## 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 2014 to 2018
	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	
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)	857 6.9	15,108 9.4	29,273 10.5	1,066 8.6	20,971 13.0	40,590 14.5	1,132 9.1	22,768 14.1	44,359 15.9	1,286 10.4	24,938 15.4	47,485 17.0	1,189 9.6	22,694 14.1	44,063 15.8	38.7%
Child Abuse and Neglect Substantiations Founded or indicated reports of child abuse and/or neglect.	7.8%	10.6%	11.4%	5.2%	9.8%	10.4%	7.1%	9.7%	10.4%	6.8%	10.0%	10.2%	9.8%	11.3%	11.6%	24.8%
Repeated Child Abuse and Neglect Children with another substantiated incident of abuse and/or neglect following the first reported incident. (Data may be overstated.)	9.0% 1 in 11	6.9% 1 in 14	7.2% 1 in 14	7.3% 1 in 14	5.5% 1 in 18	6.5% 1 in 15	0.0% 0	4.7% 1 in 21	5.7% 1 in 18	2.3% 1 in 44	5.1% 1 in 20	5.6% 1 in 18	3.4% 1 in 29	4.3% 1 in 23	5.2% 1 in 19	-61.5%

Child Abuse Reports and Percent Substantiated
Source: Annual Child Protective Services Report

Child Abuse Reports and Percent Repeated Child Abuse
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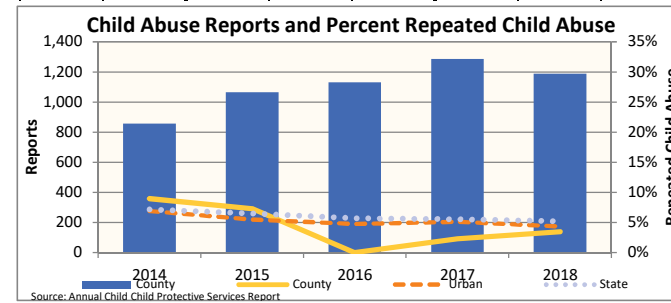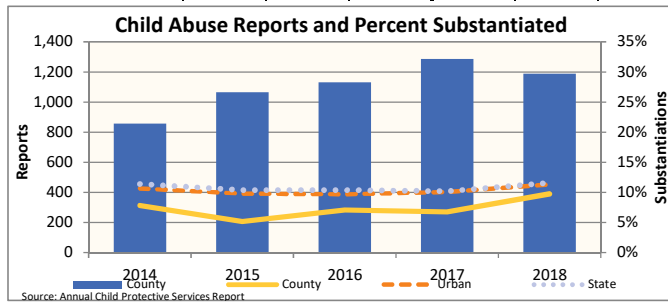
GENERAL PROTECTIVE SERVICES (GPS)

Reports not alleging abuse of a child are categorized as general protective services (GPS) reports. Addressing concerns related to child safety and well-being before allegations of child abuse or severe neglect are made enables children to remain safely in their own homes while services are provided to the family to mitigate the risk of potential maltreatment.

Indicator	2014			2015			2016			2017			2018			County % Change 2014 to 2018
	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	
GPS Reports Total reported concerns of general neglect, not alleging child abuse.	-	-	-	2,441	63,101	131,953	2,692	73,444	151,087	3,082	82,225	163,852	3,200	83,841	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.	-	-	-	11.9%	17.8%	0	11.7%	18.9%	20.9%	14.3%	20.0%	22.8%	15.0%	21.5%	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.	-	-	-	413	14,913	32,364	445	19,147	43,702	633	23,056	53,319	690	25,614	58,982	-

	2015			2016			2017			2018			2019			County % Change 2015 to 2019
	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	
Unduplicated Number of Children Served Children who received in-home services along with parents to address concerns related to child safety and well-being.	1,996	88,106	181,371	2,267	90,893	190,413	2,313	81,260	186,855	2,503	84,995	194,761	2,589	83,710	187,280	29.7%

