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Executive Summary

The Child Welfare Outcomes Report was created by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to meet requirements of section 203(a) of the Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997 (ASFA).¹ ASFA created section 479A of the Social Security Act (the Act) to require HHS to issue an annual report that assesses state performance in operating child protection and child welfare programs under titles IV-B and IV-E of the Act.² *Child Welfare Outcomes 1998* was the first report created in the Child Welfare Outcomes series of reports. The present report, *Child Welfare Outcomes 2009–2012*, is the thirteenth report since the series' inception.

The Child Welfare Outcomes Report provides information on national performance as well as the performance of individual states in seven outcome categories.³ Prior to the first report, *Child Welfare Outcomes 1998*, HHS identified these outcomes in close consultation with state and local child welfare agency administrators, child advocacy organizations, child welfare researchers, state legislators, and other experts in the child welfare field. The outcomes reflect a consensus of these groups regarding important performance objectives for child welfare practice. The seven national outcomes established by HHS through this consultation process are:

- Outcome 1:** Reduce recurrence of child abuse and/or neglect
- Outcome 2:** Reduce the incidence of child abuse and/or neglect in foster care
- Outcome 3:** Increase permanency for children in foster care
- Outcome 4:** Reduce time in foster care to reunification without increasing reentry
- Outcome 5:** Reduce time in foster care to adoption
- Outcome 6:** Increase placement stability
- Outcome 7:** Reduce placements of young children in group homes or institutions

In addition to reporting on state performance in these outcome categories, the Child Welfare Outcomes Report also includes data on contextual factors and findings of analyses conducted across states. Data for most of the measures in this report come from the two national child welfare-related data systems—the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS) and the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS).

CONTEXTUAL FACTORS

The Child Welfare Outcomes Report presents data on child welfare-related contextual factors relevant to understanding and interpreting state performance on the outcome measures. Below is a summary of fiscal year (FY) 2012 data for these contextual factors.⁴

*Characteristics of child victims*⁵

- In 2012, there were approximately 679,000 instances of confirmed child maltreatment.⁶ The overall national child victim rate was 9.2 child victims per 1,000 children in the population.⁷ State child victim rates varied dramatically, ranging from 1.2 child victims per 1,000 children to 19.6 child victims per 1,000 children.⁸
- While the national child victim rate decreased from 9.3 child victims per 1,000 children in the population in 2009 to 9.2 in

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¹ See appendix A for the specifications of section 479A of the Social Security Act, as created by the Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997. The group within HHS that is responsible for this report is the Children's Bureau, within the Administration for Children and Families.

² The title IV-E agency is the state agency authorized to use federal title IV-E funds to support foster care, adoption assistance, and kinship guardianship assistance. Title IV-E has been amended on several occasions to provide federal funding for foster care, adoption, and the relative guardianship program. Title IV-B provides preventative and protective services for children. For a more detailed understanding of the history and changes over time, please see <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/resource/title-iv-e-legislation-policy>

³ In this report, the designation of "state" includes the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. Therefore, the report provides information on a total of 52 states.

⁴ Unless otherwise specified, the data used in this report are for federal fiscal year 2012 (October 1, 2011–September 30, 2012).

⁵ This report uses a unique count for child victims, which tallies a child only once regardless of the number of times he or she was found to be a victim during the reporting year. This is a change from prior reports, which used duplicate counts. These data are now consistent with the reporting practice in the Child Maltreatment reports.

⁶ For the purposes of this report, a victim of child maltreatment is defined as a child for whom an incident of abuse or neglect has been substantiated or indicated by an investigation or assessment. A state may include some children with alternative dispositions as victims (see *Child Maltreatment 2012*). It is important to note that the Child Welfare Outcomes Report uses the total reported number of child victims as opposed to a national estimate of child victims, which often is reported in Child Maltreatment. The total number of victims reported in this report is rounded to the nearest 1,000.

⁷ The national child victim rate is calculated by dividing the total number of child victims (678,810) by the child population for all states that submitted NCANDS data (74,150,798), and multiplying by 1,000.

⁸ A state's rate of child victims is defined as the number of child victims reported to NCANDS per 1,000 children in the state's population.

2011, there was no change between 2011 and 2012.

- Child victim rates in 2012 varied rather substantially across racial/ethnic groups. Black children had the highest rates of victimization at 14.2 victims per 1,000 children in that racial group's overall child population. Asian children had the lowest rates, with 1.7 victims per 1,000 Asian children in the population.

Foster care information overview

- Nationally, there were approximately 397,000 children in foster care on the last day of 2012. During that year, an estimated 252,000 children entered foster care, and 241,000 children exited foster care. Among the states, the foster care entry rate ranged from 1.3 children per 1,000 to 8.6 children per 1,000 in a state's population.⁹
- Between 2002 and 2012, the number of children in care on the last day of the FY decreased by 24.2 percent, from 524,000 to 397,000.¹⁰ While it is currently not possible to determine the cause of the decrease in the number of children in foster care using the AFCARS database, a number of states have been making deliberate efforts to safely reduce the number of children in care through various programmatic and policy initiatives.¹¹
- The rates of children in foster care in 2012 varied substantially across racial/ethnic groups. American Indian/Alaska Native children had the highest rates of children in care, with 13.0 per 1,000 children in that racial/ethnic group's overall child population. Asian children had the lowest rate, with 0.7 in care per 1,000 Asian children in the general child population.
- Nationally, 235,000 children exited foster care in 2012. Of these children, 207,000 (87 percent) were discharged to a permanent home (i.e., were discharged to reunification, adoption, or legal guardianship).

Longer range AFCARS data show that, between FYs 2002 and 2012, the number of children in care on the last day of the FY decreased by 24.2 percent, from 524,000 to 397,000

STATE PERFORMANCE ON OUTCOME MEASURES

The Child Welfare Outcomes Report presents data and analyses on seven outcome categories. A synopsis of key findings for these outcome areas is provided below. The measures relevant to these outcomes are described in detail in appendix B. Most of the outcome measures also are listed in tables 1 and 2 of this executive summary. Note that individual measures that are part of the Child and Family Services Reviews (CFSRs) permanency composites are preceded by a "C" to distinguish them from the original outcome measures. The original outcome measures were developed prior to the first Child Welfare Outcomes Report (1998) in close consultation with state representatives and other professionals in the field. The composite measures, developed in 2005 and adopted in 2006, were based on the same outcome goals but were created in response to requests that HHS measure more detailed aspects of the original outcomes to allow a better understanding of state performance.

All national medians for outcome measures referenced in this executive summary include only those states for which adequate data are available for 2009 through 2012. Tables of these medians can be found at the end of this executive summary.¹²

Change in state performance over time is assessed by calculating a percent change in performance on the measures.¹³ Consistent with the HHS approach to the analyses in these reports for the past 12 years, a percent change of 5.0 or greater in either direction (i.e., positive or negative) is used as a general indicator that meaningful change in performance on the outcome measures occurred. Therefore, for purposes of the analyses presented in the Child Welfare Outcomes Report, if the percent change in performance from 2009 to 2012 was less than 5.0 in either direction, the determination is that there was "no change" in performance.

Outcome 1: Reduce recurrence of child abuse and/or neglect

- In 2012, state performance varied considerably with regard to the percentage of child victims experiencing a recurrence of child maltreatment within a six-month period (measure 1.1) (range = 1.4 to 12.4 percent; median = 5.1 percent).

⁹ Rate of entry is calculated by dividing the total number of children entering foster care in a state by the total child population in that state and multiplying by 1,000 [(N entering FC/child population) x 1,000].

¹⁰ For more information, see *Trends in Foster Care and Adoption—FY 2002–FY 2012* on the Children's Bureau website: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/resource/trends-in-foster-care-and-adoption>. The data used in *Trends in Foster Care and Adoption—FY 2002–FY 2012* were updated as of July 2013.

¹¹ See the following for examples: (1) Freundlich, M. (2010). *Legislative strategies to safely reduce the number of children in foster care*. National Conference of State Legislatures. Retrieved from http://www.ncsl.org/documents/cyf/strategies_reducing_the_number_of_children_in_foster_care.pdf; and (2) National Governors Association Center for Best Practices. (2010). *State efforts to safely reduce the number of children in foster care*. Retrieved from <http://www.nga.org/cms/home/nga-center-for-best-practices/center-publications/page-ehsw-publications/col2-content/main-content-list/state-efforts-to-safely-reduce-t.html>

¹² In the Child Welfare Outcomes Report, two separate national medians are computed for each measure for 2012. In the 2012 "Range of State Performance" tables, national medians are calculated using all states that had adequate data available for 2012 only. However, when looking at performance over time, a separate 2012 national median is calculated that includes only the states that had adequate data available for all the relevant years (2009 through 2012). This is done to provide a more accurate calculation of change over time. Therefore, the number of states (N) included in each of these calculations may vary, and these two medians may vary slightly. For consistency, the medians used in this executive summary are those that include states that had adequate data available for all relevant years.

¹³ Percent change is calculated by subtracting "old" data from "new" data, dividing that result by old data, and multiplying it by 100. For example, maltreatment recurrence was 5.7 percent in 2009 and 5.1 percent in 2012, so the formula is [(5.1–5.7)/5.7]x100=10.5 percent decrease.

- States with higher victim rates tended to have higher maltreatment recurrence rates within a six-month period (Pearson's $r=.56$).¹⁴ In addition, consistent with previous Child Welfare Outcomes Reports, states with a relatively high percentage of children who were victims of neglect (as opposed to other forms of maltreatment) also had some tendency to have a relatively high percentage of maltreatment recurrence within a six-month period (Pearson's $r=.43$).
- Performance with regard to recurrence of child maltreatment (measure 1.1) improved significantly between 2009 and 2012. The median improved from 5.7 percent in 2009 to 5.1 percent in 2012, a 10.5 percent decrease (note that a lower percentage is desirable for this measure). Furthermore, a higher percentage of states demonstrated an improvement in performance on this measure (43 percent) than showed a decline in performance (35 percent).

Outcome 2: Reduce the incidence of child abuse and/or neglect in foster care

- In 2012, state performance regarding the maltreatment of children while in foster care (measure 2.1) ranged from 0.00 to 1.65 percent, with a median of 0.32 percent.
- Between 2009 and 2012, national performance improved with regard to the maltreatment of children in foster care (measure 2.1). While nearly equal numbers of states improved and declined in performance between 2009 and 2012, the national median declined from .34 in 2009 to .30 in 2012, an 11.8 percent decrease (note that a lower percentage is desirable for this measure).

Between 2009 and 2012, state performance on the two safety-related outcome measures substantially improved.

Outcome 3: Increase permanency for children in foster care

- In 2012, states were fairly successful in achieving a permanent home for all children exiting foster care (measure 3.1, median = 87.3 percent). However, states were less successful in achieving permanent homes for children exiting foster care who had a diagnosed disability (measure 3.2, median = 77.7 percent), and even less successful in finding permanent homes for children exiting foster care who entered care when they were older than age 12 (measure 3.3, median = 64.4 percent).
- For children who had been in foster care for long periods of time (measure C3.1), defined as 24 months or longer, only 33.5 percent (median) of these children had permanent homes by the end of 2012. Between 2009 and 2012, 65 percent of states exhibited an improvement in performance, and the national median for this measure increased from 29.7 percent to 34.4 percent (a 15.8 percent change).
- States that were successful in achieving permanency for children at the time of exit from foster care (measure 3.1) also were successful in achieving permanency for children who are in foster care for long periods of time (measure C3.1). This is demonstrated by the fact that there is a strong positive correlation (Pearson's $r=.55$) between these two measures in 2012.
- In many states, a considerable percentage of children who were emancipated from foster care in 2012 were in foster care for long periods of time before they were emancipated (measures 3.4 and C3.3). In about one-half of the states, 23.0 percent or more of the children who were emancipated from foster care were age 12 or younger when they entered foster care (measure 3.4), and 41.9 percent or more of the children emancipated from foster care, or who turned age 18 while in care, were in care for three years or longer (measure C3.3). However, it is encouraging to note that between 2009 and 2012, 70 percent of states showed improved performance on measure 3.4, and 67 percent of states showed improvement on measure C3.3.

Many states with a comparatively high percentage of children entering foster care who were age 12 or older at the time of entry also had a relatively high percentage of children reentering foster care (Pearson's $r=.52$).

Outcome 4: Reduce time in foster care to reunification without increasing reentry

- The 2012 data suggest that, in many states, a majority of children discharged to reunification were reunified in a timely manner. Across states, the median percentage of reunifications occurring in less than 12 months was between 65.8 and 68.6 percent (measures 4.1 and C1.1). The median length of stay in foster care for reunified children was 8.0 months (measure C1.2).
- Many states with a comparatively high percentage of children entering foster care who were age 12 or older at the time of entry also had a relatively high percentage of children reentering foster care (measure C1.4) (Pearson's $r=.52$).
- Several states with high foster care entry rates also had relatively high percentages of reunifications occurring in less than 12 months (measure C1.1) (Pearson's $r=.36$).

Outcome 5: Reduce time in foster care to adoption

- In 2012, it was unusual in most states for adoptions to occur in less than 12 months from the child's entry into foster care. The national median for the corresponding measure (5.1a) was only 4.2 percent. In addition, the percentage of adoptions

¹⁴ The strength of relationships in the Child Welfare Outcomes Reports is assessed using correlation coefficients, specifically Pearson's r , which can range in value from -1 to $+1$.

occurring in less than 24 months from a child's entry into foster care was fairly low (measure C2.1, median = 32.4 percent). However, it is encouraging to note that, between 2009 and 2012, the national median for measure 5.1a improved from 3.6 percent to 4.5 percent (a 25.0 percent change).

The 2012 data indicate that achieving adoptions in less than 24 months still remains a challenge for all but a few states.

- Eighty percent of states showed improved performance in the percentage of children in foster care for 17 months or longer on the first day of the year who were adopted by the end of the year (measure C2.3). Consistent with this finding, the national median for this measure increased from 24.5 percent in 2009 to 29.2 percent in 2012 (a 19.2 percent change).
- Many states (65 percent) showed improvement in the percentage of children in foster care for 17 months or longer on the first day of the year who became legally free for adoption in the first six months of the year (measure C2.4).
- Sixty-seven percent of states showed improved performance in the percentage of children who were legally free for adoption who were adopted within 12 months of becoming legally free (measure C2.5). In addition, the national median for this measure improved from 55.3 percent in 2009 to 62.9 percent in 2012 (a 13.7 percent change).

Outcome 6: Increase placement stability

- In this report, adequate placement stability is defined as limiting the number of placement settings for a child to no more than two for a single foster care episode. Although most states appeared to be reasonably successful in achieving this placement stability goal for children in foster care for less than 12 months, states tended to be far less successful in meeting this goal for children in foster care for longer periods of time. The median across states declined from 85.2 percent for children in foster care for less than 12 months to 64.1 percent for children in foster care for 12 to 24 months, and then declined even further to 35.2 percent for children in foster care for 24 months or longer.

Outcome 7: Reduce placements of young children in group homes or institutions

- In about one-half of the states, 4.5 percent or less of children entering foster care under the age of 12 were placed in group homes or institutions. However, in four states, between 10 percent and 20 percent of young children were placed in group homes or institutions, indicating that this is still an important issue in some states.
- Between 2009 and 2012, states declined in performance with regard to the percentage of children entering foster care when they were age 12 or younger who were placed in a group home or institution (measure 7.1). The national median for this measure increased from 4.2 percent in 2009 to 4.6 percent in 2012 (an 8.1 percent increase). Fifty-seven percent of states did improve their performance on this measure, but 35 percent declined in performance and 9 percent exhibited no change.

States generally are more successful in minimizing the number of placement settings for children in care for less than 12 months, but children in care for longer periods of time tend to have far more placement setting changes.

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION

In reviewing the key findings in all seven outcome areas, it is clear that there are both areas of strength and areas in need of improvement with regard to achieving positive outcomes for children who come into contact with state child welfare systems. All of these areas deserve additional investigation in order to gain further understanding and move the child welfare field forward. Some areas needing additional attention are shown below. Note that the AFCARS data are too limited to provide insight into many of these issues, but they are presented here for the purpose of encouraging the field to further review and address the issues. These areas include the following:

- Between 2009 and 2012, state performance on the two safety-related outcome measures, recurrence of maltreatment and maltreatment in foster care, improved substantially. For both of these safety measures, it is important to keep in mind that, while the percentages of maltreatment may be numerically small, these events have serious implications for the safety and well-being of children. Children who experience maltreatment, either at home or in out-of-home care, can experience a wide variety of consequences ranging from physical and mental health problems to issues with cognitive development and academic achievement.¹⁵ Furthermore, maltreatment recurrence is associated with an increase in trauma symptoms in children.¹⁶ States should continue to monitor performance on these two measures and work to improve upon their efforts to ensure that children remain safe.

¹⁵ Goldman, J., Salus, M. K., Wolcott, D., & Kennedy, K. Y. (2003). What are the consequences of child abuse and neglect? In *A coordinated response to child abuse and neglect: The foundation for practice* (pp. 35–38). Washington DC: Department of Health and Human Services.

¹⁶ Finkelhor, D., Ormrod, R. K., & Turner, H. A. (2007). Polyvictimization and trauma in a national longitudinal cohort. *Development and Psychopathology, 19*, 149–166.

- States continue to experience challenges finding permanent homes for children with disabilities and for children who entered foster care when they were older than age 12. Agencies should review their data and current practices to consider what additional barriers may be preventing these older youth and children with disabilities from being placed into permanent homes.
- States that were successful in achieving permanency for children at the time of exit from foster care also were successful in achieving permanency for children who were in foster care for long periods of time. Evaluating and understanding the practices of successful states could provide useful information to states that are working to improve performance in these areas.
- A consistent finding in the Child Welfare Outcomes Reports is that many states with a relatively high percentage of foster care reentries also had a relatively high percentage of children entering foster care who were adolescents (age 12 or older). The challenges that these youth present to state child welfare systems with regard to meeting the reunification needs of the children and their families may be quite different from those encountered in working with younger children and their families. Consequently, states with large numbers of youth in their foster care populations would benefit from developing strategies that target the needs of these youth.
- Overall, national performance on timeliness of adoptions has improved, but it continues to be a significant challenge for most states. It is important to note that there may be a variety of factors that contribute to lower performance on these measures, and these factors may vary considerably between states. However, for those states that struggle in this area, a careful review of specific barriers would be beneficial.
- Placement setting stability for children in foster care longer than 12 months consistently has been an area of difficulty for many states, and overall performance remained stagnant between 2009 and 2012. More work is needed on how states can prevent children from remaining in care for long periods of time and increase placement setting stability for children who have been in care for long periods of time.

Data and analysis presented throughout the full Child Welfare Outcomes Report offer additional details regarding overall national performance. In addition, State Data Pages provide a profile of individual state performance between 2009 and 2012.

**Table 1. Median State Performance, 2009–2012
Original Outcome Measures**

Outcome Measures ¹⁷	Median Performance by Year			
	2009	2010	2011	2012
*Measure 1.1: Of all children who were victims of substantiated or indicated child abuse and/or neglect during the first six months of the year, what percentage had another substantiated or indicated report within a six-month period? (N=51 states)	5.7%	5.0%	5.2%	5.1%
*Measure 2.1: Of all children who were in foster care during the year, what percentage were the subject of substantiated or indicated maltreatment by a foster parent or facility staff member? (N=47 states)	.34%	.35%	.34%	.30%
Measure 3.1: Of all children who exited foster care during the year, what percentage left to either reunification, adoption, or legal guardianship (i.e., were discharged to a permanent home)? (N=46 states)	86.6%	86.4%	87.2%	87.6%
Measure 3.2: Of all children who exited foster care during the year and were identified as having a diagnosed disability, what percentage left to either reunification, adoption, or legal guardianship (i.e., were discharged to a permanent home)? (N=37 states)	77.6%	77.6%	77.7%	78.8%
Measure 3.3: Of all children who exited foster care during the year and were older than age 12 at the time of their most recent entry into care, what percentage left either to reunification, adoption, or legal guardianship (i.e., were discharged to a permanent home)? (N=46 states)	66.6%	65.3%	66.0%	64.8%
*Measure 3.4: Of all children exiting foster care in the year to emancipation, what percentage were age 12 or younger at the time of entry into care? (N=46 states)	25.5%	24.1%	24.9%	22.5%
Measure 4.1: Of all children reunified with their parents or caretakers at the time of discharge from foster care during the year, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the time of entry into foster care? (N=46 states)	68.5%	69.4%	68.4%	66.5%
Measure 5.1a: Of all children discharged from care during the year to a finalized adoption, what percentage were discharged in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (N=46 states)	3.6%	4.0%	3.8%	4.5%
Measure 6.1a: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for less than 12 months, what percentage had no more than two placement settings? (N=46 states)	85.2%	85.8%	86.1%	85.2%
Measure 6.1b: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in foster care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had no more than two placement settings? (N= 46 states)	60.4%	61.7%	63.2%	64.1%
Measure 6.1c: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in foster care for at least 24 months, what percentage had no more than two placement settings? (N=46 states)	30.0%	32.6%	32.8%	35.2%
*Measure 7.1: Of all children who entered foster care during the year and were age 12 or younger at the time of their most recent placement, what percentage were placed in a group home or institution? (N=46 states)	4.2%	4.5%	4.5%	4.6%

* For these measures, a lower number indicates better performance.

¹⁷ Data for this table include all states for which adequate data are available.

**Table 2. Median State Performance, 2009–2012
Composite Measures**

Composite Measures ¹⁸	Median Performance by Year			
	2009	2010	2011	2012
Measure C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for eight days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment) (N=45 states)	67.3%	67.5%	70.4%	68.4%
*Measure C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for eight days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment) (N=45 states)	8.0 months	7.8 months	7.7 months	8.0 months
Measure C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the six-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for eight days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment) (N=45 states)	41.3%	41.7%	40.9%	38.0%
Measure C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge? (N=45 states)	12.4%	12.1%	11.4%	11.8%
Measure C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (N=46 states) ¹⁹	32.9%	32.8%	33.2%	32.6%
*Measure C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from home to the date of discharge to adoption? (N=46 states)	30.2 months	29.6 months	29.3 months	28.6 months
Measure C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, what percentage was discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year? (N=46 states) ²⁰	24.5%	25.0%	25.9%	29.2%
Measure C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in foster care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day, what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first six months of the year? (N=46 states) ²¹	13.1%	12.1%	13.4%	13.4%
Measure C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free? (N=46 states)	55.3%	59.1%	60.2%	62.9%
Measure C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year? (N=46 states)	29.7%	29.9%	32.5%	34.4%
Measure C3.2: Of all children who were discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday? (N=46 states) ²²	93.8%	94.1%	94.9%	95.8%
*Measure C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for three years or longer? (N=46 states)	44.7%	43.9%	43.1%	41.9%

¹⁸ Data for this table include all states for which adequate data are available. Numbers are expressed as percentages except when measured by months, as noted. Individual measures developed for Composite 4: Placement stability are not shown in this table because the measures are nearly identical to the original measures of placement stability incorporated into measure 6.1 (see table 1).

¹⁹ Although measure C2.1 is calculated exactly the same way as original measure 5.1b, the results can vary slightly because the source files are different for the composite measures. In the source files for measure C2.1, all children are excluded who were not age 17 for at least 1 day. No such exclusion exists for measure 5.1b. In addition, composites are calculated at the county level and then are aggregated to the state level, which also could influence slightly performance on C2.1 compared to 5.1b.

²⁰ The denominator for this measure excludes children who, by the last day of the year, were discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification with parents or primary caretakers, living with relatives, or guardianship.

²¹ A child is considered to be "legally free" for adoption if there is a date for parental rights termination reported to AFCARS for both mother and father. Also, the denominator for this measure excludes children who, during the first 6 months of the year, were discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification with parents or primary caretakers, living with other relatives, or guardianship.

²² A child is considered to be "legally free" for adoption if there is a date for the parental rights termination reported to AFCARS for both mother and father.

I: Introduction to the Child Welfare Outcomes, Data, and Analysis

The Child Welfare Outcomes Report was created by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to meet requirements of section 203(a) of the Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997 (ASFA).¹ ASFA created section 479A of the Social Security Act (the Act) to require HHS to issue an annual report that assesses state performance in operating child protection and child welfare programs under titles IV-B and IV-E of the Act.² *Child Welfare Outcomes 1998* was the first report created in the Child Welfare Outcomes series of reports. The present report, *Child Welfare Outcomes 2009–2012*, is the thirteenth report since the series' inception.

The Child Welfare Outcomes Report provides information on national performance as well as the performance of individual states in seven outcome categories.³ Prior to the first report, *Child Welfare Outcomes 1998*, HHS identified these outcomes in close consultation with state and local child welfare agency administrators, child advocacy organizations, child welfare researchers, state legislators, and other experts in the child welfare field. The outcomes reflect a consensus of these groups regarding important performance objectives for child welfare practice. The seven national outcomes established by HHS through this consultation process are:

- Outcome 1:** Reduce recurrence of child abuse and/or neglect
- Outcome 2:** Reduce the incidence of child abuse and/or neglect in foster care
- Outcome 3:** Increase permanency for children in foster care
- Outcome 4:** Reduce time in foster care to reunification without increasing reentry
- Outcome 5:** Reduce time in foster care to adoption
- Outcome 6:** Increase placement stability
- Outcome 7:** Reduce placements of young children in group homes or institutions

ORIGINAL OUTCOME MEASURES AND CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES REVIEW MEASURES

The Child Welfare Outcomes Report originally reported on 12 measures established to assess performance on the seven national outcomes identified above. However, starting with *Child Welfare Outcomes 2002–2005*, HHS also began to include data on the four permanency composites (composed of 15 individual measures) used as part of the second round of the Child and Family Services Reviews (CFSRs).⁴ Therefore, the current report includes a total of 27 measures (the 12 original measures plus the 15 CFSR individual measures).⁵

Each CFSR data composite incorporates a range of performance areas relevant to a particular child welfare domain. For example, in measuring reunification performance, individual measures under that composite include both median length of stay in foster care and the reentry rate. Individual measures that are part of the CFSR composite measures are preceded by a “C” throughout this report to distinguish them from the original measures. Also, note that the CFSRs and Child Welfare Outcomes Report are separate activities within HHS, even though the measures are related. In addition, state data used for the CFSR may vary somewhat from the data included in the Child Welfare Outcomes Report because states often correct and update data used in the CFSR process.

CONTEXT DATA

The Child Welfare Outcomes Report presents data pertaining to state performance on the outcome measures as well as on child welfare-related contextual factors.⁶ These context data are relevant to understanding and interpreting performance on the outcome measures featured in these reports. The contextual factors include the following:

¹ See appendix A for the specifications of section 479A of the Social Security Act, as created by the Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997. The group within HHS that is responsible for this report is the Children's Bureau, within the Administration for Children and Families.

² The title IV-E agency is the state agency authorized to use federal title IV-E funds to support foster care, adoption assistance, and kinship guardianship assistance. Title IV-E has been amended on several occasions to provide federal funding for foster care, adoption, and the relative guardianship program. Title IV-B provides preventative and protective services for children. For a more detailed understanding of the history and changes over time, please see <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/resource/title-iv-e-legislation-policy>

³ In this report, the designation of “state” includes the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. Therefore, the report provides information on a total of 52 states.

⁴ The CFSRs are periodic reviews of state child welfare systems that assess conformity with federal child welfare requirements and assist states in helping children and families achieve positive outcomes. Complete and up-to-date information on the CFSR process is provided on the Children's Bureau website: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/monitoring/child-family-services-reviews>

⁵ See appendix B for descriptions of the 27 outcome measures included in the Child Welfare Outcomes Report.

⁶ Unless otherwise specified, the data used in this report are for federal fiscal year (FY) 2012 (October 1, 2011–September 30, 2012).

- A state’s estimated child population statistics with regard to the number and race/ethnicity of children, as well as child poverty data⁷
- Caseworker visits data for children in foster care (the percentage of children in foster care visited monthly by their caseworker and the percentage of monthly visits occurring in the home of the child)⁸
- The number and characteristics (age, race/ethnicity, and type of maltreatment) of child maltreatment victims (defined as children who were the subject of a substantiated or “indicated/reason to suspect” abuse or neglect allegation or whose disposition was “alternative response victim”)⁹
- Mean and median response time (the time between the maltreatment report and the first face-to-face contact with the responding caseworker)
- The number and characteristics (age and race/ethnicity) of children in foster care at the start of the year, in care at the end of the year, and of children who entered and exited foster care¹⁰
- The median length of stay of children in foster care
- The number and characteristics (age and race/ethnicity) of children waiting for adoption¹¹
- The number and characteristics (age and race/ethnicity) of children for whom an adoption was finalized

DATA SOURCES

Data for the original Child Welfare Outcomes measures, the CFSR composite measures, and the majority of the context data in this report come from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS) and the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS). States are required by regulation to submit AFCARS data, while NCANDS data are submitted voluntarily by states. The specific NCANDS and AFCARS data elements used to calculate each outcome measure are outlined in appendix D.

Data for the caseworker visits requirements are reported in each state’s Annual Progress and Services Report (APSR). These data are not part of AFCARS or NCANDS, and some states elected to use a sampling procedure approved by HHS’s Children’s Bureau. As referenced in the previous section of this chapter, data on caseworker visits are required under section 479A of the Act to be included in this report.

This report also uses child population data, which are provided by the U.S. Census Bureau on an annual basis. Total child population and child race/ethnicity estimates are derived by calculating expected population change from the most recent decennial census data. Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau’s American Community Survey, an ongoing survey that annually samples a small percentage of the population in order to provide communities with information relevant to their service provision and investments.¹²

As noted previously, the data used in the Child Welfare Outcomes Report may vary slightly from other sources if a state resubmitted data after HHS prepared the data for this report. Data were prepared on the following dates:

- 2009, 2010, 2011, and 2012 AFCARS data: January 9, 2013
- 2009, 2010, 2011, and 2012 NCANDS data: June 24, 2013
- 2009, 2010, 2011, and 2012 Census data: June 20, 2013
- 2012 caseworker visits data: February 4, 2013

⁷ These data come from the Census Bureau and reflect estimates rather than actual numbers. These data are based on the calendar year and not the fiscal year. Note that the 2012 Census Bureau child population in poverty data were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2010–2013 report.

⁸ Section 479A(6) of the Social Security Act requires states to include data on caseworker visits in this annual report. Requirements for caseworker visits data were revised in PL 112-34 and are now defined under section 424(f)(1) and (2) of the Act. Beginning in 2012, states began using the revised methodology for reporting caseworker visits data, which is detailed in Program Instruction ACYF-CB-PI-12-01: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/cb/pi1201.pdf>. For more information, see appendix C.

⁹ *Child Maltreatment 2012* provides the following definitions: (1) “Substantiated” refers to a type of investigation disposition that concludes that the allegation of maltreatment or risk of maltreatment was supported or founded by state law or state policy; (2) “Indicated or reason to suspect” refers to an investigation disposition that concludes that maltreatment could not be substantiated under state law or policy, but there was reason to suspect that at least one child may have been maltreated or was at risk of maltreatment. This is applicable only to states that distinguish between substantiated and indicated dispositions; (3) some states use an alternative response process rather than a standard investigation in selected cases; “alternative response victim” is a possible disposition in those states and indicates that at least one child in the report was a victim of maltreatment. For more information, see the full report: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/resource/child-maltreatment-2012>

¹⁰ For the purposes of this report, “foster care” refers to a variety of out-of-home placement settings, including foster family homes, group homes, shelters, residential treatment facilities, and similar placements for children who are placed away from their parents or guardians in 24-hour substitute care and under the placement and care responsibility of a state child welfare agency for at least 24 hours (see 45 CFR 1355, Appendix A, Section II).

