State of Child Welfare 2021

Adams (Rural-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	2016			2017			2018			2019			2020			County % Change 2016 to 2020
	County	Rural-Mix	State	County	Rural-Mix	State	County	Rural-Mix	State	County	Rural-Mix	State	County	Rural-Mix	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)	457	7,327	44,359	505	7,873	47,485	501	7,317	44,063	427	7,095	42,252	333	5,924	32,919	-27.1%
	20.4	18.0	15.9	22.5	19.3	17.0	22.3	18.0	15.8	19.0	17.4	15.1	14.8	14.5	11.8	
Child Abuse and Neglect Substantiations Founded or indicated reports of child abuse and/or neglect.	10.3%	11.4%	10.4%	8.1%	10.7%	10.2%	6.8%	12.2%	11.6%	10.1%	12.1%	11.5%	10.8%	15.3%	14.0%	5.1%
Repeated Child Abuse and Neglect Children with another substantiated incident of abuse and/or neglect following the first reported incident. (Data may be overstated.)	2.1%	7.7%	5.7%	0.0%	6.1%	5.6%	2.9%	5.1%	5.2%	4.7%	6.3%	5.7%	5.6%	6.9%	6.2%	161.1%
	1 in 47	1 in 13	1 in 18	0	1 in 16	1 in 18	1 in 34	1 in 20	1 in 19	1 in 22	1 in 16	1 in 18	1 in 18	1 in 14	1 in 16	

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

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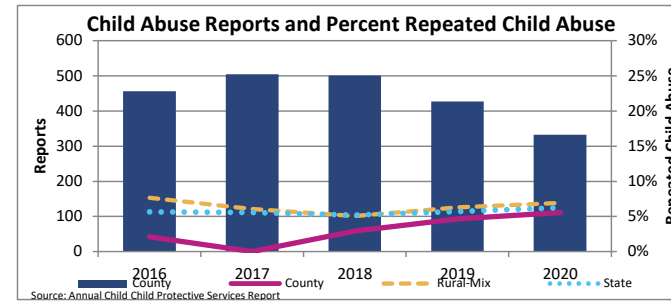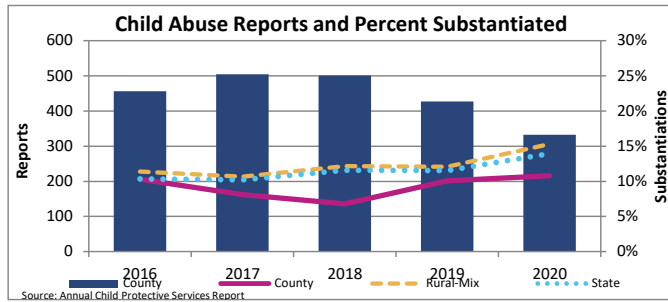
GENERAL PROTECTIVE SERVICES (GPS)

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	2016			2017			2018			2019			2020			County % Change 2016 to 2020
	County	Rural-Mix	State	County	Rural-Mix	State	County	Rural-Mix	State	County	Rural-Mix	State	County	Rural-Mix	State	
GPS Reports Total reported concerns of general neglect, not alleging child abuse.	1,172	26,826	151,087	1,254	28,044	163,852	1,429	29,067	169,723	1,504	31,053	178,124	1,236	27,270	152,478	5.5%
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.	18.6%	24.9%	20.9%	28.0%	27.9%	22.8%	21.1%	28.9%	23.6%	32.3%	28.8%	23.5%	42.6%	33.5%	25.6%	129.2%
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.	337	9,197	43,702	519	11,314	53,319	482	12,422	58,982	764	13,178	60,755	822	13,492	56,999	143.9%

	2016			2017			2018			2019			2020			County % Change 2016 to 2020
	County	Rural-Mix	State	County	Rural-Mix	State	County	Rural-Mix	State	County	Rural-Mix	State	County	Rural-Mix	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.	1,295	36,232	190,413	1,389	38,573	186,855	1,632	38,955	194,761	1,451	40,247	187,280	1,470	>34,972	>181,435	13.5%