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 % Change 2015 to 2019
	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	
Unduplicated Number of Children Served																
All Children in Foster Care During the Year	219	14,577	22,980	207	15,584	24,543	198	15,999	25,381	173	15,712	25,441	ND	15,298	24,665	-
(Rate per 1,000 children age 0-20)	1.5	7.5	6.8	1.4	8.0	7.3	1.4	8.3	7.5	1.2	8.1	7.5	0.9	7.9	7.3	
By Age																
0-2	13.2%	19.1%	19.9%	13.0%	18.8%	20.2%	10.6%	19.1%	20.3%	10.4%	19.2%	20.2%	14.7%	19.7%	20.2%	11.2%
3-5	15.1%	17.2%	17.1%	13.5%	17.1%	17.0%	13.6%	17.4%	17.4%	17.3%	17.6%	17.9%	12.4%	17.4%	17.8%	-17.7%
6-8	11.9%	12.9%	12.9%	11.1%	13.3%	13.0%	11.6%	13.6%	13.3%	9.2%	13.5%	13.4%	13.2%	13.9%	13.8%	11.0%
9-11	8.2%	10.3%	10.0%	8.7%	11.3%	11.0%	8.1%	11.7%	11.4%	11.6%	12.1%	11.8%	11.6%	12.1%	11.7%	41.5%
12-14	13.2%	11.2%	11.4%	13.0%	11.2%	11.2%	13.1%	11.9%	11.6%	13.9%	12.0%	11.8%	10.1%	12.4%	12.3%	-23.9%
15-17	28.3%	19.9%	20.4%	33.8%	19.2%	19.6%	29.8%	18.3%	18.6%	26.6%	18.7%	18.7%	24.0%	18.4%	18.5%	-15.1%
18-20	10.0%	9.3%	8.3%	6.8%	9.1%	7.9%	13.1%	8.0%	7.4%	11.0%	6.8%	6.3%	14.0%	6.0%	5.6%	38.9%
Infants (age 0-1)	8.2%	12.0%	12.8%	8.2%	11.5%	12.8%	6.1%	11.8%	12.7%	5.8%	11.9%	12.7%	11.6%	12.5%	12.9%	41.5%
Youth (age 13+)	47.9%	37.1%	36.7%	49.8%	36.2%	35.5%	52.0%	34.6%	34.0%	49.7%	33.8%	33.1%	42.6%	33.0%	32.6%	-11.1%
By Race and Ethnicity																
Non-Hispanic White	44.3%	25.5%	40.9%	44.0%	27.1%	42.5%	47.0%	28.0%	42.9%	43.4%	28.2%	43.7%	40.3%	28.0%	43.7%	-9.0%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	23.7%	47.6%	34.6%	20.3%	49.8%	35.3%	18.2%	49.2%	34.9%	17.3%	48.9%	33.9%	20.2%	47.8%	33.0%	-15.1%
Non-Hispanic Other Race	1.8%	8.0%	5.9%	2.9%	4.2%	3.3%	0.0%	3.5%	2.9%	0.0%	2.6%	2.3%	1.6%	3.1%	2.6%	-15.1%
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	8.2%	4.3%	5.3%	7.2%	4.3%	5.4%	10.6%	5.5%	6.2%	13.3%	6.1%	7.1%	16.3%	6.7%	7.7%	98.1%
Hispanic or Latino	21.9%	14.7%	13.4%	25.6%	14.6%	13.4%	24.2%	13.9%	13.2%	26.0%	14.2%	13.0%	21.7%	14.4%	12.9%	-1.0%
By Gender																
Male	46.1%	50.4%	51.0%	45.4%	50.3%	51.2%	46.5%	50.1%	51.0%	49.7%	50.3%	50.8%	48.1%	50.0%	50.8%	4.2%
Female	53.9%	49.6%	49.0%	54.6%	49.7%	48.8%	53.5%	49.9%	49.0%	50.3%	49.7%	49.2%	51.9%	50.0%	49.2%	-3.6%
By Latest Placement Setting																
Family Setting	**64.8%**	**78.1%**	**77.1%**	**63.3%**	**79.9%**	**79.0%**	**64.6%**	**81.7%**	**80.5%**	**69.4%**	**82.6%**	**81.6%**	**77.5%**	**84.1%**	**82.7%**	**19.6%**
Pre-adoptive Home	0.0%	3.6%	3.1%	0.0%	6.0%	4.5%	0.0%	5.5%	4.0%	0.0%	6.4%	4.5%	0.0%	5.3%	3.8%	-
Foster Family Home – Relative	16.4%	35.8%	31.5%	18.8%	37.7%	34.1%	15.7%	40.0%	36.4%	16.8%	40.9%	37.1%	18.6%	43.2%	38.7%	13.2%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	48.4%	38.7%	42.5%	44.4%	36.2%	40.5%	49.0%	36.2%	40.1%	52.6%	35.3%	40.1%	58.9%	35.6%	40.3%	21.7%
Congregate Care Setting	**29.7%**	**16.4%**	**17.1%**	**29.5%**	**15.2%**	**15.8%**	**25.3%**	**14.0%**	**14.9%**	**21.4%**	**13.2%**	**14.0%**	**16.3%**	**11.4%**	**12.7%**	**-45.2%**
Group Home	11.4%	9.1%	10.5%	4.8%	7.5%	9.1%	2.5%	7.2%	8.8%	1.2%	7.0%	8.5%	3.1%	6.1%	7.7%	-72.8%
Institution	18.3%	7.4%	6.6%	24.6%	7.7%	6.8%	22.7%	6.8%	6.1%	20.2%	6.2%	5.6%	13.2%	5.2%	5.0%	-27.8%
Supervised Independent Living	**3.2%**	**2.0%**	**1.7%**	**6.3%**	**1.9%**	**1.6%**	**10.1%**	**1.7%**	**1.5%**	**8.7%**	**1.7%**	**1.5%**	**6.2%**	**1.7%**	**1.6%**	**94.0%**
Runaway	**0.5%**	**1.7%**	**1.3%**	**0.5%**	**1.9%**	**1.4%**	**0.0%**	**1.9%**	**1.4%**	**0.6%**	**2.0%**	**1.4%**	**0.0%**	**2.1%**	**1.4%**	**-100.0%**
Trial Home Visit	**1.8%**	**1.9%**	**2.9%**	**0.5%**	**1.1%**	**2.2%**	**0.0%**	**0.7%**	**1.7%**	**0.0%**	**0.5%**	**1.4%**	**0.0%**	**0.7%**	**1.5%**	**-100.0%**
Children Entering Foster Care																
All Entries into Foster Care During the Year	77	6,327	10,387	90	6,153	10,567	71	6,387	10,781	71	5,854	10,095	ND	5,537	9,448	-

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Percent of All Children Served by Placement Setting, 2019

Legend: Family Setting, Group Home, Institution, Congregate Care, Other

Source: AFCARS Report
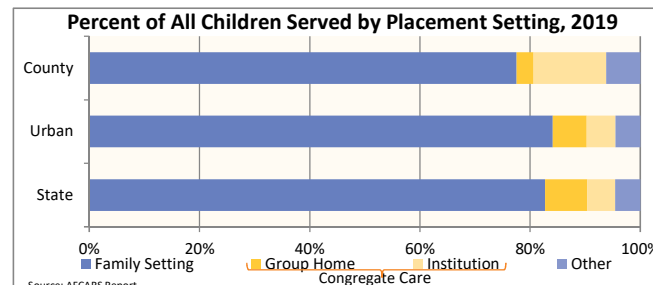
FOSTER CARE - FIRST TIME ENTRIES