¹¹ There is no federal definition for a “child waiting to be adopted.” The definition used in the Child Welfare Outcomes Report includes children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents’ parental rights have been terminated, but for whom an adoption was not finalized by the end of the year. It excludes children 16 years of age or older with parents whose parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. This definition may differ from definitions used by individual states.

¹² Additional information on the methodology used to calculate child population estimates can be found on the Census Bureau’s website: <http://www.census.gov/popest/methodology/index.html>. Additional information on the methodology used to collect and calculate child poverty data can be found on the American Community Survey section of the Census Bureau’s website: <http://www.census.gov/acs/www/>

National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System

NCANDS is a federally sponsored effort that collects and analyzes state data pertaining to children who come to the attention of public child protective services agencies as alleged victims of abuse or neglect. NCANDS was a result of a Departmental directive included in the 1988 amendments to the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA) to establish a national data collection and analysis program on child abuse and neglect.¹³ The data are submitted voluntarily by the states, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. NCANDS data are published annually in the Child Maltreatment report series.¹⁴ A summary of the most recent report, *Child Maltreatment 2012*, is presented in appendix E.

The NCANDS Child File is a data file that states submit annually. In 2012, 51 states submitted an NCANDS Child File.¹⁵ This file contains detailed case information about each child who is the subject of an investigation or assessment in response to a maltreatment allegation. Any child that is associated with a report that has received a disposition during the year is included in the Child File. Although a disposition usually refers to a finding regarding the allegation, it also can include those reports that were closed without a finding.

The Child File is the primary data source for the safety-related data included in the Child Welfare Outcomes Report.¹⁶ While alternate safety data sources sometimes are allowed for the purposes of the CFSRs, they are not used for the purposes of this report.

Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System

Most data included in the Child Welfare Outcomes Report come from AFCARS. AFCARS collects case-level information from state and tribal title IV-E agencies on all children in foster care and those who have been adopted with title IV-E agency involvement. Title IV-E agencies are required to submit AFCARS data twice a year. The requirements for AFCARS are codified in federal regulation at 45 CFR 1355.40. The 2012 AFCARS report is presented in appendix F.

National Youth in Transition Database

Implemented in 2011, the National Youth in Transition Database (NYTD) collects information on the independent living services that states provide to youth transitioning out of foster care, as well as data for outcome measures that may be used to assess state performance in operating their independent living programs. Although NYTD is not one of the data sources used for computing context and outcomes data in the Child Welfare Outcomes Report, statistics from the system are used to support some of the report findings. For more information on NYTD, as well as findings from the 2012 data collection period, see appendix G.

DATA ANALYSES IN THE CHILD WELFARE OUTCOMES REPORT

Chapters II through V of this Child Welfare Outcomes Report present key findings of analyses conducted across states. These findings pertain to variations across states in performance on the outcome measures, changes in performance on the measures over time, and the relationships between contextual factors and state performance.

It is important to note that medians and ranges described in this report are derived by using summary data for each state. These data points are not determined by looking at case-level data for the country as a whole. In addition, there are occasional instances in which certain state data are excluded from cross-state analyses due to incomplete or inadequate data.¹⁷ Therefore, the total number of states included may vary for each analysis.¹⁸

Percent change calculations

Change in state performance over time is assessed by calculating a percent change in performance on the measures.¹⁹ Consistent with HHS's approach to the analyses in these reports for the past 12 years, a percent change of 5.0 or greater in either direction (i.e.,

¹³ More information about CAPTA can be found on the Children's Bureau website: http://www.acf.hhs.gov/cwpm/programs/cb/laws_policies/laws/cwpm/policy.jsp?idFlag=2

¹⁴ Some results presented in this report may not be precisely the same as those presented in the Child Maltreatment reports due to differences in data inclusion and exclusion criteria.

¹⁵ Idaho did not submit FY 2012 NCANDS data in time to meet the submission deadline for this report.

¹⁶ The Agency File contains supplemental aggregated child abuse data from such agencies as medical examiners' offices and non-child-protective-services (non-CPS) providers. The number of total child fatalities is the only safety data element included in this report that includes information from both the Child File and Agency File.

¹⁷ While data quality has improved over time, these issues can still occur for a number of reasons. For example, states implementing new child welfare information systems may encounter some data quality issues in the transition. Additionally, data quality can be compromised by factors such as policy changes or poor data entry practices. HHS works with states on a continuing basis to improve data quality and maximize accuracy and completeness.

¹⁸ In the Child Welfare Outcomes Report, two separate national medians are computed for each measure for 2012. In the 2012 Range of State Performance tables, national medians are calculated using data from all states that had adequate data available for 2012 only. However, when looking at performance over time, a separate national median is calculated for 2012 that includes only data from the states that had adequate data available for all the relevant fiscal years (2009 through 2012). This is done to provide a more accurate calculation of change over time. Therefore, the number of states (N) included in each of these calculations may vary, and these two medians may vary slightly.

¹⁹ Percent change is calculated by subtracting "old" data from "new" data, dividing that result by old data, and multiplying it by 100. For example, maltreatment recurrence was 5.7 percent in 2009 and 5.1 percent in 2012, so the formula is $((5.1 - 5.7) / 5.7) \times 100 = 10.5$ percent decrease.

positive or negative) is used as a general indicator that meaningful change in performance on the outcome measures occurred. Therefore, for purposes of the analyses presented in the Child Welfare Outcomes Report, if the percent change in performance from 2009 to 2012 was less than 5.0 in either direction, the determination is that there was “no change” in performance.

Correlations

Strength of relationships between measures and context variables are assessed using correlation coefficients, specifically Pearson’s *r*. This coefficient can range from -1 to $+1$. In the Child Welfare Outcomes Report, these coefficients are interpreted in accordance with J. P. Guilford’s suggested interpretations for correlation coefficient values.²⁰ These are as follows:

- A coefficient of 0.0 up to plus or minus .20 indicates a very low or negligible correlation.
- A coefficient of plus or minus .20–.40 indicates a low correlation.
- A coefficient of plus or minus .40–.70 indicates a moderate correlation.
- A coefficient of plus or minus .70–.90 indicates a high correlation.
- A coefficient of plus or minus .90–1.00 indicates a very high correlation.

THE CHILD WELFARE OUTCOMES REPORT DATA SITE

In 2010, the Children’s Bureau launched the Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>), a website that features data from the Child Welfare Outcomes Report. Specifically, it contains the data found in the State Data Pages, which also are published in chapter VI of the full report. The website was developed primarily as a means of releasing report data in a timelier manner than is possible through the full report publication process. It also makes the data available in a more user-friendly format. Data updates to the site occur annually after the data have been reviewed and approved by the states and prior to the release of the full report.

The Data Site provides users with increased capabilities for viewing and utilizing the data found in the Child Welfare Outcomes Report. For example, users can isolate and view the variables in which they are most interested, compare data across states, choose from a variety of different data output displays, and export data reports in Excel format. Site functionality is updated on a regular basis in order to provide users with new and increased capabilities for data use and reporting.

The Data Site’s most recent functionality update involves increased capabilities for viewing race/ethnicity data. As of December 2013, users can create data reports using the following two race/ethnicity breakdown options:

- The “traditional” breakdown, where race and ethnicity are treated as mutually exclusive categories, and the affirmative reporting of Hispanic origin trumps race, thus removing a child from any race categories
- The new “alternative” breakdown, where race and ethnicity are reported as two separate categories; however, they are not mutually exclusive, and both race and ethnicity can be reported for each child

The concept of percent change (also known as proportional change) over time is used in this report to highlight the fact that some changes may appear small in absolute terms but represent large proportional changes.

²⁰ Guilford, J.P. (1956). *Fundamental statistics in psychology and education* (3rd ed.). New York: McGraw-Hill.

II: Keeping Children Safe

Public child welfare agencies are responsible for ensuring that children who have been found to be victims of abuse or neglect are protected from further harm. Whether the child is placed in out-of-home care or maintained in the home, the child welfare agency's first concern must be to ensure the safety of the child.

This chapter provides information on some contextual factors related to child safety as well as on the following two safety measures:

Measure 1.1: The percentage of child victims who experience a recurrence of maltreatment within a six-month period

Measure 2.1: The percentage of all children in foster care who were maltreated by a foster parent or facility staff member

Unless otherwise noted, data reported in this chapter come from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS) and are for federal fiscal year (FY) 2012 (October 1, 2011–September 30, 2012). Through NCANDS, HHS collects and analyzes data on children who come into contact with public child protective services (CPS) agencies as alleged victims of abuse or neglect. Although submission of data to NCANDS is voluntary for states, HHS strongly encourages participation and provides technical assistance to help with data collection and reporting. Participation has increased over the past several years. At the time this report was prepared, 51 states had submitted NCANDS data for 2012.²¹

Although the NCANDS submission is voluntary, it is strongly encouraged; 51 states submitted NCANDS data for 2012.

Before addressing the performance of states on the safety outcome measures, this chapter provides important contextual data, including the characteristics of the child victims, types of maltreatment, and response time.²²

CHARACTERISTICS OF CHILD VICTIMS, TYPES OF MALTREATMENT, AND RESPONSE TIME²³

In 2012, approximately 679,000 children were confirmed to be victims of maltreatment.²⁴ The overall national child victim rate was 9.2 child victims per 1,000 children in the population.²⁵

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Table II-1 shows the total number of child victims and the national child victim rate between 2009 and 2012.

Table II-1. Child Victims, 2009–2012*

	2009 (N=50 states)	2010 (N=51 states)	2011 (N=51 states)	2012 (N=51 states)
Total Child Victims**	693,000	688,000	677,000	679,000
National Child Victim Rate	9.3	9.3	9.2	9.2

* The data in this table represent unique counts of child victims (a child only may be reported as a victim once).

** The total number of child victims is rounded to the nearest 1,000.

²¹ Idaho did not submit FY 2012 NCANDS data in time to meet the submission deadline for this report. In this report, the designation of "state" includes the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. Therefore, the report provides information on a total of 52 states; the number of states actually used in a specific analysis depends on the number of states that submitted adequate data for a particular measure.

²² In prior reports, the term "time to investigation" was used in place of "response time." The terminology was updated in the current report so as to ensure consistency with the language used in the Child Maltreatment reports.

²³ This report uses a unique count for child victims, which tallies a child only once regardless of the number of times he or she was found to be a victim during the reporting year. This is a change from prior reports, which used duplicate counts. These data are now consistent with the reporting practice in the Child Maltreatment reports.

²⁴ For the purposes of this report, a victim of child maltreatment is defined as a child for whom an incident of abuse or neglect has been substantiated or indicated by an investigation or assessment. A state may include some children with alternative dispositions as victims (see *Child Maltreatment 2012*). It is important to note that the Child Welfare Outcomes Report uses the total reported number of child victims as opposed to a national estimate of child victims, which often is reported in Child Maltreatment. The total number of victims reported in this report is rounded to the nearest 1,000.

²⁵ The national child victim rate is calculated by dividing the total number of child victims (678,810) by the child population for all states that submitted NCANDS data (74,150,798), and multiplying by 1,000.

As indicated in table II-1, while there was a decline in the national victim rate between 2009 and 2011, there was no change between 2011 and 2012. It will require future years' data in order to determine whether improvement is leveling off or if there will continue to be gradual decreases in the national child victim rate.

As was discussed in previous Child Welfare Outcomes Reports, child victim rates varied dramatically across states. In 2012, they ranged from 1.2 child victims per 1,000 children to 19.6 child victims per 1,000 children.²⁶ There are a number of possible explanations for this variation. One explanation is that states vary in their definitions of "child maltreatment."²⁷ States with broader definitions of what constitutes child maltreatment may have higher victim rates than states with narrower definitions. Variations in the level of evidence required for substantiation also may contribute to different child victim rates among states.

Consistent with findings in previous Child Welfare Outcomes Reports, child victim rates varied dramatically across states in 2012, ranging from 1.2 child victims per 1,000 children to 19.6 child victims per 1,000 children.

Some factors limit the comparability of child victim rates across states. One such factor is the use of alternative response approaches.²⁸ In alternative response approaches, child welfare agencies respond with a referral for a family assessment rather than with a formal investigation when a decision is made that there are no immediate safety concerns for the child and the maltreatment allegation involves low or moderate risk. When a referral is made for a family assessment instead of an investigation, it is often the case that no determination is made as to the allegations of maltreatment and therefore the child will not be classified as a victim.²⁹ Even within states that have implemented alternative response systems, comparing outcomes for children across local jurisdictions is challenging due to varying degrees of within-state implementation. Although some states are implementing their systems statewide, others are gradually adding alternative response approaches to select jurisdictions.³⁰ These methodological challenges mean that caution is warranted in comparing states that are using alternative response approaches to those that are not. Similarly, when a state begins using this type of approach, examining change in performance over time within the state may prove difficult due to the shifting responses to allegations of maltreatment.

There also is a large degree of variation across states in the types of maltreatment reported, as is shown in table II-3. One possible explanation for this variation concerns differences in how types of maltreatment are defined in state law or policy. Each state has its own definitions of child abuse and neglect based on minimum standards established in the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA).³¹ Most states recognize at least four major types of maltreatment: neglect, physical abuse, sexual abuse, and emotional abuse. However, states' definitions and criteria for what constitutes child abuse or neglect vary.³² Although any of the forms of child maltreatment may be found separately, they also can occur in combination, and a child can be identified as a victim of more than one type of maltreatment.

Response time is defined as the time from the receipt of a referral to the state or local agency alleging child maltreatment to the provision of post-response services.³³ In 2012, as well as in previous years, there was a substantial variation among states in response time. Of the 46 states that submitted the data needed to compute median response time in NCANDS for 2012, 69.5 percent had a calculated median of less than 48 hours, and all but one state reported medians of 96 hours or less (see table II-2). However, looking only at median response time can be misleading, given that response timeframes can vary across states. Some states have a single timeframe that applies to responding to all reports, while others use different timeframes for responding to different types of reports. High-priority responses are often stipulated to occur within 1 to 24 hours; lower priority responses may range from 1 to several days.

Response time for an individual case may be influenced by a number of factors, such as the type and severity of the abuse reported.

²⁶ A state's rate of child victims is defined as the number of child victims reported to NCANDS per 1,000 children in the state's population.

²⁷ More information about variations in state definitions of child abuse and neglect can be found on Child Welfare Information Gateway: https://www.childwelfare.gov/systemwide/laws_policies/state/can

²⁸ The term "alternative response" is sometimes used interchangeably with terms such as differential response, dual track response, and multitrack response. These terms tend to refer to the provision of a response other than an investigation in regard to an allegation of maltreatment. Throughout this report, the term "alternative response" is used. For more information on alternative response, see the following: National Quality Improvement Center on Differential Response in Child Protective Services. (2011). *Differential response in child protective services: A literature review*. Retrieved from http://www.ucdenver.edu/academics/colleges/medicalschool/departments/pediatrics/subs/can/DR/qicdr/General%20Resources/QIC-DR_Lit_Review%20version%20%202.pdf

²⁹ Some states make a distinction between those referrals for which services were required or even mandated and those referrals for which services were not needed or were voluntary. In these cases, some states have chosen to report the referrals to NCANDS as either "alternative response victim" for those in which services were mandated or "alternative response nonvictim" for those in which services were voluntary or not needed.

³⁰ Child Welfare Information Gateway. (2008). *Differential response to reports of child abuse and neglect*. Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Retrieved from https://www.childwelfare.gov/pubs/issue_briefs/differential_response/differential_response.pdf

³¹ More information about CAPTA can be found on the Children's Bureau website: http://www.acf.hhs.gov/cwpm/programs/cb/laws_policies/laws/cwpm/policy.jsp?idFlag=2

³² More information about variations in state definitions of child abuse and neglect can be found on Child Welfare Information Gateway: https://www.childwelfare.gov/systemwide/laws_policies/state/can

³³ This definition is consistent with the one provided by the Child Maltreatment reports: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/cb/cm2012.pdf#page=122>

Table II-2. Response Time in Hours, 2012

Median Time*	Percent of States (N=46)
≤24 hours	30.4%
>24 but ≤48 hours	39.1%
>48 but ≤72 hours	13.0%
>72 but ≤96 hours	15.2%
>96 but ≤120 hours	2.2%

* Median response time in hours is computed from the NCANDS Child File records by subtracting the Report Date from the Investigation Start Date and then converting the result to hours by multiplying by 24. Zero days difference (both dates are on the same day) is reported as "under 24 hours;" 1 day difference (investigation date is the next day after report date) is reported as "at least 24 hours, but less than 48 hours;" and 2 days difference is reported as "at least 48 hours, but less than 72 hours," etc.

Table II-3 presents 2012 information pertaining to the age, type of maltreatment reported, and race/ethnicity of child maltreatment victims. This table illustrates the considerable variation across states in child victim characteristics.

Seventy percent of states have a median response time of less than 48 hours.

Table II-3. Characteristics of Child Maltreatment Victims, 2012*

	Number of States (N) Reporting	Range Across States (Percent)	Median Across States (Percent)
Age of Children at Time of Maltreatment Report			
Under 1 year	51	0.1–20.9%	12.2%
1–3 years	51	11.2–25.0%	20.5%
4–7 years	51	18.5–27.2%	25.0%
8–11 years	51	15.3–21.1%	18.9%
12–15 years	51	12.9–29.9%	16.9%
16+ years	51	3.4–14.4%	5.6%
Type of Maltreatment Reported**			
Neglect***	51	3.1–108.3%	73.3%
Physical abuse	51	2.6–58.1%	14.9%
Psychological/emotional abuse	50	0.2–44.9%	1.5%
Sexual abuse	51	2.6–66.2%	6.8%
Medical neglect	42	0.0–8.0%	2.3%
Other	51	0.0–80.4%	0.0%
Children's Race/Ethnicity****			
American Indian /Alaska Native	50	0.0–50.6%	0.3%
Asian	50	0.0–10.8%	0.4%
Black	50	0.0–51.7%	13.0%
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	50	0.0–17.7%	0.1%
Hispanic (of any race)	50	0.5–100.0%	10.2%
White	50	0.0–94.9%	48.9%
Two or more races	50	0.0–45.2%	3.6%

* The data in this table represent unique counts of child victims (a child only may be reported as a victim once).

** A child may have been the victim of more than one type of maltreatment, or the same type of maltreatment more than once. As a result, the total percentages both within and across maltreatment categories may exceed 100.

*** Some states include medical neglect in this category.

**** For the data in this table, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Data Site provides an additional race/ethnicity breakdown for this information. The alternative breakdown treats race and ethnicity as two separate categories, such that both demographic characteristics can be reported for each child.

Child victim rates by race/ethnicity

Table II-4 displays child victim rates by race/ethnicity for 2009 through 2012.

Table II-4. Child Victim Rates* by Race/Ethnicity, 2009–2012**

Children's Race/Ethnicity***	2009 (N=48)	2010 (N=49)	2011 (N=49)	2012 (N=49)
American Indian/Alaska Native	11.4	11.2	11.4	12.3
Asian	2.0	1.9	1.6	1.7
Black	15.1	14.7	14.3	14.2
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	11.1	9.8	8.4	8.6
Hispanic (of any race)	8.7	8.6	8.7	8.9
White	7.8	8.1	7.9	8.0
Two or more races	11.0	9.2	9.6	9.9

* Rates for child victims are per 1,000 children of each racial/ethnic group in the general child population.

** The data in this table represent unique counts of child victims (a child only may be reported as a victim once).

*** All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

As indicated in table II-4, child victim rates in 2012 varied rather substantially across racial/ethnic groups. Black children had the highest rates of victimization at 14.2 victims per 1,000 children in that racial group's overall child population. Asian children had the lowest rates, with 1.7 victims per 1,000 Asian children in the population.

Over time, some racial/ethnic groups had increases in their victim rates, while others saw decreases, and some remained relatively stable. The most notable decreases in child victim rates were for the Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander group and for those children reported as having "two or more races." For both of these groups, victim rates decreased by over 1.0 children per 1,000 between 2009 and 2012. The most notable child victim rate increase occurred within the American Indian/Alaska Native group; for these children there was an increase of nearly 1.0 children per 1,000 between 2009 and 2012.

RANGE OF STATE PERFORMANCE IN 2012 ON SAFETY-RELATED OUTCOME MEASURES

State performance with regard to children's safety is addressed through Outcome 1: Reduce recurrence of child abuse and/or neglect, and Outcome 2: Reduce the incidence of child abuse and/or neglect in foster care. Table II-5 summarizes state performance in 2012 on the measures pertaining to these outcomes. Note that cases identified as "alternative response victim" are not included in the calculation of these two safety outcome measures; only substantiated and indicated cases are included.

**Table II-5. Range of State Performance, 2012
Outcomes 1 and 2: Keeping Children Safe**

Outcome Measures*	25th Percentile	National Median (50th Percentile)	75th Percentile	Range (Percent)
**Measure 1.1: Of all children who were victims of substantiated or indicated child abuse and/or neglect during the first 6 months of the year, what percentage had another substantiated or indicated report within a 6-month period? (N=51 states)	2.8%	5.1%	7.0%	1.4–12.4%
**Measure 2.1: Of all children who were in foster care during the year, what percentage were the subject of substantiated or indicated maltreatment by a foster parent or facility staff member? (N=48 states)	0.14%	0.32%	0.59%	0.00–1.65%

* Data for this table include all states for which adequate data are available.

** For these measures, a lower number indicates better performance.

Recurrence of maltreatment

A number of variables impact the range in performance across states (range = 1.4 to 12.4 percent) with respect to maltreatment recurrence (measure 1.1). One explanation may be that the variation on this measure reflects the variation in child victim rates across states. In general, states with higher child victim rates also tend to have higher rates of recurrence within a six-month period (Pearson's $r=.56$ in 2012). A similar finding also was found in previous Child Welfare Outcomes Reports.

The range in performance with regard to maltreatment recurrence in 2012 also appears to be related to differences across states with regard to the types of child maltreatment reported. For example, states with a relatively high percentage of children who were victims of neglect also had some tendency to have a relatively high percentage of maltreatment recurrence within a six-month period (Pearson's $r=.43$). Additionally, although the association is less strong, states with a relatively high percentage of children who were

victims of sexual abuse also had some tendency to have a relatively low percentage of maltreatment recurrence within a six-month period (Pearson's $r = -.23$).

States with higher child victim rates also tend to have higher recurrence rates.

A related finding in research indicates that child maltreatment recurrence is more likely to involve neglect than either physical or sexual abuse.³⁴ The relationships between recurrence and types of maltreatment may be due to the fact that substantiated allegations of sexual or physical abuse are more likely to be followed by legal actions against the perpetrators as well as actions designed to ensure that the perpetrator is prevented from further unsupervised contact with the victim until identified problems have been resolved. In contrast, substantiated allegations of neglect often are not followed by these actions unless the neglect is considered extremely severe.

Maltreatment of children in foster care

Table II-5 (above) shows the range in state performance regarding the maltreatment of children while in foster care (range = 0.00 percent to 1.65 percent). This variation among states may be influenced by a number of factors, including but not limited to the extent to which training and services are offered to support foster families and facility staff members, variations in casework practices and the level of interaction the caseworker has with the family, or differences among states in background check requirements for those who care for children in foster care.³⁵

CHANGES OVER TIME IN STATE PERFORMANCE ON MEASURES OF MALTREATMENT RECURRENCE AND MALTREATMENT OF CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE

The median performance across states for the years 2009 to 2012 on measures of maltreatment recurrence (measure 1.1) and maltreatment in foster care (measure 2.1) are presented in table II-6. Table II-6 also presents findings regarding the change in state performance on these measures. To determine the change in state performance for measures 1.1 and 2.1, performance in 2012 was compared to performance in 2009. Change in performance was computed by using a percent change calculation.³⁶

**Table II-6. Median State Performance and Change in Performance Over Time, 2009–2012*
Outcomes 1 and 2: Keeping Children Safe**

Outcome Measures**	Median Performance by Year (Percent)***				States That Improved in Performance 2009–2012	States That Declined in Performance 2009–2012
	2009	2010	2011	2012		
****Measure 1.1: Percentage of child victims experiencing a recurrence of child maltreatment within a six-month period. (N=51 states)	5.7%	5.0%	5.2%	5.1%	22 states (43%)	18 states (35%)
****Measure 2.1: Percentage of children in foster care who were victims of maltreatment by a foster parent or facility staff member. (N=47 states)	.34%	.35%	.34%	.30%	24 states (51%)	23 states (49%)

* In accordance with standard procedure in this report, when there was a percent change of less than 5.0 in either direction (positive or negative), a determination was made that there was "no change" in performance.

** Full descriptions for the measures in this table can be found in table II-5 or appendix B. Data for this table include all states for which adequate data are available for all relevant years.

*** The 2012 data included on this table may be different from the data included in table II-5 due to differences in the number of states included for each analysis.

**** For these measures, a lower number indicates better performance.

³⁴ See the following for examples: (1) Drake, B., Jonson-Reid, M., Way, I., & Chung, S. (2003). Substantiation and recidivism. *Child Maltreatment*, 8(4), 248–260. Retrieved from <http://cmx.sagepub.com/content/8/4/248.full.pdf+html>; (2) Lipien, L., & Forthofer, M. S. (2004). An event history analysis of recurrent child maltreatment reports in Florida. *Child Abuse & Neglect*, 28(9), 947–966; and (3) Fluke, J. D., Shusterman, G. R., Hollinshead, D., & Yuan, Y-Y. T. (2005). *Rereporting and recurrence of child maltreatment: Findings from NCANDS*. Retrieved from <http://aspe.hhs.gov/hsp/05/child-maltreat-rereporting/index.htm>

³⁵ See the following for examples: (1) National Resource Center for Family-Centered Practice and Permanency Planning. (2007). *Foster parent in-service training*. Retrieved from <http://www.hunter.cuny.edu/socwork/nrcfcp/downloads/policy-issues/Foster-Parent-In-Service-Training.pdf>; (2) Ryan, P., & Cole, K. (1993). *Maltreatment in family foster care: A survey of the states*. East Lansing, MI: National Foster Care Resource Center; and (3) Child Welfare Information Gateway State Statutes: https://www.childwelfare.gov/systemwide/laws_policies/state

³⁶ Percent change is calculated by subtracting "old" data from "new" data, dividing that result by old data, and multiplying it by 100. For example, maltreatment recurrence was 5.7 percent in 2009 and 5.1 percent in 2012, so the formula is $[(5.1 - 5.7) / 5.7] \times 100 = 10.5$ percent decrease.

As shown in table II-6, performance with regard to recurrence of child maltreatment (measure 1.1) improved significantly between 2009 and 2012. The median improved from 5.7 percent in 2009 to 5.1 percent in 2012, a 10.5 percent decrease (note that a lower percentage is desirable for this measure). Furthermore, a higher percentage of states demonstrated an improvement in performance on this measure (43 percent) than showed a decline in performance (35 percent).

Over the time period examined for this report, national performance also improved with regard to the maltreatment of children in foster care (measure 2.1). While nearly equal numbers of states improved and declined in performance between 2009 and 2012, the national median declined from .34 in 2009 to .30 in 2012, an 11.8 percent decrease (note that a lower percentage is desirable for this measure).

Between 2009 and 2012, state performance on the two safety-related outcome measures substantially improved.

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS REGARDING KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE

National performance for the two safety-related outcome measures, recurrence of maltreatment and maltreatment of children in foster care, improved significantly between 2009 and 2012. For both of these safety measures, it is important to keep in mind that, while the percentages of maltreatment may be numerically small, these events have serious implications for the safety and well-being of children. Children who experience maltreatment, either at home or in care, can experience a wide variety of consequences ranging from physical and mental health problems to issues with cognitive development and academic achievement.³⁷ Furthermore, maltreatment recurrence is associated with an increase in trauma symptoms in children.³⁸

³⁷ Goldman, J., Salus, M. K., Wolcott, D., & Kennedy, K. Y. (2003). What are the consequences of child abuse and neglect? In *A coordinated response to child abuse and neglect: The foundation for practice* (pp. 35–38). Washington DC: Department of Health and Human Services.

³⁸ Finkelhor, D., Ormrod, R. K., & Turner, H. A. (2007). Polyvictimization and trauma in a national longitudinal cohort. *Development and Psychopathology, 19*, 149–166.

III: Finding Permanent Homes for Children in Foster Care

When foster care is necessary to ensure a child’s safety and well-being, state child welfare agencies are tasked with the responsibility of working with families and the courts to return children to their homes or to find other permanent homes in a timely manner.³⁹ Outcome 3: Increase permanency for children in foster care, encompasses these permanency goals for children and youth.

This chapter presents national permanency results for the general foster care population, children with disabilities who are in foster care, and children and youth who have been in foster care for long periods of time. Contextual information also is provided regarding the age and race/ethnicity of children entering foster care.

For the purposes of the Child Welfare Outcomes Report and the Child and Family Services Review (CFSR) data indicators, a child achieves permanency when he or she is reported as discharged from foster care to one of the following arrangements:⁴⁰

- Reunified with parents or primary caretakers⁴¹
- Living with other relatives
- Living with a legal guardian
- Legally adopted

To assess state performance in finding permanent homes for children, this report provides the following data for each state: (1) the number and characteristics of children in foster care, (2) the percentage of children in foster care who achieve permanency, and (3) the percentage of children in foster care who exit to emancipation.⁴² This chapter presents key findings of the analyses of these data across states.⁴³ The source of most of the data presented in this chapter is the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS).⁴⁴

NUMBERS AND CHARACTERISTICS OF CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE

As was noted in the preceding Child Welfare Outcomes Report (2008–2011), there continues to be a downward trend in the number of children in foster care. Table III-1 shows an overall decline in the number of children in foster care on the last day of the fiscal year (FY) between 2009 and 2012. This table also shows the total number of children entering and exiting care during these time periods. Note that the data displayed in the table are from HHS’s report, *Trends in Foster Care and Adoption—FY 2002–FY 2012*, and are current as of July, 2013.⁴⁵

Table III-1. Number of Children in Foster Care, 2009–2012*

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children in Care, Last Day of FY	420,000	405,000	398,000	397,000
Children Entering Care	255,000	255,000	251,000	252,000
Children Exiting Care	278,000	258,000	246,000	241,000

* All numbers presented in this table are rounded to the nearest thousand.

The data in table III-1 demonstrate an overall decline in the number of children in foster care between 2009 and 2012. An even more dramatic decline is seen when viewing the data over a longer period of time. The trend report shows the number of children in foster care declining from 524,000 to 397,000 between 2002 and 2012, a 24.2 percent decrease.⁴⁶

³⁹ For the purposes of this report, “foster care” refers to a variety of out-of-home placement settings, including foster family homes, group homes, shelters, residential treatment facilities, and similar placements for children who are placed away from their parents or guardians in 24-hour substitute care and under the placement and care responsibility of the state child welfare agency for at least 24 hours (see 45 CFR 1355, Appendix A, Section II).

⁴⁰ The CFSRs are periodic reviews of state child welfare systems that assess conformity with federal child welfare requirements and assist states in helping children and families achieve positive outcomes. Complete and up-to-date information on the CFSR process is provided on the Children’s Bureau website: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/monitoring/child-family-services-reviews>

⁴¹ For the Child Welfare Outcomes Report, the discharge reasons of “reunification with parents or primary caretakers” and “living with other relatives” are combined into the category of “reunification.”

⁴² Unless otherwise specified, the data used in this report are for federal fiscal year (FY) 2012 (October 1, 2011–September 30, 2012).

⁴³ In this report, the designation of “state” includes the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. Therefore, the report provides information on a total of 52 states, depending on the number of states that submitted adequate data for a particular measure.

⁴⁴ Data used in this report may be different from other sources for a number of reasons, especially the timing of data collection. All 2012 AFCARS data used in this report are current as of January 9, 2013.

