER CARE - GOALS**

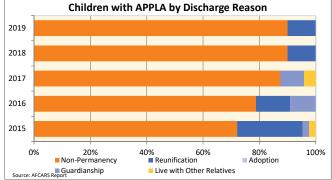
All children in foster care have a court-ordered permanency goal, which directs the efforts of the child welfare agency toward a certain family outcome for each child. In addition to the court-ordered 'primary' goal, a 'concurrent' goal is put in place to ensure permanency is achieved if for some reason 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.

2017

2016

Indicator		2015			2016			2017			2018			2019		County % Change
indicator	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	2015 to 2019
Percent of Children by Case Plan Goal																
Family-Based Permanency Goals	89.2%	92.7%	95.2%	93.1%	94.1%	95.0%	95.6%	95.2%	94.0%	96.7%	95.9%	95.1%	98.1%	95.8%	95.5%	9.9%
Reunify With Parent(s) or Principal Caretaker(s)	62.0%	68.6%	73.1%	61.7%	67.4%	69.8%	59.2%	67.3%	66.7%	55.3%	64.9%	65.3%	53.4%	62.9%	63.7%	-14.0%
Adoption	23.7%	19.6%	17.4%	27.5%	21.5%	19.5%	31.3%	21.8%	21.2%	35.5%	24.9%	23.6%	37.6%	26.0%	24.5%	58.9%
Guardianship	2.7%	1.8%	3.0%	3.0%	3.5%	4.3%	2.7%	3.5%	4.8%	2.1%	3.6%	5.1%	3.4%	5.0%	5.9%	22.5%
Live with Relative(s)	0.8%	2.8%	1.7%	0.9%	1.7%	1.5%	2.5%	2.6%	1.3%	3.8%	2.5%	1.2%	3.7%	1.9%	1.5%	361.3%
Another Planned Permanent Living	40.00/	7.00/	4.00/	C 00/	F 00/	F 00/	4 40/	4.00/	C 00/	2.20/	4.40/	4.00/	4.00/	4.00/	4.50/	00.00/
Arrangement (APPLA)	10.8%	7.3%	4.8%	6.9%	5.9%	5.0%	4.4%	4.8%	6.0%	3.3%	4.1%	4.9%	1.9%	4.2%	4.5%	-82.0%
Long Term Foster Care	4.8%	3.7%	1.2%	6.6%	3.5%	1.0%	3.1%	2.7%	0.7%	1.3%	2.0%	0.6%	0.4%	0.3%	0.1%	-91.9%
Emancipation	6.0%	3.6%	3.6%	0.3%	2.4%	4.0%	1.4%	2.1%	5.3%	2.1%	2.1%	4.3%	1.6%	3.9%	4.4%	-74.1%
APPLA By Age as % of Age Group Served																
0-15	1.4%	1.2%	0.4%	0.0%	0.8%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	1.0%	0.2%	0.2%	1.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%	-89.3%
16-20	46.1%	35.4%	19.4%	41.4%	29.6%	21.6%	29.1%	22.8%	25.1%	29.1%	22.8%	25.1%	13.0%	4.1%	23.5%	-71.9%
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APPLA By Discharge Reason																
Exit to Permanent Arrangements	27.9%	24.3%	23.0%	21.2%	10.3%	32.1%	12.5%	11.6%	22.7%	10.0%	10.4%	19.5%	10.0%	6.7%	16.4%	-64.2%
Reunification	23.3%	20.6%	17.6%	12.1%	6.9%	27.0%	0.0%	7.4%	17.3%	10.0%	10.4%	16.9%	10.0%	4.8%	15.0%	-57.0%
(number of months until reunification)	27.5	43.5	27.5	32.8	25.2	30.4	0.0	20.4	11.8	48.8	25.9	18.6	19.2	26.4	19.2	-30.4%
Adoption	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-
(number of months until adoption)	0.0	0.0	31.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-
Guardianship	2.3%	0.7%	1.4%	9.1%	2.6%	4.2%	8.3%	1.7%	4.9%	0.0%	0.0%	2.3%	0.0%	1.9%	1.3%	-100.0%
(number of month until guardianship)	11.7	11.7	18.0	30.3	30.3	32.0	32.2	32.2	23.6	0.0	0.0	25.6	0.0	18.0	23.8	-100.0%
Live with Other Relatives	2.3%	2.9%	3.7%	0.0%	0.9%	0.9%	4.2%	2.5%	0.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	-100.0%
(number of months until living with relatives)	52.6	55.1	37.1	0.0	47.0	39.8	36.6	24.1	21.4	0.0	0.0	32.9	0.0	0.0	49.6	-100.0%
Exit to Non-Permanent Arrangements	72.1%	75.0%	76.4%	78.8%	89.7%	68.6%	87.5%	87.6%	76.8%	90.0%	89.6%	80.5%	90.0%	93.3%	83.5%	24.8%
Emancipation	72.1%	74.3%	71.7%	72.7%	83.6%	62.2%	83.3%	85.1%	66.7%	85.0%	86.5%	72.1%	90.0%	90.4%	74.3%	24.8%
(number of months until emancipation)	43.2	35.1	34.3	28.0	40.1	30.6	41.2	19.8	26.2	40.7	36.2	27.6	36.1	25.7	30.7	-16.4%
Transfer to Another Agency	0.0%	0.7%	2.7%	6.1%	4.3%	5.0%	0.0%	1.7%	8.2%	0.0%	2.1%	5.3%	0.0%	2.9%	7.1%	-
(number of months until transfer)	0.0	3.0	40.7	36.8	31.0	27.6	0.0	43.7	3.7	0.0	33.9	19.4	0.0	73.4	17.9	•
Runaway	0.0%	0.0%	2.0%	0.0%	1.7%	1.4%	4.2%	0.8%	1.9%	5.0%	1.0%	3.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.1%	-
(number of months until running away)	0.0	0.0	23.4	0.0	81.3	14.1	57.0	57.0	32.0	2.4	2.4	22.4	0.0	0.0	26.9	-
Death of Child	0.0%	0.7%	0.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.0%	0.8%	0.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	-
(number of months until death of a child)	0.0	1.1	9.0	0.0	0.0	143.7	0.0	54.0	62.6	0.0	0.0	62.6	0.0	0.0	5.7	-
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### **Berks (Urban-Mix)**