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	2015			2016			2017			2018			2019			County % Change 2015 to 2019
	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	
Children Entering for the First Time																
First Time Entries During the Year	66	4,638	7,843	67	4,556	8,082	51	4,874	8,438	44	4,227	7,626	ND	4,133	7,266	-
(Rate per 1,000 children age 0-20)	0.5	2.4	2.3	0.5	2.4	2.4	0.4	2.5	2.5	0.3	2.2	2.3	0.2	2.1	2.2	
First Time Entries as Percent of All Entries	85.7%	73.3%	75.5%	74.4%	74.0%	76.5%	71.8%	76.3%	78.3%	62.0%	72.2%	75.5%	75.0%	74.6%	76.9%	-12.5%
By Age																
0-2	28.8%	33.2%	32.7%	25.4%	32.5%	33.3%	13.7%	33.4%	33.2%	25.0%	35.2%	34.4%	33.3%	36.0%	35.1%	15.8%
3-5	9.1%	14.3%	14.6%	10.4%	14.6%	14.7%	11.8%	14.6%	15.3%	13.6%	14.3%	15.4%	16.7%	14.3%	14.8%	83.3%
6-8	12.1%	12.0%	11.9%	11.9%	12.8%	12.5%	9.8%	12.1%	11.9%	9.1%	11.4%	11.5%	19.4%	11.8%	11.8%	60.4%
9-11	9.1%	10.2%	9.8%	7.5%	10.1%	9.6%	5.9%	10.0%	10.1%	9.1%	10.8%	10.3%	8.3%	11.2%	10.7%	-8.3%
12-14	18.2%	12.7%	13.4%	13.4%	12.7%	12.6%	21.6%	13.4%	13.1%	18.2%	12.9%	12.8%	11.1%	12.5%	12.9%	-38.9%
15-17	22.7%	17.4%	17.4%	31.3%	17.1%	17.2%	37.3%	16.3%	16.3%	25.0%	15.5%	15.6%	11.1%	14.2%	14.5%	-51.1%
18-20	0.0%	0.2%	0.1%	0.0%	0.2%	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-
Infants (age 0-1)	27.3%	26.5%	26.2%	17.9%	25.5%	26.3%	7.8%	26.9%	26.5%	22.7%	29.1%	28.0%	30.6%	30.2%	29.1%	12.0%
Youth (age 13+)	39.4%	26.8%	27.5%	38.8%	26.4%	26.6%	54.9%	26.1%	26.0%	40.9%	24.6%	24.7%	16.7%	18.8%	19.5%	-57.7%
By Race and Ethnicity																
Non-Hispanic White	53.0%	25.6%	42.7%	43.3%	32.0%	49.4%	49.0%	32.2%	47.6%	50.0%	30.8%	48.3%	38.9%	30.0%	47.6%	-26.7%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	18.2%	41.5%	29.1%	16.4%	44.2%	28.6%	19.6%	43.3%	29.7%	25.0%	44.9%	29.3%	22.2%	43.5%	28.4%	22.2%
Non-Hispanic Other Race	1.5%	12.8%	8.7%	4.5%	5.5%	4.1%	0.0%	4.3%	3.4%	0.0%	2.9%	2.7%	5.6%	4.4%	3.7%	266.7%
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	7.6%	3.8%	5.6%	11.9%	4.2%	5.4%	5.9%	5.8%	6.3%	13.6%	6.7%	7.7%	19.4%	7.2%	7.7%	156.7%
Hispanic or Latino	22.7%	15.1%	13.4%	23.9%	14.1%	12.6%	25.5%	14.4%	13.0%	11.4%	14.7%	12.0%	13.9%	14.9%	12.6%	-38.9%
By Gender																
Male	45.5%	49.9%	50.8%	44.8%	49.3%	50.8%	41.2%	50.1%	51.0%	56.8%	51.0%	50.7%	41.7%	50.4%	50.8%	-8.3%
Female	54.5%	50.1%	49.2%	55.2%	50.7%	49.2%	58.8%	49.9%	49.0%	43.2%	49.0%	49.3%	58.3%	49.6%	49.2%	6.9%
By First Reported Placement Setting																
Family Setting	**68.2%**	**82.1%**	**80.9%**	**65.7%**	**82.8%**	**82.3%**	**56.9%**	**83.7%**	**83.6%**	**68.2%**	**84.4%**	**83.8%**	**88.9%**	**87.1%**	**85.7%**	**30.4%**
Pre-adoptive Home	0.0%	0.2%	0.1%	0.0%	0.3%	0.2%	0.0%	0.3%	0.3%	0.0%	0.3%	0.2%	0.0%	0.6%	0.4%	-
Foster Family Home – Relative	16.7%	38.6%	33.6%	16.4%	41.8%	37.5%	7.8%	42.8%	39.1%	15.9%	44.1%	39.9%	13.9%	46.9%	41.6%	-16.7%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	51.5%	43.4%	47.2%	49.3%	40.7%	44.6%	49.0%	40.6%	44.2%	52.3%	40.0%	43.7%	75.0%	39.7%	43.7%	45.6%
Congregate Care Setting	**31.8%**	**16.0%**	**17.0%**	**32.8%**	**15.6%**	**15.9%**	**43.1%**	**14.6%**	**15.0%**	**31.8%**	**13.5%**	**14.3%**	**11.1%**	**11.0%**	**12.7%**	**-65.1%**
Group Home	7.6%	8.7%	10.7%	6.0%	8.3%	9.7%	3.9%	7.7%	9.1%	0.0%	7.6%	9.4%	0.0%	6.6%	8.5%	-100.0%
Institution	24.2%	7.3%	6.3%	26.9%	7.3%	6.2%	39.2%	6.9%	5.9%	31.8%	6.0%	4.9%	11.1%	4.4%	4.2%	-54.2%
Supervised Independent Living	**0.0%**	**0.2%**	**0.2%**	**1.5%**	**0.3%**	**0.2%**	**0.0%**	**0.4%**	**0.2%**	**0.0%**	**0.3%**	**0.2%**	**0.0%**	**0.2%**	**0.2%**	**-**
Runaway	**0.0%**	**0.7%**	**0.4%**	**0.0%**	**0.8%**	**0.6%**	**0.0%**	**0.8%**	**0.5%**	**0.0%**	**1.1%**	**0.7%**	**0.0%**	**1.3%**	**0.8%**	**-**
Trial Home Visit	**0.0%**	**0.9%**	**1.5%**	**0.0%**	**0.5%**	**1.0%**	**0.0%**	**0.5%**	**0.8%**	**0.0%**	**0.7%**	**1.1%**	**0.0%**	**0.4%**	**0.6%**	**-**

ND = No data; count suppressed

Children Entering Foster Care

Re-Entries

First Time Entries (including percent)

| 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 |
| 86% | 74% | 72% | 62% | 75% |

Source: AFCARS Report

First Time Entries into Foster Care by Age Group and Year of Entry

2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019

Source: AFCARS Report
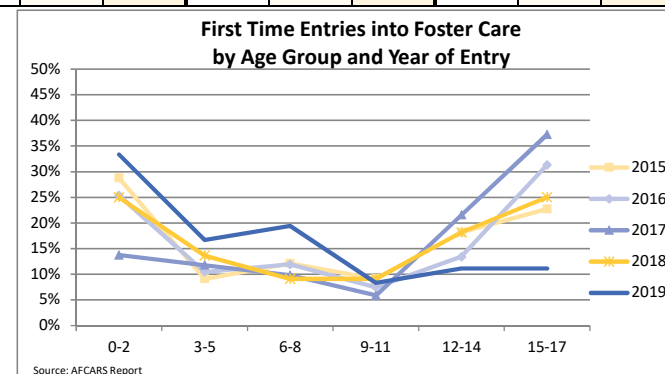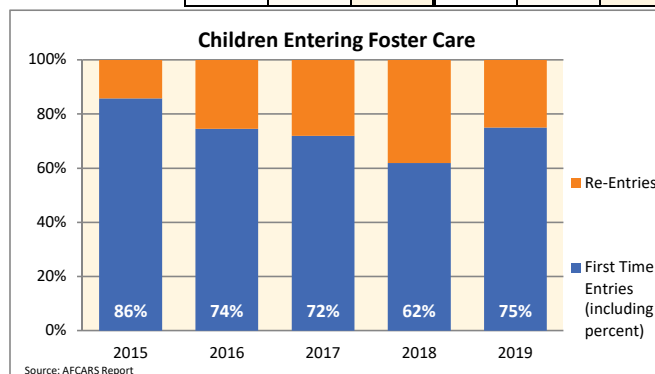
FOSTER CARE - RE-ENTRIES