FOSTER CARE - SERVED

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

Indicator	2016			2017			2018			2019			2020			County % Change 2016 to 2020
	County	Rural-Mix	State	County	Rural-Mix	State	County	Rural-Mix	State	County	Rural-Mix	State	County	Rural-Mix	State	
Unduplicated Number of Children Served																
All Children in Foster Care During the Year	53	3,123	24,543	81	3,258	25,381	92	3,492	25,441	NA	3,307	24,665	78	2,928	21,689	47.2%
(Rate per 1,000 children age 0-20)	1.9	6.5	7.3	3.0	6.7	7.5	3.4	7.2	7.5	2.9	6.8	7.3	2.9	6.1	6.4	
By Age																
0-2	S	23.8%	20.2%	21.0%	23.6%	20.3%	18.5%	22.1%	20.2%	24.4%	21.9%	20.2%	32.1%	23.6%	20.9%	-
3-5	S	16.5%	17.0%	21.0%	18.3%	17.4%	21.7%	19.6%	17.9%	23.1%	19.2%	17.8%	20.5%	19.9%	17.8%	-
6-8	S	12.2%	13.0%	S	12.6%	13.3%	12.0%	14.1%	13.4%	11.5%	14.5%	13.8%	S	12.9%	13.5%	-
9-11	S	9.9%	11.0%	S	9.8%	11.4%	12.0%	10.8%	11.8%	12.8%	10.9%	11.7%	S	10.7%	11.7%	-
12-14	S	11.6%	11.2%	S	11.5%	11.6%	<15.3%	10.9%	11.8%	10.3%	11.8%	12.3%	14.1%	11.6%	12.6%	-
15-17	22.6%	21.0%	19.6%	23.5%	18.9%	18.6%	16.3%	17.7%	18.7%	14.1%	17.7%	18.5%	14.1%	17.5%	17.9%	-37.7%
18-20	S	5.0%	7.9%	S	5.2%	7.4%	S	5.0%	6.3%	3.8%	4.0%	5.6%	S	3.8%	5.6%	-
Infants (age 0-1)	S	16.0%	12.8%	S	14.6%	12.7%	12.0%	13.9%	12.7%	11.5%	13.6%	12.9%	21.8%	15.4%	13.2%	-
Youth (age 13+)	43.4%	34.6%	35.5%	34.6%	32.3%	34.0%	32.6%	30.0%	33.1%	23.1%	29.8%	32.6%	28.2%	29.3%	32.3%	-35.0%
By Race and Ethnicity																
Non-Hispanic White	67.9%	74.4%	42.5%	66.7%	73.0%	42.9%	68.5%	73.8%	43.7%	74.4%	73.9%	43.7%	79.5%	74.0%	44.2%	17.0%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	S	10.7%	35.3%	S	11.0%	34.9%	S	9.6%	33.9%	3.8%	8.7%	33.0%	S	8.1%	32.0%	-
Non-Hispanic Other Race	0.0%	1.1%	3.3%	S	1.5%	2.9%	S	1.6%	2.3%	6.4%	1.9%	2.6%	S	3.0%	3.6%	-
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	S	7.0%	5.4%	S	7.3%	6.2%	S	8.2%	7.1%	6.4%	8.3%	7.7%	S	8.6%	8.0%	-
Hispanic or Latino	20.8%	6.7%	13.4%	14.8%	7.1%	13.2%	S	6.7%	13.0%	9.0%	7.1%	12.9%	S	6.4%	12.3%	-
By Gender																
Male	50.9%	53.5%	51.2%	50.6%	54.2%	51.0%	42.4%	52.9%	50.8%	41.0%	52.5%	50.8%	41.0%	53.3%	50.6%	-19.5%
Female	49.1%	46.5%	48.8%	49.4%	45.8%	49.0%	57.6%	47.1%	49.2%	59.0%	47.5%	49.2%	59.0%	46.7%	49.4%	20.2%
By Latest Placement Setting																
Family Setting	>75.5%	**77.7%**	**79.0%**	>87.7%	**78.7%**	**80.5%**	>86.8%	**80.9%**	**81.6%**	91.0%	**81.4%**	**82.7%**	89.7%	**82.9%**	**83.8%**	**<18.9%**
Pre-adoptive Home	S	1.8%	4.5%	S	1.6%	4.0%	0.0%	1.0%	4.5%	0.0%	1.0%	3.8%	0.0%	0.9%	2.9%	-
Foster Family Home – Relative	20.8%	25.3%	34.1%	23.5%	27.3%	36.4%	>31.4%	28.6%	37.1%	47.4%	30.0%	38.7%	53.8%	33.5%	40.8%	159.4%
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	54.7%	50.7%	40.5%	64.2%	49.8%	40.1%	55.4%	51.3%	40.1%	43.6%	50.4%	40.3%	35.9%	48.5%	40.1%	-34.4%
Congregate Care Setting	**18.9%**	**16.0%**	**15.8%**	>0.0%	**15.5%**	**14.9%**	12.0%	**14.0%**	**14.0%**	7.7%	**14.2%**	**12.7%**	10.3%	**13.1%**	**11.5%**	**-45.6%**
Group Home	S	10.0%	9.1%	S	9.6%	8.8%	12.0%	8.8%	8.5%	6.4%	8.6%	7.7%	S	8.2%	6.7%	-
Institution	S	6.1%	6.8%	0.0%	5.9%	6.1%	0.0%	5.2%	5.6%	1.3%	5.7%	5.0%	S	4.9%	4.8%	-
Supervised Independent Living	**S**	**0.8%**	**1.6%**	**S**	**0.7%**	**1.5%**	**S**	**0.8%**	**1.5%**	1.3%	**0.9%**	**1.6%**	0.0%	**0.6%**	**1.3%**	-
Runaway	**0.0%**	**0.2%**	**1.4%**	**0.0%**	**0.4%**	**1.4%**	**0.0%**	**0.5%**	**1.4%**	0.0%	**0.4%**	**1.4%**	0.0%	**0.3%**	**1.9%**	-
Trial Home Visit	**0.0%**	**5.2%**	**2.2%**	**0.0%**	**4.8%**	**1.7%**	**0.0%**	**3.8%**	**1.4%**	0.0%	**3.0%**	**1.5%**	0.0%	**3.1%**	**1.6%**	-
Children Entering Foster Care																
All Entries into Foster Care During the Year	30	1,602	10,567	54	1,547	10,781	56	1,575	10,095	NA	1,381	9,448	44	1,208	7,286	46.7%

NA = Data not currently available
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Percent of All Children Served by Placement Setting, 2020

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

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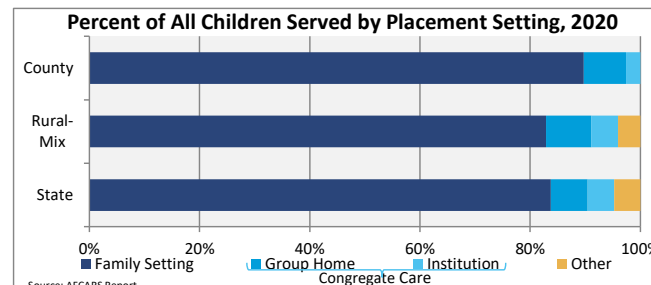
FOSTER CARE - FIRST TIME ENTRIES

Data on first time entries provides information on children who have just begun their foster care experience during the past federal fiscal year. How the child welfare system is serving them may say something about current system practice and decision making.