⁴⁵ The *Trends in Foster Care and Adoption—FY 2002–FY 2012* data were used for this section of the report because they are more recent and better demonstrate the significant fluctuations occurring in the foster care population over time. Due to differences in sources, these data may not be consistent with other data displayed throughout the report.

⁴⁶ For more information, see *Trends in Foster Care and Adoption—FY 2002–FY 2012* on the Children’s Bureau website: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/resource/trends-in-foster-care-and-adoption>. The data used in *Trends in Foster Care and Adoption—FY 2002–FY 2012* were updated as of July 2013.

Another Departmental report, *Recent Demographic Trends in Foster Care*, notes that a dramatic decline in Black children in foster care between 2002 and 2012 accounts for nearly three-quarters (74 percent) of the overall decline of children in foster care. Additionally, the dramatic decline of children in foster care was driven by a relatively small number of geographic areas. The report notes that 10 states accounted for over 90 percent of the total decline, and just 3 states accounted for over 50 percent. In addition, just 10 counties accounted for one-half of the national decline.⁴⁷

The AFCARS data do not provide any information that would allow an analysis of the reasons for the decline in the number of children in foster care. However, a number of states have been making deliberate efforts to safely reduce the number of children in care through various programmatic and policy initiatives.⁴⁸ For example, some states have been providing more in-home services to families, increasing efforts to identify relative homes when out-of-home care is necessary, hiring more child protective services (CPS) staff, or implementing greater use of family group decision-making meetings.⁴⁹

Longer range AFCARS data show that, between FYs 2002 and 2012, the number of children in care on the last day of the FY decreased by 24.2 percent, from 524,000 to 397,000.

States differed considerably in 2012 with respect to both the number of children in foster care and the rate of foster care entry, defined as the number of children entering foster care per 1,000 children in the state population.⁵⁰ The foster care child entry rate ranged from 1.3 to 8.6 children per 1,000 children in the population, and the median across states was 3.7 children per 1,000 children in the population (N=51 states).

The reasons for variations in the rate of foster care entry are difficult to determine. The variation cannot be attributed to differences in the rate of child victims in a state because the correlation between foster care entry rates and child victim rates in 2012 was low (Pearson's $r=.11$). This observation also was made in prior Child Welfare Outcomes Reports. Variations in entry rates may be due to differences across states in policies regarding when children are removed from the home and placed in foster care.⁵¹ The existence and availability of services designed to support families and enable children to remain in the home also may affect the number of children who enter foster care within a state.

⁴⁷ For more information, see *Recent Demographic Trends in Foster Care* on the Children's Bureau website: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/resource/data-brief-trends-in-foster-care-1>

⁴⁸ See the following for examples: (1) Freundlich, M. (2010). *Legislative strategies to safely reduce the number of children in foster care*. National Conference of State Legislatures. Retrieved from http://www.ncsl.org/documents/cyf/strategies_reducing_the_number_of_children_in_foster_care.pdf; and (2) National Governors Association Center for Best Practices. (2010). State efforts to safely reduce the number of children in foster care. Retrieved from <http://www.nga.org/cms/home/nga-center-for-best-practices/center-publications/page-ehsw-publications/col2-content/main-content-list/state-efforts-to-safely-reduce-t.html>

⁴⁹ U.S. Government Accountability Office. (2011). *TANF and child welfare programs: Increased data sharing could improve access to benefits and services*. (GAO-12-2). Retrieved from <http://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-12-2>

⁵⁰ Rate of entry is calculated by dividing the total number of children entering foster care in a state by the total child population in that state and multiplying by 1,000 [(N entering FC/child population) x 1,000].

⁵¹ See the following for examples: Wertheimer, R. (2006.) *An assessment of state-level data on child maltreatment and foster care: Summary of a meeting of experts*. The Annie E. Casey Foundation. Retrieved from <http://www.aecf.org/upload/publicationfiles/da3622h1251.pdf>

Table III-2 presents information for 2012 pertaining to the ages and race/ethnicity of children reported in foster care on the last day of the fiscal year.

Table III-2. Characteristics of Children in Foster Care, 2012		
Age of Children in Foster Care on 9/30/2012 (N=52 states)	Range (Percent)	Median (Percent)
Under 1 year	1.8–9.2%	5.9%
1–3 years	11.9–28.0%	20.4%
4–7 years	12.7–27.2%	19.4%
8–11 years	10.8–21.4%	15.1%
12–15 years	14.1–30.9%	19.5%
16+ years	7.2–40.0%	18.4%
Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care on 9/30/2012 (N=52 states)*		
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.0–51.3%	0.3%
Asian	0.0–10.7%	0.3%
Black	0.1–85.5%	20.7%
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0–17.6%	0.1%
Hispanic (of any race)	1.0–98.5%	9.6%
White	0.4–95.8%	46.2%
Two or more races	0.0–57.4%	5.3%

* For the data in this table, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Data Site provides an additional race/ethnicity breakdown for this information. The alternative breakdown treats race and ethnicity as two separate categories, such that both demographic characteristics can be reported for each child.

As shown in table III-2, the age of children in foster care varied dramatically across states in 2012. In Colorado, for example, approximately 57 percent of the children in foster care were age 12 or older. By contrast, in New Mexico and Oklahoma, only 23 percent of the children in foster care were age 12 or older. In 12 states, the percentage of children under the age of 12 in foster care was at least 70.0 percent.

Rates of children in care by race/ethnicity

Table III-3 displays rates of children in foster care by race/ethnicity for 2009 through 2012.

Table III-3. Rates of Children in Foster Care by Race/Ethnicity, 2009–2012*				
Children's Race/Ethnicity**	2009 (N=51)	2010 (N=51)	2011 (N=51)	2012 (N=51)
American Indian /Alaska Native	12.5	12.1	12.6	13.0
Asian	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.7
Black	12.1	11.3	10.7	10.1
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	6.3	5.1	5.3	5.7
Hispanic (of any race)	4.8	4.6	4.6	4.6
White	4.0	4.2	4.2	4.3
Two or more races	10.4	8.2	7.9	8.1

* Rates for children in care are per 1,000 children of each race/ethnicity group in the general child population.

** All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

As indicated in table III-3, the rates of children in foster care in 2012 varied substantially across racial/ethnic groups. American Indian/Alaska Native children had the highest rates of children in care, with 13.0 per 1,000 children in that racial/ethnic group's overall child population. Asian children had the lowest rate, with 0.7 in care per 1,000 Asian children in the general child population.

Some racial/ethnic groups experienced significant shifts over time in their rates of children in foster care. Most notably, Black children in care decreased by 2.0 children per 1,000 in the race's population between 2009 and 2012. Children reported as having "two or more races" also saw significant decreases in their in-care population (from 10.4 in 2009 to 8.1 per 1,000 in 2012 in the racial/ethnic group's overall population).

The *Recent Demographic Trends in Foster Care* Data Brief highlights these shifts in rates by race/ethnicity over a 10-year period. This report indicates that the steady decline of Black children in foster care is even more dramatic than what is illustrated in table III-3.

Rates for Black children declined from 17.4 children per 1,000 in the population in 2002 to 9.6 children per 1,000 (a 44.8 percent decrease). The Data Brief also notes that 10 counties accounted for nearly half of the total decline in Black children between 2002 and 2012.

RANGE OF PERFORMANCE IN ACHIEVING PERMANENCY FOR CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE

Nationally, approximately 235,000 children exited foster care in 2012. Table III-4 provides a breakdown of the foster care discharge reasons reported for these children.

Table III-4. Foster Care Discharge Reasons, 2012*

Discharge Reason	Number of Children	Percent of Total Exits (N=235,000)**
Adoption	50,000	21.3%
Emancipation	23,000	9.8%
Guardianship	16,000	6.8%
Reunification	138,000	58.7%
Other	5,000	2.1%

* All numbers presented in this table are rounded to the nearest thousand.

** The percent of total exits does not total 100 percent due to rounding.

According to table III-4, 204,000 (86.8 percent) of the children exiting foster care were discharged to a permanent home in 2012 (i.e., were discharged to reunification, adoption, or legal guardianship). State performance with regard to finding permanent homes for children in foster care is addressed through a number of measures. The original outcome measures established to assess this performance area are shown in table III-5, along with the measures that are part of CFSR composite 3. Composite measures are preceded with the letter C.⁵²

**Table III-5. Range of State Performance, 2012
Outcome 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care**

Outcome Measures*	25th Percentile	National Median (50th Percentile)	75th Percentile	Range (Percent)
Measure 3.1: Of all children who exited foster care during the year, what percentage left to either reunification, adoption, or legal guardianship (i.e., were discharged to a permanent home)? (N=48 states)	83.9%	87.3%	90.3%	67.5–94.2%
Measure 3.2: Of all children who exited foster care during the year and were identified as having a diagnosed disability, what percentage left to either reunification, adoption, or legal guardianship (i.e., were discharged to a permanent home)? (N=45 states)	71.7%	77.7%	81.7%	23.8–94.0%
Measure 3.3: Of all children who exited foster care during the year and were older than age 12 at the time of their most recent entry into care, what percentage left either to reunification, adoption, or legal guardianship (i.e., were discharged to a permanent home)? (N=48 states)	59.2%	64.4%	71.5%	34.4–81.3%
**Measure 3.4: Of all children exiting foster care in the year to emancipation, what percentage were age 12 or younger at the time of entry into care? (N=48 states)	19.2%	23.0%	29.5%	3.0–43.8%
Measure C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year? (N=48 states)	27.2%	33.5%	38.4%	18.7–45.4%
Measure C3.2: Of all children who were discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday? (N=48 states)	91.8%	95.8%	97.0%	84.8–100.0%
**Measure C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for three years or longer? (N=48 states)	33.6%	41.9%	48.3%	10.6–62.0%

* Data for this table include all states for which adequate data are available for all of the relevant years.

** For these measures, a lower number indicates better performance.

Measures 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, and C3.2 assess permanency for children at the time of discharge from foster care. The data in table III-5 suggest that, in 2012, states were generally successful in achieving permanent homes for children discharged from foster care who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (measure C3.2, median = 95.8 percent).⁵³ Nonetheless, it is important to keep

⁵² Additional information about the measures and composites can be found in appendix B. Composite measures are preceded by a “C” throughout this report to distinguish them from the original set of outcome measures.

⁵³ A child is considered “legally free” for adoption if a date for the termination of parental rights is reported to AFCARS for both mother and father.

in mind that a central goal in child welfare is to find permanent, secure homes for 100 percent of the children who must enter foster care.

Children with disabilities

For 2012, a long-standing pattern continues in which states tend to be substantially more successful in finding permanent homes for the general foster care population (87.3 percent) than for children with diagnosed disabilities (77.7 percent) (see measures 3.1 and 3.2 in table III-5). This disparity has been a consistent finding in previous Child Welfare Outcomes Reports and aligns with other research findings from the field.⁵⁴ Because children with diagnosed disabilities often need higher levels of care, they are more likely to be placed in residential treatment centers and are therefore less likely to achieve permanent placements with families. The current finding in this report on the difficulties in establishing permanency for children with disabilities suggests that agencies should continue to review their data and current practices to consider whether there are ways to increase placing these children in permanent homes.

Older youth in foster care

Another demographic for whom states struggle to establish permanency is children who entered foster care when they were older than age 12. Compared to 87.3 percent of the general foster care population who exited foster care to reunification, adoption, or legal guardianship in 2012, the percent of older youth exiting to permanency was only 64.4 (see measures 3.1 and 3.3 in table III-5).

Compared to 87.3 percent of the general foster care population, the percent of older youth exiting to permanency in 2012 was only 64.4.

Older children in foster care may face a number of age-specific barriers to permanency.⁵⁵ For example, there may be a dearth of families that have been identified who are willing and able to provide permanent homes for older youth. This could be due to a number of factors, but one likely contributor is the high rate of risky behavior among older youth in the foster care system. Findings from the 2011 National Youth in Transition Database (NYTD) outcomes survey indicate that youth respondents who were in care at age 17 had high rates of substance abuse assessment or counseling referrals (27 percent), a history of having been incarcerated (35 percent), and high rates of giving birth to or fathering a child (7 percent). Furthermore, half of youth respondents reported having at least one of these three risk factors.⁵⁶ These high-risk youth require more resources, and there may be a lack of families willing and able to provide them with the services that they need.

Analysts have also identified agency practices that may act as barriers to permanency for older youth. Specifically, child welfare agencies may lack the commitment needed in order to establish permanency options for older youth in care, believing that these individuals are unadoptable.⁵⁷ Additionally, some agencies may be focusing on providing independent living services to youth rather than finding permanency options. Though these types of services are an important component of preparing youth for adulthood, they are not sufficient for connecting them with permanent families.⁵⁸

Finally, youth themselves might show some resistance to permanency planning. If permanency planning involves the termination of their birth parents' rights, youth might be hesitant to form ties with new families, as many individuals still have emotional ties to their birth families. Youth also may be unaware of the long-term consequences of not having a family to turn to during their young adult years, causing feelings of apathy towards permanency.⁵⁹

Children in foster care for long periods of time

Measure C3.1 examines a cohort of children who have been in foster care for a long period of time (those who have been in foster care for 24 months or longer as of the first of the year). The measure follows these children from the first day of the year to the last and focuses on the percentage of children who reach permanency. While there was a wide range in performance for measure C3.1 for 2012 (18.7 percent to 45.4 percent), the data indicate that all states struggled to some degree with this measure. The median of all states' performance shows that only 33.5 percent of these children had permanent homes by the end of the year. There is some

⁵⁴ Becker, M., Jordan, N., & Larsen, R. (2007). Predictors of successful permanency planning and length of stay in foster care: The role of race, diagnosis and place of residence. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 29, 1102–1113.

⁵⁵ Child Welfare Information Gateway. (2013). *Enhancing permanency for youth in out-of-home care*. Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Retrieved from <https://www.childwelfare.gov/pubs/focus/enhancing/index.cfm>

⁵⁶ For more information, see *Highlights From State Reports to the National Youth in Transition Database, Federal Fiscal Year 2011* on the Children's Bureau website: http://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/cb/nytd_data_brief_1.pdf

⁵⁷ North American Council on Adoptable Children. (2009). *It's time to make older child adoption a reality: Because every child and youth deserves a family*. Retrieved from <http://www.nacac.org/adoptalk/MakeOlderChildAdoptionReality.pdf>

⁵⁸ Child Welfare Information Gateway. (2013). *Enhancing permanency for youth in out-of-home care*. Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Retrieved from <https://www.childwelfare.gov/pubs/focus/enhancing/index.cfm>

⁵⁹ Ibid.

evidence that states that are generally successful in achieving permanency for children at the time of exit from foster care (measure 3.1) also are successful in achieving permanency for children who are in foster care for long periods of time (measure C3.1). This is demonstrated by the fact that there is a moderate positive correlation (Pearson's $r=.55$) between these two measures.

Youth emancipating from foster care

Measures 3.4 and C3.3 focus on youth who reach age 18 or exit foster care with a discharge reason of emancipation. These are youth for whom the state was unable to find a permanent home. Nationally, approximately 23,000 youth were emancipated from foster care in 2012. One of the issues addressed by these measures is the amount of time children were in foster care before emancipation.

States vary substantially in the percentage of foster youth exiting to emancipation, and there is no demonstrable relationship with the percentage of youth entering foster care who are age 12 or older.

In general, there was considerable variation across states regarding the percentage of children exiting foster care who were reported to AFCARS as having a discharge reason of emancipation. In 2012, states with the lowest percentages of children exiting foster care with a discharge reason of emancipation were West Virginia (1.3 percent), Indiana (2.0 percent), and Wyoming (2.2 percent). States with the highest percentages were the District of Columbia (24.1 percent), Virginia (23.8 percent), and Maryland (18.9 percent). In 2012, the median across states for children exiting foster care with a discharge reason of emancipation was 8.8 percent.⁶⁰

In examining the extensive variation across states in the percentage of children exiting foster care with a discharge reason of emancipation, it might be expected that the variation would be due to differences across states in the ages of children entering foster care (i.e., that there should be a strong correlation between a state having a high number of youth entering foster care and a state having a high percentage of foster youth exiting to emancipation). This was not the case. The percentage of youth discharged from foster care who were emancipated was not found to have any substantial relationship with the percentage of children entering foster care in the state who were age 12 or older (Pearson's $r=.11$). This finding is consistent with similar analyses conducted for prior Child Welfare Outcomes Reports.

The data shown in table III-5 suggest that, in many states, a considerable percentage of children who were emancipated from foster care in 2012 were in foster care for long periods of time before they were emancipated (measures 3.4 and C3.3). In about one-half of the states, 23.0 percent or more of the children emancipated from foster care were age 12 or younger when they entered foster care (measure 3.4). In addition, in about one-half of the states, 41.9 percent or more of the children emancipated from foster care, or who turned age 18 while in care, were in care for 3 years or longer (measure C3.3).

CHANGES OVER TIME IN STATE PERFORMANCE ON MEASURES OF ACHIEVING PERMANENCY

Table III-6 presents the median performances across states for 2009 to 2012 on measures pertaining to achieving permanency for children in foster care. The table also presents a summary of the change in state performance between 2009 and 2012 on these measures. Change in performance over time was computed by using a percent change calculation.⁶¹ These median performances and changes in performance over time should be viewed together in order to gain a better understanding of trends over time.

⁶⁰ The median of 8.8 percent refers to the median across states for all children exiting foster care to emancipation. This should not be confused with the medians for measures 3.4 and C3.3, which are subpopulations of the total number of children discharged to emancipation.

⁶¹ Percent change is calculated by subtracting "old" data from "new" data, dividing that result by old data, and multiplying it by 100. For example, maltreatment recurrence was 5.7 percent in 2009 and 5.1 percent in 2012, so the formula is $[(5.1-5.7)/5.7] \times 100 = 10.5$ percent decrease.

**Table III-6. Median State Performance and Change in Performance Over Time, 2009–2012*
Outcome 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care**

Outcome Measures**	Median Performance by Year (Percent)***				States That Improved in Performance	States That Declined in Performance
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009–2012	2009–2012
Measure 3.1: Percentage of all children exiting foster care to a permanent home. (N=46 states)	86.6%	86.4%	87.2%	87.6%	6 states (13%)	2 states (4%)
Measure 3.2: Percentage of all children with a diagnosed disability exiting foster care who were discharged to a permanent home. (N=37 states)	77.6%	77.6%	77.7%	78.8%	15 states (41%)	5 states (14%)
Measure 3.3: Percentage of all children who entered foster care when they were older than age 12 who were discharged to a permanent home. (N=46 states)	66.6%	65.3%	66.0%	64.8%	12 states (26%)	12 states (26%)
****Measure 3.4: Percentage of all children who were emancipated from foster care who entered foster care when they were age 12 or younger. (N=46 states)	25.5%	24.1%	24.9%	22.5%	32 states (70%)	10 states (22%)
Measure C3.1: Percentage of children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the fiscal year who were discharged to a permanent home or who turned 18 by the end of the year. (N=46 states)	29.7%	29.9%	32.5%	34.4%	30 states (65%)	8 states (17%)
****Measure C3.2: Percentage of children discharged from foster care who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge and who exited to a permanent home. (N=46 states)	93.8%	94.1%	94.9%	95.8%	4 states (9%)	0 states (0%)
****Measure C3.3: Percentage of children emancipated or turning age 18 while in foster care who were in foster care for three years or longer. (N=46 states)	44.7%	43.9%	43.1%	41.9%	31 states (67%)	6 states (13%)

* In accordance with standard procedure in this report, when there was a percent change of less than 5.0 in either direction (positive or negative), a determination was made that there was "no change" in performance.

** The definitions for the measures in all cross-year comparison tables in this report have been shortened due to the complexity of the tables. Full descriptions for the measures in this table can be found in table III-5 or appendix B. Data for this table include all states for which adequate data are available for all of the relevant years.

*** The 2012 data in this table may be different from the data in table III-5 due to differences in the number of states used for each analysis.

**** For these measures, a lower number indicates better performance.

***** A child is "legally free" for adoption if a date for the parental rights termination is reported to AFCARS for both parents.

As shown in table III-6, one of the most notable changes in performance between 2009 and 2012 is in the percentage of children in foster care for 24 months or longer who attained permanency by the end of the year (measure C3.1). For this measure, the majority of states (65 percent) showed improved performance, and the national median exhibited a 15.8 percent increase between 2009 and 2012.

The results for change over time in the percentage of children emancipated from foster care who entered foster care when they were age 12 or younger (measure 3.4) were also significant. For this measure, 70 percent of states demonstrated improved performance between 2009 and 2012, and the median improved from 25.5 to 22.5, an 11.8 percent decrease (note that a lower percentage is desirable on this measure).

Between 2009 and 2012, 70 percent of states showed improved performance in the percentage of children emancipated from foster care who entered care when they were age 12 or younger.

There also were improvements in the percentage of children emancipating or turning age 18 while in foster care who were in foster care for 3 years or longer (measure C3.3). For this measure, 67 percent of states demonstrated improvement between 2009 and 2012. Furthermore, the national median improved from 44.7 percent in 2009 to 41.9 percent in 2012, a 6.3 percent decrease over this time period (note that a lower percentage is desirable for this measure).

There were no distinct patterns of change across states for the other measures associated with Outcome 3: Increase permanency for children in foster care. In particular, a large majority (91 percent) of states exhibited no change in performance on measure C3.2, which evaluates exits to permanent homes of children who were legally free for adoption. Similarly, the majority (83 percent) of states did not show a change for measure 3.1, which assesses exits to permanent homes of all children exiting foster care.

Many states struggled to find permanent homes for children with disabilities (table III-5: measure 3.2, median = 77.7 percent, range = 23.8 to 94.0 percent) and for children who entered foster care when they were older than age 12 (table III-5: measure 3.3, median = 64.4 percent, range = 34.4 to 81.3 percent). For measure 3.2, 15 states (41 percent) showed an improvement in performance between 2009 and 2012, while 5 states (14 percent) showed a performance decline. The national median for this measure changed only minimally, from 77.6 in 2009 to 78.8 in 2012. For measure 3.3, the national median changed only slightly between 2009

and 2012, and the percentage of states that showed an improvement between 2009 and 2012 was equivalent to the percentage that showed a decline (26 percent).

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS REGARDING ACHIEVING PERMANENCY FOR CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE

Some positive findings emerged in the data between 2009 and 2012 with regard to achieving permanency for children in foster care. One notable result in the analysis was the demonstrated improvement in finding permanent homes for children in foster care for long periods of time (measure C3.1, 65 percent of states showed improvement for children in foster care for 24 months or longer). Another interesting point is that states that were successful in achieving permanency for children at the time of exit from foster care (measure 3.1) also were successful in achieving permanency for children who are in foster care for long periods of time (measure C3.1). This is demonstrated by the fact that there is a strong positive correlation (Pearson's $r=.55$) between these two measures. Understanding the practices of successful states could provide useful guidance to states that are striving to improve performance in these areas.

States showed significant progress in reducing the percentages of children exiting foster care to emancipation. The majority of states (67 percent) demonstrated improvements in the percentage of children emancipating or turning age 18 while in foster care who were in foster care for 3 years or longer (measure C3.3). Additionally, a large number of states demonstrated a reduction in the number of children emancipating from foster care who entered foster care at age 12 or younger (measure 3.4, 70 percent of states showed improvement). Historically, many states have struggled in this area. It is encouraging to note that many states are making progress in their efforts to find permanent homes for older youth and for children in care for longer periods of time. However, there is still a great deal of room for improvement, and these continue to be areas that call for some additional consideration from state program administrators and policymakers.

There was considerable variation across states regarding the percentage of children exiting foster care with a discharge reason of emancipation. In examining this extensive variation, it might be expected that states that take more adolescents and older youth into foster care would have more exits to emancipation. This was not the case. The percentage of children discharged from foster care who were emancipated was found to have a weak relationship with the percentage of children entering foster care in the state who were age 12 or older (Pearson's $r=.11$). This finding is consistent with similar analyses conducted for prior Child Welfare Outcomes Reports.

Consistent with previous Child Welfare Outcomes Reports, the measures assessing permanency for children at the time of discharge from foster care indicate that, across the states, the majority of children exiting foster care in 2012 were discharged to permanent homes (measure 3.1, median = 87.3 percent). In addition, the vast majority of the children who were legally free for adoption at the time of exit from foster care were discharged to permanent homes (measure C3.2, median = 95.8 percent).

Consistent with findings from prior years, states continue to struggle with finding permanent homes for children with disabilities (table III-5: measure 3.2, median = 77.7 percent, range = 23.8 to 94.0 percent) and for children who entered foster care when they were older than age 12 (table III-5: measure 3.3, median = 64.4 percent, range = 34.4 to 81.3 percent). This has been a consistent finding of the Child Welfare Outcomes Reports, and it suggests that special efforts are still needed to eliminate some of the disparities in the achievement of permanency for these two groups of children.

IV: Achieving Timely Reunifications and Adoptions for Children in Foster Care

While chapter III broadly discussed the issue of permanency and noted some special issues for the diverse population of children and youth in foster care, this chapter focuses more specifically on the achievement of permanency through reunification and adoption.⁶² Timeliness of guardianships is not addressed in this chapter because the percentage of children who are discharged from foster care to guardianship is very small in almost all states. However, the Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008 (P.L. 110-351) created an option for states to provide kinship guardianship assistance payments under title IV-E of the Social Security Act (the Act). This may contribute to an increase in guardianships in the future.

Timeliness of achieving permanency for children in foster care is critical to their well-being.⁶³ This emphasis is reinforced and supported by federal policy and law, such as the Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997 (ASFA), which stresses the importance of the timely identification of permanent homes for children taken into foster care.

CASEWORKER VISITS

Achieving permanency in a timely manner for children in foster care can be linked in part to the frequency and quality of caseworker visits with children. During the first and second rounds of the Child and Family Services Reviews (CFSRs), an association was found between caseworker visits measures and positive outcomes for children in foster care. For example, frequent contact between the caseworker and the child (as indicated by positive ratings on Item 19 in the CFSR onsite review instrument) was associated with better ratings on CFSR Permanency Outcome 1: Children have permanency and stability in their living situations.⁶⁴ Based in part on these findings, the Child and Family Services Improvement Act of 2006 (P.L. 109-288) amended title IV-B of the Act to include requirements for states to collect data on monthly caseworker visits for children in foster care.⁶⁵

The caseworker visits data presented in the Child Welfare Outcomes Report include the percentage of children in foster care visited each full month they were in care, as well as the proportion of those visits that occurred in the homes where the children were then living. Data for Monthly Caseworker Visits (MCV) and Visits in the Home (VIH) for fiscal year (FY) 2012 (October 1, 2011–September 30, 2012) are shown in table IV-1.

Table IV-1. Monthly Caseworker Visits and Visits in the Home, 2012

Measure	Median (Percent)
	2012
The percentage of children receiving monthly caseworker visits (MCV). (N=52 states)	94%
The percentage of the monthly visits that occurred in the home of the child (VIH). (N=51 states)	85%

Note that states reported caseworker visit data from 2007 to 2011 under the original reporting requirements.⁶⁶ The Child and Family Services Improvement and Innovation Act of 2011 (P.L. 112-34) modified those requirements, now in section 424(f)(1) and (2) of the Act.⁶⁷ States are required to begin meeting these new performance requirements and using the new methodology for calculating caseworker visits data in 2012.⁶⁸ Because the new methodology limits data comparisons with prior years, caseworker visits data from 2009 through 2011 are not included in this report. The data regarding caseworker visits presented in this report are not CFSR onsite review data but are derived from the data that states were required to report under the new monthly caseworker visit requirements in P.L. 112-34.

⁶² In this report, the designation of “state” includes the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. Therefore, the report provides information on a total of 52 states, depending on the number of states that submitted adequate data for a particular measure. The data presented throughout this chapter come from the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS), to which all states report.

⁶³ Lutz, L. L. (2003). *Achieving permanence for children in the child welfare system: Pioneering possibilities amidst daunting challenges*. Retrieved from <http://www.hunter.cuny.edu/socwork/nrcfcpp/downloads/achieving-permanence.pdf>

⁶⁴ The CFSR onsite review instrument can be found on the Children’s Bureau website: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/resource/cfsr-onsite-instrument-instructions>. Detailed information concerning Item 19 and its relationship to various other measures in the CFSR onsite reviews can be found on page 35 in the following publication: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/results/genfindings04/genfindings04.pdf>

⁶⁵ More information about the Child and Family Services Improvement Act of 2006 can be found on the Children’s Bureau website: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/resource/pl-109-288>

⁶⁶ More information on the caseworker visits measures can be found in appendix C of this report. Information on previous caseworker visits data collection and reporting requirements can be found in Program Instruction ACYF-CB-PI-08-03, issued April 18, 2008: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/cb/pi0803.pdf>

⁶⁷ More information about the Child and Family Services Improvement Act of 2011 can be found on the Children’s Bureau website under Information Memorandum ACYF-CB-IM-11-06: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/resource/im1106>

⁶⁸ More detailed guidance on revised requirements for reporting the caseworker visits measures using the new methodology for reporting caseworker visits data is outlined in Program Instruction ACYF-CB-PI-12-01, issued January 6, 2012: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/cb/pi1201.pdf>

TIMELINESS OF REUNIFICATIONS⁶⁹

The assessment of timeliness of reunification is addressed through Outcome 4: Reduce time in foster care to reunification without increasing reentry. The wording of this outcome is intended to ensure that reunifications are not viewed as timely if they also are not permanent (i.e., if the child reenters foster care within 12 months after being reunified).

Table IV-2 presents summary data regarding state performance in 2012 on key measures assessing both the timeliness and permanency of reunification. This table includes one of the measures originally developed for the Child Welfare Outcomes Report (measure 4.1), as well as the measures that are part of CFSR composite 1.⁷⁰

**Table IV-2. Range of State Performance, 2012
Outcome 4: Achieving Timely Reunifications**

Outcome Measures*	25th Percentile	National Median (50th Percentile)	75th Percentile	Range (Percent)
Measure 4.1: Of all children reunified with their parents or caretakers at the time of discharge from foster care during the year, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the time of entry into foster care? (N=48 states)	56.1%	65.8%	74.4%	38.2–89.5%
Measure C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for eight days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment**) (N=48 states)	63.7%	68.6%	72.9%	34.1–90.2%
***Measure C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for eight days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment) (N=48 states)	6.7 months	8.0 months	8.8 months	2.1–16.8 months
Measure C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for eight days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment) (N=48 states)	32.5%	38.5%	46.7%	13.8–64.0%
***Measure C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge? (N=48 states)	10.0%	11.9%	14.4%	3.1–27.6%

* Numbers are expressed as percentages except when measured by months, as noted. Data for this table include all states for which adequate data are available for all relevant years.

** If a child's last foster care placement setting was a trial home visit, any time in that placement setting beyond the first 30 days is subtracted when calculating the length of stay in foster care.

*** For these measures, a lower number indicates better performance.

Performance with regard to the timeliness of reunification and reentry rate

Timeliness of reunification is assessed through a number of approaches in order to provide a comprehensive picture of performance regarding this outcome. Because a state's reunification speed is understood best when it also is known how many of those children reentered foster care within a short period of time, a measure of reentry also is included.

Three of the measures of timeliness of reunification focus on children's lengths of stay in foster care at the time that they are discharged to reunification (measures 4.1, C1.1, and C1.2). The 2012 data shown in table IV-2 indicate that, in many states, a majority of children discharged to reunification were reunified in a timely manner. For the purposes of the Child Welfare Outcomes Report and the CFSR, a reunification is considered to be timely if it occurs in less than 12 months from the date of entry into foster care. Across states, the median percentage of reunifications occurring in less than 12 months was between 65.8 and 68.6 percent (measures 4.1 and C1.1). The median length of stay of reunified children was 8.0 months (measure C1.2).