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	2015			2016			2017			2018			2019			County % Change 2015 to 2019
	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	
Children Re-Entering Foster Care																
Re-Entries During the Year	11	1,689	2,544	23	1,597	2,485	20	1,513	2,343	27	1,627	2,469	ND	1,404	2,182	-
Re-Entries as Percent of All Entries	14.3%	26.7%	24.5%	25.6%	26.0%	23.5%	28.2%	23.7%	21.7%	38.0%	27.8%	24.5%	25.0%	25.4%	23.1%	75.0%
By Age																
0-2	0.0%	10.7%	10.8%	4.3%	12.0%	11.2%	15.0%	11.3%	11.4%	7.4%	11.2%	10.8%	16.7%	11.5%	11.9%	-
3-5	18.2%	10.2%	11.4%	4.3%	9.4%	9.7%	5.0%	10.4%	11.1%	0.0%	12.2%	12.6%	25.0%	11.3%	12.7%	37.5%
6-8	0.0%	9.0%	9.0%	0.0%	9.8%	10.1%	5.0%	11.6%	11.7%	3.7%	12.3%	12.1%	8.3%	10.9%	11.9%	-
9-11	0.0%	7.7%	7.9%	0.0%	9.1%	9.6%	5.0%	10.8%	10.6%	0.0%	11.9%	11.5%	0.0%	10.2%	10.4%	-
12-14	0.0%	17.1%	16.5%	21.7%	18.8%	18.5%	15.0%	18.4%	17.2%	18.5%	18.3%	17.7%	25.0%	18.8%	18.7%	-
15-17	54.5%	39.0%	38.2%	65.2%	36.7%	36.4%	40.0%	33.6%	33.4%	59.3%	30.4%	31.2%	25.0%	34.0%	31.1%	-54.2%
18-20	27.3%	6.4%	6.3%	4.3%	4.2%	4.5%	15.0%	3.8%	4.7%	11.1%	3.8%	4.2%	0.0%	3.3%	3.3%	-100.0%
Infants (age 0-1)	0.0%	6.5%	6.5%	4.3%	8.0%	7.4%	10.0%	6.5%	6.6%	7.4%	6.6%	6.4%	8.3%	6.8%	6.9%	-
Youth (age 13+)	81.8%	59.6%	57.9%	87.0%	55.5%	55.3%	65.0%	51.4%	51.1%	85.2%	47.9%	48.6%	41.7%	51.4%	48.7%	-49.1%
By Race and Ethnicity																
Non-Hispanic White	54.5%	17.8%	34.7%	43.5%	23.0%	39.5%	45.0%	24.5%	40.6%	48.1%	23.9%	39.6%	33.3%	24.5%	40.6%	-38.9%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	36.4%	54.0%	40.4%	17.4%	54.9%	40.1%	20.0%	55.3%	39.4%	14.8%	56.1%	40.5%	41.7%	52.9%	37.7%	14.6%
Non-Hispanic Other Race	0.0%	10.8%	7.8%	0.0%	4.4%	3.1%	0.0%	2.0%	1.7%	0.0%	1.7%	1.8%	0.0%	1.7%	1.5%	-
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	0.0%	4.1%	4.9%	0.0%	4.7%	5.8%	0.0%	5.7%	6.3%	3.7%	5.8%	7.1%	8.3%	6.9%	8.6%	-
Hispanic or Latino	9.1%	13.2%	12.2%	39.1%	13.0%	11.6%	35.0%	12.6%	11.9%	33.3%	12.5%	11.1%	16.7%	14.0%	11.5%	83.3%
By Gender																
Male	45.5%	49.3%	50.5%	39.1%	48.8%	50.3%	40.0%	46.8%	49.6%	40.7%	48.4%	49.1%	50.0%	49.4%	51.2%	10.0%
Female	54.5%	50.7%	49.5%	60.9%	51.2%	49.7%	60.0%	53.2%	50.4%	59.3%	51.6%	50.9%	50.0%	50.6%	48.8%	-8.3%
By Placement Setting at Re-Entry																
Family Setting	**18.2%**	**57.3%**	**58.0%**	**26.1%**	**62.9%**	**61.7%**	**35.0%**	**65.5%**	**63.9%**	**33.3%**	**68.1%**	**66.7%**	**75.0%**	**68.6%**	**68.5%**	**312.5%**
Pre-adoptive Home	0.0%	0.9%	0.6%	0.0%	1.1%	0.7%	0.0%	0.9%	0.6%	0.0%	0.7%	0.4%	0.0%	1.0%	0.6%	-
Foster Family Home – Relative	0.0%	28.7%	24.3%	0.0%	31.1%	26.3%	20.0%	34.7%	30.7%	11.1%	32.7%	28.3%	41.7%	36.5%	32.5%	-
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	18.2%	27.7%	33.1%	26.1%	30.7%	34.6%	15.0%	29.9%	32.6%	22.2%	34.8%	37.9%	33.3%	31.1%	35.3%	83.3%
Congregate Care Setting	**63.6%**	**37.0%**	**37.1%**	**69.6%**	**32.0%**	**34.0%**	**45.0%**	**29.4%**	**31.2%**	**55.6%**	**26.0%**	**28.0%**	**25.0%**	**24.9%**	**25.8%**	**-60.7%**
Group Home	18.2%	19.2%	22.3%	13.0%	15.5%	19.3%	5.0%	15.9%	19.9%	7.4%	14.9%	18.4%	0.0%	14.2%	16.6%	-100.0%
Institution	45.5%	17.8%	14.8%	56.5%	16.5%	14.8%	40.0%	13.5%	11.3%	48.1%	11.1%	9.6%	25.0%	10.7%	9.2%	-45.0%
Supervised Independent Living	**18.2%**	**2.0%**	**1.7%**	**4.3%**	**1.3%**	**1.3%**	**20.0%**	**1.2%**	**1.8%**	**11.1%**	**1.7%**	**1.8%**	**0.0%**	**1.1%**	**1.6%**	**-100.0%**
Runaway	**0.0%**	**3.4%**	**2.4%**	**0.0%**	**3.5%**	**2.5%**	**0.0%**	**3.5%**	**2.5%**	**0.0%**	**3.8%**	**2.7%**	**0.0%**	**5.1%**	**3.6%**	**-**
Trial Home Visit	**0.0%**	**0.3%**	**0.8%**	**0.0%**	**0.3%**	**0.5%**	**0.0%**	**0.4%**	**0.7%**	**0.0%**	**0.4%**	**0.8%**	**0.0%**	**0.3%**	**0.6%**	**-**