#### **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.

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### **Children Exiting Foster Care**

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

	2015			2016			2017			2018			2019	
County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State
379	1,749	9,471	338	1,707	10,635	354	1,733	10,276	370	1,838	10,694	ND	1,618	10,801
38.2%	43.5%	41.2%	34.5%	41.2%	43.3%	34.9%	40.2%	40.5%	38.7%	43.1%	42.0%	35.1%	40.6%	43.8%
15.2	12.4	11.4	18.9	13.2	11.7	18.2	13.2	11.9	23.9	15.9	13.0	23.0	16.9	15.9

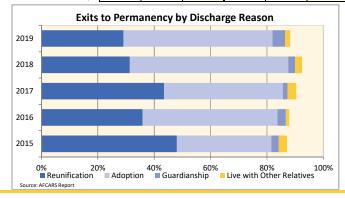
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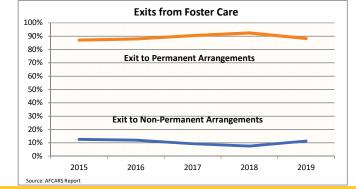
1.3% -39.5% 135.6% 58.0% 18.8% 67.2% 1.4% -36.7% 180.0% -10.0% -20.0% 318.0% 483.6%

By Discharge Reason																
Exit to Permanent Arrangements	87.1%	89.8%	85.0%	87.9%	89.1%	84.5%	90.4%	89.5%	87.2%	92.4%	90.5%	88.6%	88.2%	84.5%	86.6%	
Reunification	48.0%	54.7%	54.5%	35.8%	50.1%	54.5%	43.5%	52.6%	55.1%	31.4%	43.5%	52.5%	29.0%	42.1%	49.8%	
(number of months until reunification)	6.2	7.1	5.7	5.3	7.3	6.7	7.1	7.5	6.6	7.6	8.1	6.4	14.6	8.0	7.4	
Adoption	33.5%	25.4%	18.7%	47.9%	29.5%	18.7%	42.1%	27.4%	20.2%	56.2%	36.9%	23.9%	52.9%	32.8%	25.2%	
(number of months until adoption)	22.9	24.4	28.3	22.4	27.2	28.7	25.9	23.5	29.2	26.5	27.6	30.5	27.2	26.0	31.0	
Guardianship	2.6%	5.7%	6.5%	3.0%	5.5%	6.6%	1.7%	4.4%	6.7%	2.4%	5.8%	7.5%	4.4%	6.8%	7.6%	
(number of month until guardianship)	26.3	18.8	21.1	26.9	19.2	19.4	17.4	16.3	20.1	33.4	17.9	19.4	26.7	26.3	22.8	
Live with Other Relatives	2.9%	4.0%	5.4%	1.2%	3.9%	4.7%	3.1%	5.1%	5.1%	2.4%	4.3%	4.6%	1.8%	2.8%	4.1%	
(number of months until living with relatives)	1.0	11.0	3.0	1.6	9.1	2.2	2.3	8.4	2.2	2.3	9.0	2.1	2.8	4.7	2.5	
Exit to Non-Permanent Arrangements	12.7%	10.0%	14.8%	12.1%	10.8%	15.4%	9.3%	10.3%	12.7%	7.6%	9.3%	11.4%	11.4%	15.3%	13.2%	
Emancipation	12.4%	9.0%	7.8%	10.9%	8.5%	6.8%	8.8%	8.9%	7.9%	6.8%	7.1%	7.3%	9.9%	14.1%	9.3%	
(number of months until emancipation)	32.5	28.6	28.1	26.8	26.1	23.4	32.6	20.5	22.0	32.0	25.3	23.7	36.1	21.7	26.2	
Transfer to Another Agency	0.3%	1.0%	5.8%	1.2%	2.1%	7.9%	0.3%	1.3%	4.3%	0.5%	2.1%	3.5%	1.1%	1.1%	3.5%	
(number of months until transfer)	1.8	6.6	6.7	14.9	14.4	7.6	2.9	12.0	6.9	9.1	10.0	7.9	10.5	21.5	5.5	
Runaway	0.0%	0.0%	1.3%	0.0%	0.2%	0.7%	0.3%	0.1%	0.5%	0.3%	0.1%	0.6%	0.4%	0.2%	0.5%	
(number of months until running away)	0.0	0.0	15.5	0.0	51.9	11.2	57.0	37.9	19.4	2.4	8.2	14.0	14.6	11.3	14.1	
Death of Child	0.3%	0.2%	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.3%	0.2%	0.1%	0.0%	0.2%	0.1%	0.4%	0.2%	0.1%	
(number of months until death of a child)	2.5	2.5	4.9	0.0	6.1	13.2	0.2	19.3	18.8	0.0	14.2	5.5	5.6	6.8	12.6	