The measures discussed above reflect the percentage of all children in foster care who exited to reunification regardless of when they entered care. However, another useful approach is to examine timeliness of reunification using a longitudinal measure for a cohort of children. Measure C1.3 examines only children who came into foster care for the first time (an entry cohort) during the last 6 months of the prior year. These children then are tracked for the following 12 months to determine the percentage that reunified before the end of that 12-month period. Because this measure reflects the percentage of first-time entries who exit to reunification rather than

In at least 75.0 percent of states, the majority of children who entered foster care for the first time in the last 6 months of 2011 were still in foster care 12 months later.

⁶⁹ For the Child Welfare Outcomes Report and the CFSR composite measures, children are considered reunified if the discharge reason provided to AFCARS is either (1) reunified with parent or primary caretaker, or (2) living with other relatives.

⁷⁰ Additional information about the measures and composites can be found in appendix B. Composite measures are preceded by a "C" throughout this report to distinguish them from the original set of outcome measures.

the percentage of all children in foster care, the results look very different from the noncohort measures, 4.1 and C1.1. As shown in table IV-2, the median across states was 38.5 percent (versus 65.8 and 68.6 percent for measures 4.1 and C1.1, respectively), and the 75th percentile was 46.7 percent (versus 74.4 and 72.9 percent for 4.1 and C1.1, respectively). Therefore, in at least 75.0 percent of the states, the majority of children who entered foster care *for the first time* in the last 6 months of 2011 were still in foster care 12 months later.

Measure C1.4 assesses the permanency of reunification (reentry rate). It follows for 12 months the group of all children who were discharged from foster care to reunification. This measure determines the percentage of those children who reentered foster care within 12 months of their prior discharge. The median across states for this measure is 11.9 percent. The following are additional important findings with regard to the timeliness of reunifications and the reentry rate:

Moderate correlations were found between the measure of reentry into foster care and the age of children entering foster care. Many states with a relatively high percentage of children entering foster care who were age 12 or older at the time of entry also had a relatively high percentage of children reentering foster care (measure C1.4) (Pearson's $r=.52$). Because of the identified association between older youth and foster care reentry rate, states may want to consider what targeted strategies and services they could provide to youth and their families so that teenagers would be less likely to come back into foster care. Compared to younger children, teenagers may present very different challenges to states, and it appears that states will need to better understand these challenges if they are to prevent the higher reentry rate for these youth.

Many states with a relatively high percentage of children entering foster care who were age 12 or older at the time of entry also had a relatively high percentage of children reentering foster care (Pearson's $r=.52$).

Low to moderate correlations were found between the timeliness of reunification measures and foster care entry rates. A consistent finding in the Child Welfare Outcomes Report the past few years has been that there is an association between timeliness of reunification (measure C1.1) and foster care reentry rates (measure C1.4). These correlations have been $r=.42$, $.45$, $.42$, and $.36$ for years 2009, 2010, 2011, and 2012, respectively. A question to consider is whether states that tend to take more children into foster care, in general, may be taking in more children from families with less severe concerns, making rapid reunification more feasible. Additional analysis from researchers in the field would be necessary to understand this issue fully.

CHANGES OVER TIME IN STATE PERFORMANCE WITH REGARD TO ACHIEVING TIMELY REUNIFICATIONS

Table IV-3 shows the change in the national median over time for state performance on achieving timely reunifications for children in foster care. This table also shows the number of states with an improvement or decline in performance, as calculated by a percent change calculation.

Table IV-3. Median State Performance and Change Over Time, 2009–2012*
Outcome 4: Achieving Timely Reunifications

Outcome Measures**	Median Performance by Year (numbers are expressed as percentages except when measured by months, as noted)***				States That Improved in Performance 2009–2012	States That Declined in Performance 2009–2012
	2009	2010	2011	2012		
Measure 4.1: Percentage of reunifications occurring in less than 12 months of the child's entry into foster care. (N=46 states)	68.5%	69.4%	68.4%	66.5%	12 states (26%)	14 states (30%)
Measure C1.1: Percentage of reunifications occurring in less than 12 months of the child's entry into foster care, with the eight-day and trial home visit adjustments. (N=45 states)	67.3%	67.5%	70.4%	68.4%	11 states (24%)	10 states (22%)
****Measure C1.2: Median length of stay in months for children reunified, with the eight-day and trial home visit adjustments. (N=45 states)	8.0 months	7.8 months	7.7 months	8.0 months	15 states (33%)	14 states (31%)
Measure C1.3: Percentage of reunifications occurring in less than 12 months of the child's entry into foster care for children entering foster care for the first time, with the eight-day and trial home visit adjustments. (N=45 states)	41.3%	41.7%	40.9%	38.0%	9 states (20%)	26 states (58%)
****Measure C1.4: Percentage of children reentering foster care in less than 12 months from being reunified. (N=45 states)	12.4%	12.1%	11.4%	11.8%	13 states (29%)	22 states (49%)

* In accordance with standard procedure in this report, when there was a percent change of less than 5.0 in either direction (positive or negative), a determination was made that there was "no change" in performance.

** The definitions for the measures in all cross-year comparison tables in this report have been shortened due to the complexity of the tables. Full descriptions for the measures in this table can be found in table IV-2 or appendix B. Data for this table include all states for which adequate data are available for all relevant years.

*** The 2012 data included on this table may be different from the data included in table IV-2 due to differences in the number of states included for each analysis.

**** For these measures, a lower number indicates better performance.

As illustrated in table IV-3, the most notable change in performance over time is in the percentage of reunifications occurring in less than 12 months of the child's entry into foster care for children entering care for the first time (measure C1.3). For this measure, the national median dropped from 41.3 percent in 2009 to 38.0 percent in 2012 (an 8.0 percent decrease). Furthermore, 58 percent of states declined in performance on this measure, while only 20 percent improved during this period. Because the foster care entry rate has been declining over the past several years, it is possible that more difficult cases are predominant among entries, and that these cases may take a relatively long time to reunify.

TIMELINESS OF ADOPTIONS

The majority of children exiting foster care are reunified with their families, not adopted (see table III-4). However, when a decision is made that adoption is in the best interest of the child, adoption should proceed rapidly so that the child is able to be placed quickly in a secure, caring, and safe environment.

As referenced in the beginning of this chapter, timeliness of achieving permanency for children in foster care is critical to their well-being. ASFA amended section 475(5)(E) of the Act to require that a state file a petition to terminate the parents' parental rights and concurrently pursue adoption as a permanency goal for any child who has been in foster care for 15 of the most recent 22 months, unless the agency documents a compelling reason why such action would not be in the best interests of the child. In accordance with section 475(5)(F), a child is considered to have "entered foster care" (for purposes of starting the clock for the 15 of 22 months) on the earlier of: (1) the first judicial finding that the child has been subjected to abuse and/or neglect, or (2) the date that is 60 days (2 months) after the date on which the child is removed from the home.

For the purposes of calculating this report's related outcome measures, a 17-month timeframe was used because the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) data system does not collect information pertaining to the date of the first judicial finding. HHS uses the date of the child's removal and adds to this date the 60 days and 15 months specified in the legislation to give this outcome measure its 17-month timeframe. Other measures of adoption timeliness also are used in the Child Welfare Outcomes Report. All of these measures will be discussed in this section.

Nationally, approximately 102,000 children were waiting for adoption, and 50,000 children exited foster care to adoption in 2012.⁷¹ Outcome 5 addresses the timeliness of adoptions, which is measured by original outcome measure 5.1, as well as the five individual

⁷¹ There is no federal definition for a child "waiting for adoption." The definition used in the Child Welfare Outcomes Report includes children and youth through age 17 who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parents' parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A state's own definition may differ from that used here. Note that these adoption numbers are frequently updated. Please see the Children's Bureau website for the most updated data: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/research-data-technology/statistics-research>

measures that are part of CFSR composite 2. Table IV-4 presents summary data showing the range of state performance in 2012 on the measures relevant to this outcome.

**Table IV-4. Range of State Performance, 2012
Outcome 5: Achieving Timely Adoptions**

Outcome Measures*	25th Percentile	National Median (50th Percentile)	75th Percentile	Range (Percent)
**Measure 5.1a: Of all children discharged from care during the year to a finalized adoption, what percentage were discharged in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (N=48 states)	2.4%	4.2%	6.9%	0.3–33.5%
Measure C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (N=48 states)	25.7%	32.4%	41.8%	9.5–84.6%
***Measure C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from home to the date of discharge to adoption? (N=48 states)	25.9 months	29.2 months	30.8 months	14.2–47.3 months
Measure C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year? (N=48 states)	20.9%	28.6%	32.4%	15.0–47.4%
Measure C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in foster care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day, what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first six months of the year? (N=48 states)	9.6%	12.9%	18.1%	1.0–24.7%
Measure C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free? (N=48 states)	52.4%	62.5%	73.6%	26.7–95.3%

* Numbers are expressed as percentages except when measured by months, as noted. Data for this table include all states for which adequate data are available.

** Measure 5.1 was among the original outcome measures established in 1998. It is a calculation of discharges to adoption for a range of time periods. Measure 5.1a denotes a 12-month period for the measure.

*** For this measure, fewer months indicate better performance.

Outcome measures 5.1, C2.1, and C2.2 focus on the length of time in foster care for children who are discharged to adoption. Performance on these measures in 2012 suggests that achieving timely adoptions is a challenge for all but a few states.

As shown in table IV-4, in 2012, it was unusual in most states for adoptions to occur in less than 12 months from the child’s entry into foster care. The national median for the corresponding measure (5.1a) was only 4.2 percent. In three states, however, the percentage of adoptions occurring in less than 12 months was more than 10.0 percent. These states were Utah (33.5 percent), Florida (15.6 percent), and Colorado (10.4 percent).

Compared to adoptions occurring within 12 months, the data in table IV-4 indicate that states were more successful in the percentage of adoptions occurring in less than 24 months from the child’s entry into foster care (measure C2.1, median = 32.4 percent), but performance on this measure still needs improvement. A positive finding is that there were nine states in which at least 50.0 percent of adoptions occurred in less than 24 months of the child’s entry into foster care.⁷²

The 2012 data indicate that achieving adoptions in less than 24 months still remains a challenge for all but a few states.

In addition to knowing the length of time it takes for children to be adopted, it also is useful to examine factors in the progress toward the final goal of adoption. For example, a child must be legally free for adoption before a finalized adoption can take place. Two measures reported in table IV-4 (measures C2.3 and C2.4) assess the progress toward timely adoptions tracking individual children over time. These measures focus on children who were in foster care for at least 17 months on the first day of the year and follow them to determine: (1) the percentage adopted by the end of the year (measure C2.3), and (2) the percentage who became legally free for adoption in the first 6 months of the year (measure C2.4).⁷³ The data presented in table IV-4 indicate that, across states, a modest percentage of children in foster care for 17 months or longer at the start of 2012 were adopted by the end of that year (measure C2.3, median = 28.6 percent). The data also indicate that, across states, a smaller percentage of children in foster care for 17 months or longer on the first day of 2012 became legally free for adoption within the first 6 months of that year (measure C2.4, median = 12.9 percent). As shown in the range for this measure, even in the highest performing state, only 24.7 percent of the children in foster care for 17 months or longer on the first day of 2012 became legally free

⁷² The nine states in which at least 50.0 percent of adoptions occurred in less than 24 months of the child’s entry into foster care were Arizona, Colorado, Florida, Idaho, Iowa, Minnesota, Tennessee, Utah, and Vermont.

⁷³ Measures C2.3 and C2.4 exclude children retrospectively from the denominator if the children exited from foster care during the specified time period to either reunification or guardianship.

for adoption in the first 6 months of the year. As is apparent from these data, many states have not achieved the goal of finalizing adoptions for children in foster care in a timely way.

Another marker of progress toward adoption is how long it takes from the termination of parental rights to the finalization of the adoption. Measure C2.5 follows children for a 12-month period from the time that they became legally free for adoption to identify the percentage of children whose adoptions were finalized during that time period. Oftentimes, the practice expectation is that once parental rights have been terminated, the state should work as rapidly as possible to ensure that a finalized adoption is achieved for the child. As shown in table IV-4, state performance on this measure varies extensively (26.7 to 95.3 percent). For example, in three states (Illinois, Oregon, and South Dakota), fewer than 40.0 percent of the children who were legally free for adoption were adopted less than 12 months after becoming legally free. However, in six states (the District of Columbia, Maryland, New Hampshire, Utah, Vermont, and Wyoming), 80.0 percent or more of the children who were legally free for adoption were adopted in less than 12 months after becoming legally free.

CHANGES OVER TIME IN STATE PERFORMANCE WITH REGARD TO TIMELINESS OF ADOPTIONS

The median performances across states for the years 2009 to 2012 on measures pertaining to achieving timely adoptions for children in foster care are presented in table IV-5.⁷⁴ Table IV-5 also presents a breakdown of the number of states showing an improvement or decline in performance between 2009 and 2012. Change in median state performance over time was computed by using a percent change calculation.⁷⁵

⁷⁴ The 2012 results displayed in this table may vary slightly from data included in table IV-4 because table IV-5 includes only states that provided data for the measures in all of the relevant years (2009 through 2012).

⁷⁵ Percent change is calculated by subtracting “old” data from “new” data, dividing that result by old data, and multiplying it by 100. For example, maltreatment recurrence was 5.7 percent in 2009 and 5.1 percent in 2012, so the formula is $[(5.1-5.7)/5.7] \times 100 = 10.5$ percent decrease.

Table IV-5. Median State Performance and Change Over Time, 2009–2012*
Outcome 5: Achieving Timely Adoptions

Outcome Measures**	Median Performance by Year (numbers are expressed as percentages except when measured as months, as noted)				States That Improved in Performance 2009–2012	States That Declined in Performance 2009–2012
	2009	2010	2011	2012		
***Measure 5.1a: Percentage of children discharged to adoption in less than 12 months from the date of entry into foster care. (N=46 states)	3.6%	4.0%	3.8%	4.5%	20 states (43%)	20 states (43%)
Measure C2.1: Percentage of adoptions occurring in less than 24 months from the date of entry into foster care. (N=46 states)	32.9%	32.8%	33.2%	32.6%	25 states (54%)	14 states (30%)
****Measure C2.2: State’s median length of stay in months for children adopted. (N=46 states)	30.2 months	29.6 months	29.3 months	28.6 months	21 states (46%)	6 states (13%)
*****Measure C2.3: Percentage of children in foster care for 17 months or longer on the first day of the fiscal year who are adopted by the last day of the year. (N=46 states)	24.5%	25.0%	25.9%	29.2%	37 states (80%)	5 states (11%)
*****Measure C2.4: Percentage of children in foster care for 17 months or longer on the first day of the fiscal year who become legally free for adoption in the first six months of the year. (N=46 states)	13.1%	12.1%	13.4%	13.4%	30 states (65%)	10 states (22%)
Measure C2.5: Percentage of children who are legally free for adoption who are adopted in less than 12 months of becoming legally free. (N=46 states)	55.3%	59.1%	60.2%	62.9%	31 states (67%)	7 states (15%)

* In accordance with standard procedure in this report, when there was a percent change of less than 5.0 in either direction (positive or negative), a determination was made that there was “no change” in performance.

** The definitions for the measures in all cross-year comparison tables in this report have been shortened due to the complexity of the tables. Full descriptions for the measures in this table can be found in table IV-4 or appendix B. Data for this table include all states for which adequate data are available for all relevant years.

*** Measure 5.1 was among the original outcome measures established in 1998. It is a calculation of discharges to adoption for a range of time periods. Measure 5.1a denotes a 12-month period for the measure. Other variations of measure 5.1 representing other time periods are not shown in this table. However, state performance on each of the time periods is included in each state’s data pages in chapter VI. See appendix B for more information on how the measure is defined.

**** For this measure, fewer months indicate better performance.

***** The denominator for this measure excludes children who, by the last day of the year, were discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification with parents or primary caretakers, living with other relatives, or guardianship.

***** A child is “legally free” for adoption if a date for the parental rights termination is reported to AFCARS for both parents. Also, the denominator for this measure excludes children who, during the first 6 months of the year, were discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification with parents or primary caretakers, living with other relatives, or guardianship.

For most of the measures related to achieving timely adoptions, there were more states that demonstrated improved performance than there were states that demonstrated a performance decline. The most pronounced improvement was in the percentage of children in foster care for 17 months or longer on the first day of the year who were adopted by the end of the year (measure C2.3). For this measure, 80 percent of states demonstrated improved performance between 2009 and 2012. In addition, the national median for measure C2.3 improved from 24.5 percent in 2009 to 29.2 percent in 2012 (a 19.2 percent increase).

Eighty percent of states showed improved performance between 2009 and 2012 in the percentage of children in foster care for 17 months or longer on the first day of the year who were adopted by the end of the year.

Another area where states showed improvement was the percentage of children who were legally free for adoption who were adopted within 12 months of becoming legally free (measure C2.5). Sixty-seven percent of states showed improved performance on this measure between 2009 and 2012. In addition, the national median for this measure improved from 55.3 percent in 2009 to 62.9 percent in 2012 (a 13.7 percent increase).

States also made improvements in the percentage of adoptions occurring in less than 12 months (measure 5.1a). Though an equal number of states improved and declined in performance in the percentage of adoptions occurring in less than 12 months (5.1a) between 2009 and 2012, the national median for this measure improved from 3.6 percent in 2009 to 4.5 percent in 2012 (a 25.0 percent increase).

Though a majority of states (54 percent) demonstrated improvements in the percentage of adoptions occurring in less than 24 months (C2.1), a substantial proportion (30 percent) also showed declines in performance. The national median for this measure remained static between 2009 and 2012.

Many states showed improvement in the percentage of children in foster care for 17 months or longer on the first day of the year who became legally free for adoption in the first 6 months of the year (measure C2.4). For this measure, 65 percent of states showed improved performance between 2009 and 2012. The national median for this measure did not fluctuate significantly between 2009 and 2012.

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS REGARDING ACHIEVING REUNIFICATIONS AND ADOPTIONS IN A TIMELY MANNER

Achieving timely reunifications

The assessment of reunification includes measures of both timeliness and permanency. Between 2009 and 2012, there was little change in performance on nearly all of the reunification measures. The exception was measure C1.3, the percentage of reunifications occurring in less than 12 months of the child's entry into foster care for children entering care for the first time. For this measure, 58 percent of states declined in performance over time, and the national median exhibited a substantial decrease.

A consistent finding in Child Welfare Outcomes Reports is that states with more adolescents (age 12 or older) entering foster care tend to have higher reentry rates.

A consistent finding in the Child Welfare Outcomes Reports is that many states with a relatively high percentage of foster care reentries also had a relatively high percentage of children entering foster care who were adolescents (age 12 or older) (Pearson's $r=.52$). The challenges that these youth present to state child welfare systems with regard to meeting the reunification needs of the children and their families may be quite different from those encountered in working with younger children and their families, and states with large numbers of youth in their foster care populations would benefit from developing strategies that target the needs of these youth. The number of youth in foster care, broken down by age, is shown for each state on the data pages in chapter VI of this report.

Achieving timely adoptions

The data for 2012 indicate that achieving adoptions in a timely manner remains a challenge for many states. Despite these challenges, many states have shown improvement with regard to a number of measures in this area:

- Eighty percent showed improved performance in the percentage of children in foster care for 17 months or longer on the first day of the year who were adopted by the end of the year (measure C2.3).
- Sixty-seven percent showed improved performance in the percentage of children who were legally free for adoption who were adopted within 12 months of becoming legally free (measure C2.5).
- Sixty-five percent showed improved performance with regard to the percentage of children in foster care for 17 months or longer on the first day of the year who became legally free for adoption in the first 6 months of the year (measure C2.4).
- Fifty-four percent of states exhibited an improvement in performance in the percentage of adoptions occurring in less than 24 months from the child's entry into foster care (measure C2.1).

Despite the challenges of making adoptions timelier, many states demonstrated improved performance between 2009 and 2012 on several adoption measures contained in this report.

V: Achieving Stable and Appropriate Placement Settings for Children in Foster Care

While a child is in foster care, it is the state child welfare agency’s responsibility to ensure that the child is in a stable placement setting.⁷⁶ The appropriateness of a placement setting also is important to the well-being of children in foster care. Placement setting stability is addressed in Outcome 6: Increase placement stability for children in foster care, and placement setting appropriateness is addressed in Outcome 7: Reduce placements of young children in group homes or institutions.

In this report, placement setting stability is defined as a child having had two or fewer placement settings in a single foster care episode.⁷⁷ This was the approach used in prior Child Welfare Outcomes Reports, and it also is consistent with the approach used for the composite measures in the second round of Child and Family Services Reviews (CFSRs).

Outcome 7 is evaluated by examining the degree to which children age 12 or younger are placed in family foster homes rather than group homes or institutions. By Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Report System (AFCARS) definitions, relative and nonrelative family foster homes have up to 6 children; group homes have between 7 and 12 children; and institutions have 13 or more children. There are some instances in which a group home or institution is determined to be the most appropriate placement to meet the needs of a child. For example, young children may need a particular type of care to meet certain physical or mental health needs. However, the driving assumption behind this outcome measure is that, while group homes or institutions may be appropriate for some children and youth in foster care, younger children are likely to have their needs better met in a family setting.

There are some children in foster care for whom a foster family setting will not meet their highly specialized needs. However, a family setting commonly will be the most appropriate, especially for young children.

Table V-1 presents the findings of state performance on measures of placement stability (measure 6.1) and placements of young children in group homes or institutions (measure 7.1).⁷⁸ For outcome measure 6.1, data are presented that measure placement stability for multiple timeframes for length of stay in foster care (i.e., less than 12 months, 12 months to less than 24 months, and 24 months or more).⁷⁹

**Table V-1. Range of State Performance, 2012
Outcomes 6 and 7: Achieving Stable and Appropriate Placement Settings**

Outcome Measures	25th Percentile	National Median (50th Percentile)	75th Percentile	Range (Percent)
Measure 6.1a: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for less than 12 months, what percentage had no more than two placement settings? (N=48 states)	80.9%	85.2%	87.7%	71.6–91.9%
Measure 6.1b: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in foster care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had no more than two placement settings? (N=48 states)	56.2%	64.1%	67.6%	45.1–76.2%
Measure 6.1c: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in foster care for at least 24 months, what percentage had no more than two placement settings? (N=48 states)	28.6%	35.2%	38.8%	13.5–47.8%
*Measure 7.1: Of all children who entered foster care during the year and were age 12 or younger at the time of their most recent placement, what percentage were placed in a group home or institution? (N=48 states)	2.4%	4.5%	7.0%	0.9–21.3%

* For this measure, a lower number indicates better performance.

As shown in table V-1, in most states, the majority of children in foster care for less than 12 months experienced no more than two placement settings in 2012 (measure 6.1a, median = 85.2 percent). It is encouraging that 85.2 percent of the children remain in stable placements during the first year in foster care. While there may be times when a new placement setting will be in the best

⁷⁶ For the purposes of this report, “foster care” refers to a variety of out-of-home placement settings, including foster family homes, group homes, shelters, residential treatment facilities, and similar placements for children who are placed away from their parents or guardians in 24-hour substitute care and under the placement and care responsibility of a state child welfare agency for at least 24 hours (see 45 CFR 1355, Appendix A, Section II).

⁷⁷ A single foster care episode begins on the date when a child is removed from the home and ends when the child is discharged from foster care (is no longer under the care and placement responsibility of the state). The count of placement settings does not include temporary stays in hospitals, camps, respite care, or institutional placements.

⁷⁸ In this report, the designation of “state” includes the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. Therefore, the report provides information on a total of 52 states, depending on the number of states that submitted adequate data for a particular measure. Unless otherwise specified, the data used in this report are for federal fiscal year (FY) 2012 (October 1, 2011–September 30, 2012).

⁷⁹ For the second round of the CFSRs, three measures were developed as part of Composite 4: Placement stability. These composite measures are not shown in this chapter because the measures are almost identical to the original measures of placement stability incorporated in measure 6.1. We present data on measure 6.1 in this chapter to remain consistent with previous Child Welfare Outcomes Reports. However, individual state performances on composite 4 are presented in chapter VI of this report.

interest of the child, such as a move to a placement that better reflects the service needs of the child, it is generally important for states to continue to do as much as they can to keep placement setting counts to a minimum.

Although most states appear to be reasonably successful in achieving placement stability for children in foster care for less than 12 months, states tend to be far less successful in keeping the number of placement settings low for children in foster care for longer periods of time. As shown in table V-1, the median across states declines from 85.2 percent for children in foster care for less than 12 months to 64.1 percent for children in foster care for 12 to 24 months, and then declines even further to 35.2 percent for children in foster care for 24 months or longer.

It is important to note that the relationship between time in care and placement setting stability is more nuanced than it may initially appear. Research suggests a link between placement stability and variables such as the age of the child, placement setting type, the presence of child behavioral problems, and the availability of programs and services for children and resource families.⁸⁰ Research also indicates that children who experience early placement stability experience fewer behavioral problems and better outcomes.⁸¹ Therefore, time in care is likely also linked to other variables that have an impact on its relationship to placement stability.

The data in table V-1 also indicate that in about one-half of the states in 2012, 4.5 percent or less of children entering foster care under the age of 12 were placed in group homes or institutions. While this indicates positive national performance overall, there were four states where the percentage of young children placed in group homes or institutions was between 10 percent and 20 percent.⁸²

CHANGES OVER TIME IN STATE PERFORMANCE ON MEASURES OF ACHIEVING STABLE AND APPROPRIATE PLACEMENT SETTINGS FOR CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE

Table V-2 provides the change in the national median over time on measures pertaining to achieving stable and appropriate placement settings for children in foster care. This table also shows the number of states with an improvement or decline in performance on these measures.⁸³

**Table V-2. Median State Performance and Change Over Time, 2009–2012*
Outcomes 6 and 7: Achieving Stable and Appropriate Placement Settings**

Outcome Measures**	Median Performance by Year (Percent)				States That Improved in Performance 2009–2012	States That Declined in Performance 2009–2012
	2009	2010	2011	2012		
Measure 6.1a: Percentage of children in foster care for less than 12 months who experience two or fewer placement settings. (N=46 states)	85.2%	85.8%	86.1%	85.2%	7 states (15%)	1 state (2%)
Measure 6.1b: Percentage of children in foster care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months who experience two or fewer placement settings. (N=46 states)	60.4%	61.7%	63.2%	64.1%	18 states (39%)	5 states (11%)
Measure 6.1c: Percentage of children in foster care for 24 months or longer who experience two or fewer placement settings. (N=46 states)	30.0%	32.6%	32.8%	35.2%	26 states (57%)	8 states (17%)
***Measure 7.1: Percentage of children entering foster care at age 12 or younger who are placed in group homes or institutions. (N=46 states)	4.2%	4.5%	4.5%	4.6%	26 states (57%)	16 states (35%)

* In accordance with standard procedure in this report, when there was a percent change of less than 5.0 in either direction (positive or negative), a determination was made that there was “no change” in performance.

** The definitions for the measures in all cross-year comparison tables in this report have been shortened due to the complexity of the tables. Full descriptions for the measures in this table can be found in table V-1 or appendix B. Data for this table include all states for which adequate data are available for all of the relevant years.

*** For this measure, a lower number indicates better performance.

The most outstanding findings from table V-2 are related to the increases in the percentages of children in foster care for 12 months or longer who experienced two or fewer placement settings (measures 6.1b and 6.1c). For children in care between 12 and 24 months, the percentage of children experiencing two or fewer placement settings (measure 6.1b) increased from 60.4 percent in 2009 to 64.1 percent in 2012 (a 6.1 percent increase). For this measure, 39 percent of states improved in performance while only 11 percent declined. Even more striking was the improvement in performance on measure 6.1c, the percentage of children in care for 24 months or longer who experienced two or fewer placement settings. For this measure, the median increased from 30.0 in 2009 to

⁸⁰ Noonan, K., Rubin, D., Mekonnen, R., Zlotnik, S., & O’Reilly, A. (2009). Securing child safety, well-being, and permanency through placement stability in foster care. *Evidence to Action*, 1. Retrieved from <http://stoneleighfoundation.org/sites/default/files/Evidence%20to%20Action%20No%201.pdf>

⁸¹ Rubin, D.M., O’Reilly, A.L.R., Luan, X., & Localio, R. (2007). The impact of placement stability on behavioral well-being for children in foster care. *Pediatrics*, 119(2), 336–44.

⁸² The four states were Arkansas, Minnesota, South Carolina, and South Dakota.

⁸³ Percent change is calculated by subtracting “old” data from “new” data, dividing that result by old data, and multiplying it by 100. For example, maltreatment recurrence was 5.7 percent in 2009 and 5.1 percent in 2012, so the formula is [(5.1–5.7)/5.7]x100=10.5 percent decrease.

35.2 in 2012, a 17.2 percent increase. Furthermore, 57 percent of states demonstrated improvement on this measure, while only 17 percent declined in performance.

As indicated by table V-2, there was very little change between 2009 and 2012 in the percentage of children in foster care for 12 months or less who experienced two or fewer placement settings (measure 6.1a). Though the median exhibited slight fluctuations across the 4 years, there was ultimately no change between 2009 and 2012. Furthermore, 83 percent of states did not exhibit significant performance changes in either the positive or negative direction on this measure.

Previous Child Welfare Outcomes Reports have shown significant improvements over time on measure 7.1, the percentage of children entering foster care at age 12 or younger who are placed in group homes or institutions. Child Welfare Outcomes 2006–2009 reported a 24.1 percent decrease in performance, while in Child Welfare Outcomes 2007–2010, the percent decrease was 21.1, and in Child Welfare Outcomes 2008–2011, the percent decrease was 8.2 (note that a lower percentage is desirable for this measure). Between 2009 and 2012, states declined in performance, as the median increased from 4.2 percent to 4.6 percent (an 8.1 percent increase). Fifty-seven percent of states did improve their performance on this measure, but 35 percent declined in performance and 9 percent exhibited no change.

States generally are more successful in minimizing the number of placement settings for children in care for less than 12 months, but children in care for longer periods of time tend to have far more placement setting changes.

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS REGARDING ACHIEVING STABLE AND APPROPRIATE PLACEMENTS FOR CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE

A consistent finding of the Child Welfare Outcomes Reports is that, although states are fairly successful in achieving placement stability for children in foster care for less than 12 months, the percentage of children who have placement stability declines considerably the longer the children are in foster care. It is promising, however, that states have demonstrated improvement in achieving placement setting stability for children in care longer than 12 months.

VI: State Performance Relevant to the Seven National Child Welfare Outcomes (State Data Pages)

The previous chapters provide key findings from an analysis of performance across states relevant to the seven national child welfare outcomes. This chapter presents tables of data for each state on the 12 measures originally developed for the Child Welfare Outcomes Report, and on the additional 15 measures developed for the second round of the Child and Family Services Reviews (CFSRs). As noted in earlier chapters, the 15 CFSR measures are relevant to the seven national child welfare outcomes addressed in the Child Welfare Outcomes Report.