ND = No data; count suppressed

Re-Entries into Foster Care by Age Group and Year of Re-Entry

Source: AFCARS Report

Percent of Children by Placement Setting at Re-Entry to Foster Care, 2019

Source: AFCARS Report
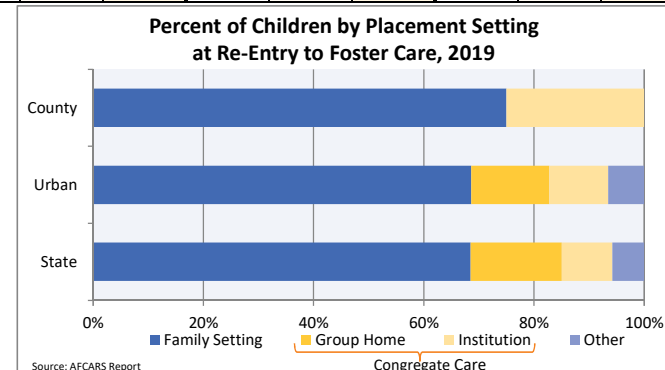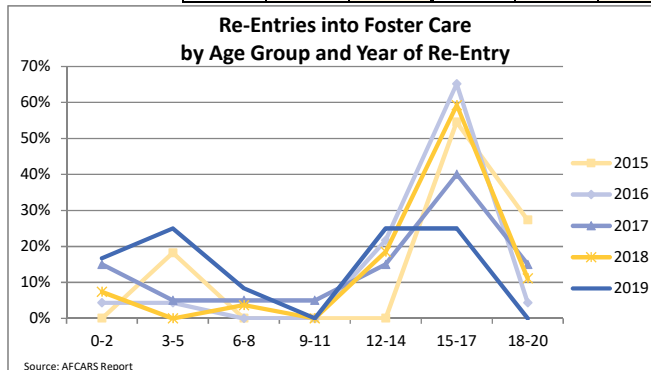
FOSTER CARE - GOALS

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	2015			2016			2017			2018			2019			County % Change 2015 to 2019
	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	
Percent of Children by Case Plan Goal																
Family-Based Permanency Goals	**96.8%**	**95.6%**	**95.2%**	**97.6%**	**94.6%**	**95.0%**	**96.5%**	**92.5%**	**94.0%**	**96.0%**	**93.9%**	**95.1%**	**96.1%**	**94.5%**	**95.5%**	**-0.7%**
Reunify With Parent(s) or Principal Caretaker(s)	79.0%	74.8%	73.1%	74.4%	69.1%	69.8%	69.7%	64.4%	66.7%	65.9%	62.9%	65.3%	63.6%	62.3%	63.7%	-19.5%
Adoption	16.9%	16.5%	17.4%	21.7%	19.9%	19.5%	26.3%	22.1%	21.2%	30.1%	24.8%	23.6%	28.7%	24.7%	24.5%	69.8%
Guardianship	0.5%	1.6%	3.0%	1.0%	4.4%	4.3%	0.5%	5.0%	4.8%	0.0%	5.4%	5.1%	2.3%	6.0%	5.9%	409.3%
Live with Relative(s)	0.5%	2.8%	1.7%	0.5%	1.3%	1.5%	0.0%	1.0%	1.3%	0.0%	0.8%	1.2%	1.6%	1.4%	1.5%	239.5%
Another Planned Permanent Living Arrangement (APPLA)	**3.2%**	**4.4%**	**4.8%**	**2.4%**	**5.4%**	**5.0%**	**3.5%**	**7.5%**	**6.0%**	**4.0%**	**6.1%**	**4.9%**	**3.9%**	**5.5%**	**4.5%**	**21.3%**
Long Term Foster Care	0.0%	0.5%	1.2%	0.5%	0.4%	1.0%	0.0%	0.3%	0.7%	0.0%	0.3%	0.6%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	-
Emancipation	3.2%	3.9%	3.6%	1.9%	5.0%	4.0%	3.5%	7.2%	5.3%	4.0%	5.9%	4.3%	3.9%	5.5%	4.4%	21.3%
APPLA By Age as % of Age Group Served																
0-15	0.0%	0.7%	0.4%	0.0%	0.3%	0.2%	0.0%	1.6%	1.0%	0.0%	1.6%	1.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-
16-20	10.6%	20.5%	19.4%	7.5%	17.1%	21.6%	10.4%	29.6%	25.1%	10.4%	29.6%	25.1%	13.5%	5.5%	23.5%	27.4%
APPLA By Discharge Reason																
Exit to Permanent Arrangements	**0.0%**	**22.8%**	**23.0%**	**0.0%**	**40.4%**	**32.1%**	**0.0%**	**26.5%**	**22.7%**	**0.0%**	**22.9%**	**19.5%**	**0.0%**	**20.0%**	**16.4%**	**-**
Reunification	0.0%	16.6%	17.6%	0.0%	34.7%	27.0%	0.0%	20.5%	17.3%	0.0%	19.7%	16.9%	0.0%	18.7%	15.0%	-
(number of months until reunification)	0.0	23.3	27.5	0.0	35.8	30.4	0.0	22.4	11.8	0.0	31.9	18.6	0.0	19.7	19.2	-
Adoption	0.0%	0.4%	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	31.2	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	0.0%	1.2%	1.4%	0.0%	5.0%	4.2%	0.0%	5.9%	4.9%	0.0%	2.8%	2.3%	0.0%	1.1%	1.3%	-
(number of month until guardianship)	0.0	34.9	18.0	0.0	41.4	32.0	0.0	18.6	23.6	0.0	25.5	25.6	0.0	32.9	23.8	-
Live with Other Relatives	0.0%	4.6%	3.7%	0.0%	0.7%	0.9%	0.0%	0.2%	0.5%	0.0%	0.4%	0.3%	0.0%	0.2%	0.1%	-
(number of months until living with relatives)	0.0	47.0	37.1	0.0	37.8	39.8	0.0	17.3	21.4	0.0	32.9	32.9	0.0	49.6	49.6	-
Exit to Non-Permanent Arrangements	**100.0%**	**77.2%**	**76.4%**	**100.0%**	**59.6%**	**68.6%**	**100.0%**	**73.1%**	**76.8%**	**100.0%**	**77.1%**	**80.5%**	**100.0%**	**79.8%**	**83.5%**	**0.0%**
Emancipation	100.0%	69.9%	71.7%	66.7%	52.3%	62.2%	100.0%	60.1%	66.7%	100.0%	67.3%	72.1%	100.0%	68.6%	74.3%	0.0%
(number of months until emancipation)	5.5	32.4	34.3	10.2	37.8	30.6	17.5	29.7	26.2	26.6	34.1	27.6	10.9	36.2	30.7	97.6%
Transfer to Another Agency	0.0%	3.9%	2.7%	33.3%	5.7%	5.0%	0.0%	10.8%	8.2%	0.0%	6.0%	5.3%	0.0%	8.3%	7.1%	-
(number of months until transfer)	0.0	71.2	40.7	149.0	57.5	27.6	0.0	5.5	3.7	0.0	25.0	19.4	0.0	21.6	17.9	-
Runaway	0.0%	3.5%	2.0%	0.0%	1.6%	1.4%	0.0%	2.2%	1.9%	0.0%	3.8%	3.0%	0.0%	2.8%	2.1%	-
(number of months until running away)	0.0	28.8	23.4	0.0	6.5	14.1	0.0	32.3	32.0	0.0	56.7	22.4	0.0	23.2	26.9	-
Death of Child	**0.0%**	**0.0%**	**0.6%**	**0.0%**	**0.0%**	**0.2%**	**0.0%**	**0.4%**	**0.5%**	**0.0%**	**0.0%**	**0.0%**	**0.0%**	**0.2%**	**0.1%**	**-**
(number of months until death of a child)	0.0	0.0	9.0	0.0	0.0	143.7	0.0	47.1	62.6	0.0	0.0	62.6	0.0	6.0	5.7	-