Indicator	2016 County	2016 Rural-Mix	2016 State	2017 County	2017 Rural-Mix	2017 State	2018 County	2018 Rural-Mix	2018 State	2019 County	2019 Rural-Mix	2019 State	2020 County	2020 Rural-Mix	2020 State	County % Change 2016 to 2020
Children Entering for the First Time																
First Time Entries During the Year	23	1,291	8,082	48	1,235	8,438	46	1,252	7,626	NA	1,101	7,266	38	979	5,540	65.2%
(Rate per 1,000 children age 0-20)	0.8	2.7	2.4	1.8	2.6	2.5	1.7	2.6	2.3	1.4	2.3	2.2	1.4	2.0	1.6	
First Time Entries as Percent of All Entries	76.7%	80.6%	76.5%	88.9%	79.8%	78.3%	82.1%	79.5%	75.5%	82.2%	79.7%	76.9%	86.4%	81.0%	76.0%	12.6%
By Age																
0-2	S	36.3%	33.3%	25.0%	33.5%	33.2%	26.1%	33.1%	34.4%	45.9%	35.1%	35.1%	44.7%	38.3%	38.2%	-
3-5	S	14.3%	14.7%	22.9%	17.1%	15.3%	S	17.8%	15.4%	13.5%	14.5%	14.8%	S	16.8%	14.5%	-
6-8	S	11.9%	12.5%	S	10.9%	11.9%	S	12.1%	11.5%	10.8%	11.4%	11.8%	S	9.2%	11.4%	-
9-11	S	7.7%	9.6%	S	8.7%	10.1%	S	10.7%	10.3%	10.8%	9.7%	10.7%	S	8.1%	9.7%	-
12-14	S	11.4%	12.6%	S	13.8%	13.1%	S	12.1%	12.8%	8.1%	13.4%	12.9%	S	12.6%	12.5%	-
15-20	S	18.6%	17.4%	S	16.0%	16.5%	S	14.1%	15.6%	10.8%	15.9%	14.6%	S	15.1%	13.7%	-
Infants (age 0-1)	S	29.0%	26.3%	S	26.2%	26.5%	S	26.4%	28.0%	29.7%	28.1%	29.1%	36.8%	32.3%	31.7%	-
Youth (age 13+)	S	27.2%	26.6%	29.2%	26.0%	26.0%	S	23.1%	24.7%	13.5%	21.7%	19.5%	S	24.2%	22.6%	-
By Race and Ethnicity																
Non-Hispanic White	<69.7%	74.3%	49.4%	64.6%	70.5%	47.6%	69.6%	73.8%	48.3%	75.7%	74.2%	47.6%	73.7%	72.3%	49.7%	-
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	0.0%	9.5%	28.6%	S	13.4%	29.7%	0.0%	9.7%	29.3%	0.0%	9.4%	28.4%	S	8.3%	25.2%	-
Non-Hispanic Other Race	0.0%	1.6%	4.1%	S	2.6%	3.4%	S	1.9%	2.7%	2.7%	3.2%	3.7%	0.0%	4.5%	5.3%	-
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	0.0%	7.0%	5.4%	S	6.7%	6.3%	S	9.2%	7.7%	5.4%	6.5%	7.7%	S	7.8%	8.2%	-
Hispanic or Latino	S	7.6%	12.6%	S	6.7%	13.0%	S	5.4%	12.0%	16.2%	6.7%	12.6%	S	7.2%	11.6%	-
By Gender																
Male	S	53.1%	50.8%	47.9%	54.0%	51.0%	39.1%	51.7%	50.7%	45.9%	52.5%	50.8%	42.1%	53.8%	50.5%	-
Female	>65.1%	46.9%	49.2%	52.1%	46.0%	49.0%	60.9%	48.3%	49.3%	54.1%	47.5%	49.2%	57.9%	46.2%	49.5%	<-11.1%
By First Reported Placement Setting																
Family Setting	>56.5%	**82.3%**	**82.3%**	>75.0%	>83.6%	**83.6%**	>93.4%	**83.4%**	**83.8%**	89.2%	81.4%	85.7%	>71.1%	**85.5%**	>87.5%	-
Pre-adoptive Home	0.0%	0.2%	0.2%	0.0%	S	0.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.4%	0.0%	0.0%	S	-
Foster Family Home – Relative	S	37.5%	37.5%	S	31.9%	39.1%	37.0%	32.3%	39.9%	51.4%	30.6%	41.6%	71.1%	38.3%	44.3%	-
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	56.5%	44.6%	44.6%	75.0%	51.7%	44.2%	56.5%	51.0%	43.7%	37.8%	50.8%	43.7%	S	47.2%	43.1%	-
Congregate Care Setting	>0.0%	**15.9%**	**15.9%**	>0.0%	14.7%	**15.0%**	>0.0%	**14.1%**	**14.3%**	10.8%	**17.2%**	**12.7%**	>7.8%	13.2%	10.6%	-
Group Home	S	9.7%	9.7%	S	8.7%	9.1%	S	9.7%	9.4%	5.4%	10.3%	8.5%	S	8.7%	7.2%	-
Institution	0.0%	6.2%	6.2%	0.0%	6.0%	5.9%	0.0%	4.4%	4.9%	5.4%	6.9%	4.2%	S	4.5%	3.4%	-
Supervised Independent Living	**S**	**0.2%**	**0.2%**	0.0%	0.0%	**0.2%**	0.0%	**0.0%**	**0.2%**	0.0%	**S**	**0.2%**	0.0%	0.0%	**S**	-
Runaway	**0.0%**	**0.6%**	**0.6%**	0.0%	0.0%	**0.5%**	0.0%	**S**	**0.7%**	0.0%	**0.0%**	**0.8%**	0.0%	0.0%	**0.8%**	-
Trial Home Visit	**0.0%**	**1.0%**	**1.0%**	0.0%	<1.6%	**0.8%**	0.0%	**<2.3%**	**1.1%**	0.0%	**<1.4%**	**0.6%**	0.0%	**1.3%**	**0.9%**	-

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Children Entering Foster Care

Source: AFCARS Report

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

Source: AFCARS Report
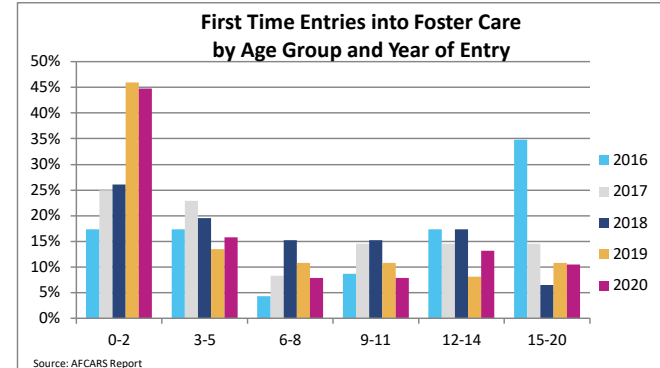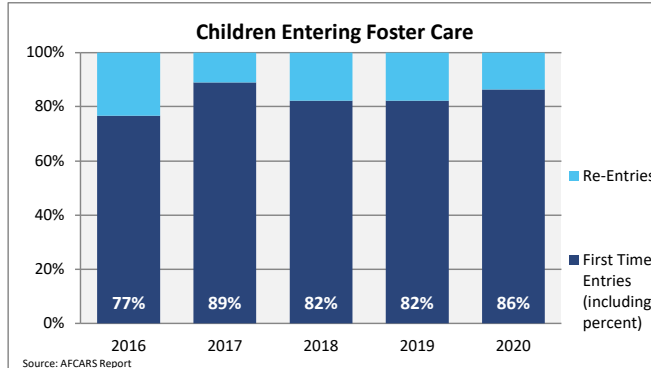
FOSTER CARE - RE-ENTRIES