The data pages also include the composite scores for each state for the four CFSR composite measures. These composite scores are based on the results of a Principal Components Analysis conducted by HHS's Children's Bureau. This process is explained in detail in the *Federal Register* announcement published on the Children's Bureau website: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/resource/data-indicators-second-round-of-cfsrs>

VIEWING THE STATE DATA PAGES

As discussed in chapter I, the data used in the Child Welfare Outcomes Report may vary slightly from other published sources if a state resubmitted data after HHS prepared the data for this report. Data included in the State Data Pages were prepared on the following dates:

- 2009, 2010, 2011, and 2012 Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) data: January 9, 2013
- 2009, 2010, 2011, and 2012 National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS) data: June 24, 2013
- 2009, 2010, 2011, and 2012 Census data: June 20, 2013
- 2012 caseworker visits data: February 4, 2013

Information from the State Data Pages is presented as follows:

- Data for the context variables⁸⁴
- Data showing state performance on the original outcome measures
- Data pertaining to state performance on the 15 CFSR measures and the state's composite scores
- State Comment page presenting each state's comments on its own data (provided only if a state submitted a comment for publication)

The following conventions were used to distinguish among various types of data reporting:

- When a state reports a value of "0.0 percent" for any of the context variables or outcome measures, this is indicated by "0.0." For the "maltreatment type" table only, there is an additional usage of 0.0. It also is used when a state reported no data for a particular maltreatment category, and the state did not provide guidance on the intended interpretation of the absence of data for that category.
- When a state reports more than 0.0 percent but less than 0.1 percent, this is indicated by "<0.1."⁸⁵
- When a particular cell is not applicable to a state, that is, there is no reason to assume that the state would have data for that cell, this is indicated by "N/A." For example, one would not expect to have fiscal year data on median length of stay for children who entered care during that fiscal year; therefore, the relevant cells contain a "N/A."
- When a particular cell is applicable to a state, that is, there is reason to assume that the state would have data for that cell but no data were provided, this is indicated by a dash (—). A dash also is used when a joint decision is made by a state and the Children's Bureau that the data are not reliable enough for publication. For example, if a state did not submit numerators and denominators for the caseworker visits measures, the relevant data cells would contain a dash.
- When a particular cell is applicable to a state, but the data for that cell are not yet available for publication, this is indicated by an "X." For example, 2012 child population in poverty data were not available for inclusion in the current report; therefore, the relevant cells contain an "X."

⁸⁴ Note that the 2012 Census Bureau child population in poverty data were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2010–2013 report.

⁸⁵ The only exception to this is the reporting of performance on measure 2.1, where data are rounded to the nearest hundredth instead of rounding to the nearest tenth.

RANGE OF STATE PERFORMANCE

The following two tables provide the 2012 medians and ranges in state performance on the original outcome measures (table VI-1) and the CFSR composite measures (table VI-2). These tables are presented to provide a point of context for understanding individual state performance on these measures. Median state performance on these measures for 2009, 2010, 2011, and 2012 are included on tables 1 and 2 of the executive summary of this report.

**Table VI-1. Range of State Performance, 2012
Original Outcome Measures**

Outcome Measures*	National Median (50th Percentile)	Range (Percent)
**Measure 1.1: Of all children who were victims of substantiated or indicated child abuse and/or neglect during the first six months of the year, what percentage had another substantiated or indicated report within a six-month period? (N=51 states)	5.1%	1.4–12.4%
**Measure 2.1: Of all children who were in foster care during the year, what percentage were the subject of substantiated or indicated maltreatment by a foster parent or facility staff member? (N=48 states)	0.32%	0.00–1.65%
Measure 3.1: Of all children who exited foster care during the year, what percentage left to either reunification, adoption, or legal guardianship (i.e., were discharged to a permanent home)? (N=48 states)	87.3%	67.5–94.2%
Measure 3.2: Of all children who exited foster care during the year and were identified as having a diagnosed disability, what percentage left to either reunification, adoption, or legal guardianship (i.e., were discharged to a permanent home)? (N=45 states)	77.7%	23.8–94.0%
Measure 3.3: Of all children who exited foster care during the year and were older than age 12 at the time of their most recent entry into care, what percentage left either to reunification, adoption, or legal guardianship (i.e., were discharged to a permanent home)? (N=48 states)	64.4%	34.4–81.3%
**Measure 3.4: Of all children exiting foster care in the year to emancipation, what percentage were age 12 or younger at the time of entry into care? (N=48 states)	23.0%	3.0–43.8%
Measure 4.1: Of all children reunified with their parents or caretakers at the time of discharge from foster care during the year, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the time of entry into foster care? (N=48 states)	65.8%	38.2–89.5%
Measure 5.1a: Of all children discharged from care during the year to a finalized adoption, what percentage were discharged in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (N=48 states)	4.2%	0.3–33.5%
Measure 6.1a: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for less than 12 months, what percentage had no more than two placement settings? (N=48 states)	85.2%	71.6–91.9%
Measure 6.1b: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in foster care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had no more than two placement settings? (N=48 states)	64.1%	45.1–76.2%
Measure 6.1c: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in foster care for at least 24 months, what percentage had no more than two placement settings? (N=48 states)	35.2%	13.5–47.8%
**Measure 7.1: Of all children who entered foster care during the year and were age 12 or younger at the time of their most recent placement, what percentage were placed in a group home or institution? (N=48 states)	4.5%	0.9–21.3%

* Data include all states for which adequate data are available.

** For these measures, a lower number indicates better performance.

**Table VI-2. Range of State Performance, 2012
Composite Measures**

Composite Measures*	National Median (50th Percentile)**	Range (Percent)
Measure C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for eight days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment) (N=48 states)	68.6%	34.1–90.2%
***Measure C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for eight days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment) (N=48 states)	8.0 months	2.1–16.8 months
Measure C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the six-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for eight days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment) (N=48 states)	38.5%	13.8–64.0%
***Measure C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge? (N=48 states)	11.9%	3.1–27.6%
Measure C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (N=48 states)	32.4%	9.5–84.6%
***Measure C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from home to the date of discharge to adoption? (N=48 states)	29.2 months	14.2–47.3 months
****Measure C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year? (N=48 states)	28.6%	15.0–47.4%
*****Measure C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in foster care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day, what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first six months of the year? (N=48 states)	12.9%	1.0–24.7%
Measure C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free? (N=48 states)	62.5%	26.7–95.3%
Measure C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year? (N=48 states)	33.5%	18.7–45.4%
Measure C3.2: Of all children who were discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday? (N=48 states)	95.8%	84.8–100.0%
***Measure C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for three years or longer? (N=48 states)	41.9%	10.6–62.0%

* Individual measures developed for Composite 4: Placement stability are not shown because the measures are nearly identical to the original measures of placement stability incorporated into measure 6.1 (see table VI-1).

** Numbers are expressed as percentages except when measured by months, as noted. Data include all states for which adequate data are available.

*** For these measures, a lower number indicates better performance.

**** The denominator for this measure excludes children who, by the last day of the year, were discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification with parents or primary caretakers, living with relatives, or guardianship.

***** A child is considered to be “legally free” for adoption if there is a date for parental rights termination reported to AFCARS for both mother and father. Also, the denominator for this measure excludes children who, during the first 6 months of the year, were discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification with parents or primary caretakers, living with other relatives, or guardianship.

Alabama

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total children under 18 years	1,128,864	1,130,694	1,129,772	1,124,406
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.4	0.6	0.5	0.5
Asian	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.2
Black	30.0	30.3	30.1	30.0
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	5.7	6.0	6.3	6.6
White	60.8	59.6	59.2	58.9
Two or more races	2.0	2.4	2.5	2.6
Child population in poverty (%)	24.7	27.7	27.6	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Child maltreatment victims	8,123	9,367	8,601	9,573
Foster care entry rate per 1,000	2.7	2.7	2.9	2.4
Children in foster care on 9/30	6,224	5,629	5,365	4,653
Children adopted	638	606	447	577

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	95
Numerator	N/A	N/A	N/A	2,857
Denominator	N/A	N/A	N/A	3,011
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	97
Numerator	N/A	N/A	N/A	2,773
Denominator	N/A	N/A	N/A	2,857

B. Child Maltreatment Data (National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System [NCANDS] Unique Counts)⁶

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2009		2010		2011		2012	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children who received a Child Protective Services response for an allegation of child maltreatment	26,246	23.2 per 1,000	27,795	24.6 per 1,000	26,221	23.2 per 1,000	28,385	25.2 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims	8,123	7.2 per 1,000	9,367	8.3 per 1,000	8,601	7.6 per 1,000	9,573	8.5 per 1,000
Child fatalities	14	1.2 per 100,000	13	1.1 per 100,000	11	1.0 per 100,000	21	1.9 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	12.4	12.0	12.8	12.3
1 year	6.7	6.9	7.2	5.7
2 years	6.5	6.9	7.3	6.5
3 years	6.2	6.3	6.2	6.7
4 years	5.7	5.8	6.0	6.4
5 years	5.4	5.9	5.5	5.8
6 years	5.2	5.1	5.2	5.4
7 years	5.0	4.8	5.0	4.9
8 years	5.0	5.0	4.5	4.9
9 years	4.2	4.1	4.5	4.5
10 years	4.1	4.5	3.7	3.9
11 years	4.0	4.0	4.1	4.3
12 years	3.9	4.4	4.5	4.3
13 years	5.5	5.1	5.2	5.1
14 years	6.4	6.4	5.7	6.4
15 years	6.6	6.7	6.4	6.7
16 years	4.1	3.9	3.5	3.3
17 years	2.0	1.8	2.3	2.3
18+ years	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0
Missing data	1.0	0.5	0.6	0.7
Number	8,123	9,367	8,601	9,573

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.2	<.1	0.1	<.1
Asian	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1
Black	26.4	26.6	27.4	27.5
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	4.0	4.4	3.9	4.3
White	50.1	56.8	57.9	56.4
Two or more races	2.1	2.9	3.3	3.3
Missing data	17.1	9.0	7.1	8.2
Number	8,123	9,367	8,601	9,573

¹ The source data for each table is indicated in parentheses for each section. A calendar year is the basis for data from the Census Bureau. Most of the other data on these pages are from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS) or the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) and are based on the Federal fiscal year, October 1 through September 30.

² The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau (<http://www.census.gov/popest/data/datasets.html>). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS). Child poverty data for 2012 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2010-2013 report.

³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

⁴ A child victim is defined as a child who is the subject of a maltreatment report for which the disposition is substantiated, indicated, or "alternative response victim." The rate for foster care entry is per 1,000 children in the state population. Data on child maltreatment victims are from NCANDS. Data on foster care entry rate, children in foster care on 9/30, and children adopted are from AFCARS.

⁵ As of 2012, there is a new methodology used to calculate the caseworker visits measures. Because the new methodology limits data comparisons with prior years, caseworker visits data from 2009 through 2011 are not included in this table. All states have the option of using an approved sampling procedure for the caseworker visits reporting requirement. See appendix C for more information on how these data are calculated and for a list of states using sampling methodology.

⁶ The unique count of child victims counts a child only once regardless of the number of times he or she was found to be a victim during the reporting year. This is a change from prior reports, and these data are now consistent with the reporting practice in the Child Maltreatment reports.

⁷ The rates for Child Protective Services Responses and victims are per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18.

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)⁸

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Emotional abuse	0.4	0.2	0.5	0.3
Medical neglect	0.0	—	—	0.8
Neglect	37.3	37.6	37.4	38.2
Physical abuse	48.7	50.0	50.0	49.6
Sexual abuse	23.1	22.5	21.9	21.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	8,123	9,367	8,601	9,573

Response Time (in hours)⁹

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Mean	46.4	45.3	42.4	41.7
Median	>24 but<48	>24 but<48	>24 but<48	>24 but<48

C. Characteristics of Children in Foster Care

(Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System [AFCARS] Foster Care File)

Overview Foster Care Information

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total number	6,669	5,320	5,216	5,167	3,051	3,063	3,251	2,748	3,496	2,754	3,102	3,262	6,224	5,629	5,365	4,653
Median length of stay (months)	19.5	17.3	15.4	14.4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	15.2	13.4	12.1	12.8	19.3	16.3	14.2	15.8

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	5.6	5.7	6.5	6.1	17.6	18.5	17.0	18.9	5.3	6.1	6.2	5.4	5.0	6.3	5.9	6.6
1 year	6.3	7.0	6.7	7.1	7.0	8.3	6.9	7.3	7.9	8.7	7.2	8.0	6.3	6.4	7.1	7.4
2 years	5.6	6.2	6.7	6.5	6.8	6.7	6.6	6.5	7.4	8.5	7.4	7.5	5.6	6.5	6.5	6.1
3 years	5.0	5.7	5.3	6.1	6.3	5.5	5.7	5.6	6.7	7.3	7.5	6.4	5.2	5.3	6.0	6.0
4 years	4.6	5.1	5.4	4.5	5.3	5.5	5.8	4.8	6.3	6.3	5.9	5.9	4.6	5.3	4.5	5.2
5 years	4.5	4.2	4.5	5.3	4.9	5.0	5.7	5.8	6.4	5.4	5.6	5.6	3.8	4.5	5.2	4.4
6 years	3.6	4.3	4.5	4.6	4.0	4.2	5.0	4.7	5.0	4.5	5.1	5.5	3.8	4.3	4.8	4.7
7 years	4.1	3.7	4.5	3.9	3.8	4.3	3.4	4.7	4.4	3.9	4.2	4.6	3.3	4.3	4.0	4.4
8 years	3.4	4.2	3.7	4.1	4.1	4.0	3.7	4.2	4.0	4.4	4.2	4.3	3.8	3.6	4.1	3.8
9 years	3.9	3.9	4.1	3.8	3.5	3.9	4.0	3.7	3.9	4.3	3.7	3.6	3.4	4.1	3.8	4.3
10 years	3.6	4.3	3.8	3.9	3.5	3.2	3.3	2.9	3.5	3.8	3.5	3.8	3.8	3.6	4.0	3.4
11 years	3.6	4.6	4.2	4.4	3.8	3.4	4.3	3.6	3.1	3.6	2.9	3.9	4.0	4.1	4.3	3.9
12 years	4.0	4.2	4.6	4.5	3.6	3.7	3.7	4.0	2.7	3.6	3.2	3.3	3.7	4.4	4.5	4.3
13 years	4.9	5.3	4.5	5.3	4.4	4.2	4.8	5.0	3.6	3.9	3.2	4.4	4.7	4.2	5.3	5.1
14 years	5.1	6.4	5.6	5.4	4.9	5.0	5.0	4.1	3.3	4.2	3.4	3.5	5.7	5.5	5.4	5.5
15 years	6.3	7.2	7.3	6.3	6.8	5.2	5.8	5.5	3.5	3.4	3.7	3.9	6.3	7.0	6.5	6.4
16 years	7.4	8.4	8.3	8.4	4.6	5.8	5.7	4.6	4.3	4.1	5.0	4.2	7.6	7.9	8.4	7.4
17 years	8.0	8.8	8.9	8.2	4.7	3.4	3.5	3.8	4.3	4.2	3.6	3.7	7.9	8.4	8.0	8.6
18 years	6.1	0.9	0.9	1.5	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.1	6.0	9.0	12.8	10.2	6.1	4.2	1.7	2.4
19 years	2.9	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	4.7	0.9	1.5	2.2	3.6	0.2	0.0	0.0
20 years	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.7	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)¹⁰

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.2	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2
Asian	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.2	0.2	<.1	0.0	0.1	0.2	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Black	44.5	42.2	39.6	37.0	32.5	31.5	31.3	29.8	35.6	34.5	34.7	32.5	43.7	40.2	37.4	35.9
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	3.9	4.2	4.1	5.2	4.9	5.6	6.5	6.5	4.9	6.3	4.6	5.9	3.9	3.9	5.3	5.5
White	47.0	47.9	50.7	51.0	54.6	56.4	53.9	53.7	54.6	51.9	54.2	53.3	46.5	50.6	50.6	51.0
Two or more races	3.8	4.7	5.2	5.5	4.4	5.2	5.1	6.7	3.5	5.2	4.7	5.8	4.3	4.8	5.4	6.0
Unable to determine	0.4	0.8	0.2	0.9	3.3	1.1	2.9	3.1	1.3	2.1	1.6	2.3	1.4	0.3	1.0	1.2
Missing data	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	0.0

⁸ These percentages are calculated against the number of unique victims. A child may have been the victim of more than one type of maltreatment, or the same type of maltreatment more than once. As a result, the total percentages both within and across maltreatment categories may exceed 100.

⁹ Response time is defined as the time between the report of suspected maltreatment and the first face-to-face contact with the alleged victim or with another person who can provide information on the allegation.

¹⁰ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

D. Characteristics of Children Waiting for Adoption¹¹ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total waiting children	1,554	1,304	1,310	1,161
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	1,069	840	710	549

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.7
1 year	6.8	6.1	7.7	7.8
2 years	7.0	7.1	7.9	7.4
3 years	5.5	6.4	7.6	8.1
4 years	5.7	5.7	5.1	6.7
5 years	5.6	6.1	5.8	5.6
6 years	5.1	5.8	4.7	5.6
7 years	4.7	5.0	4.8	5.0
8 years	5.3	4.7	5.1	4.6
9 years	5.0	4.9	5.4	5.9
10 years	6.5	5.0	5.2	4.7
11 years	6.4	6.5	5.4	5.3
12 years	5.3	6.6	6.9	6.0
13 years	6.5	6.3	6.8	7.1
14 years	6.4	6.7	6.1	6.5
15 years	5.4	7.9	6.1	5.4
16 years	5.5	4.1	4.3	3.3
17 years	5.0	3.2	2.9	2.2

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹³

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.0	0.2	0.4	0.2
Asian	0.0	<.1	0.2	<.1
Black	39.8	38.8	33.7	30.9
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	5.3	4.7	5.6	5.0
White	49.9	51.2	53.7	57.3
Two or more races	4.5	4.9	6.4	5.9
Unable to determine	0.4	0.2	<.1	0.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total children adopted	638	606	447	577

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	0.9	1.3	1.1	1.7
1 year	7.1	8.9	7.6	9.7
2 years	12.2	13.4	11.6	11.6
3 years	11.0	10.2	12.1	11.4
4 years	8.5	6.8	11.0	8.5
5 years	10.3	5.4	9.6	7.5
6 years	7.5	6.6	8.3	6.9
7 years	6.1	5.4	7.6	5.0
8 years	6.1	5.6	6.0	4.7
9 years	5.6	6.8	3.6	3.6
10 years	4.1	7.3	4.3	5.4
11 years	4.2	4.0	3.6	3.6
12 years	3.3	3.5	3.1	3.8
13 years	4.1	5.4	2.5	3.6
14 years	2.2	2.8	2.7	3.5
15 years	2.5	2.3	1.6	3.3
16 years	1.9	1.7	2.9	2.8
17 years	1.6	1.8	0.4	1.9
18 years	0.8	0.5	0.4	1.0
19 years	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.3
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2
Black	32.0	29.7	31.3	30.0
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	6.3	9.4	7.4	7.5
White	55.0	53.0	55.3	54.9
Two or more races	5.5	7.8	5.6	7.1
Unable to determine	1.1	0.2	0.4	0.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

¹¹ There is no federal definition for a child waiting to be adopted. The definition used in the tables on this page includes children and youth through age 17 who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parents' parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A state's own definition may differ from that used here.

¹² Children older than 17 years fall outside of the definition used to identify waiting children and are therefore excluded from this table.

¹³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

Alabama

OUTCOMES DATA

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect (NCANDS)

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children without a recurrence	98.8	98.8	98.9	98.4
Children with one or more recurrences	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.6
Number	3,320	3,914	3,773	4,043

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care (NCANDS and AFCARS Foster Care File)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.09	0.04	0.18	0.18
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.91	99.96	99.82	99.82
Number	9,720	8,383	8,467	7,915

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Foster Care File)

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	19.6	19.5	14.1	16.7
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reunification	65.8	66.8	66.3	64.5
Other	13.6	12.1	16.2	13.9
Missing data	1.0	1.7	3.5	4.9
Number	3,496	2,754	3,102	3,262

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	18.8	26.7	15.8	18.5
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reunification	63.3	57.3	39.2	43.3
Other	17.2	14.5	42.2	34.2
Missing data	0.8	1.5	2.8	4.0
Number	128	1,988	398	351

3.3 Exits of Children Older Than Age 12 at Entry Into Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	2.3	1.4	1.2	2.4
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reunification	60.4	60.0	51.4	51.8
Other	36.0	37.3	44.7	42.1
Missing data	1.2	1.3	2.7	3.7
Number	814	557	778	739

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children age 12 or younger at entry	35.3	30.4	27.1	26.7
Children older than 12 at entry	64.7	69.6	72.9	73.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	331	276	439	386

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	American Indian/Alaska Native				2009	Asian				2009	Black			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	33.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	50.0	17.8	17.2	12.8	15.3		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	66.7	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	75.0	83.3	50.0	63.1	64.7	60.1	59.2		
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	75.0	0.0	25.0	16.7	0.0	17.8	16.4	22.3	20.7		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	25.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.4	1.7	4.7	4.8		
Number	3	0	1	4	0	4	6	2	1,243	949	1,076	1,060		

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander				2009	Hispanic (of any race)				2009	White			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	23.4	29.3	21.8	19.4	19.8	19.7	14.4	17.5		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	100.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	70.8	63.8	63.4	66.5	67.1	68.1	69.2	66.5		
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.7	4.6	11.3	9.9	12.3	10.7	13.7	11.2		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.2	2.3	3.5	4.2	0.8	1.5	2.7	4.8		
Number	4	0	0	1	171	174	142	191	1,910	1,428	1,682	1,740		

	Unable to Determine				2009	Two or More Races				2009	Missing Data			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	11.4	5.3	4.0	1.3	31.4	26.1	15.9	20.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	88.6	86.0	92.0	93.3	56.2	63.4	71.0	63.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Other	0.0	5.3	2.0	1.3	10.7	7.7	8.3	9.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Missing data	0.0	3.5	2.0	4.0	1.7	2.8	4.8	6.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	44	57	50	75	121	142	145	189	0	0	0	0		

¹⁴ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Less than 12 mos.	60.2	62.9	66.8	63.3
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	23.2	23.1	23.0	25.9
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	8.6	8.2	6.0	6.7
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	3.7	2.8	2.0	2.0
48 or more mos.	3.9	3.0	2.1	2.1
Missing data	0.4	0.0	<.1	<.1
Number	2,299	1,839	2,056	2,104

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children entering care for the first time	81.4	85.9	83.6	84.1
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	9.2	6.1	8.2	6.8
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	6.9	8.0	8.2	9.0
Missing data	2.5	0.0	0.0	<.1
Number	3,051	3,063	3,251	2,748

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Foster Care File)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Less than 12 mos.	3.1	1.7	2.3	3.1
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	13.5	18.1	14.2	19.7
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	28.5	25.6	33.3	29.0
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	22.5	25.4	21.1	20.6
48 or more mos.	32.5	29.3	29.1	27.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	684	536	436	544

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Foster Care File)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care (%)

	In Care Less Than 12 Months				In Care at Least 12 Months but Less Than 24 Months				In Care for 24 Months or Longer				Missing Time in Care			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children with 2 or fewer placements	66.6	79.8	76.3	77.2	46.5	56.6	55.1	54.3	25.7	30.2	31.0	29.8	73.9	80.0	83.3	80.0
Children with 3 or more placements	23.4	17.3	18.2	16.2	46.8	41.6	43.0	42.9	64.4	68.8	66.4	68.0	4.3	0.0	8.3	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	10.0	2.9	5.6	6.7	6.7	1.7	1.8	2.8	9.8	1.1	2.6	2.2	21.7	20.0	8.3	20.0
Number	3,651	3,525	3,859	3,446	2,032	1,820	1,868	1,875	4,014	3,028	2,728	2,589	23	10	12	5

7. Reduce Placement of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Foster Care File)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During the Fiscal Year and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Group homes	1.3	2.0	2.7	2.2
Institutions	2.0	1.7	1.7	1.7
Other settings	95.0	95.4	93.4	93.6
Missing data	1.7	0.9	2.1	2.5
Number	2,220	2,323	2,419	2,098

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews¹⁵ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score¹⁷	118.0	119.0	120.1	115.8
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	61.2	64.0	67.3	63.7
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	9.1	8.3	8.1	8.7
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	43.0	40.2	42.2	48.1
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	8.6	7.8	10.1	10.2

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	75.6	90.7	80.0	99.1
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	16.5	20.0	16.5	22.8
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	37.7	37.9	36.1	34.3
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	21.0	18.1	16.7	20.6
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year? ¹⁸	10.4	10.3	10.1	11.3
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	34.9	53.7	47.4	58.4

Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time¹⁹

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	114.7	115.1	109.3	117.9
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	27.7	25.4	22.9	27.3
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	96.9	92.9	89.1	91.8
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	54.0	50.2	46.8	45.9

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	79.5	89.2	88.5	89.5
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	72.3	80.8	79.5	81.5
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	49.8	57.5	56.0	55.9
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	30.7	30.8	32.2	30.8

¹⁵ Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the state did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

¹⁶ Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 includes a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

¹⁷ Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website (<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/resource/data-indicators-second-round-of-cfsrs>).

¹⁸ Legally free means that there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father. This calculation excludes children who, by the end of the first 6 months of the fiscal year, had discharged from foster care to reunification, living with relative, or guardianship.

¹⁹ A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

²⁰ The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

Alabama

STATE COMMENT

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The following are Alabama's comments on the state data presented in *Child Welfare Outcomes 2009–2012: Report to Congress*.

Alabama fully implemented its SACWIS system in January 2009 and submitted its first full AFCARS/NCANDS data sets for FFY2009. As such, readers are strongly cautioned that the data presented in this report may not always accurately reflect Alabama's performance. As a result of our first federal SACWIS and federal AFCARS reviews in FY2010 and FY2011, changes in extraction logic were implemented as well as a statewide data quality cleanup, which is ongoing. These were not fully in place for AFCARS and NCANDS submissions used for this reporting period. Alabama continues to incorporate quality improvement through enhancements to its SACWIS system and staff training to fully meet federal reporting requirements.

- Caseworker visits data for FY2012 were based on a sample. Ninety-five percent of the children received monthly visits and of those, 97.0 percent were visited in their placement homes.
- In FY2012, Alabama data indicate 587 finalized adoptions, an increase from 428 adoptions finalized in FY2011, after a high of 676 finalized adoptions in FY2009 and 549 finalized adoptions in FY2010. This has decreased the number of children waiting for adoption substantially. An increase was seen in the percentage of adoptions for children in less than 24 months.
- The child fatality count in FY2012 was 21, from a low of 11 child fatalities in FY2011, 13 in FY2010, and 14 child fatalities in FY2009.
- Alabama experienced a decline in the number of children entering foster care in FY2012 and a decrease in the number of children in care at the end of the fiscal year. This is a 10 year low.
- Outcome Measure 1.1: In FY2012, recurrence of maltreatment within 6 months increased slightly to 1.6 percent. Alabama continues to demonstrate high standards concerning child safety.
- Outcome Measure 2.1: In FY2012, maltreatment in foster care is at 0.18 percent, which is below the national median.

Alaska

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total children under 18 years	183,546	188,061	188,492	187,100
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
American Indian/ Alaska Native	17.2	17.7	17.7	17.7
Asian	4.7	5.2	5.2	5.3
Black	4.9	3.2	3.2	3.2
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.8	1.5	1.5	1.6
Hispanic (of any race)	9.2	7.9	8.0	8.2
White	55.4	52.6	52.2	51.5
Two or more races	7.8	12.0	12.1	12.4
Child population in poverty (%)	12.8	12.9	14.5	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Child maltreatment victims	3,544	2,825	2,898	2,928
Foster care entry rate per 1,000	4.8	4.8	4.9	5.1
Children in foster care on 9/30	1,851	1,765	1,859	1,937
Children adopted	329	336	294	302

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	73
Numerator	N/A	N/A	N/A	14,761
Denominator	N/A	N/A	N/A	20,273
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	67
Numerator	N/A	N/A	N/A	9,888
Denominator	N/A	N/A	N/A	14,761

B. Child Maltreatment Data (National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System [NCANDS] Unique Counts)⁶

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2009		2010		2011		2012	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children who received a Child Protective Services response for an allegation of child maltreatment	8,816	48.0 per 1,000	7,533	40.1 per 1,000	7,989	42.4 per 1,000	9,794	52.3 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims	3,544	19.3 per 1,000	2,825	15.0 per 1,000	2,898	15.4 per 1,000	2,928	15.6 per 1,000
Child fatalities	1	0.5 per 100,000	3	1.6 per 100,000	3	1.6 per 100,000	4	2.1 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	12.5	13.6	13.1	11.1
1 year	8.1	8.5	8.4	7.1
2 years	7.3	8.0	8.0	7.3
3 years	7.7	6.7	6.7	7.5
4 years	6.8	6.5	7.3	7.3
5 years	6.4	6.4	6.7	6.7
6 years	5.4	6.7	6.3	5.9
7 years	5.8	5.3	5.8	5.0
8 years	5.8	4.6	5.3	5.2
9 years	5.8	5.5	4.6	5.2
10 years	4.5	5.2	3.9	4.1
11 years	3.5	3.7	4.2	4.4
12 years	4.1	3.8	3.8	5.2
13 years	3.7	4.0	4.0	4.8
14 years	3.3	3.0	3.2	3.6
15 years	3.3	3.3	3.7	3.9
16 years	2.8	2.3	2.2	2.5
17 years	1.5	1.4	1.7	1.7
18+ years	<.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Missing data	1.5	1.3	1.1	1.4
Number	3,544	2,825	2,898	2,928

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/ Alaska Native	46.6	48.5	44.5	50.6
Asian	1.6	1.5	1.1	0.6
Black	4.5	4.2	4.4	2.6
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	2.8	1.8	2.3	1.3
Hispanic (of any race)	3.1	3.4	3.9	2.8
White	22.7	23.1	24.4	22.0
Two or more races	4.4	5.5	6.5	6.9
Missing data	14.4	12.1	12.9	13.3
Number	3,544	2,825	2,898	2,928

¹ The source data for each table is indicated in parentheses for each section. A calendar year is the basis for data from the Census Bureau. Most of the other data on these pages are from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS) or the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) and are based on the Federal fiscal year, October 1 through September 30.

² The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau (<http://www.census.gov/popest/data/datasets.html>). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS). Child poverty data for 2012 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2010–2013 report.

³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

⁴ A child victim is defined as a child who is the subject of a maltreatment report for which the disposition is substantiated, indicated, or "alternative response victim." The rate for foster care entry is per 1,000 children in the state population. Data on child maltreatment victims are from NCANDS. Data on foster care entry rate, children in foster care on 9/30, and children adopted are from AFCARS.

⁵ As of 2012, there is a new methodology used to calculate the caseworker visits measures. Because the new methodology limits data comparisons with prior years, caseworker visits data from 2009 through 2011 are not included in this table. All states have the option of using an approved sampling procedure for the caseworker visits reporting requirement. See appendix C for more information on how these data are calculated and for a list of states using sampling methodology.

⁶ The unique count of child victims counts a child only once regardless of the number of times he or she was found to be a victim during the reporting year. This is a change from prior reports, and these data are now consistent with the reporting practice in the Child Maltreatment reports.

⁷ The rates for Child Protective Services Responses and victims are per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18.