Foster Care Children by Most Recent Case Plan Goal

Legend: Reunification, Live with Relative(s), Adoption, Guardianship, APPLA

Source: AFCARS Report

Children with APPLA by Discharge Reason

Legend: Non-Permanency, Reunification, Adoption, Guardianship, Live with Other Relatives

Source: AFCARS Report
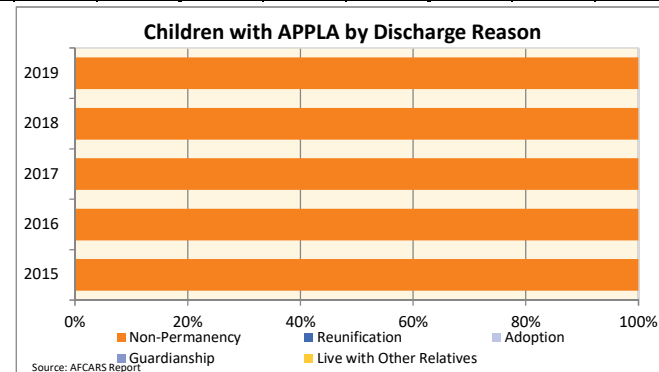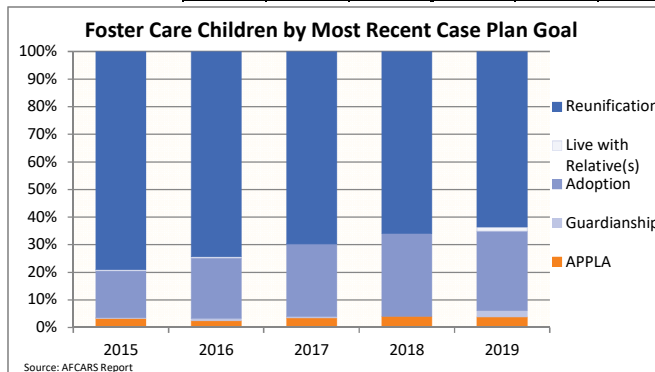
FOSTER CARE - EXITS

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	2015			2016			2017			2018			2019			County % Change 2015 to 2019
	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	
Children Exiting Foster Care																
Total Children Leaving Foster Care	91	5,592	9,471	84	6,649	10,635	92	6,412	10,276	102	6,347	10,694	ND	6,577	10,801	-
Percent of Children Leaving Foster Care	41.6%	38.4%	41.2%	40.6%	42.7%	43.3%	46.5%	40.1%	40.5%	59.0%	40.4%	42.0%	34.1%	43.0%	43.8%	-17.9%
(number of months until leaving)	21.4	13.2	11.4	14.1	12.8	11.7	10.0	11.7	11.9	14.6	12.8	13.0	19.6	15.2	15.9	-8.6%
By Discharge Reason																
Exit to Permanent Arrangements	**82.4%**	**81.0%**	**85.0%**	**86.9%**	**80.4%**	**84.5%**	**83.7%**	**84.8%**	**87.2%**	**85.3%**	**86.2%**	**88.6%**	**86.4%**	**85.5%**	**86.6%**	**4.8%**
Reunification	46.2%	52.8%	54.5%	58.3%	53.5%	54.5%	58.7%	55.0%	55.1%	43.1%	53.0%	52.5%	47.7%	49.7%	49.8%	3.4%
(number of months until reunification)	9.8	7.4	5.7	5.9	6.4	6.7	6.8	6.3	6.6	9.0	6.4	6.4	12.1	7.8	7.4	23.6%
Adoption	25.3%	16.5%	18.7%	20.2%	16.4%	18.7%	15.2%	19.1%	20.2%	27.5%	22.7%	23.9%	27.3%	24.8%	25.2%	7.9%
(number of months until adoption)	36.3	31.6	28.3	34.1	31.2	28.7	29.4	30.2	29.2	33.8	31.8	30.5	44.5	32.6	31.0	22.4%
Guardianship	4.4%	6.9%	6.5%	4.8%	6.5%	6.6%	1.1%	6.4%	6.7%	1.0%	7.0%	7.5%	4.5%	7.3%	7.6%	3.4%
(number of month until guardianship)	51.0	27.2	21.1	22.8	24.3	19.4	18.3	23.7	20.1	27.4	26.1	19.4	28.9	25.7	22.8	-43.4%
Live with Other Relatives	6.6%	4.7%	5.4%	3.6%	4.0%	4.7%	8.7%	4.4%	5.1%	13.7%	3.5%	4.6%	6.8%	3.6%	4.1%	3.4%
(number of months until living with relatives)	6.5	9.6	3.0	14.6	6.7	2.2	4.0	5.4	2.2	2.2	6.0	2.1	1.0	9.5	2.5	-84.4%
Exit to Non-Permanent Arrangements	**17.6%**	**18.9%**	**14.8%**	**13.1%**	**19.4%**	**15.4%**	**16.3%**	**15.1%**	**12.7%**	**14.7%**	**13.7%**	**11.4%**	**13.6%**	**14.4%**	**13.2%**	**-22.4%**
Emancipation	16.5%	7.8%	7.8%	10.7%	6.6%	6.8%	14.1%	8.3%	7.9%	12.7%	8.1%	7.3%	13.6%	8.6%	9.3%	-17.3%
(number of months until emancipation)	21.4	28.1	28.1	24.2	30.0	23.4	13.7	26.7	22.0	18.4	24.7	23.7	16.6	26.9	26.2	-22.5%
Transfer to Another Agency	1.1%	9.0%	5.8%	2.4%	11.8%	7.9%	2.2%	6.1%	4.3%	2.0%	4.7%	3.5%	0.0%	5.1%	3.5%	-100.0%
(number of months until transfer)	144.4	28.1	6.7	74.5	18.3	7.6	40.3	12.2	6.9	3.4	14.6	7.9	0.0	14.0	5.5	-100.0%
Runaway	0.0%	2.1%	1.3%	0.0%	1.0%	0.7%	0.0%	0.7%	0.5%	0.0%	1.0%	0.6%	0.0%	0.7%	0.5%	-
(number of months until running away)	0.0	14.1	15.5	0.0	10.0	11.2	0.0	15.3	19.4	0.0	22.6	14.0	0.0	15.1	14.1	-
Death of Child	**0.0%**	**0.1%**	**0.1%**	**0.0%**	**0.1%**	**0.1%**	**0.0%**	**0.1%**	**0.1%**	**0.0%**	**0.1%**	**0.1%**	**0.0%**	**0.2%**	**0.1%**	**-**
(number of months until death of a child)	0.0	10.8	4.9	0.0	15.0	13.2	0.0	30.0	18.8	0.0	20.7	5.5	0.0	27.1	12.6	-