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	2016 County	2016 Rural-Mix	2016 State	2017 County	2017 Rural-Mix	2017 State	2018 County	2018 Rural-Mix	2018 State	2019 County	2019 Rural-Mix	2019 State	2020 County	2020 Rural-Mix	2020 State	County % Change 2016 to 2020
Children Re-Entering Foster Care																
Re-Entries During the Year	S	311	2,485	S	312	2,343	S	323	2,469	NA	280	2,182	S	229	1,746	-
Re-Entries as Percent of All Entries	S	19.4%	23.5%	S	20.2%	21.7%	S	20.5%	24.5%	17.8%	20.3%	23.1%	S	19.0%	24.0%	-
By Age																
0-2	S	9.3%	11.2%	S	14.7%	11.4%	S	9.6%	10.8%	12.5%	8.6%	11.9%	S	11.4%	10.5%	-
3-5	0.0%	10.3%	9.7%	S	14.4%	11.1%	S	13.0%	12.6%	12.5%	19.3%	12.7%	0.0%	10.0%	10.9%	-
6-8	S	10.6%	10.1%	S	15.7%	11.7%	S	14.9%	12.1%	12.5%	13.6%	11.9%	0.0%	17.0%	11.0%	-
9-11	S	11.6%	9.6%	0.0%	8.7%	10.6%	S	12.4%	11.5%	25.0%	10.7%	10.4%	0.0%	12.2%	12.0%	-
12-14	S	22.2%	18.5%	0.0%	12.8%	17.2%	0.0%	18.3%	17.7%	25.0%	20.7%	18.7%	S	16.6%	17.7%	-
15-20	S	36.0%	40.9%	S	33.7%	38.2%	S	31.9%	35.4%	12.5%	27.1%	34.4%	S	32.8%	37.9%	-
Infants (age 0-1)	S	7.1%	7.4%	0.0%	9.0%	6.6%	S	5.0%	6.4%	12.5%	5.7%	6.9%	S	8.7%	7.3%	-
Youth (age 13+)	S	51.8%	55.3%	S	42.6%	51.1%	S	44.3%	48.6%	12.5%	43.2%	48.7%	S	44.1%	51.1%	-
By Race and Ethnicity																
Non-Hispanic White	S	69.8%	39.5%	S	69.6%	40.6%	S	74.9%	39.6%	100.0%	75.4%	40.6%	S	74.7%	39.1%	-
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	S	13.2%	40.1%	0.0%	10.9%	39.4%	0.0%	8.0%	40.5%	0.0%	9.3%	37.7%	S	7.4%	38.8%	-
Non-Hispanic Other Race	0.0%	0.3%	3.1%	0.0%	2.2%	1.7%	S	0.9%	1.8%	0.0%	1.8%	1.5%	0.0%	2.2%	3.4%	-
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	0.0%	8.4%	5.8%	0.0%	6.4%	6.3%	0.0%	9.0%	7.1%	0.0%	9.3%	8.6%	0.0%	9.2%	6.8%	-
Hispanic or Latino	0.0%	8.4%	11.6%	S	10.9%	11.9%	S	7.1%	11.1%	0.0%	4.3%	11.5%	0.0%	6.6%	12.0%	-
By Gender																
Male	S	55.0%	50.3%	S	55.8%	49.6%	S	50.5%	49.1%	37.5%	49.3%	51.2%	S	53.7%	49.0%	-
Female	S	45.0%	49.7%	S	44.2%	50.4%	S	49.5%	50.9%	62.5%	50.7%	48.8%	S	46.3%	51.0%	-
By Placement Setting at Re-Entry																
Family Setting	100.0%	**67.2%**	**61.7%**	>0.0%	**66.3%**	**63.9%**	>89.9%	**70.0%**	**66.7%**	100.0%	**68.2%**	**68.5%**	66.7%	**71.6%**	**>65.0%**	-33.3%
Pre-adoptive Home	0.0%	0.0%	0.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.6%	0.0%	0.0%	S	-
Foster Family Home – Relative	S	16.7%	26.3%	0.0%	21.8%	30.7%	S	18.3%	28.3%	25.0%	26.4%	32.5%	S	32.8%	34.8%	-
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	S	50.5%	34.6%	S	44.6%	32.6%	S	51.7%	37.9%	75.0%	41.8%	35.3%	S	38.9%	30.1%	-
Congregate Care Setting	**0.0%**	**30.5%**	**34.0%**	**0.0%**	**30.1%**	**31.2%**	>0.0%	**26.9%**	**28.0%**	**0.0%**	**27.5%**	**25.8%**	33.3%	**25.3%**	**27.1%**	-
Group Home	0.0%	18.6%	19.3%	0.0%	22.1%	19.9%	S	18.6%	18.4%	0.0%	17.9%	16.6%	S	18.3%	16.5%	-
Institution	0.0%	11.9%	14.8%	0.0%	8.0%	11.3%	0.0%	8.4%	9.6%	0.0%	9.6%	9.2%	S	7.0%	10.6%	-
Supervised Independent Living	**0.0%**	**S**	**1.3%**	**0.0%**	**S**	**1.8%**	**0.0%**	**S**	**1.8%**	**0.0%**	**S**	**1.6%**	**0.0%**	**S**	**1.4%**	-
Runaway	**0.0%**	**S**	**2.5%**	**0.0%**	**S**	**2.5%**	**0.0%**	**S**	**2.7%**	**0.0%**	**S**	**3.6%**	**0.0%**	**S**	**5.4%**	-
Trial Home Visit	**0.0%**	**S**	**0.5%**	**0.0%**	**S**	**0.7%**	**0.0%**	**S**	**0.8%**	**0.0%**	**S**	**0.6%**	**0.0%**	**S**	**<1.0%**	-
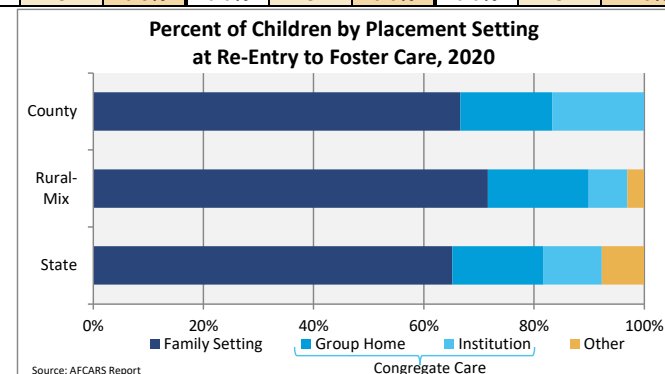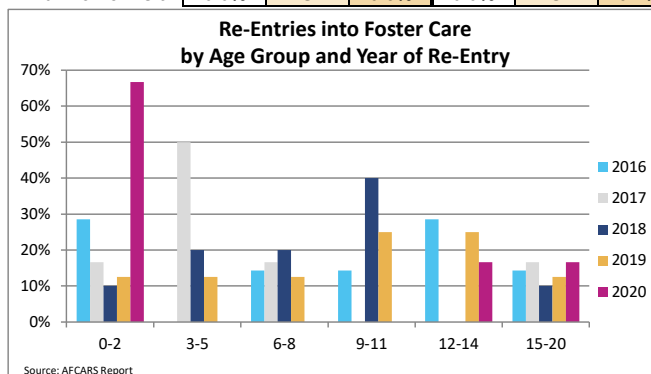
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Re-Entries into Foster Care by Age Group and Year of Re-Entry