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)⁸

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Emotional abuse	20.3	18.1	18.0	17.9
Medical neglect	1.9	1.7	1.4	2.7
Neglect	89.3	88.7	90.3	95.8
Physical abuse	12.7	13.0	13.4	15.3
Sexual abuse	2.9	4.0	4.9	5.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	3,544	2,825	2,898	2,928

Response Time (in hours)⁹

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Mean	—	—	—	—
Median	—	—	—	—

C. Characteristics of Children in Foster Care

(Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System [AFCARS] Foster Care File)

Overview Foster Care Information

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total number	1,926	1,823	1,741	1,795	888	897	927	945	963	955	809	803	1,851	1,765	1,859	1,937
Median length of stay (months)	16.7	16.0	14.6	14.4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	21.2	21.2	20.4	20.0	15.9	14.4	14.3	15.3

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	6.0	6.3	6.3	5.7	19.8	18.4	18.8	18.0	2.5	3.0	3.0	2.6	6.2	6.2	5.7	6.0
1 year	7.7	9.2	7.6	9.2	9.0	9.1	9.8	8.1	7.0	8.4	8.3	8.6	9.1	7.6	9.5	7.6
2 years	8.0	8.1	9.8	7.1	9.1	9.8	8.5	7.7	9.1	9.8	10.5	10.1	8.1	9.7	7.2	8.3
3 years	7.0	7.2	8.0	8.2	7.7	7.2	6.6	9.8	7.4	8.1	9.5	9.5	7.3	8.0	8.1	7.2
4 years	6.1	6.9	7.0	6.6	8.0	6.9	6.1	8.8	8.3	7.1	9.1	9.3	6.9	7.2	6.6	8.2
5 years	6.1	5.3	6.1	6.6	6.1	5.1	6.3	7.0	7.5	6.0	7.4	7.2	5.7	6.1	6.6	6.1
6 years	5.3	6.4	5.5	5.5	5.4	5.0	5.5	4.8	5.5	5.3	6.3	6.0	6.2	5.6	5.4	6.2
7 years	6.1	4.5	5.8	5.3	5.1	5.7	6.3	5.1	6.0	6.1	5.3	6.0	4.6	5.8	5.4	5.2
8 years	5.6	5.8	4.4	6.5	3.8	4.7	4.3	4.8	5.4	4.9	3.8	5.1	5.7	4.4	6.2	4.9
9 years	5.5	4.7	4.9	4.5	4.2	4.0	3.6	3.3	5.1	5.7	4.0	4.7	4.7	5.0	4.4	6.0
10 years	5.4	5.5	4.6	5.2	4.1	3.5	3.3	3.8	5.0	4.0	3.3	5.7	5.6	4.8	5.1	4.1
11 years	3.7	5.0	4.5	4.2	2.0	2.0	3.2	4.3	3.0	4.7	4.3	4.1	4.9	4.4	4.1	4.3
12 years	3.9	3.3	4.0	4.3	3.3	3.5	3.5	2.9	3.6	4.3	4.9	3.6	3.2	4.0	4.2	4.0
13 years	4.2	3.9	3.6	3.6	2.8	3.2	3.6	3.6	2.8	3.0	2.5	2.7	3.8	3.5	3.5	4.4
14 years	4.4	4.3	4.0	4.3	2.7	3.3	3.6	2.2	2.8	2.8	3.0	2.7	4.3	4.1	4.2	3.5
15 years	4.1	4.3	4.4	4.1	3.2	3.7	3.1	2.6	2.9	3.4	3.3	2.2	4.3	4.4	4.0	4.2
16 years	5.0	4.3	4.7	4.2	2.6	3.0	2.7	1.6	3.5	2.4	3.8	2.6	4.3	4.6	4.2	3.9
17 years	5.4	4.6	4.2	4.0	1.2	1.8	1.3	1.6	2.9	3.0	1.7	2.9	4.4	4.2	3.8	3.7
18 years	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.2	7.7	5.7	4.2	0.4	0.4	1.4	1.5
19 years	0.1	<.1	0.1	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.1	0.3	0.4
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.3
Missing data	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	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)¹⁰

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/ Alaska Native	53.6	54.7	50.9	50.9	53.7	46.6	50.4	53.7	51.5	53.9	50.1	52.2	54.8	51.0	51.0	51.7
Asian	0.7	0.4	0.5	0.8	0.1	0.9	0.9	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.2	1.9	0.4	0.5	0.8	0.3
Black	4.4	3.3	3.1	3.0	2.5	2.7	3.0	2.8	4.9	3.1	3.1	3.9	3.2	3.1	3.1	2.5
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.9	1.3	1.1	1.4	2.3	1.6	2.0	0.6	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.7	1.3	1.4	1.5	0.9
Hispanic (of any race)	5.0	4.9	5.9	4.2	3.8	6.6	3.9	3.0	3.9	4.8	7.7	4.2	5.0	5.8	4.1	3.6
White	25.4	25.3	27.2	26.3	26.5	27.6	23.4	22.8	26.5	24.3	25.2	24.2	25.3	27.0	26.1	25.5
Two or more races	9.7	9.7	10.2	11.4	9.8	11.0	10.2	10.3	10.0	9.9	10.8	8.8	9.6	10.2	10.0	11.9
Unable to determine	0.3	0.4	1.1	2.0	1.4	3.0	5.2	6.2	1.0	1.8	1.1	3.1	0.4	1.0	3.1	3.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0

⁸ These percentages are calculated against the number of unique victims. A child may have been the victim of more than one type of maltreatment, or the same type of maltreatment more than once. As a result, the total percentages both within and across maltreatment categories may exceed 100.

⁹ Response time is defined as the time between the report of suspected maltreatment and the first face-to-face contact with the alleged victim or with another person who can provide information on the allegation.

¹⁰ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

D. Characteristics of Children Waiting for Adoption¹¹ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total waiting children	733	711	719	794
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	432	430	380	330

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	2.2	3.0	2.2	3.0
1 year	10.5	8.9	7.9	6.5
2 years	8.3	9.8	7.0	9.4
3 years	6.4	8.2	8.9	6.9
4 years	7.1	7.2	8.3	8.6
5 years	4.8	6.8	8.1	6.7
6 years	6.5	6.0	5.8	7.6
7 years	5.2	4.8	6.4	6.0
8 years	6.5	4.5	6.8	5.7
9 years	6.8	5.8	4.5	8.1
10 years	6.1	5.3	5.6	3.5
11 years	6.3	5.6	5.8	4.5
12 years	4.0	5.2	4.7	3.7
13 years	5.7	3.4	3.6	5.5
14 years	4.0	4.5	3.9	2.9
15 years	3.4	4.5	3.9	3.4
16 years	3.7	3.4	3.5	4.5
17 years	2.5	3.2	3.1	3.4

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹³

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/Alaska Native	55.3	51.9	54.1	53.1
Asian	0.3	0.0	0.6	0.0
Black	4.4	3.7	3.3	2.5
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.5	0.7	1.7	1.0
Hispanic (of any race)	5.7	7.0	4.2	3.4
White	23.9	27.6	25.9	26.4
Two or more races	9.8	8.7	9.2	11.6
Unable to determine	0.1	0.4	1.1	1.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total children adopted	329	336	294	302

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	0.9	1.5	1.0	0.7
1 year	9.1	8.9	9.9	11.6
2 years	9.1	13.1	13.3	10.6
3 years	12.8	9.2	13.3	10.3
4 years	9.4	8.6	8.5	11.3
5 years	8.5	5.1	8.2	8.6
6 years	7.9	6.5	5.8	6.6
7 years	5.8	6.3	4.8	6.3
8 years	7.0	6.8	5.1	5.6
9 years	5.8	8.0	6.1	5.6
10 years	5.8	5.1	4.4	5.3
11 years	3.3	5.4	4.4	4.6
12 years	4.3	3.9	5.4	4.0
13 years	2.4	3.9	2.4	1.7
14 years	2.1	2.1	2.4	2.3
15 years	2.4	1.8	4.1	2.3
16 years	1.5	2.4	0.7	1.7
17 years	1.8	1.2	0.3	0.7
18 years	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/Alaska Native	53.8	53.6	47.3	48.7
Asian	0.0	0.6	0.0	1.3
Black	4.0	3.6	3.1	3.6
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	1.8	0.6	0.0	2.0
Hispanic (of any race)	4.9	4.8	7.8	5.3
White	24.0	25.3	29.9	26.2
Two or more races	11.6	11.3	11.6	11.9
Unable to determine	0.0	0.3	0.3	1.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

¹¹ There is no federal definition for a child waiting to be adopted. The definition used in the tables on this page includes children and youth through age 17 who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parents' parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A state's own definition may differ from that used here.

¹² Children older than 17 years fall outside of the definition used to identify waiting children and are therefore excluded from this table.

¹³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

Alaska

OUTCOMES DATA

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect (NCANDS)

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children without a recurrence	90.5	92.9	91.8	87.8
Children with one or more recurrences	9.5	7.1	8.2	12.2
Number	1,842	1,511	1,455	1,218

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care (NCANDS and AFCARS Foster Care File)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children maltreated while in foster care	1.07	0.51	0.41	0.91
Children not maltreated while in foster care	98.93	99.49	99.59	99.09
Number	2,814	2,720	2,668	2,740

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Foster Care File)

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	34.2	35.1	35.7	37.1
Guardianship	3.6	4.0	2.7	2.2
Reunification	49.4	50.6	54.6	51.4
Other	12.8	10.4	6.9	9.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	963	955	809	803

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	67.1	72.0	77.0	80.9
Guardianship	6.8	3.8	5.6	3.6
Reunification	6.8	12.1	10.3	8.2
Other	19.3	12.1	7.1	7.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	161	157	126	110

3.3 Exits of Children Older Than Age 12 at Entry Into Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	4.3	8.7	5.6	3.7
Guardianship	5.0	5.6	6.5	6.1
Reunification	39.0	42.1	52.3	50.0
Other	51.8	43.7	35.5	40.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	141	126	107	82

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children age 12 or younger at entry	28.9	29.0	21.6	13.3
Children older than 12 at entry	71.1	71.0	78.4	86.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	83	69	37	30

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	American Indian/Alaska Native				2009	Asian				2009	Black			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	35.7	35.0	34.1	34.8	0.0	33.3	0.0	26.7	27.7	40.0	36.0	35.5		
Guardianship	1.6	3.9	1.7	2.1	0.0	0.0	50.0	0.0	6.4	0.0	0.0	6.5		
Reunification	46.8	49.5	54.8	50.8	100.0	66.7	50.0	66.7	61.7	53.3	56.0	41.9		
Other	15.9	11.7	9.4	12.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.7	4.3	6.7	8.0	16.1		
Missing data	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	496	515	405	419	7	6	2	15	47	30	25	31		

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander				2009	Hispanic (of any race)				2009	White			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	42.9	14.3	0.0	42.9	42.1	32.6	37.1	47.1	31.0	36.6	41.7	39.2		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	9.1	0.0	2.6	4.3	3.2	0.0	7.5	6.0	2.9	1.5		
Reunification	57.1	71.4	90.9	57.1	47.4	54.3	58.1	50.0	51.4	48.3	49.5	52.6		
Other	0.0	14.3	0.0	0.0	7.9	8.7	1.6	2.9	10.2	9.1	5.9	6.7		
Missing data	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	14	14	11	14	38	46	62	34	255	232	204	194		

	Unable to Determine				2009	Two or More Races				2009	Missing Data			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	0.0	5.9	11.1	12.0	39.6	40.0	37.9	50.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.2	2.1	5.7	5.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	80.0	82.4	88.9	88.0	44.8	49.5	52.9	39.4	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0		
Other	20.0	11.8	0.0	0.0	11.5	8.4	3.4	4.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Missing data	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	10	17	9	25	96	95	87	71	0	0	4	0		

¹⁴ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Less than 12 mos.	45.8	50.9	47.5	50.6
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	37.2	32.3	35.3	29.1
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	13.4	12.4	10.0	16.0
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	1.5	1.0	6.1	2.7
48 or more mos.	2.1	3.3	1.1	1.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	476	483	442	413

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children entering care for the first time	85.4	89.2	87.4	86.1
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	5.0	4.2	5.4	4.2
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	6.4	5.4	6.9	9.6
Missing data	3.3	1.2	0.3	0.0
Number	888	897	927	945

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Foster Care File)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Less than 12 mos.	2.1	2.7	4.2	1.0
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	21.0	26.3	20.8	28.2
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	32.2	31.0	39.8	33.6
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	27.4	19.7	19.7	18.5
48 or more mos.	17.3	20.3	15.6	18.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3
Number	329	335	289	298

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Foster Care File)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care (%)

	In Care Less Than 12 Months				In Care at Least 12 Months but Less Than 24 Months				In Care for 24 Months or Longer				Missing Time in Care			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children with 2 or fewer placements	92.7	93.2	87.9	91.9	76.1	76.4	75.7	71.2	37.8	40.6	42.4	45.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	7.3	6.8	12.1	8.1	23.9	23.6	24.3	28.8	62.2	59.4	57.6	55.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	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	0.0
Number	973	1,044	1,038	1,069	799	712	757	777	1,038	962	873	893	4	2	0	1

7. Reduce Placement of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Foster Care File)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During the Fiscal Year and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Group homes	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Institutions	1.3	0.9	0.9	1.7
Other settings	98.7	99.1	99.1	98.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	774	757	791	829

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews¹⁵ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score¹⁷	106.1	114.6	105.0	102.0
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	55.7	63.0	57.8	58.8
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	10.5	8.9	10.1	8.8
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	21.7	34.1	28.4	26.4
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	7.4	8.5	8.8	11.8

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	128.8	138.5	136.2	139.7
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	23.1	29.0	24.9	29.3
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	33.6	32.0	31.3	30.8
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	32.8	34.8	33.4	33.4
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year? ¹⁸	23.3	22.5	25.9	24.7
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	58.2	64.9	63.0	64.0

Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time¹⁹

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	124.1	130.1	137.0	140.1
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	40.1	42.7	42.8	42.7
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	93.1	94.8	96.1	96.3
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	48.4	51.9	44.3	46.9

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	109.0	111.2	107.4	108.7
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	92.2	92.8	87.2	91.4
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	76.2	76.3	75.7	71.1
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	37.9	41.1	42.4	45.0

¹⁵ Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the state did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

¹⁶ Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 includes a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

¹⁷ Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website (<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/resource/data-indicators-second-round-of-cfsrs>).

¹⁸ Legally free means that there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father. This calculation excludes children who, by the end of the first 6 months of the fiscal year, had discharged from foster care to reunification, living with relative, or guardianship.

¹⁹ A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

²⁰ The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

Alaska

STATE COMMENT

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The following are Alaska's comments on the state data presented in *Child Welfare Outcomes 2009–2012: Report to Congress*.

The decline from 2009 to 2010 in the number of victims, in part, reflects a change in substantiating neglect. In 2008, the threshold for substantiation was redefined as a “finding where the available facts indicate a child suffered harm as a result of abuse or neglect.” Prior to this change, neglect could be substantiated even if no harm was found. In practice, the full impact of this change was spread over time as implementation was clarified.

Variations in the timeliness of entry of completed assessment data into our SACWIS may also contribute to fluctuations in the number of victims and related data over time.

Alaska uses a safety assessment model where the decision to remove a child or provide in-home services is based on a determination that the child is unsafe, rather than on a substantiated finding.

Arizona

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total children under 18 years	1,732,019	1,629,537	1,617,596	1,620,894
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
American Indian/ Alaska Native	5.1	5.0	5.0	5.0
Asian	2.3	2.4	2.5	2.5
Black	4.4	4.1	4.2	4.3
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Hispanic (of any race)	43.6	43.3	43.4	43.5
White	41.9	41.7	41.4	41.0
Two or more races	2.6	3.3	3.4	3.5
Child population in poverty (%)	23.4	24.4	27.2	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Child maltreatment victims	3,803	6,023	8,708	10,039
Foster care entry rate per 1,000	4.3	4.8	5.2	6.6
Children in foster care on 9/30	9,421	9,963	10,956	13,621
Children adopted	1,706	2,045	2,275	2,244

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	83
Numerator	N/A	N/A	N/A	112,108
Denominator	N/A	N/A	N/A	134,566
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	82
Numerator	N/A	N/A	N/A	92,160
Denominator	N/A	N/A	N/A	112,108

B. Child Maltreatment Data (National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System [NCANDS] Unique Counts)⁶

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2009		2010		2011		2012	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children who received a Child Protective Services response for an allegation of child maltreatment	61,836	35.7 per 1,000	49,858	30.6 per 1,000	59,923	37.0 per 1,000	64,332	39.7 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims	3,803	2.2 per 1,000	6,023	3.7 per 1,000	8,708	5.4 per 1,000	10,039	6.2 per 1,000
Child fatalities	30	1.7 per 100,000	20	1.2 per 100,000	34	2.1 per 100,000	30	1.9 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	12.9	19.2	20.3	20.9
1 year	9.0	7.5	7.5	7.0
2 years	8.4	7.5	7.3	6.9
3 years	7.2	7.1	6.9	6.8
4 years	6.8	5.8	5.7	6.4
5 years	7.0	5.8	5.4	5.4
6 years	6.4	5.0	5.1	5.6
7 years	5.4	4.8	4.5	4.8
8 years	5.5	4.1	4.7	4.3
9 years	4.3	4.1	3.6	3.9
10 years	4.0	3.7	3.5	3.6
11 years	3.8	3.8	3.4	3.5
12 years	3.6	3.8	3.6	3.3
13 years	4.2	3.7	3.6	3.6
14 years	3.3	3.6	4.2	3.8
15 years	3.5	4.1	4.0	4.0
16 years	2.5	3.7	4.0	3.7
17 years	2.1	2.6	2.4	2.2
18+ years	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1
Missing data	<.1	0.2	0.3	0.3
Number	3,803	6,023	8,708	10,039

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/ Alaska Native	4.7	4.4	3.9	4.9
Asian	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3
Black	8.2	8.1	8.0	8.5
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.6	0.1	0.2	0.2
Hispanic (of any race)	38.2	39.1	38.8	38.4
White	40.3	40.0	40.6	38.9
Two or more races	4.0	3.9	3.9	3.8
Missing data	3.8	3.9	4.2	5.0
Number	3,803	6,023	8,708	10,039

¹ The source data for each table is indicated in parentheses for each section. A calendar year is the basis for data from the Census Bureau. Most of the other data on these pages are from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS) or the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) and are based on the Federal fiscal year, October 1 through September 30.

² The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau (<http://www.census.gov/popest/data/datasets.html>). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS). Child poverty data for 2012 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2010-2013 report.

³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

⁴ A child victim is defined as a child who is the subject of a maltreatment report for which the disposition is substantiated, indicated, or "alternative response victim." The rate for foster care entry is per 1,000 children in the state population. Data on child maltreatment victims are from NCANDS. Data on foster care entry rate, children in foster care on 9/30, and children adopted are from AFCARS.

⁵ As of 2012, there is a new methodology used to calculate the caseworker visits measures. Because the new methodology limits data comparisons with prior years, caseworker visits data from 2009 through 2011 are not included in this table. All states have the option of using an approved sampling procedure for the caseworker visits reporting requirement. See appendix C for more information on how these data are calculated and for a list of states using sampling methodology.

⁶ The unique count of child victims counts a child only once regardless of the number of times he or she was found to be a victim during the reporting year. This is a change from prior reports, and these data are now consistent with the reporting practice in the Child Maltreatment reports.

⁷ The rates for Child Protective Services Responses and victims are per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18.

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)⁸

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Emotional abuse	0.6	0.3	0.4	0.3
Medical neglect	0.0	0.0	—	—
Neglect	72.0	87.3	93.9	96.9
Physical abuse	25.8	16.1	12.5	10.4
Sexual abuse	9.1	5.5	3.9	3.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	3,803	6,023	8,708	10,039

Response Time (in hours)⁹

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Mean	62.6	59.1	88.8	249.1
Median	>24 but<48	>24 but<48	>24 but<48	>24 but<48

C. Characteristics of Children in Foster Care

(Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System [AFCARS] Foster Care File)

Overview Foster Care Information

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total number	9,403	9,219	9,697	10,653	7,524	7,841	8,487	10,618	7,505	7,097	7,228	7,650	9,421	9,963	10,956	13,621
Median length of stay (months)	10.8	12.0	10.7	10.2	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	10.9	12.7	13.0	12.4	11.9	10.7	10.2	9.1

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	8.1	7.7	8.3	8.1	17.2	16.9	16.7	17.2	5.6	4.8	4.9	5.2	7.7	8.2	8.0	8.5
1 year	9.0	9.3	9.4	8.7	8.1	8.1	7.1	7.3	8.7	8.9	9.5	8.9	9.3	9.4	8.8	8.9
2 years	8.0	8.3	8.4	7.9	7.4	7.5	7.0	6.6	8.4	8.3	8.5	8.4	8.4	8.5	7.8	7.4
3 years	6.7	6.8	7.5	7.3	5.7	6.8	6.7	6.6	6.8	7.8	8.0	7.1	6.8	7.5	7.3	7.1
4 years	5.4	6.2	6.2	6.7	5.4	5.2	5.9	6.5	5.8	5.9	6.8	6.9	6.3	6.2	6.6	6.8
5 years	5.0	5.1	5.8	5.5	4.8	5.4	5.0	5.6	4.9	5.7	5.7	5.5	5.1	5.7	5.5	6.5
6 years	5.2	5.0	4.8	5.2	4.6	4.3	4.9	5.7	5.0	4.9	5.3	5.0	5.0	4.8	5.2	5.8
7 years	4.5	5.1	4.5	4.6	4.1	4.3	4.2	4.5	4.4	4.8	4.6	4.4	5.1	4.5	4.6	5.2
8 years	4.5	4.3	4.4	4.2	4.0	3.7	4.4	4.3	4.1	4.1	4.3	4.6	4.3	4.4	4.2	4.6
9 years	4.2	4.1	4.1	4.4	3.7	3.3	3.6	3.8	4.2	4.2	4.4	4.0	4.1	4.1	4.4	4.0
10 years	3.7	4.1	3.5	3.7	3.2	3.4	3.2	3.4	3.5	3.8	3.3	3.9	4.0	3.5	3.6	3.8
11 years	3.7	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.2	3.4	3.3	3.4	3.4	3.5	3.2	3.7	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.5
12 years	3.6	3.8	3.7	3.6	3.4	3.6	3.5	3.3	3.3	3.4	3.2	3.0	3.8	3.6	3.6	3.5
13 years	3.9	3.9	3.8	3.8	4.2	4.1	4.1	4.0	3.3	3.5	3.2	3.7	3.9	3.8	3.9	3.8
14 years	4.2	4.3	4.4	4.7	4.6	4.5	4.9	4.0	4.1	3.5	3.7	3.6	4.4	4.5	4.7	4.0
15 years	6.0	5.0	5.2	5.4	5.9	5.4	5.1	5.0	4.9	4.3	3.6	4.2	5.0	5.2	5.4	5.0
16 years	6.5	6.6	5.7	6.1	5.6	5.2	5.8	4.7	4.8	4.7	4.2	4.1	6.6	5.8	6.1	5.8
17 years	7.8	7.0	6.8	6.7	5.0	5.0	4.7	4.0	5.2	5.1	3.9	3.8	6.9	6.8	6.6	5.8
18 years	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	9.6	8.9	9.5	10.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1
19 years	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	<.1	0.0	0.0
20 years	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	0.0
Missing data	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	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)¹⁰

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/ Alaska Native	3.5	3.6	3.9	3.7	3.9	4.3	4.2	4.6	3.7	3.9	4.6	4.4	3.6	4.0	3.7	4.0
Asian	<.1	0.1	<.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.5	0.1	0.4	0.1	<.1	0.2	0.2
Black	9.6	9.8	9.8	10.5	10.0	9.2	9.9	9.7	9.7	9.3	8.8	10.9	9.9	9.7	10.6	9.7
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.2	0.3	<.1	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.2	<.1	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.2
Hispanic (of any race)	41.4	43.6	41.8	40.2	41.8	38.6	38.8	39.7	39.1	41.4	41.5	38.1	43.5	41.1	39.7	41.0
White	38.9	37.2	38.4	38.9	37.4	39.3	38.6	36.6	39.7	38.0	38.0	38.8	37.1	38.2	38.8	37.1
Two or more races	4.6	3.8	4.3	4.4	3.5	4.1	3.7	3.6	4.4	3.7	3.7	4.1	3.9	4.1	4.2	3.9
Unable to determine	1.7	1.6	1.5	2.0	2.8	4.1	4.2	5.3	2.9	2.8	3.1	3.2	1.6	2.7	2.6	3.9
Missing data	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	0.0

⁸ These percentages are calculated against the number of unique victims. A child may have been the victim of more than one type of maltreatment, or the same type of maltreatment more than once. As a result, the total percentages both within and across maltreatment categories may exceed 100.

⁹ Response time is defined as the time between the report of suspected maltreatment and the first face-to-face contact with the alleged victim or with another person who can provide information on the allegation.

¹⁰ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

D. Characteristics of Children Waiting for Adoption¹¹ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total waiting children	2,792	2,670	2,833	2,953
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	2,265	2,180	2,231	2,342

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	3.7	4.7	4.7	5.0
1 year	12.0	11.6	12.0	12.3
2 years	10.1	10.3	10.3	10.4
3 years	8.7	8.4	9.2	8.8
4 years	8.2	7.7	7.8	7.7
5 years	6.0	6.3	6.3	7.0
6 years	5.8	6.3	6.3	5.6
7 years	6.2	5.0	4.8	5.9
8 years	4.9	5.5	5.1	5.0
9 years	5.4	5.6	5.6	4.4
10 years	5.1	4.4	4.7	5.0
11 years	4.6	4.5	4.4	4.3
12 years	4.5	4.2	4.0	4.3
13 years	4.1	4.1	3.7	3.7
14 years	4.0	4.5	3.8	3.1
15 years	3.2	3.9	4.3	3.5
16 years	2.3	2.1	2.2	2.6
17 years	1.1	0.8	0.9	1.4

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹³

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/Alaska Native	2.4	3.5	3.2	2.9
Asian	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.2
Black	9.6	10.3	12.3	9.7
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.3	<.1	0.1	0.3
Hispanic (of any race)	43.8	41.9	41.3	41.6
White	38.8	38.7	37.3	39.7
Two or more races	4.0	4.0	4.6	4.0
Unable to determine	1.0	1.5	1.2	1.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total children adopted	1,706	2,045	2,275	2,244

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	1.2	1.1	1.3	1.9
1 year	12.0	13.9	15.0	14.7
2 years	14.8	13.6	13.1	13.9
3 years	10.7	11.5	10.4	10.7
4 years	9.4	8.8	9.8	9.6
5 years	7.9	7.4	7.6	7.1
6 years	7.8	6.3	7.2	6.3
7 years	5.9	5.7	5.9	5.6
8 years	6.2	5.5	5.1	5.0
9 years	4.7	4.7	4.9	4.8
10 years	4.4	4.3	3.8	4.7
11 years	3.3	3.8	3.4	3.5
12 years	2.9	3.4	3.6	2.9
13 years	2.3	2.4	2.2	2.5
14 years	2.0	1.9	2.3	2.5
15 years	1.9	2.1	1.9	2.0
16 years	1.1	1.8	1.5	1.6
17 years	1.2	1.7	0.9	0.7
18 years	0.2	0.2	<.1	<.1
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20 years	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/Alaska Native	1.2	1.7	2.8	2.1
Asian	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0
Black	7.7	7.2	7.7	11.5
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.1	0.4	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	41.3	45.4	45.5	43.1
White	43.7	40.4	39.4	38.2
Two or more races	4.5	3.8	3.6	4.3
Unable to determine	1.5	1.1	0.8	0.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

¹¹ There is no federal definition for a child waiting to be adopted. The definition used in the tables on this page includes children and youth through age 17 who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parents' parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A state's own definition may differ from that used here.

¹² Children older than 17 years fall outside of the definition used to identify waiting children and are therefore excluded from this table.

¹³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

Arizona

OUTCOMES DATA

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect (NCANDS)

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children without a recurrence	98.5	96.7	95.4	95.4
Children with one or more recurrences	1.5	3.3	4.6	4.6
Number	1,522	3,206	3,184	3,795

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care (NCANDS and AFCARS Foster Care File)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.15	0.19	0.09	0.08
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.85	99.81	99.91	99.92
Number	16,927	17,060	18,184	21,271

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Foster Care File)

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	22.5	28.7	31.5	29.4
Guardianship	9.7	8.1	6.6	7.2
Reunification	52.0	50.0	49.2	50.1
Other	15.8	13.2	12.7	13.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	7,506	7,097	7,228	7,650

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	28.7	36.5	39.9	37.1
Guardianship	11.4	8.9	7.5	7.5
Reunification	31.3	31.7	30.7	32.0
Other	28.5	22.9	21.9	23.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	2,617	2,487	2,711	2,722

3.3 Exits of Children Older Than Age 12 at Entry Into Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	2.2	4.5	4.5	3.5
Guardianship	9.9	9.5	9.2	9.0
Reunification	47.6	47.4	44.6	43.6
Other	40.2	38.6	41.7	43.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	2,017	1,755	1,697	1,859

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children age 12 or younger at entry	16.4	16.4	13.4	9.1
Children older than 12 at entry	83.6	83.6	86.6	90.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	739	654	699	782

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	American Indian/Alaska Native				2009	Asian				2009	Black			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	7.6	12.5	19.2	14.5	0.0	3.1	0.0	0.0	17.7	22.3	27.6	30.6		
Guardianship	17.3	16.8	11.4	10.3	0.0	6.3	0.0	6.9	9.5	7.8	7.0	5.2		
Reunification	53.4	45.9	44.7	48.1	100.0	78.1	70.0	75.9	54.2	50.2	47.2	49.5		
Other	21.7	24.7	24.6	27.1	0.0	12.5	30.0	17.2	18.7	19.8	18.2	14.7		
Missing data	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	277	279	333	339	18	32	10	29	729	658	633	832		

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander				2009	Hispanic (of any race)				2009	White			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	12.5	32.0	15.4	33.3	23.8	31.4	34.6	33.3	24.7	30.5	32.5	28.9		
Guardianship	12.5	20.0	0.0	16.7	9.6	8.7	6.9	7.7	8.7	7.0	5.7	7.0		
Reunification	62.5	32.0	76.9	0.0	51.5	48.6	47.8	47.1	50.3	49.8	49.6	51.5		
Other	12.5	16.0	7.7	50.0	15.0	11.3	10.7	11.9	16.3	12.7	12.2	12.6		
Missing data	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	16	25	13	6	2,937	2,941	3,002	2,917	2,982	2,698	2,748	2,972		

	Unable to Determine				2009	Two or More Races				2009	Missing Data			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	12.1	10.6	8.6	6.6	23.2	29.4	31.1	30.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	12.6	3.5	7.7	5.8	10.8	6.8	6.4	6.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	63.7	71.9	73.0	77.2	55.4	52.1	48.7	45.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Other	11.6	14.1	10.8	10.4	10.5	11.7	13.9	17.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Missing data	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	215	199	222	241	332	265	267	314	0	0	0	0		

¹⁴ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Less than 12 mos.	78.9	76.2	76.1	76.4
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	17.2	19.7	20.2	20.3
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	3.1	2.7	3.0	2.7
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	0.4	0.8	0.6	0.5
48 or more mos.	0.4	0.5	0.2	<.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	3,906	3,546	3,555	3,831

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children entering care for the first time	80.4	79.8	78.2	82.1
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	10.5	10.0	8.7	7.9
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	9.1	10.2	13.0	9.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	7,524	7,841	8,487	10,618

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Foster Care File)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Less than 12 mos.	3.7	3.9	4.7	5.9
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	37.0	43.7	42.3	48.1
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	37.6	36.1	38.0	31.6
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	13.4	10.4	9.7	9.8
48 or more mos.	8.2	6.0	5.4	4.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,692	2,036	2,274	2,248

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Foster Care File)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care (%)

	In Care Less Than 12 Months				In Care at Least 12 Months but Less Than 24 Months				In Care for 24 Months or Longer				Missing Time in Care			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children with 2 or fewer placements	87.5	87.2	87.0	86.6	66.8	69.8	69.8	71.0	32.0	37.2	39.9	41.1	100.0	86.5	93.8	75.0
Children with 3 or more placements	11.7	11.6	11.2	11.2	33.2	30.2	30.1	28.8	68.0	62.7	60.0	58.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	0.8	1.1	1.8	2.2	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.2	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	13.5	6.3	25.0
Number	8,722	8,836	9,659	11,900	4,637	4,627	5,055	5,942	3,544	3,560	3,438	3,421	24	37	32	8

7. Reduce Placement of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Foster Care File)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During the Fiscal Year and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Group homes	2.9	2.5	2.7	4.4
Institutions	3.2	2.1	3.5	3.6
Other settings	93.9	95.4	93.7	91.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	5,556	5,855	6,265	8,083

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews¹⁵ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score¹⁷	99.8	98.5	99.3	98.9
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	68.4	65.9	69.1	67.9
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	8.3	9.0	8.7	8.5
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	31.7	30.2	29.0	28.8
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	19.3	17.8	18.7	18.4

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	151.5	166.5	174.0	176.9
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	40.7	47.6	47.0	54.0
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	26.1	24.5	24.6	23.0
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	37.0	41.2	46.1	43.0
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year? ¹⁸	18.2	21.4	22.2	23.3
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	65.0	66.9	71.5	73.4

Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time¹⁹

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	136.1	144.9	151.2	156.2
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	36.7	39.8	44.2	43.4
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	93.7	95.7	96.9	96.8
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	36.2	31.4	30.7	22.2

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	97.9	101.6	103.3	104.4
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	85.7	86.1	87.2	87.2
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	66.8	69.9	69.8	71.1
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	32.0	37.2	39.9	41.1

¹⁵ Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the state did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

¹⁶ Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 includes a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

¹⁷ Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website (<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/resource/data-indicators-second-round-of-cfsrs>).