ND = No data; count suppressed

Exits to Permanency by Discharge Reason

■ Reunification ■ Adoption ■ Guardianship ■ Live with Other Relatives

Source: AFCARS Report

Exits from Foster Care

Exit to Permanent Arrangements

Exit to Non-Permanent Arrangements

Source: AFCARS Report
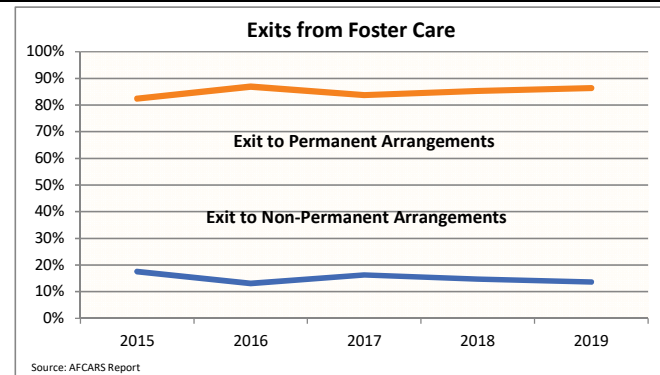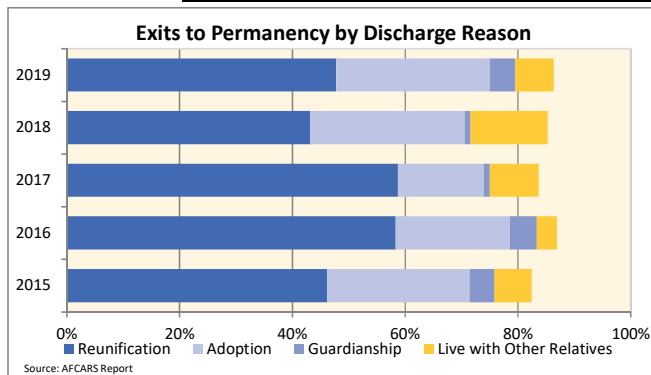
FOSTER CARE - REMAINING IN CARE

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	2015			2016			2017			2018			2019			County % Change 2015 to 2019
	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	
Children Remaining in Foster Care																
Children in Foster Care on Last Day	133	9,950	14,859	136	10,036	15,382	116	10,525	16,381	85	10,320	16,074	ND	9,658	15,082	-
(number of months children have been in care)	14.7	13.7	12.5	14.9	13.6	13.2	19.6	13.7	13.4	14.3	14.1	14.2	13.0	13.6	14.0	-11.5%
By Age																
0-2	14.3%	20.1%	21.0%	14.7%	19.9%	21.3%	11.2%	20.4%	21.5%	12.9%	20.5%	21.0%	19.8%	20.9%	21.6%	38.4%
3-5	13.5%	17.0%	16.7%	14.7%	17.1%	17.0%	15.5%	17.5%	17.5%	9.4%	17.2%	17.5%	11.6%	17.1%	17.7%	-14.1%
6-8	12.8%	13.0%	12.9%	12.5%	13.7%	13.2%	13.8%	13.7%	13.7%	9.4%	13.8%	13.6%	12.8%	14.0%	13.8%	0.1%
9-11	7.5%	10.9%	10.7%	8.8%	12.1%	11.6%	10.3%	12.0%	11.8%	15.3%	12.5%	12.2%	8.1%	12.4%	12.1%	8.3%
12-14	13.5%	11.3%	11.7%	14.0%	12.1%	12.0%	14.7%	12.5%	12.1%	15.3%	12.4%	12.3%	9.3%	13.4%	13.3%	-31.3%
15-17	30.1%	20.1%	20.2%	30.1%	19.1%	19.6%	25.9%	18.1%	18.2%	24.7%	18.0%	18.3%	24.4%	17.4%	17.7%	-18.8%
18-20	8.3%	7.8%	6.8%	5.1%	5.9%	5.3%	8.6%	5.8%	5.3%	12.9%	5.6%	5.2%	14.0%	4.8%	3.8%	68.7%
Infants (age 0-1)	9.0%	13.0%	13.9%	8.1%	12.3%	13.8%	5.2%	13.1%	13.8%	9.4%	13.2%	13.7%	15.1%	13.9%	14.4%	67.5%
Youth (age 13+)	47.4%	35.7%	35.2%	44.9%	33.6%	33.5%	44.0%	32.6%	31.9%	51.8%	32.2%	31.9%	47.7%	35.6%	34.8%	0.6%
By Race and Ethnicity																
Non-Hispanic White	47.4%	23.5%	37.9%	49.3%	26.7%	41.0%	40.5%	27.5%	42.1%	41.2%	27.2%	42.2%	44.2%	27.7%	42.3%	-6.7%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	21.8%	49.4%	36.9%	17.6%	51.3%	37.0%	13.8%	50.2%	35.8%	18.8%	50.1%	35.4%	20.9%	48.6%	34.4%	-4.0%
Non-Hispanic Other Race	2.3%	7.8%	6.0%	2.2%	3.4%	2.9%	0.0%	3.2%	2.7%	0.0%	2.5%	2.3%	1.2%	2.9%	2.6%	-48.4%
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	4.5%	3.9%	4.9%	8.1%	4.5%	5.5%	14.7%	5.4%	6.1%	15.3%	6.1%	7.1%	15.1%	6.6%	7.8%	235.1%
Hispanic or Latino	24.1%	15.4%	14.3%	22.8%	14.2%	13.6%	31.0%	13.6%	13.2%	24.7%	14.1%	13.0%	18.6%	14.2%	13.0%	-22.7%
By Gender																
Male	46.6%	50.6%	51.3%	49.3%	50.2%	51.2%	47.4%	50.3%	51.2%	50.6%	50.3%	50.9%	47.7%	49.4%	50.6%	2.3%
Female	53.4%	49.4%	48.7%	50.7%	49.8%	48.8%	52.6%	49.7%	48.8%	49.4%	49.7%	49.1%	52.3%	50.6%	49.4%	-2.0%
By Latest Placement Setting																
Family Setting	**67.7%**	**81.2%**	**80.6%**	**69.9%**	**83.5%**	**82.5%**	**71.6%**	**84.6%**	**83.4%**	**74.1%**	**85.1%**	**84.0%**	**77.9%**	**86.3%**	**85.1%**	**15.1%**
Pre-adoptive Home	0.0%	4.2%	3.2%	0.0%	7.5%	5.3%	0.0%	6.0%	4.1%	0.0%	5.7%	4.0%	0.0%	4.6%	3.2%	-
Foster Family Home – Relative	21.1%	36.7%	32.8%	19.1%	38.9%	35.1%	15.5%	41.6%	37.9%	14.1%	42.1%	37.8%	23.3%	44.6%	39.4%	10.5%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	46.6%	40.4%	44.5%	50.7%	37.1%	42.1%	56.0%	36.9%	41.4%	60.0%	37.2%	42.2%	54.7%	37.1%	42.5%	17.2%
Congregate Care Setting	**28.6%**	**15.2%**	**16.0%**	**22.1%**	**13.8%**	**14.7%**	**18.1%**	**12.6%**	**13.7%**	**15.3%**	**11.8%**	**13.2%**	**18.6%**	**10.4%**	**11.9%**	**-34.9%**
Group Home	6.0%	7.6%	9.0%	2.2%	6.8%	8.4%	1.7%	6.6%	8.2%	1.2%	6.3%	7.9%	4.7%	5.5%	7.0%	-22.7%
Institution	22.6%	7.6%	7.0%	19.9%	6.9%	6.3%	16.4%	6.0%	5.5%	14.1%	5.5%	5.3%	14.0%	4.8%	4.9%	-38.1%
Supervised Independent Living	**3.0%**	**1.5%**	**1.4%**	**8.1%**	**1.6%**	**1.3%**	**10.3%**	**1.6%**	**1.5%**	**10.6%**	**1.6%**	**1.5%**	**3.5%**	**1.5%**	**1.3%**	**16.0%**
Runaway	**0.8%**	**1.5%**	**1.1%**	**0.0%**	**1.0%**	**0.7%**	**0.0%**	**1.2%**	**0.8%**	**0.0%**	**1.3%**	**0.9%**	**0.0%**	**1.7%**	**1.2%**	**-100.0%**
Trial Home Visit	**0.0%**	**0.5%**	**1.0%**	**0.0%**	**0.3%**	**0.7%**	**0.0%**	**0.1%**	**0.6%**	**0.0%**	**0.1%**	**0.4%**	**0.0%**	**0.2%**	**0.5%**	**-**