Source: AFCARS Report

Percent of Children by Placement Setting at Re-Entry to Foster Care, 2020

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	2016			2017			2018			2019			2020			County % Change 2016 to 2020
	County	Rural-Mix	State	County	Rural-Mix	State	County	Rural-Mix	State	County	Rural-Mix	State	County	Rural-Mix	State	
Percent of Children by Case Plan Goal																
Family-Based Permanency Goals	**94.2%**	**97.0%**	**95.0%**	**>97.5%**	**97.7%**	**94.0%**	**98.9%**	**98.2%**	**95.1%**	**100.0%**	**98.1%**	**95.5%**	**100.0%**	**99.0%**	**96.4%**	**6.1%**
Reunify With Parent(s) or Principal Caretaker(s)	59.6%	75.0%	69.8%	76.5%	74.5%	66.7%	80.4%	73.0%	65.3%	83.3%	66.8%	63.7%	76.9%	68.3%	65.8%	29.0%
Adoption	28.8%	15.8%	19.5%	21.0%	16.8%	21.2%	15.2%	18.2%	23.6%	14.1%	23.6%	24.5%	16.7%	24.0%	23.7%	-42.2%
Guardianship	S	4.4%	4.3%	0.0%	5.0%	4.8%	S	5.5%	5.1%	0.0%	6.4%	5.9%	S	5.9%	5.4%	-
Live with Relative(s)	S	1.8%	1.5%	S	1.4%	1.3%	S	1.6%	1.2%	2.6%	1.3%	1.5%	S	0.9%	1.4%	-
Another Planned Permanent Living Arrangement (APPLA)	**>0.0%**	**3.0%**	**5.0%**	**>0.0%**	**2.3%**	**6.0%**	**>0.0%**	**>1.6%**	**4.9%**	**0.0%**	**1.9%**	**4.5%**	**0.0%**	**1.0%**	**3.6%**	**-**
Long Term Foster Care	0.0%	0.9%	1.0%	0.0%	0.5%	0.7%	0.0%	S	0.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.5%	-
Emancipation	S	2.1%	4.0%	S	1.8%	5.3%	S	1.6%	4.3%	0.0%	1.9%	4.4%	0.0%	1.0%	3.1%	-
APPLA By Age as % of Age Group Served																
0-15	0.0%	S	0.2%	0.0%	S	1.0%	0.0%	S	1.0%	0.0%	0.0%	S	0.0%	S	S	-
16-20	S	20.3%	21.6%	S	12.2%	25.1%	S	12.2%	25.1%	0.0%	1.9%	23.5%	0.0%	5.9%	19.6%	-
APPLA By Discharge Reason																
Exit to Permanent Arrangements	**0.0%**	**20.3%**	**32.1%**	**0.0%**	**>0.0%**	**22.7%**	**0.0%**	**0.0%**	**19.5%**	**0.0%**	**0.0%**	**16.4%**	**0.0%**	**>0.0%**	**24.1%**	**-**
Reunification	0.0%	S	27.0%	0.0%	S	17.3%	0.0%	0.0%	16.9%	0.0%	0.0%	15.0%	0.0%	S	23.0%	-
(number of months until reunification)	0.0	39.9	30.4	0.0	12.8	11.8	0.0	0.0	18.6	0.0	0.0	19.2	0.0	22.3	25.1	-
Adoption	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	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	0.0	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%	0.0%	4.2%	0.0%	0.0%	4.9%	0.0%	0.0%	2.3%	0.0%	0.0%	S	0.0%	0.0%	S	-
(number of month until guardianship)	0.0	0.0	32.0	0.0	0.0	23.6	0.0	0.0	25.6	0.0	0.0	23.8	0.0	0.0	32.5	-
Live with Other Relatives	0.0%	S	S	0.0%	0.0%	S	0.0%	0.0%	S	0.0%	0.0%	S	0.0%	0.0%	S	-
(number of months until living with relatives)	0.0	39.8	39.8	0.0	0.0	21.4	0.0	0.0	32.9	0.0	0.0	49.6	0.0	0.0	61.6	-
Exit to Non-Permanent Arrangements	**100.0%**	**>76.3%**	**67.7%**	**100.0%**	**88.2%**	**76.8%**	**100.0%**	**>97.7%**	**80.5%**	**0.0%**	**>97.8%**	**83.5%**	**0.0%**	**93.8%**	**75.6%**	**-100.0%**
Emancipation	S	76.3%	61.3%	S	88.2%	66.7%	S	97.7%	72.1%	0.0%	97.8%	74.3%	0.0%	93.8%	68.0%	-
(number of months until emancipation)	9.3	36.0	30.6	44.0	31.5	26.2	67.5	35.3	27.6	0.0	38.6	30.7	0.0	31.8	26.1	-100.0%
Transfer to Another Agency	0.0%	S	5.0%	0.0%	0.0%	8.2%	0.0%	S	5.3%	0.0%	S	7.1%	0.0%	0.0%	6.1%	-
(number of months until transfer)	0.0	52.4	27.6	0.0	0.0	3.7	0.0	33.4	19.4	0.0	74.7	17.9	0.0	0.0	16.0	-
Runaway	0.0%	0.0%	S	0.0%	0.0%	1.9%	0.0%	0.0%	3.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.1%	0.0%	0.0%	S	-
(number of months until running away)	0.0	0.0	14.1	0.0	0.0	32.0	0.0	0.0	22.4	0.0	0.0	26.9	0.0	0.0	22.8	-
Death of Child	**0.0%**	**0.0%**	**S**	**0.0%**	**S**	**S**	**0.0%**	**0.0%**	**S**	**0.0%**	**0.0%**	**0.1%**	**0.0%**	**0.0%**	**0.4%**	**-**
(number of months until death of a child)	0.0	0.0	143.7	0.0	199.5	62.6	0.0	0.0	62.6	0.0	0.0	5.7	0.0	0.0	115.9	-