¹⁸ Legally free means that there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father. This calculation excludes children who, by the end of the first 6 months of the fiscal year, had discharged from foster care to reunification, living with relative, or guardianship.

¹⁹ A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

²⁰ The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

Arkansas

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total children under 18 years	709,968	711,318	710,903	710,881
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.9	0.7	0.8	0.8
Asian	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.4
Black	18.9	18.8	18.5	18.5
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.1	0.3	0.4	0.4
Hispanic (of any race)	10.0	10.6	10.9	11.2
White	66.1	65.4	65.1	64.6
Two or more races	2.7	2.9	3.1	3.2
Child population in poverty (%)	27.2	27.6	28.1	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Child maltreatment victims	9,926	11,729	11,105	11,133
Foster care entry rate per 1,000	5.8	5.6	5.4	5.4
Children in foster care on 9/30	3,697	3,816	3,730	3,734
Children adopted	601	597	591	703

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	77
Numerator	N/A	N/A	N/A	32,056
Denominator	N/A	N/A	N/A	41,687
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	93
Numerator	N/A	N/A	N/A	29,711
Denominator	N/A	N/A	N/A	32,056

B. Child Maltreatment Data (National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System [NCANDS] Unique Counts)⁶

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2009		2010		2011		2012	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children who received a Child Protective Services response for an allegation of child maltreatment	54,116	76.2 per 1,000	61,919	87.0 per 1,000	59,713	84.0 per 1,000	62,129	87.4 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims	9,926	14.0 per 1,000	11,729	16.5 per 1,000	11,105	15.6 per 1,000	11,133	15.7 per 1,000
Child fatalities	13	1.8 per 100,000	19	2.7 per 100,000	12	1.7 per 100,000	33	4.6 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	10.5	11.2	11.0	11.7
1 year	6.1	5.8	6.0	5.4
2 years	6.3	6.2	6.2	6.1
3 years	6.1	6.2	6.2	6.0
4 years	5.6	6.2	6.0	6.3
5 years	5.6	6.1	6.2	6.7
6 years	5.5	6.0	6.3	6.4
7 years	5.7	5.2	5.7	5.7
8 years	4.8	4.8	5.1	5.1
9 years	4.9	4.5	4.9	4.7
10 years	4.4	4.3	4.6	4.7
11 years	4.3	4.4	4.4	4.3
12 years	4.1	4.3	3.9	4.5
13 years	4.8	5.0	4.3	4.9
14 years	5.9	6.0	5.6	4.7
15 years	6.3	5.9	5.7	5.1
16 years	4.8	4.2	4.4	4.0
17 years	3.1	2.9	3.0	2.9
18+ years	0.1	0.1	<.1	<.1
Missing data	1.0	0.9	0.7	0.8
Number	9,926	11,729	11,105	11,133

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.2	<.1	0.1	0.1
Asian	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2
Black	19.9	18.0	18.1	17.4
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.3	0.5	0.2	0.4
Hispanic (of any race)	5.9	6.0	6.5	6.3
White	66.5	68.7	67.7	67.8
Two or more races	6.3	5.8	6.8	7.0
Missing data	0.7	0.8	0.5	0.7
Number	9,926	11,729	11,105	11,133

¹ The source data for each table is indicated in parentheses for each section. A calendar year is the basis for data from the Census Bureau. Most of the other data on these pages are from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS) or the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) and are based on the Federal fiscal year, October 1 through September 30.

² The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau (<http://www.census.gov/popest/data/datasets.html>). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS). Child poverty data for 2012 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2010–2013 report.

³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

⁴ A child victim is defined as a child who is the subject of a maltreatment report for which the disposition is substantiated, indicated, or "alternative response victim." The rate for foster care entry is per 1,000 children in the state population. Data on child maltreatment victims are from NCANDS. Data on foster care entry rate, children in foster care on 9/30, and children adopted are from AFCARS.

⁵ As of 2012, there is a new methodology used to calculate the caseworker visits measures. Because the new methodology limits data comparisons with prior years, caseworker visits data from 2009 through 2011 are not included in this table. All states have the option of using an approved sampling procedure for the caseworker visits reporting requirement. See appendix C for more information on how these data are calculated and for a list of states using sampling methodology.

⁶ The unique count of child victims counts a child only once regardless of the number of times he or she was found to be a victim during the reporting year. This is a change from prior reports, and these data are now consistent with the reporting practice in the Child Maltreatment reports.

⁷ The rates for Child Protective Services Responses and victims are per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18.

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)⁸

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Emotional abuse	1.2	0.8	0.9	1.3
Medical neglect	7.8	7.5	7.5	8.0
Neglect	65.7	68.7	71.4	69.0
Physical abuse	19.2	20.3	18.1	18.5
Sexual abuse	23.4	20.7	20.5	20.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Number	9,926	11,729	11,105	11,133

Response Time (in hours)⁹

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Mean	104.9	117.3	127.9	121.3
Median	>24 but<48	>24 but<48	>24 but<48	>24 but<48

C. Characteristics of Children in Foster Care

(Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System [AFCARS] Foster Care File)

Overview Foster Care Information

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total number	3,438	3,528	3,650	3,674	4,150	4,004	3,853	3,839	3,891	3,716	3,773	3,779	3,697	3,816	3,730	3,734
Median length of stay (months)	11.9	10.7	10.3	10.5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	3.3	5.0	6.3	6.8	10.3	10.2	10.4	10.1

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	7.5	7.5	7.4	7.8	15.0	16.8	15.3	15.6	7.8	7.9	6.3	6.6	7.7	7.6	7.8	8.4
1 year	8.9	8.8	9.9	8.9	8.8	8.2	8.2	7.7	8.5	7.9	8.9	9.2	8.8	9.9	9.1	8.3
2 years	7.1	7.9	8.4	8.8	8.0	7.8	8.0	7.8	8.2	8.8	8.7	9.0	8.3	8.4	8.7	7.6
3 years	6.4	5.8	6.5	7.2	6.1	6.7	7.2	6.4	7.4	7.9	8.0	7.9	6.0	6.5	7.2	7.0
4 years	5.4	5.4	5.4	6.2	5.7	6.0	6.2	6.7	6.9	6.1	6.5	7.3	5.6	5.3	6.3	5.9
5 years	4.9	5.0	5.2	5.2	5.3	5.9	6.1	5.4	5.5	5.6	6.0	6.2	5.0	5.6	5.0	5.5
6 years	5.0	5.2	5.0	5.3	5.1	5.5	5.6	5.7	5.0	5.5	5.8	5.5	5.2	5.0	5.3	5.1
7 years	4.2	4.4	5.3	4.9	4.9	4.5	5.2	5.4	4.8	4.4	5.6	5.1	4.4	5.2	4.9	5.5
8 years	4.0	4.3	4.2	4.4	3.7	3.8	4.0	4.5	4.4	4.5	4.6	4.4	4.2	4.2	4.4	4.7
9 years	4.1	3.9	4.3	4.6	3.6	4.1	4.1	3.8	3.8	3.7	4.2	4.4	3.8	4.3	4.5	4.3
10 years	3.9	3.7	4.1	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.8	4.5	3.4	3.9	3.8	3.9	3.6	4.0	3.5	4.7
11 years	3.3	4.0	3.9	4.0	3.7	3.4	3.6	4.0	3.5	3.0	4.2	3.9	4.1	3.8	3.9	4.1
12 years	4.2	3.7	3.9	3.2	3.8	3.7	3.4	3.8	3.7	3.6	4.1	3.2	3.7	3.9	3.2	4.2
13 years	4.6	4.4	3.8	4.1	3.6	3.7	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.7	2.9	3.4	4.2	3.8	4.1	3.7
14 years	5.0	4.8	4.5	4.3	4.5	3.9	4.0	3.6	3.7	3.5	3.1	3.4	4.7	4.7	4.3	4.2
15 years	5.4	5.9	5.2	5.0	5.8	4.3	4.7	4.5	4.3	4.0	4.1	3.5	6.0	5.1	5.1	5.0
16 years	7.4	7.1	6.1	5.8	4.9	4.5	4.1	4.0	4.1	4.5	3.6	3.8	6.8	6.1	5.9	5.7
17 years	8.7	8.2	6.8	6.6	3.9	3.5	3.1	3.1	4.1	3.8	3.1	3.1	8.0	6.7	6.6	6.2
18 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	7.4	7.8	6.6	6.2	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0
19 years	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	0.0
20 years	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	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)¹⁰

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.3	0.2	0.1	<.1	<.1	0.2	<.1	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	<.1	<.1
Asian	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	<.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.1	<.1
Black	27.0	25.9	23.8	22.3	24.3	20.1	20.8	19.5	25.2	21.8	22.3	21.0	25.9	23.8	22.3	20.7
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	6.6	6.9	6.2	6.2	6.3	6.4	6.5	6.6	6.2	7.2	6.7	7.1	6.7	6.1	6.1	5.7
White	56.2	56.8	59.9	61.6	60.6	64.6	63.2	64.1	59.6	61.9	61.2	62.6	57.6	60.0	62.0	63.1
Two or more races	9.4	9.7	9.6	9.4	8.3	8.1	8.8	9.1	8.3	8.1	9.2	8.4	9.3	9.6	9.1	10.1
Unable to determine	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3
Missing data	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	0.0

⁸ These percentages are calculated against the number of unique victims. A child may have been the victim of more than one type of maltreatment, or the same type of maltreatment more than once. As a result, the total percentages both within and across maltreatment categories may exceed 100.

⁹ Response time is defined as the time between the report of suspected maltreatment and the first face-to-face contact with the alleged victim or with another person who can provide information on the allegation.

¹⁰ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

D. Characteristics of Children Waiting for Adoption¹¹ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total waiting children	850	1,614	1,414	1,019
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	420	818	742	541

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	2.9	8.1	5.8	3.4
1 year	7.8	11.3	9.8	6.9
2 years	7.4	8.4	10.2	8.6
3 years	7.1	7.4	6.0	7.4
4 years	5.1	5.3	6.9	4.5
5 years	5.8	6.4	5.3	5.6
6 years	4.8	5.5	6.0	4.2
7 years	7.2	5.9	5.7	7.0
8 years	5.4	5.6	5.8	5.9
9 years	5.1	5.3	5.4	5.5
10 years	5.3	5.0	4.6	6.3
11 years	4.9	4.5	4.7	5.1
12 years	4.1	4.5	4.4	5.8
13 years	5.4	3.8	4.9	5.4
14 years	5.3	4.3	4.1	5.4
15 years	5.9	3.8	4.7	4.8
16 years	5.2	2.5	3.2	4.5
17 years	5.4	2.4	2.5	3.7

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹³

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
Asian	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0
Black	29.8	23.2	21.4	22.1
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.1	0.0	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	5.2	6.3	6.0	5.2
White	54.2	58.9	61.6	61.0
Two or more races	10.1	11.3	10.4	11.4
Unable to determine	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total children adopted	601	597	591	703

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	2.8	4.2	3.6	2.4
1 year	10.0	12.4	15.2	13.9
2 years	13.3	15.4	13.4	15.6
3 years	12.6	12.9	12.2	11.5
4 years	10.6	7.9	8.5	10.5
5 years	8.8	7.4	7.6	9.4
6 years	6.5	4.9	5.9	4.4
7 years	5.8	6.4	5.9	5.1
8 years	5.0	5.5	4.6	5.7
9 years	4.7	5.0	5.2	4.3
10 years	3.8	3.2	2.9	4.1
11 years	3.5	2.2	4.6	1.8
12 years	4.0	3.5	2.2	2.6
13 years	2.8	2.2	2.2	2.6
14 years	2.2	1.7	0.8	2.4
15 years	1.3	1.5	2.4	1.6
16 years	1.2	2.5	1.2	1.3
17 years	0.8	1.3	1.5	0.7
18 years	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.0
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.7
Asian	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.1
Black	27.8	25.1	22.8	18.6
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.3
Hispanic (of any race)	5.7	5.0	6.1	7.8
White	58.4	62.0	63.8	62.0
Two or more races	7.7	7.0	6.8	10.4
Unable to determine	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

¹¹ There is no federal definition for a child waiting to be adopted. The definition used in the tables on this page includes children and youth through age 17 who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parents' parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A state's own definition may differ from that used here.

¹² Children older than 17 years fall outside of the definition used to identify waiting children and are therefore excluded from this table.

¹³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

Arkansas

OUTCOMES DATA

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect (NCANDS)

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children without a recurrence	94.5	93.8	92.3	93.6
Children with one or more recurrences	5.5	6.2	7.7	6.4
Number	4,778	5,663	5,727	5,771

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care (NCANDS and AFCARS Foster Care File)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.47	0.33	0.19	0.13
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.53	99.67	99.81	99.87
Number	7,588	7,532	7,503	7,513

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Foster Care File)

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	15.1	15.6	15.0	17.9
Guardianship	3.3	2.5	2.6	2.5
Reunification	73.6	73.5	75.4	72.6
Other	8.0	8.3	6.9	6.8
Missing data	0.0	<.1	0.1	0.2
Number	3,891	3,716	3,773	3,779

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	25.4	21.9	5.9	13.4
Guardianship	4.7	4.7	3.7	2.9
Reunification	47.7	54.1	82.4	77.7
Other	22.3	19.0	8.0	5.7
Missing data	0.0	0.3	<.1	0.2
Number	386	379	1,207	2,039

3.3 Exits of Children Older Than Age 12 at Entry Into Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	1.8	1.7	2.2	2.3
Guardianship	4.3	3.9	3.4	4.2
Reunification	66.7	65.9	66.4	66.8
Other	27.1	28.3	28.0	26.3
Missing data	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.4
Number	899	862	743	738

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children age 12 or younger at entry	18.2	18.6	18.3	20.2
Children older than 12 at entry	81.8	81.4	81.7	79.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	292	295	252	238

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	American Indian/Alaska Native				2009	Asian				2009	Black			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2010	2011	2012	2010		2011	2012		
Adoption	60.0	20.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	37.5	0.0	28.6	15.1	17.1	14.3	16.4		
Guardianship	0.0	10.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.4	2.0	1.8	3.5		
Reunification	40.0	50.0	25.0	100.0	83.3	62.5	100.0	57.1	73.6	70.7	73.9	71.3		
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	16.7	0.0	0.0	14.3	8.0	10.3	10.0	8.4		
Missing data	0.0	20.0	75.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4		
Number	5	10	4	5	6	8	8	7	981	809	840	795		
	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander				2009	Hispanic (of any race)				2009	White			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2010	2011	2012	2010		2011	2012		
Adoption	0.0	20.0	0.0	0.0	18.2	12.3	13.9	17.6	14.2	15.4	15.1	17.8		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.7	1.5	1.6	2.6	3.2	3.0	3.1	2.2		
Reunification	100.0	80.0	100.0	100.0	74.0	76.6	78.9	72.3	74.4	73.9	75.5	73.6		
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.2	9.7	5.6	7.5	8.2	7.7	6.3	6.4		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1		
Number	2	5	3	5	242	269	251	267	2,318	2,299	2,310	2,366		
	Unable to Determine				2009	Two or More Races				2009	Missing Data			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2010	2011	2012	2010		2011	2012		
Adoption	6.7	6.3	0.0	25.0	18.9	16.7	18.1	22.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.3	1.3	2.3	2.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	80.0	81.3	100.0	75.0	67.7	75.3	74.7	68.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Other	13.3	12.5	0.0	0.0	8.1	6.7	4.9	5.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	15	16	9	16	322	300	348	318	0	0	0	0		

¹⁴ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Less than 12 mos.	89.6	85.5	81.6	82.9
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	8.3	11.9	15.9	14.6
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	1.3	1.7	1.9	1.8
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	0.4	0.6	0.2	0.5
48 or more mos.	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	2,865	2,731	2,844	2,744

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children entering care for the first time	82.6	84.7	81.8	82.1
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	8.6	8.2	9.5	7.7
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	8.7	7.0	8.7	10.2
Missing data	0.2	0.0	<.1	<.1
Number	4,150	4,004	3,853	3,839

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Foster Care File)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Less than 12 mos.	6.5	9.8	8.1	6.8
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	34.8	36.1	34.4	39.7
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	33.4	31.7	39.5	35.7
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	13.3	13.8	7.4	9.5
48 or more mos.	11.9	8.6	10.6	8.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	586	581	567	675

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Foster Care File)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care (%)

	In Care Less Than 12 Months				In Care at Least 12 Months but Less Than 24 Months				In Care for 24 Months or Longer				Missing Time in Care			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children with 2 or fewer placements	74.9	76.3	75.9	77.1	43.9	45.5	44.9	47.8	16.8	20.6	20.4	20.5	88.9	83.3	78.6	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	24.4	21.6	22.7	21.1	55.9	54.3	55.1	52.2	83.1	79.3	79.5	79.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	0.7	2.1	1.5	1.8	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	11.1	16.7	21.4	0.0
Number	4,812	4,642	4,593	4,557	1,311	1,467	1,527	1,601	1,456	1,399	1,369	1,353	9	24	14	2

7. Reduce Placement of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Foster Care File)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During the Fiscal Year and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Group homes	2.2	2.6	2.8	2.8
Institutions	10.1	10.6	10.8	12.7
Other settings	87.7	86.8	86.4	84.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	3,179	3,121	3,059	3,057

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews¹⁵ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score¹⁷	154.6	155.5	152.9	153.1
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	92.1	91.3	89.2	90.2
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	1.5	1.7	1.9	2.1
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	64.6	62.2	65.9	61.7
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	12.3	11.1	11.2	11.4

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	118.4	134.5	133.7	147.4
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	41.0	46.2	41.9	46.6
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	26.6	25.4	26.0	24.8
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	29.9	28.5	31.7	33.9
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year? ¹⁸	5.6	11.7	10.6	11.6
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	53.4	57.7	62.9	64.1

Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time¹⁹

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	130.0	128.5	129.5	129.2
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	29.6	28.9	29.6	30.6
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	95.5	94.9	96.1	95.7
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	33.7	37.2	34.8	39.1

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	71.5	75.5	75.2	77.5
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	71.7	75.3	74.7	75.9
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	44.2	45.4	45.1	48.0
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	16.8	20.5	20.4	20.5

¹⁵ Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the state did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

¹⁶ Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 includes a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

¹⁷ Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website (<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/resource/data-indicators-second-round-of-cfsrs>).

¹⁸ Legally free means that there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father. This calculation excludes children who, by the end of the first 6 months of the fiscal year, had discharged from foster care to reunification, living with relative, or guardianship.

¹⁹ A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

²⁰ The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

California

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total children under 18 years	9,435,682	9,292,540	9,268,531	9,240,219
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4
Asian	10.2	10.6	10.6	10.7
Black	5.9	5.7	5.6	5.5
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4
Hispanic (of any race)	50.2	51.3	51.6	51.8
White	29.4	27.5	27.1	26.8
Two or more races	3.5	4.2	4.3	4.4
Child population in poverty (%)	19.9	22.0	22.8	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Child maltreatment victims	73,962	76,758	80,100	76,026
Foster care entry rate per 1,000	3.6	3.5	3.4	3.4
Children in foster care on 9/30	59,430	55,381	54,399	56,315
Children adopted	7,438	6,459	5,710	5,665

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	88
Numerator	N/A	N/A	N/A	528,267
Denominator	N/A	N/A	N/A	598,754
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	76
Numerator	N/A	N/A	N/A	402,346
Denominator	N/A	N/A	N/A	528,267

B. Child Maltreatment Data (National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System [NCANDS] Unique Counts)⁶

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2009		2010		2011		2012	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children who received a Child Protective Services response for an allegation of child maltreatment	369,035	39.1 per 1,000	361,180	38.9 per 1,000	381,196	41.1 per 1,000	370,439	40.1 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims	73,962	7.8 per 1,000	76,758	8.3 per 1,000	80,100	8.6 per 1,000	76,026	8.2 per 1,000
Child fatalities	185	2.0 per 100,000	120	1.3 per 100,000	123	1.3 per 100,000	128	1.4 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	12.9	13.0	13.2	13.8
1 year	7.1	7.4	6.9	6.8
2 years	6.7	6.7	6.6	6.6
3 years	5.9	6.3	6.4	6.4
4 years	5.7	5.8	6.2	6.3
5 years	5.6	5.6	5.9	6.2
6 years	5.5	5.4	5.5	5.8
7 years	5.2	5.2	5.3	5.3
8 years	5.1	4.9	4.9	5.1
9 years	4.7	4.7	4.6	4.6
10 years	4.6	4.4	4.4	4.5
11 years	4.3	4.4	4.3	4.3
12 years	4.6	4.5	4.6	4.4
13 years	4.7	4.8	4.5	4.5
14 years	4.8	4.5	4.6	4.1
15 years	4.8	4.7	4.6	4.2
16 years	4.4	4.4	4.2	3.9
17 years	3.3	3.2	3.0	2.9
18+ years	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Missing data	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Number	73,962	76,758	80,100	76,026

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.6
Asian	2.8	2.5	2.2	2.3
Black	12.9	13.0	13.0	12.4
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3
Hispanic (of any race)	52.0	53.1	54.1	54.2
White	25.1	24.2	23.2	23.0
Two or more races	3.3	3.4	3.3	3.4
Missing data	2.9	2.9	3.3	3.6
Number	73,962	76,758	80,100	76,026

¹ The source data for each table is indicated in parentheses for each section. A calendar year is the basis for data from the Census Bureau. Most of the other data on these pages are from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS) or the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) and are based on the Federal fiscal year, October 1 through September 30.

² The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau (<http://www.census.gov/popest/data/datasets.html>). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS). Child poverty data for 2012 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2010–2013 report.

³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

⁴ A child victim is defined as a child who is the subject of a maltreatment report for which the disposition is substantiated, indicated, or "alternative response victim." The rate for foster care entry is per 1,000 children in the state population. Data on child maltreatment victims are from NCANDS. Data on foster care entry rate, children in foster care on 9/30, and children adopted are from AFCARS.

⁵ As of 2012, there is a new methodology used to calculate the caseworker visits measures. Because the new methodology limits data comparisons with prior years, caseworker visits data from 2009 through 2011 are not included in this table. All states have the option of using an approved sampling procedure for the caseworker visits reporting requirement. See appendix C for more information on how these data are calculated and for a list of states using sampling methodology.

⁶ The unique count of child victims counts a child only once regardless of the number of times he or she was found to be a victim during the reporting year. This is a change from prior reports, and these data are now consistent with the reporting practice in the Child Maltreatment reports.

⁷ The rates for Child Protective Services Responses and victims are per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18.

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)⁸

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Emotional abuse	17.5	17.8	19.9	18.3
Medical neglect	—	—	—	—
Neglect	82.9	84.7	84.3	86.7
Physical abuse	11.5	11.0	10.7	9.8
Sexual abuse	7.4	6.6	6.1	5.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Number	73,962	76,758	80,100	76,026

Response Time (in hours)⁹

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Mean	125.4	136.5	143.1	139.2
Median	>72 but<96	>72 but<96	>72 but<96	>72 but<96

C. Characteristics of Children in Foster Care

(Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System [AFCARS] Foster Care File)

Overview Foster Care Information

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total number	64,680	58,816	54,813	53,356	34,031	32,668	31,432	31,280	39,281	36,105	31,847	28,321	59,430	55,381	54,399	56,315
Median length of stay (months)	17.9	16.7	15.5	14.6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	14.4	13.9	13.7	13.7	17.0	15.7	15.0	15.0

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	5.2	5.4	5.8	6.0	16.2	16.3	17.0	17.4	4.4	4.4	4.5	4.5	5.3	5.8	6.0	6.1
1 year	6.6	6.5	6.7	6.9	7.7	7.9	7.3	7.3	7.8	7.4	7.5	8.3	6.6	6.7	7.0	7.1
2 years	5.7	5.8	6.4	6.2	6.8	7.0	6.6	6.5	7.6	7.4	7.8	7.9	5.9	6.4	6.2	6.2
3 years	5.1	5.1	5.3	5.9	5.6	6.1	6.3	5.8	6.4	6.6	6.8	7.3	5.2	5.4	5.8	5.5
4 years	4.4	4.6	4.7	5.0	5.0	5.3	5.7	5.7	5.3	5.5	6.2	6.5	4.7	4.8	5.0	5.2
5 years	4.2	4.1	4.4	4.6	4.8	4.8	5.1	5.3	5.0	4.9	5.3	5.8	4.2	4.4	4.6	4.8
6 years	4.0	4.0	3.9	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.4	5.0	4.6	4.6	4.6	5.1	4.0	4.0	4.2	4.5
7 years	3.9	3.7	3.9	3.9	3.9	4.0	4.1	3.9	4.2	4.0	4.2	4.7	3.8	3.9	3.9	4.1
8 years	3.8	3.7	3.6	3.8	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.9	3.7	4.0	3.9	4.2	3.8	3.6	3.8	3.6
9 years	3.8	3.7	3.7	3.5	3.4	3.6	3.5	3.5	3.6	3.6	3.8	3.8	3.7	3.7	3.5	3.7
10 years	4.0	3.9	3.7	3.5	3.5	3.2	3.1	3.4	3.4	3.2	3.5	3.3	3.9	3.7	3.5	3.5
11 years	3.8	3.9	3.8	3.6	3.3	3.3	3.0	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.1	3.2	4.0	3.8	3.6	3.5
12 years	4.5	4.1	4.0	3.9	3.6	3.3	3.6	3.3	3.0	3.2	3.2	3.2	4.1	4.0	3.9	3.7
13 years	5.3	5.1	4.5	4.4	4.4	4.2	4.1	4.1	3.3	3.3	3.2	3.2	5.1	4.5	4.3	4.2
14 years	6.2	6.2	5.9	5.3	5.2	5.2	5.0	4.5	3.7	3.7	3.6	3.4	6.1	5.8	5.1	4.8
15 years	7.8	7.7	7.3	6.9	6.4	6.1	6.1	5.5	4.4	4.3	4.3	4.1	7.5	7.3	6.7	5.8
16 years	8.9	9.1	8.9	8.5	7.0	6.7	6.5	6.3	5.4	5.6	5.2	5.1	9.0	8.7	8.3	7.5
17 years	9.5	9.7	9.9	9.6	4.9	4.9	4.8	4.9	7.1	6.6	6.3	5.7	9.5	9.7	9.3	8.7
18 years	3.4	3.6	3.7	4.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	0.4	11.2	11.7	11.9	7.1	3.6	3.7	4.0	6.6
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	2.6	2.7	0.9	3.6	<.1	<.1	1.4	1.1
20 years	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	0.0
Missing data	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)¹⁰

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.8
Asian	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.5	2.4	1.7	1.8	1.9	2.3	1.9	2.0	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.5	1.6
Black	23.9	23.3	22.1	21.2	18.5	17.7	16.8	16.6	20.1	20.0	18.3	17.8	23.3	22.1	21.3	20.3
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Hispanic (of any race)	47.4	47.9	48.7	49.2	50.9	51.8	52.5	51.9	50.0	50.4	51.6	51.2	47.7	48.5	49.2	49.7
White	21.2	21.0	21.2	21.6	22.3	22.9	22.7	23.4	22.0	22.0	21.8	22.8	21.4	21.4	21.7	22.0
Two or more races	4.6	4.9	5.2	5.0	4.3	4.5	4.6	4.2	4.2	4.3	4.9	4.8	4.7	5.1	5.0	4.7
Unable to determine	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.3
Missing data	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.7	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.3

⁸ These percentages are calculated against the number of unique victims. A child may have been the victim of more than one type of maltreatment, or the same type of maltreatment more than once. As a result, the total percentages both within and across maltreatment categories may exceed 100.

⁹ Response time is defined as the time between the report of suspected maltreatment and the first face-to-face contact with the alleged victim or with another person who can provide information on the allegation.

¹⁰ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

D. Characteristics of Children Waiting for Adoption¹¹ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total waiting children	16,373	16,217	14,591	12,738
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	12,035	12,091	6,920	6,195

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	8.9	10.5	9.8	6.6
1 year	11.9	12.3	13.0	12.5
2 years	10.7	11.6	11.1	11.9
3 years	8.9	9.1	10.3	9.7
4 years	7.9	7.7	7.8	8.4
5 years	6.6	6.7	6.8	7.3
6 years	5.8	5.5	5.9	6.2
7 years	5.1	5.0	5.0	5.6
8 years	4.8	4.6	4.7	5.0
9 years	4.5	4.1	4.1	4.4
10 years	4.1	3.8	3.5	3.9
11 years	3.7	3.5	3.2	3.5
12 years	3.1	3.0	3.1	3.1
13 years	3.3	2.8	2.5	2.9
14 years	3.3	2.9	2.4	2.5
15 years	2.9	2.8	2.7	2.3
16 years	2.6	2.4	2.3	2.6
17 years	2.1	1.8	1.8	1.9

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹³

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.5
Asian	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.4
Black	18.7	17.5	16.8	16.3
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Hispanic (of any race)	50.1	49.8	50.3	50.7
White	22.9	24.2	24.6	25.1
Two or more races	5.7	6.1	5.8	5.7
Unable to determine	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total children adopted	7,438	6,459	5,710	5,665

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	1.9	2.7	2.6	2.4
1 year	13.3	13.1	14.0	14.8
2 years	15.8	15.3	15.9	14.8
3 years	12.5	12.5	12.4	12.8
4 years	9.4	9.0	10.1	10.7
5 years	8.0	8.1	7.9	8.3
6 years	6.6	6.7	6.8	6.4
7 years	5.9	5.5	5.3	5.3
8 years	4.6	4.8	4.6	4.7
9 years	4.3	4.1	4.0	4.1
10 years	3.8	3.3	3.4	3.3
11 years	3.4	3.4	2.9	2.9
12 years	2.6	2.8	2.6	2.4
13 years	2.3	2.2	2.1	2.0
14 years	1.9	2.0	1.7	1.4
15 years	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.4
16 years	1.1	1.5	1.2	1.1
17 years	1.0	1.2	0.9	1.1
18 years	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2
19 years	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.5
Asian	1.8	1.4	1.6	1.5
Black	16.8	16.6	14.2	14.4
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2
Hispanic (of any race)	52.0	51.3	49.7	49.9
White	23.2	23.9	26.5	26.6
Two or more races	5.5	5.9	7.1	6.7
Unable to determine	<.1	0.1	<.1	0.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

¹¹ There is no federal definition for a child waiting to be adopted. The definition used in the tables on this page includes children and youth through age 17 who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parents' parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A state's own definition may differ from that used here.

¹² Children older than 17 years fall outside of the definition used to identify waiting children and are therefore excluded from this table.