Children in Foster Care on September 30 by Age Group and Year

Source: AFCARS Report

Percent of Placements into Congregate Care

Source: AFCARS Report

Latest Placement Setting of Children in Foster Care on September 30

Source: AFCARS Report
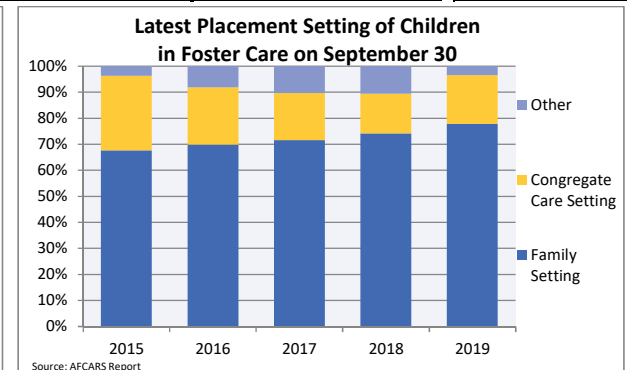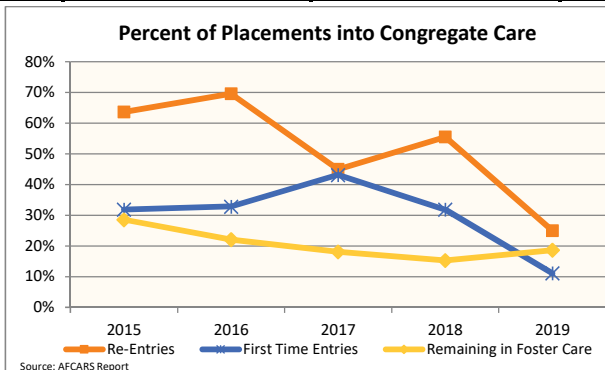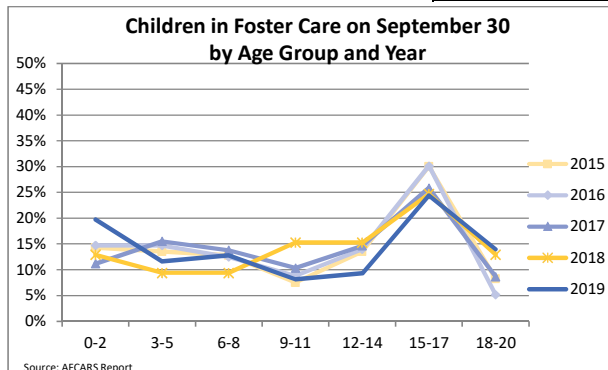
FOSTER CARE - STABILITY

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	2015			2016			2017			2018			2019			County % Change 2015 to 2019
	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	
Foster Care Placement Stability Children who were in foster care for 12 to 23 months and had three or more placement settings.	34.3%	32.0%	32.8%	37.0%	35.5%	33.6%	22.7%	33.5%	32.2%	37.0%	31.8%	31.2%	33.3%	31.2%	31.1%	-2.9%

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	2015			2016			2017			2018			2019			County % Change 2015 to 2019
	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	
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.	39.6%	35.9%	39.0%	33.3%	32.1%	36.0%	39.7%	37.7%	39.2%	52.2%	37.6%	37.4%	56.4%	37.3%	38.7%	42.4%

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	2015			2016			2017			2018			2019			County % Change 2015 to 2019
	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	County	Urban	State	
Failed 1-Year Reunification (Re-entry) Children who re-entered foster care in fewer than 12 months following reunification with parents or relatives.	31.3%	26.6%	24.1%	23.4%	28.5%	24.8%	36.2%	25.7%	23.0%	33.9%	22.9%	21.4%	35.1%	25.6%	22.3%	12.3%