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Foster Care Children by Most Recent Case Plan Goal

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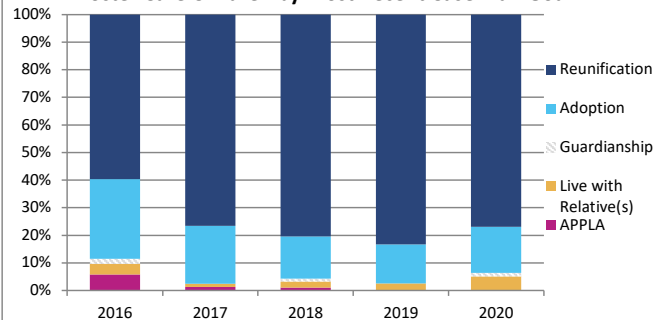
Source: AFCARS Report

Children with APPLA by Discharge Reason

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

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	2016 County	2016 Rural-Mix	2016 State	2017 County	2017 Rural-Mix	2017 State	2018 County	2018 Rural-Mix	2018 State	2019 County	2019 Rural-Mix	2019 State	2020 County	2020 Rural-Mix	2020 State	County % Change 2016 to 2020
Children Exiting Foster Care																
Total Children Leaving Foster Care	27	1,405	10,635	45	1,328	10,276	61	1,585	10,694	NA	1,608	10,801	51	1,201	8,712	88.9%
Percent of Children Leaving Foster Care	50.9%	45.0%	43.3%	55.6%	40.8%	40.5%	66.3%	45.4%	42.0%	59.0%	48.6%	43.8%	65.4%	41.0%	40.2%	28.3%
(number of months until leaving)	2.1	7.8	11.7	1.6	10.0	11.9	3.4	9.3	13.0	2.8	11.3	15.9	7.2	12.2	15.4	235.4%
By Discharge Reason																
Exit to Permanent Arrangements	**81.5%**	**92.7%**	**84.5%**	**91.1%**	**91.7%**	**87.2%**	**98.4%**	**92.6%**	**88.6%**	**91.3%**	**90.8%**	**86.6%**	**96.1%**	**89.9%**	**86.2%**	**17.9%**
Reunification	63.0%	60.1%	54.5%	62.2%	54.7%	55.1%	72.1%	56.0%	52.5%	67.4%	53.3%	49.8%	72.5%	51.7%	50.8%	15.2%
(number of months until reunification)	0.4	4.0	6.7	0.6	6.0	6.6	1.9	6.2	6.4	1.0	6.6	7.4	1.5	6.6	8.4	283.3%
Adoption	S	15.6%	18.7%	S	18.2%	20.2%	S	16.5%	23.9%	10.9%	21.9%	25.2%	S	24.7%	23.5%	-
(number of months until adoption)	31.5	27.5	28.7	29.6	27.5	29.2	29.0	27.1	30.5	25.6	30.9	31.0	25.2	32.0	29.8	-20.1%
Guardianship	S	8.0%	6.6%	S	10.8%	6.7%	S	10.2%	7.5%	6.5%	8.1%	7.6%	S	7.9%	7.7%	-
(number of month until guardianship)	14.3	17.0	19.4	24.4	16.2	20.1	6.7	16.1	19.4	11.0	18.3	22.8	13.0	20.3	22.3	-9.0%
Live with Other Relatives	0.0%	9.0%	4.7%	0.0%	7.9%	5.1%	S	9.9%	4.6%	6.5%	7.5%	4.1%	S	5.6%	4.1%	-
(number of months until living with relatives)	0.0	5.5	2.2	0.0	3.4	2.2	0.2	3.1	2.1	0.1	3.4	2.5	39.4	15.1	2.4	-
Exit to Non-Permanent Arrangements	**>0.0%**	**>7.0%**	**15.4%**	**8.9%**	**>8.1%**	**12.7%**	**>0.0%**	**>7.1%**	**11.4%**	**8.7%**	**9.1%**	**13.2%**	**>0.0%**	**9.7%**	**13.7%**	-
Emancipation	S	5.8%	6.8%	S	6.3%	7.9%	S	5.8%	7.3%	8.7%	8.3%	9.3%	S	8.5%	9.5%	-
(number of months until emancipation)	9.3	25.8	23.4	23.7	31.2	22.0	67.5	25.2	23.7	34.6	23.2	26.2	39.4	18.0	22.9	325.2%
Transfer to Another Agency	0.0%	1.3%	7.9%	S	1.8%	4.3%	0.0%	1.3%	3.5%	0.0%	0.9%	3.5%	0.0%	1.2%	3.7%	-
(number of months until transfer)	0.0	14.8	7.6	0.4	8.2	6.9	0.0	13.3	7.9	0.0	4.7	5.5	0.0	10.8	6.6	-
Runaway	0.0%	S	0.7%	0.0%	S	0.5%	0.0%	S	0.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.4%	-
(number of months until running away)	0.0	6.6	11.2	0.0	10.0	19.4	0.0	9.7	14.0	0.0	0.0	14.1	0.0	0.0	11.4	-
Death of Child	**0.0%**	**0.0%**	**0.1%**	**0.0%**	**S**	**0.1%**	**0.0%**	**S**	**S**	**0.0%**	**S**	**0.1%**	**S**	**S**	**0.2%**	-
(number of months until death of a child)	0.0	0.0	13.2	0.0	106.4	18.8	0.0	3.8	5.5	0.0	0.2	12.6	0.1	4.6	6.1	-