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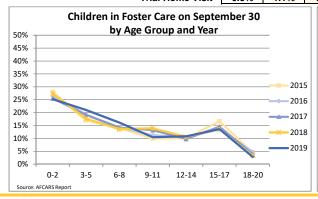


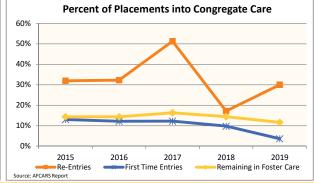
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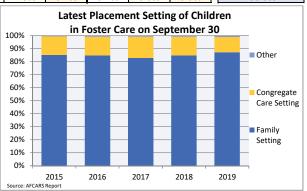
#### **FOSTER CARE - REMAINING IN CARE**

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.

dicator	_	2015			2016			2017			2018			2019		County % Chan
iicatoi	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	County	Urban-Mix	State	2015 to 2019
ildren Remaining in Foster Care																
Children in Foster Care on Last Day	642	2,443	14,859	668	2,586	15,382	674	2,710	16,381	604	2,574	16,074	ND	2,466	15,082	-
(number of months children have been in care)	12.4	11.6	12.5	13.1	12.5	13.2	15.1	12.2	13.4	15.5	12.4	14.2	20.0	12.4	14.0	61.7%
By Age							1			1			1			
0-2	28.0%	21.9%	21.0%	26.5%	22.8%	21.3%	25.5%	22.6%	21.5%	27.3%	22.8%	21.0%	25.2%	22.3%	21.6%	-10.1%
3-5	17.0%	16.8%	16.7%	19.2%	17.2%	17.0%	19.1%	17.5%	17.5%	17.7%	17.6%	17.5%	21.1%	18.9%	17.7%	24.1%
6-8	14.0%	13.9%	12.9%	14.4%	12.7%	13.2%	14.1%	13.2%	13.7%	13.6%	11.9%	13.6%	16.1%	13.3%	13.8%	15.1%
9-11	10.0%	10.5%	10.7%	11.2%	10.6%	11.6%	13.2%	12.3%	11.8%	13.9%	11.4%	12.2%	10.4%	11.0%	12.1%	4.7%
12-14	10.0%	11.9%	11.7%	10.3%	11.7%	12.0%	9.8%	10.4%	12.1%	10.6%	11.7%	12.3%	10.8%	13.7%	13.3%	8.6%
15-17	16.7%	19.6%	20.2%	13.6%	19.7%	19.6%	14.5%	18.7%	18.2%	13.6%	18.8%	18.3%	13.6%	18.2%	17.7%	-18.5%
18-20	4.4%	5.4%	6.8%	4.8%	5.2%	5.3%	3.7%	5.2%	5.3%	3.3%	5.8%	5.2%	2.8%	2.7%	3.8%	-36.8%
Infants (age 0-1)	19.3%	14.6%	13.9%	19.0%	15.5%	13.8%	16.9%	14.8%	13.8%	18.4%	15.3%	13.7%	17.3%	14.9%	14.4%	-10.3%
Youth (age 13+)	27.3%	33.3%	35.2%	25.9%	33.8%	33.5%	25.1%	31.3%	31.9%	24.5%	32.6%	31.9%	27.2%	34.5%	34.8%	-0.3%
By Race and Ethnicity																
Non-Hispanic White	32.2%	54.6%	37.9%	35.3%	56.1%	41.0%	37.2%	56.7%	42.1%	41.4%	56.3%	42.2%	38.6%	53.8%	42.3%	19.7%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	14.3%	14.5%	36.9%	11.8%	13.0%	37.0%	11.9%	13.0%	35.8%	8.6%	12.3%	35.4%	12.6%	12.6%	34.4%	-12.1%
Non-Hispanic Other Race	6.2%	3.2%	6.0%	5.8%	3.3%	2.9%	3.7%	2.3%	2.7%	1.5%	2.4%	2.3%	0.0%	2.7%	2.6%	-100.0%
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	0.0%	7.9%	4.9%	0.0%	8.4%	5.5%	0.0%	8.7%	6.1%	4.0%	11.7%	7.1%	4.7%	13.3%	7.8%	-
Hispanic or Latino	47.2%	19.7%	14.3%	47.0%	19.3%	13.6%	47.2%	19.4%	13.2%	44.5%	17.3%	13.0%	44.1%	17.6%	13.0%	-6.6%