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Exits to Permanency by Discharge Reason
Source: AFCARS Report

Exits from Foster Care
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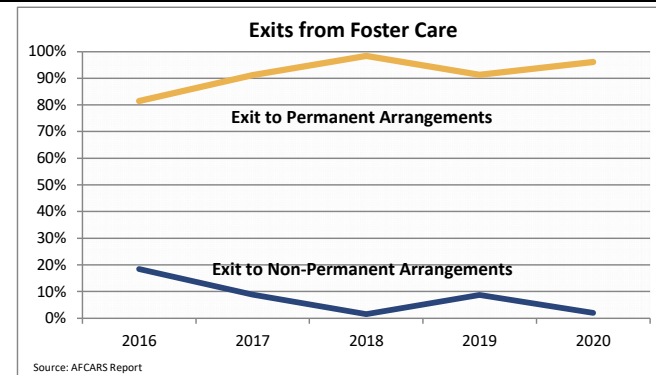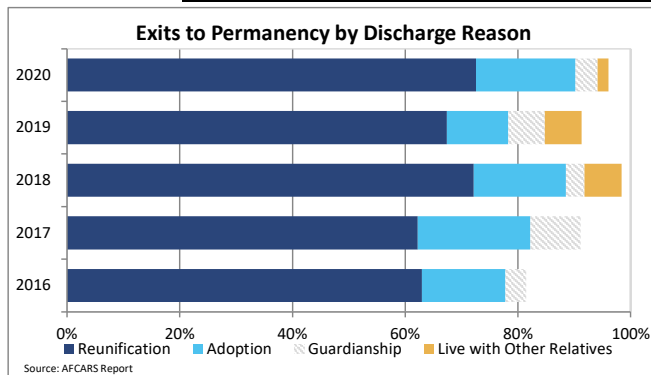
## FOSTER CARE - REMAINING IN CARE

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.

Indicator	2016			2017			2018			2019			2020			County % Change 2016 to 2020
	County	Rural-Mix	State	County	Rural-Mix	State	County	Rural-Mix	State	County	Rural-Mix	State	County	Rural-Mix	State	
Children Remaining in Foster Care																
Children in Foster Care on Last Day	34	1,842	15,382	43	2,049	16,381	38	2,038	16,074	NA	1,805	15,082	31	1,793	13,949	-8.8%
(number of months children have been in care)	13.5	10.2	13.2	8.0	10.3	13.4	8.0	11.0	14.2	10.0	11.4	14.0	8.8	11.7	16.4	-35.1%
By Age																
0-2	S	26.7%	21.3%	25.6%	25.4%	21.5%	S	22.6%	21.0%	29.7%	24.5%	21.6%	48.4%	26.1%	22.2%	-
3-5	S	16.6%	17.0%	S	18.1%	17.5%	31.6%	19.5%	17.5%	16.2%	19.9%	17.7%	S	20.4%	18.0%	-
6-8	S	11.7%	13.2%	S	14.1%	13.7%	S	14.9%	13.6%	5.4%	13.4%	13.8%	S	12.5%	13.9%	-
9-11	S	10.2%	11.6%	S	9.7%	11.8%	S	11.3%	12.2%	16.2%	11.1%	12.1%	S	10.9%	12.1%	-
12-14	S	11.5%	12.0%	S	11.4%	12.1%	S	11.4%	12.3%	16.2%	11.9%	13.3%	S	12.3%	13.1%	-
15-20	S	23.4%	19.6%	32.6%	21.4%	18.2%	S	20.3%	18.3%	16.2%	19.1%	17.7%	S	17.8%	17.2%	-
Infants (age 0-1)	S	18.4%	13.8%	S	16.0%	13.8%	S	14.9%	13.7%	13.5%	15.6%	14.4%	S	18.0%	14.5%	-
Youth (age 13+)	41.2%	32.1%	33.5%	44.2%	29.5%	31.9%	31.6%	28.3%	31.9%	32.4%	31.0%	34.8%	19.4%	26.0%	29.9%	-53.0%
By Race and Ethnicity																
Non-Hispanic White	64.7%	75.1%	41.0%	67.4%	73.8%	42.1%	65.8%	74.2%	42.2%	81.1%	74.6%	42.3%	71.0%	73.2%	41.8%	9.7%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	S	9.9%	37.0%	S	9.9%	35.8%	S	8.6%	35.4%	2.7%	8.3%	34.4%	S	7.6%	33.7%	-
Non-Hispanic Other Race	0.0%	0.8%	2.9%	S	1.5%	2.7%	S	1.4%	2.3%	8.1%	2.4%	2.6%	0.0%	3.7%	3.7%	-
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	0.0%	7.6%	5.5%	S	7.3%	6.1%	S	8.4%	7.1%	2.7%	8.7%	7.8%	S	9.5%	8.3%	-
Hispanic or Latino	S	6.7%	13.6%	S	7.5%	13.2%	S	7.4%	13.0%	5.4%	6.0%	13.0%	S	6.0%	12.5%	-
By Gender																
Male	55.9%	53.9%	51.2%	48.8%	53.9%	51.2%	42.1%	52.7%	50.9%	37.8%	52.7%	50.6%	41.9%	54.3%	50.8%	-25.0%
Female	44.1%	46.1%	48.8%	51.2%	46.1%	48.8%	57.9%	47.3%	49.1%	62.2%	47.3%	49.4%	58.1%	45.7%	49.2%	31.6%
By Latest Placement Setting																
Family Setting	79.4%	82.6%	82.5%	>62.8%	>82.8%	83.4%	>84.1%	>85.0%	84.0%	91.9%	>84.0%	85.1%	>90.2%	>86.3%	86.3%	>13.6%
Pre-adoptive Home	S	1.9%	5.3%	0.0%	S	4.1%	0.0%	S	4.0%	0.0%	S	3.2%	0.0%	S	2.7%	-
Foster Family Home – Relative	S	25.2%	35.1%	S	28.1%	37.9%	>42.0%	28.4%	37.8%	35.1%	28.8%	39.4%	>54.7%	33.9%	41.5%	-
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	55.9%	55.5%	42.1%	62.8%	54.8%	41.4%	42.1%	56.6%	42.2%	56.8%	55.2%	42.5%	35.5%	52.5%	42.2%	-36.5%
Congregate Care Setting	20.6%	14.8%	14.7%	>0.0%	13.9%	13.7%	>0.0%	13.0%	13.2%	8.1%	13.6%	11.9%	>0.0%	11.8%	10.7%	>-100.0%
Group Home	S	8.7%	8.4%	S	8.3%	8.2%	S	7.9%	7.9%	8.1%	8.0%	7.0%	S	6.9%	5.9%	-
Institution	S	6.1%	6.3%	0.0%	5.6%	5.5%	0.0%	5.1%	5.3%	0.0%	5.5%	4.9%	0.0%	5.0%	4.8%	-
Supervised Independent Living	0.0%	<0.7%	1.3%	S	0.8%	1.5%	0.0%	0.6%	1.5%	0.0%	0.7%	1.3%	0.0%	S	1.0%	-
Runaway	0.0%	S	0.7%	0.0%	S	0.8%	0.0%	S	0.9%	0.0%	S	1.2%	0.0%	S	1.5%	-
Trial Home Visit	0.0%	1.9%	0.7%	0.0%	1.8%	0.6%	0.0%	0.9%	0.4%	0.0%	1.0%	0.5%	0.0%	0.9%	0.4%	-

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

Source: AFCARS Report

Percent of Placements into Congregate Care

Source: AFCARS Report

Re-Entries — First Time Entries — Remaining in Foster Care

Latest Placement Setting of Children in Foster Care on September 30

Source: AFCARS Report

Other — Congregate Care Setting — Family Setting
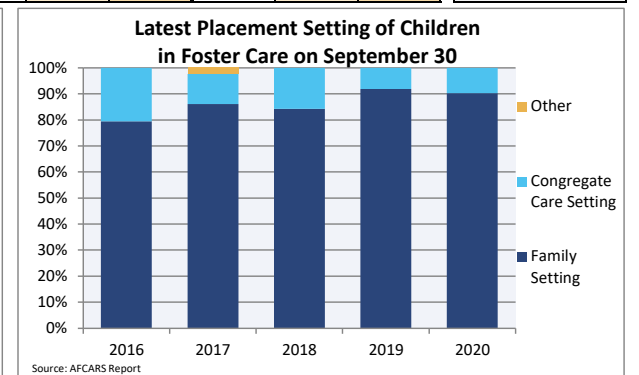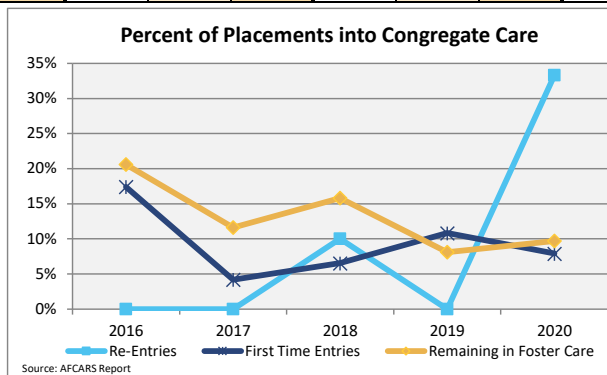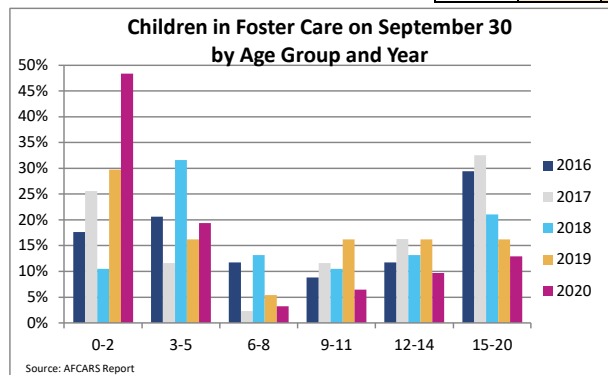
FOSTER CARE - STABILITY

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	2016			2017			2018			2019			2020			County % Change 2016 to 2020
	County	Rural-Mix	State	County	Rural-Mix	State	County	Rural-Mix	State	County	Rural-Mix	State	County	Rural-Mix	State	
Foster Care Placement Stability Children who were in foster care for 12 to 23 months and had three or more placement settings.	25.0%	30.2%	33.6%	41.2%	28.8%	32.2%	48.7%	30.2%	31.2%	25.0%	27.3%	31.1%	20.0%	ND	ND	-20.0%

FOSTER CARE - TIMELY REUNIFICATION

A child's separation from his or her parents or relatives is traumatic for all involved. Minimizing the time a child spends in foster care without compromising safety is key to healthy child development.

Indicator	2016			2017			2018			2019			2020			County % Change 2016 to 2020
	County	Rural-Mix	State	County	Rural-Mix	State	County	Rural-Mix	State	County	Rural-Mix	State	County	Rural-Mix	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.	42.9%	42.6%	36.0%	44.4%	43.5%	39.2%	51.2%	41.2%	37.4%	63.9%	47.5%	38.7%	54.2%	ND	ND	26.4%

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	2016			2017			2018			2019			2020			County % Change 2016 to 2020
	County	Rural-Mix	State	County	Rural-Mix	State	County	Rural-Mix	State	County	Rural-Mix	State	County	Rural-Mix	State	
Failed 1-Year Reunification (Re-entry) Children who re-entered foster care in fewer than 12 months following reunification with parents or relatives.	22.2%	20.0%	24.8%	50.0%	17.1%	23.0%	36.0%	20.0%	21.4%	19.5%	14.0%	22.3%	S	ND	ND	-

ND = PA DHS did not provide data
S = rate suppressed due to count less than 11 persons