By Gender																
Male	47.8%	51.2%	51.3%	48.8%	51.9%	51.2%	48.1%	51.9%	51.2%	51.2%	51.1%	50.9%	51.6%	52.6%	50.6%	7.9%
Female	52.2%	48.8%	48.7%	51.2%	48.1%	48.8%	51.9%	48.1%	48.8%	48.8%	48.9%	49.1%	48.4%	47.4%	49.4%	-7.2%
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By Latest Placement Setting Family Setting	85.0%	80.4%	80.6%	84.7%	79.9%	82.5%	82.8%	80.8%	83.4%	84.8%	79.5%	84.0%	87.2%	82.4%	85.1%	2.5%
Pre-adoptive Home	0.2%	1.0%	3.2%	0.0%	0.6%	5.3%	0.4%	0.6%	4.1%	0.0%	0.6%	4.0%	0.0%	0.7%	3.2%	-100.0%
Foster Family Home – Relative	21.7%	25.5%	32.8%	20.8%	30.1%	35.1%	24.5%	33.8%	37.9%	23.2%	31.5%	37.8%	20.3%	30.6%	39.4%	-6.4%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	63.2%	53.9%	44.5%	63.9%	49.2%	42.1%	57.9%	46.4%	41.4%	61.6%	47.3%	42.2%	66.9%	51.1%	42.5%	5.8%
Congregate Care Setting	14.3%	17.0%	16.0%	14.4%	16.9%	14.7%	16.3%	15.9%	13.7%	14.4%	16.9%	13.2%	11.6%	14.9%	11.9%	-19.0%
Group Home	10.0%	11.7%	9.0%	8.7%	11.7%	8.4%	13.2%	12.0%	8.2%	11.1%	12.8%	7.9%	7.9%	10.1%	7.0%	-21.0%
Institution	4.4%	5.3%	7.0%	5.7%	5.2%	6.3%	3.1%	3.9%	5.5%	3.3%	4.2%	5.3%	3.7%	4.7%	4.9%	-14.2%
Supervised Independent Living	0.0%	1.3%	1.4%	0.0%	1.3%	1.3%	0.3%	1.9%	1.5%	0.2%	2.3%	1.5%	0.0%	1.6%	1.3%	-
Runaway	0.3%	0.2%	1.1%	0.9%	0.4%	0.7%	0.6%	0.2%	0.8%	0.7%	0.3%	0.9%	1.0%	0.3%	1.2%	215.9%
Trial Home Visit	0.3%	1.1%	1.0%	0.0%	1.5%	0.7%	0.0%	1.1%	0.6%	0.0%	1.0%	0.4%	0.2%	0.8%	0.5%	-36.8%
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### **Berks (Urban-Mix)**

#### **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.

	2015			2016			2017			2018			2019	
County	Urban-Mix	State												
30.3%	33.3%	32.8%	24.6%	30.2%	33.6%	24.9%	30.6%	32.2%	28.5%	29.9%	31.2%	28.8%	31.9%	31.1%

### **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.

	2015			2016			2017			2018			2019		
	County	Urban-Mix	State												
0	22.3%	37.9%	39.0%	24.4%	37.9%	36.0%	21.8%	36.4%	39.2%	21.6%	32.0%	37.4%	21.1%	32.6%	38.7%

### **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.

2015			2016			2017			2018			2019		
County	Urban-Mix	State												
21.6%	26.2%	24.1%	19.8%	20.7%	24.8%	29.0%	21.8%	23.0%	12.3%	16.8%	21.4%	14.5%	19.3%	22.3%



**County % Change** 

2015 to 2019

-5.1%

County % Change

2015 to 2019

-5.3%



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