¹³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

California

OUTCOMES DATA

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect (NCANDS)

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children without a recurrence	93.2	93.2	93.0	93.3
Children with one or more recurrences	6.8	6.8	7.0	6.7
Number	37,354	38,653	40,448	37,970

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care (NCANDS and AFCARS Foster Care File)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.31	0.32	0.30	0.23
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.69	99.68	99.70	99.77
Number	98,711	91,484	86,245	84,636

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Foster Care File)

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	18.8	18.2	17.8	20.1
Guardianship	6.3	6.2	6.7	8.2
Reunification	55.9	57.0	58.7	57.5
Other	17.9	17.5	15.5	13.1
Missing data	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.0
Number	39,282	36,105	31,847	28,321

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	25.5	23.3	22.1	24.7
Guardianship	7.2	7.7	7.6	9.5
Reunification	45.4	46.5	50.0	48.7
Other	20.4	20.8	18.6	15.9
Missing data	1.5	1.7	1.7	1.3
Number	14,084	13,793	12,478	11,769

3.3 Exits of Children Older Than Age 12 at Entry Into Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.4
Guardianship	3.2	3.3	3.6	4.7
Reunification	50.1	51.4	52.5	53.0
Other	43.9	42.4	40.7	39.3
Missing data	1.6	1.7	2.1	1.7
Number	10,660	9,862	8,221	6,898

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children age 12 or younger at entry	37.5	39.0	37.4	30.5
Children older than 12 at entry	62.5	61.0	62.6	69.5
Missing data	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0
Number	5,474	4,917	3,718	2,756

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	American Indian/Alaska Native				2009	Asian				2009	Black			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	11.2	13.0	13.7	13.8	15.1	14.1	14.5	16.6	15.6	15.1	13.7	16.2		
Guardianship	11.6	10.4	17.9	11.9	6.1	6.5	7.9	7.6	8.3	8.2	8.8	11.5		
Reunification	55.2	53.0	48.1	52.4	65.7	61.4	63.9	63.1	47.8	49.5	53.0	50.8		
Other	22.0	20.4	18.9	18.6	12.0	17.2	13.2	12.1	26.7	25.6	22.4	19.7		
Missing data	0.0	3.0	1.4	3.3	1.1	0.7	0.5	0.6	1.5	1.6	2.1	1.7		
Number	277	230	212	210	886	679	634	512	7,894	7,231	5,824	5,055		

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander				2009	Hispanic (of any race)				2009	White			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	7.8	15.9	18.9	13.9	19.6	18.6	17.3	19.5	20.2	19.6	21.5	23.4		
Guardianship	9.3	2.3	5.6	3.8	5.8	5.9	6.1	8.0	5.5	5.0	5.7	6.5		
Reunification	70.5	70.5	65.6	67.1	58.9	60.2	62.5	60.0	55.2	56.8	56.0	57.9		
Other	11.6	11.4	6.7	15.2	14.7	14.4	13.1	11.7	18.1	17.3	15.4	11.3		
Missing data	0.8	0.0	3.3	0.0	1.0	0.9	1.0	0.8	1.1	1.3	1.4	0.9		
Number	129	88	90	79	19,629	18,210	16,430	14,508	8,628	7,938	6,953	6,463		

	Unable to Determine				2009	Two or More Races				2009	Missing Data			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	4.8	6.6	3.5	11.5	24.3	25.2	25.5	28.9	1.5	0.0	0.0	1.2		
Guardianship	0.8	3.3	5.9	4.9	5.7	6.5	7.3	7.9	0.0	3.4	4.0	2.4		
Reunification	65.9	57.1	32.9	45.9	53.2	50.9	51.4	50.7	92.3	82.0	92.0	89.4		
Other	28.6	33.0	55.3	37.7	15.0	15.8	14.6	11.4	6.2	14.6	4.0	5.9		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	2.4	0.0	1.7	1.5	1.2	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.2		
Number	126	91	85	61	1,648	1,549	1,569	1,348	65	89	50	85		

¹⁴ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Less than 12 mos.	66.4	68.1	66.2	65.6
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	26.7	24.7	26.6	28.3
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	3.4	3.3	3.9	3.2
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	1.2	1.3	1.2	1.1
48 or more mos.	2.2	2.5	2.2	1.7
Missing data	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1
Number	21,943	20,562	18,693	16,285

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children entering care for the first time	77.7	77.6	77.8	77.6
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	9.4	9.2	8.7	9.1
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	12.4	12.5	12.9	12.8
Missing data	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.5
Number	34,031	32,668	31,432	31,280

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Foster Care File)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Less than 12 mos.	4.0	5.0	4.9	6.9
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	24.8	27.1	28.0	30.2
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	34.6	31.1	34.1	32.7
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	19.4	19.6	17.9	16.5
48 or more mos.	17.2	17.0	15.0	13.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1
Number	7,395	6,568	5,673	5,689

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Foster Care File)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care (%)

	In Care Less Than 12 Months				In Care at Least 12 Months but Less Than 24 Months				In Care for 24 Months or Longer				Missing Time in Care			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children with 2 or fewer placements	83.7	84.2	83.8	83.7	60.7	62.1	63.4	63.5	32.9	32.1	33.1	34.8	100.0	0.0	75.0	67.9
Children with 3 or more placements	16.0	15.3	15.8	16.1	39.2	37.9	36.5	36.4	67.0	67.8	66.8	65.1	0.0	100.0	25.0	32.1
Missing placement setting counts	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	40,011	38,889	37,140	36,579	22,699	21,075	20,656	21,127	35,999	31,518	28,441	26,902	2	2	8	28

7. Reduce Placement of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Foster Care File)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During the Fiscal Year and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Group homes	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
Institutions	3.5	3.0	2.1	2.3
Other settings	95.8	96.3	97.3	97.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	24,280	23,585	22,919	23,118

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews¹⁵ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score¹⁷	110.8	111.7	111.9	109.5
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	62.5	64.5	64.2	63.7
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	8.6	8.6	8.7	8.8
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	40.4	42.1	39.7	37.9
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	12.4	12.6	12.4	13.3

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	101.0	106.6	107.7	110.0
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	28.8	32.2	33.0	37.1
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	31.0	30.6	29.4	28.2
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	19.2	19.2	18.3	18.8
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year? ¹⁸	6.8	6.6	7.0	6.5
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	55.7	61.9	63.2	62.5

Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time¹⁹

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	113.8	114.5	114.4	118.3
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	22.8	23.7	22.5	22.4
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	97.2	97.0	97.2	98.5
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	48.8	48.9	48.0	43.7

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	93.0	94.1	95.0	95.8
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	82.3	83.2	83.1	83.1
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	60.6	62.1	63.3	63.6
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	33.1	32.5	33.4	35.1

¹⁵ Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the state did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

¹⁶ Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 includes a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

¹⁷ Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website (<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/resource/data-indicators-second-round-of-cfsrs>).

¹⁸ Legally free means that there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father. This calculation excludes children who, by the end of the first 6 months of the fiscal year, had discharged from foster care to reunification, living with relative, or guardianship.

¹⁹ A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

²⁰ The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

Colorado

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total children under 18 years	1,227,763	1,226,299	1,228,164	1,231,358
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.6
Asian	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.8
Black	4.6	4.1	4.1	4.1
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Hispanic (of any race)	29.9	30.7	30.9	31.1
White	58.9	58.0	57.7	57.3
Two or more races	3.1	3.8	3.9	4.0
Child population in poverty (%)	17.4	17.4	17.9	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Child maltreatment victims	11,341	11,166	10,604	10,482
Foster care entry rate per 1,000	5.0	4.7	4.3	4.1
Children in foster care on 9/30	7,428	7,037	6,685	6,173
Children adopted	1,067	983	934	901

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	96
Numerator	N/A	N/A	N/A	50,647
Denominator	N/A	N/A	N/A	52,687
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	87
Numerator	N/A	N/A	N/A	44,310
Denominator	N/A	N/A	N/A	50,647

B. Child Maltreatment Data (National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System [NCANDS] Unique Counts)⁶

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2009		2010		2011		2012	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children who received a Child Protective Services response for an allegation of child maltreatment	44,741	36.4 per 1,000	43,665	35.6 per 1,000	42,099	34.3 per 1,000	41,284	33.5 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims	11,341	9.2 per 1,000	11,166	9.1 per 1,000	10,604	8.6 per 1,000	10,482	8.5 per 1,000
Child fatalities	36	2.9 per 100,000	27	2.2 per 100,000	31	2.5 per 100,000	40	3.2 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	11.4	10.4	11.3	11.3
1 year	7.5	7.6	7.6	6.8
2 years	7.4	7.5	7.7	7.3
3 years	6.9	7.4	6.7	6.9
4 years	6.7	7.0	7.0	7.3
5 years	6.7	6.2	6.4	6.8
6 years	6.3	6.2	6.2	6.5
7 years	5.8	6.3	5.8	5.7
8 years	5.4	5.5	5.6	6.0
9 years	4.9	5.5	5.1	5.6
10 years	5.2	5.4	5.0	4.5
11 years	4.2	3.7	4.2	4.5
12 years	4.2	4.3	4.2	4.1
13 years	4.1	4.0	4.2	4.0
14 years	3.8	4.1	4.1	4.2
15 years	3.8	3.6	3.5	3.2
16 years	3.2	3.3	3.1	3.0
17 years	2.2	1.8	1.7	1.8
18+ years	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.2
Missing data	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.2
Number	11,341	11,166	10,604	10,482

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.6
Asian	0.7	0.6	0.8	0.7
Black	9.2	8.9	8.6	8.4
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.4
Hispanic (of any race)	38.3	38.3	36.9	36.7
White	45.6	46.7	46.9	47.3
Two or more races	3.4	3.3	3.6	3.4
Missing data	1.8	1.3	2.3	2.4
Number	11,341	11,166	10,604	10,482

¹ The source data for each table is indicated in parentheses for each section. A calendar year is the basis for data from the Census Bureau. Most of the other data on these pages are from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS) or the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) and are based on the Federal fiscal year, October 1 through September 30.

² The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau (<http://www.census.gov/popest/data/datasets.html>). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS). Child poverty data for 2012 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2010–2013 report.

³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

⁴ A child victim is defined as a child who is the subject of a maltreatment report for which the disposition is substantiated, indicated, or "alternative response victim." The rate for foster care entry is per 1,000 children in the state population. Data on child maltreatment victims are from NCANDS. Data on foster care entry rate, children in foster care on 9/30, and children adopted are from AFCARS.

⁵ As of 2012, there is a new methodology used to calculate the caseworker visits measures. Because the new methodology limits data comparisons with prior years, caseworker visits data from 2009 through 2011 are not included in this table. All states have the option of using an approved sampling procedure for the caseworker visits reporting requirement. See appendix C for more information on how these data are calculated and for a list of states using sampling methodology.

⁶ The unique count of child victims counts a child only once regardless of the number of times he or she was found to be a victim during the reporting year. This is a change from prior reports, and these data are now consistent with the reporting practice in the Child Maltreatment reports.

⁷ The rates for Child Protective Services Responses and victims are per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18.

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)⁸

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Emotional abuse	4.6	4.3	4.0	3.2
Medical neglect	1.6	1.5	1.8	1.7
Neglect	78.4	82.6	81.1	82.6
Physical abuse	15.1	13.0	13.1	12.3
Sexual abuse	9.9	9.7	9.9	9.9
Missing data	0.7	0.3	0.4	0.6
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	11,341	11,166	10,604	10,482

Response Time (in hours)⁹

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Mean	18.3	17.1	18.0	16.1
Median	<24	<24	<24	<24

C. Characteristics of Children in Foster Care

(Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System [AFCARS] Foster Care File)

Overview Foster Care Information

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total number	7,450	7,131	6,734	6,192	6,170	5,723	5,265	5,034	6,191	5,817	5,314	5,053	7,428	7,037	6,685	6,173
Median length of stay (months)	12.2	12.6	12.8	13.2	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	8.2	8.4	8.7	8.8	12.2	12.5	12.7	12.0

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	6.1	5.0	5.3	5.1	12.9	13.2	13.2	12.8	6.3	6.0	6.1	5.6	5.0	5.2	5.0	5.1
1 year	5.9	5.7	5.8	5.7	6.4	6.6	6.7	5.7	8.1	7.1	8.4	7.6	5.8	5.7	5.5	5.4
2 years	4.9	4.4	4.9	4.8	5.2	5.5	5.7	6.0	7.1	7.1	6.9	7.0	4.5	4.7	4.7	4.5
3 years	4.5	3.8	3.8	3.7	4.7	4.8	5.4	5.2	5.9	5.1	6.1	5.7	4.0	3.7	3.9	4.0
4 years	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.7	4.9	4.7	5.2	5.0	5.5	4.9	5.3	5.6	3.4	3.5	3.7	3.2
5 years	3.4	2.9	3.2	3.2	3.8	3.9	4.0	4.3	4.6	4.6	4.0	4.6	3.0	3.1	3.3	3.6
6 years	3.3	3.0	2.7	3.0	3.8	3.8	4.0	3.6	4.0	3.9	4.1	3.4	3.0	2.7	2.9	3.0
7 years	2.8	2.7	2.7	2.9	2.9	3.4	3.2	3.7	3.6	4.0	3.3	3.5	2.7	2.7	2.9	3.0
8 years	2.8	2.7	2.4	2.8	3.0	3.1	3.3	3.9	3.2	3.1	2.7	3.8	2.6	2.4	2.7	3.0
9 years	3.1	2.7	2.7	2.8	2.6	3.0	3.2	3.0	3.0	3.0	2.7	3.3	2.6	2.7	2.8	2.8
10 years	2.6	2.8	2.5	2.7	3.1	2.5	2.9	3.1	3.1	2.6	3.0	3.0	2.7	2.5	2.7	2.6
11 years	2.7	2.6	2.8	2.6	2.5	3.1	2.8	2.8	2.2	2.5	2.8	2.6	2.6	2.9	2.5	2.8
12 years	3.4	3.2	3.4	3.0	3.4	3.8	3.4	3.1	2.8	2.9	3.0	2.4	3.2	3.3	3.0	2.8
13 years	3.9	4.2	3.9	3.9	4.1	4.3	4.1	4.6	2.6	3.0	3.1	3.3	4.3	4.0	4.1	3.8
14 years	5.5	4.9	5.3	4.8	5.8	5.6	6.2	5.5	3.9	3.9	3.6	3.5	5.0	5.5	4.9	5.3
15 years	7.9	7.3	6.4	7.5	8.7	8.2	7.3	8.3	5.4	4.9	4.3	5.1	7.7	6.7	7.9	7.0
16 years	10.0	10.6	10.0	9.0	10.5	10.0	9.6	9.2	7.2	6.7	5.8	5.5	10.9	10.5	9.1	10.2
17 years	11.8	12.7	12.8	12.3	9.7	8.8	8.0	8.6	6.8	7.4	7.1	7.0	12.5	12.6	11.9	11.4
18 years	7.3	9.1	9.0	9.4	1.6	1.3	1.4	1.4	9.2	10.0	9.3	8.9	8.8	8.8	9.1	9.0
19 years	3.0	4.1	4.4	4.9	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2	3.1	4.6	4.8	4.6	3.9	4.3	4.8	5.0
20 years	1.5	1.6	1.9	1.9	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	1.4	1.7	2.2	2.8	1.5	1.9	1.9	2.1
Missing data	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.3	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.9	0.9	1.3	1.0	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.3

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)¹⁰

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.9	0.7	0.7	0.9	0.9	0.9	1.1	0.7	1.1	0.7	0.9	1.1	0.7	0.9	0.9	0.6
Asian	0.2	0.6	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.6	0.8	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.8	1.0	1.1
Black	13.7	14.1	13.6	13.7	12.5	11.4	12.3	9.7	12.3	11.8	12.4	11.7	13.9	13.8	13.6	12.0
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2
Hispanic (of any race)	37.3	36.6	36.4	36.6	38.0	39.1	37.8	37.1	38.6	39.6	37.6	37.3	36.8	36.2	36.5	36.4
White	43.3	43.7	43.9	42.6	43.5	43.4	43.5	47.1	43.1	43.3	44.5	44.2	43.6	43.8	43.1	44.9
Two or more races	4.1	4.0	4.2	4.8	4.1	4.1	4.2	4.1	4.1	4.0	4.0	4.8	4.1	4.1	4.4	4.2
Unable to determine	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.3	<.1	0.1	0.2	0.3	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.4
Missing data	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	0.0

⁸ These percentages are calculated against the number of unique victims. A child may have been the victim of more than one type of maltreatment, or the same type of maltreatment more than once. As a result, the total percentages both within and across maltreatment categories may exceed 100.

⁹ Response time is defined as the time between the report of suspected maltreatment and the first face-to-face contact with the alleged victim or with another person who can provide information on the allegation.

¹⁰ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

D. Characteristics of Children Waiting for Adoption¹¹ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total waiting children	1,524	1,247	1,131	953
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	1,261	777	587	543

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	3.8	3.4	2.0	2.4
1 year	10.0	8.8	8.8	8.6
2 years	7.4	8.7	7.9	7.7
3 years	6.9	6.7	5.8	7.6
4 years	6.4	5.4	5.4	4.2
5 years	6.0	5.1	6.2	5.6
6 years	5.4	5.1	5.0	5.6
7 years	6.0	4.5	5.5	5.1
8 years	4.5	5.4	4.5	6.3
9 years	5.7	4.7	6.5	4.4
10 years	5.2	6.3	5.0	5.2
11 years	4.7	5.7	6.0	5.1
12 years	4.8	5.0	5.5	5.4
13 years	6.0	5.0	4.9	6.0
14 years	4.7	6.1	4.7	5.4
15 years	4.7	4.7	6.0	5.0
16 years	3.9	4.9	4.9	5.8
17 years	3.9	4.6	5.4	4.7

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹³

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.6	0.7	0.5	0.9
Asian	<.1	<.1	0.4	0.0
Black	12.0	13.2	14.1	11.9
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2
Hispanic (of any race)	37.0	36.9	35.8	36.9
White	44.9	43.7	42.8	43.2
Two or more races	5.2	5.2	5.8	6.1
Unable to determine	<.1	0.0	0.4	0.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total children adopted	1,067	983	934	901

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	3.3	3.3	2.7	1.6
1 year	20.7	15.0	18.6	18.2
2 years	17.2	15.6	15.8	16.9
3 years	10.8	9.8	11.1	9.5
4 years	8.9	8.2	9.4	9.0
5 years	6.5	8.6	6.0	7.0
6 years	4.8	6.4	6.0	6.3
7 years	4.7	6.2	4.5	4.4
8 years	3.9	5.4	3.6	4.6
9 years	3.7	3.9	4.0	4.2
10 years	4.2	3.4	3.6	4.4
11 years	2.2	3.3	4.2	3.6
12 years	3.1	2.5	2.6	2.3
13 years	1.0	2.6	2.9	1.9
14 years	1.5	2.3	1.8	1.4
15 years	0.8	0.9	1.2	0.9
16 years	1.2	1.1	0.7	1.6
17 years	0.8	0.9	0.5	1.6
18 years	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.6
19 years	0.0	0.3	0.1	0.0
20 years	<.1	0.0	0.1	0.1

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.7	0.4	0.4	1.1
Asian	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.2
Black	8.6	10.3	10.1	13.8
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.4
Hispanic (of any race)	37.3	36.6	35.9	37.3
White	47.1	46.0	47.2	38.7
Two or more races	5.9	6.5	6.2	8.4
Unable to determine	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

¹¹ There is no federal definition for a child waiting to be adopted. The definition used in the tables on this page includes children and youth through age 17 who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parents' parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A state's own definition may differ from that used here.

¹² Children older than 17 years fall outside of the definition used to identify waiting children and are therefore excluded from this table.

¹³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

Colorado

OUTCOMES DATA

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect (NCANDS)

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children without a recurrence	95.8	95.7	95.5	95.6
Children with one or more recurrences	4.2	4.3	4.5	4.4
Number	5,494	5,676	5,076	5,030

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care (NCANDS and AFCARS Foster Care File)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.39	0.54	0.66	0.41
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.61	99.46	99.34	99.59
Number	13,620	12,854	11,999	11,226

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Foster Care File)

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	15.7	15.2	14.9	15.8
Guardianship	4.7	3.8	3.8	4.1
Reunification	64.5	65.9	65.9	65.4
Other	14.6	14.8	15.0	14.4
Missing data	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.3
Number	6,192	5,817	5,314	5,053

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	35.9	30.5	25.6	22.5
Guardianship	1.4	2.0	2.0	2.9
Reunification	45.5	50.0	35.4	45.7
Other	15.3	17.6	35.0	28.6
Missing data	1.9	0.0	2.0	0.4
Number	209	256	297	280

3.3 Exits of Children Older Than Age 12 at Entry Into Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	1.0	0.7	0.6	0.8
Guardianship	2.2	2.2	1.9	2.0
Reunification	64.4	66.2	64.9	65.2
Other	32.4	30.7	32.6	32.0
Missing data	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0
Number	2,192	2,190	1,896	1,825

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children age 12 or younger at entry	20.8	21.4	21.0	19.8
Children older than 12 at entry	79.2	78.6	79.0	80.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	600	593	577	514

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	American Indian/Alaska Native				2009	Asian				2009	Black			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	12.7	9.8	8.3	12.5	4.5	3.7	4.3	7.4	11.1	13.6	12.3	17.9		
Guardianship	0.0	7.3	6.3	7.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	14.8	5.0	3.8	3.2	3.6		
Reunification	50.7	46.3	72.9	53.6	77.3	74.1	60.9	55.6	61.3	62.1	63.9	58.0		
Other	35.2	36.6	12.5	23.2	18.2	22.2	34.8	22.2	22.1	20.4	19.8	20.1		
Missing data	1.4	0.0	0.0	3.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.1	0.8	0.3		
Number	71	41	48	56	22	27	23	27	764	686	660	591		
	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander				2009	Hispanic (of any race)				2009	White			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	0.0	12.5	12.5	22.2	15.2	14.3	14.0	16.1	17.2	16.1	15.8	14.0		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.5	4.2	5.0	4.8	4.3	3.3	3.0	3.8		
Reunification	46.2	75.0	75.0	77.8	65.8	68.3	67.2	66.0	64.8	65.9	65.4	67.8		
Other	53.8	12.5	12.5	0.0	13.3	13.0	13.5	13.0	13.4	14.5	15.4	14.3		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.1	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.2		
Number	13	8	8	9	2,392	2,301	1,998	1,884	2,669	2,520	2,367	2,233		
	Unable to Determine				2009	Two or More Races				2009	Missing Data			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	22.7	23.5	24.3	26.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.3	5.7	2.4	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	66.7	50.0	0.0	77.8	63.1	55.2	63.8	60.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Other	33.3	50.0	0.0	22.2	9.4	15.2	9.0	9.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.4	0.5	1.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	6	4	0	9	255	230	210	244	0	0	0	0		

¹⁴ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Less than 12 mos.	80.5	78.0	76.5	77.4
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	14.5	15.3	16.5	15.0
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	2.9	4.2	4.6	5.2
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	1.0	1.3	1.2	1.1
48 or more mos.	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.3
Missing data	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0
Number	3,995	3,832	3,500	3,307

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children entering care for the first time	62.8	68.4	69.8	70.1
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	16.0	15.7	16.1	15.7
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	13.6	13.5	13.3	13.0
Missing data	7.6	2.4	0.8	1.3
Number	6,170	5,723	5,265	5,034

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Foster Care File)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Less than 12 mos.	11.7	9.8	10.1	10.4
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	47.5	40.6	46.7	44.7
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	28.6	31.2	26.1	29.6
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	7.7	10.1	9.5	6.6
48 or more mos.	4.4	8.2	7.6	8.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	974	887	792	797

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Foster Care File)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care (%)

	In Care Less Than 12 Months				In Care at Least 12 Months but Less Than 24 Months				In Care for 24 Months or Longer				Missing Time in Care			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children with 2 or fewer placements	82.6	84.4	84.7	85.2	64.7	56.9	63.0	63.3	32.2	33.0	30.7	34.2	81.6	79.3	90.0	50.0
Children with 3 or more placements	12.2	10.6	10.4	10.7	34.5	42.3	36.4	36.0	67.5	66.6	68.9	65.4	2.6	3.4	5.0	50.0
Missing placement setting counts	5.2	5.0	4.9	4.0	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.4	15.8	17.2	5.0	0.0
Number	7,435	6,843	6,272	6,031	2,928	2,833	2,700	2,394	3,219	3,149	3,007	2,799	38	29	20	2

7. Reduce Placement of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Foster Care File)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During the Fiscal Year and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Group homes	0.2	0.5	0.3	0.5
Institutions	3.9	3.8	4.3	3.5
Other settings	95.9	95.7	95.4	95.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2
Number	3,554	3,410	3,230	3,046

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews¹⁵ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score¹⁷	121.6	131.9	123.0	117.6
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	79.5	78.1	76.7	78.9
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.2
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	51.7	56.7	55.1	58.7
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	17.7	13.4	17.3	20.3

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	119.2	119.6	119.4	127.6
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	59.4	50.6	56.8	55.4
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	21.5	23.7	22.2	22.6
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	21.3	23.3	20.5	25.0
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year? ¹⁸	4.1	2.3	1.5	2.8
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	52.0	62.6	63.7	61.8

Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time¹⁹

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	128.0	134.2	129.4	131.7
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	20.3	25.0	21.5	23.2
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	97.2	97.2	96.8	97.4
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	27.0	25.3	26.5	24.8

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	99.5	98.6	99.9	101.2
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	86.4	88.1	87.8	87.9
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	66.7	60.2	66.6	65.3
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	35.1	37.1	34.5	39.2

¹⁵ Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the state did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

¹⁶ Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 includes a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

¹⁷ Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website (<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/resource/data-indicators-second-round-of-cfsrs>).

¹⁸ Legally free means that there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father. This calculation excludes children who, by the end of the first 6 months of the fiscal year, had discharged from foster care to reunification, living with relative, or guardianship.

¹⁹ A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

²⁰ The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

Connecticut

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total children under 18 years	807,985	815,477	805,025	793,558
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2
Asian	4.0	4.2	4.4	4.5
Black	11.2	11.1	11.1	11.1
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	17.9	19.7	20.3	20.9
White	64.0	61.4	60.5	59.6
Two or more races	2.5	3.3	3.4	3.5
Child population in poverty (%)	12.1	12.8	14.9	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Child maltreatment victims	9,432	9,954	10,012	8,151
Foster care entry rate per 1,000	3.1	3.0	2.8	2.1
Children in foster care on 9/30	4,827	4,541	5,012	4,682
Children adopted	768	665	611	460

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	92
Numerator	N/A	N/A	N/A	44,611
Denominator	N/A	N/A	N/A	48,451
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	79
Numerator	N/A	N/A	N/A	35,058
Denominator	N/A	N/A	N/A	44,611

B. Child Maltreatment Data (National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System [NCANDS] Unique Counts)⁶

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2009		2010		2011		2012	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children who received a Child Protective Services response for an allegation of child maltreatment	31,667	39.2 per 1,000	32,910	40.4 per 1,000	37,073	46.1 per 1,000	30,709	38.7 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims	9,432	11.7 per 1,000	9,954	12.2 per 1,000	10,012	12.4 per 1,000	8,151	10.3 per 1,000
Child fatalities	4	0.5 per 100,000	4	0.5 per 100,000	8	1.0 per 100,000	6	0.8 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	11.4	11.1	11.1	12.4
1 year	7.0	7.3	6.9	6.6
2 years	6.9	6.7	6.9	6.6
3 years	5.8	6.6	6.1	5.9
4 years	5.6	6.3	6.3	6.5
5 years	6.0	5.6	5.8	6.0
6 years	5.4	5.7	5.6	5.4
7 years	5.6	5.2	5.4	5.5
8 years	5.2	5.0	5.1	5.3
9 years	5.1	5.5	5.0	4.6
10 years	5.5	5.1	5.1	4.9
11 years	4.3	5.0	4.5	4.4
12 years	4.7	4.6	5.3	4.5
13 years	4.8	4.4	4.7	5.4
14 years	4.8	5.0	4.5	4.6
15 years	5.2	4.7	5.0	4.7
16 years	3.8	3.6	3.5	4.0
17 years	2.4	2.0	2.5	2.3
18+ years	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2
Missing data	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.4
Number	9,432	9,954	10,012	8,151

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/ Alaska Native	<.1	0.1	0.2	0.2
Asian	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.7
Black	21.9	22.1	22.1	21.8
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	30.3	29.2	29.4	31.1
White	39.4	40.3	39.7	38.3
Two or more races	5.0	5.1	4.9	4.9
Missing data	2.6	2.5	2.8	2.9
Number	9,432	9,954	10,012	8,151

¹ The source data for each table is indicated in parentheses for each section. A calendar year is the basis for data from the Census Bureau. Most of the other data on these pages are from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS) or the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) and are based on the Federal fiscal year, October 1 through September 30.

² The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau (<http://www.census.gov/popest/data/datasets.html>). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS). Child poverty data for 2012 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2010–2013 report.

³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

⁴ A child victim is defined as a child who is the subject of a maltreatment report for which the disposition is substantiated, indicated, or "alternative response victim." The rate for foster care entry is per 1,000 children in the state population. Data on child maltreatment victims are from NCANDS. Data on foster care entry rate, children in foster care on 9/30, and children adopted are from AFCARS.

⁵ As of 2012, there is a new methodology used to calculate the caseworker visits measures. Because the new methodology limits data comparisons with prior years, caseworker visits data from 2009 through 2011 are not included in this table. All states have the option of using an approved sampling procedure for the caseworker visits reporting requirement. See appendix C for more information on how these data are calculated and for a list of states using sampling methodology.

⁶ The unique count of child victims counts a child only once regardless of the number of times he or she was found to be a victim during the reporting year. This is a change from prior reports, and these data are now consistent with the reporting practice in the Child Maltreatment reports.

⁷ The rates for Child Protective Services Responses and victims are per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18.

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)⁸

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Emotional abuse	24.5	28.6	33.2	33.4
Medical neglect	3.8	3.7	3.7	2.6
Neglect	88.8	88.7	85.2	86.2
Physical abuse	6.6	6.1	6.0	6.2
Sexual abuse	4.7	4.4	4.8	5.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	9,432	9,954	10,012	8,151

Response Time (in hours)⁹

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Mean	45.3	47.5	50.9	58.1
Median	>24 but<48	>24 but<48	>24 but<48	>24 but<48

C. Characteristics of Children in Foster Care

(Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System [AFCARS] Foster Care File)

Overview Foster Care Information

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total number	5,328	4,708	4,828	4,655	2,467	2,471	2,287	1,662	2,968	2,638	2,103	1,635	4,827	4,541	5,012	4,682
Median length of stay (months)	17.7	17.7	18.7	18.5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	17.3	17.4	15.4	17.0	17.9	16.3	19.1	22.4

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	5.6	5.3	5.8	5.6	18.8	18.8	19.4	22.9	5.7	4.8	6.8	5.4	5.4	6.3	5.2	5.3
1 year	6.2	6.4	6.4	6.3	6.4	7.3	7.0	6.6	7.1	7.7	8.8	8.3	6.5	7.0	6.1	6.2
2 years	5.1	5.4	5.4	5.2	5.8	6.4	6.2	6.3	6.5	7.5	8.4	8.6	5.3	5.8	5.1	5.9
3 years	4.2	4.4	4.5	5.0	4.7	5.4	5.2	4.4	6.1	6.0	7.6	6.9	4.4	4.7	4.9	4.3
4 years	4.1	4.1	3.5	4.0	4.2	4.2	5.0	5.2	4.9	5.8	4.2	6.6	4.1	3.7	4.1	4.2
5 years	3.4	3.1	3.5	3.8	2.9	3.9	4.0	4.2	4.6	3.8	4.9	5.1	3.1	3.6	3.7	3.8
6 years	3.3	2.6	3.2	3.2	3.0	3.6	3.3	2.7	4.1	3.3	4.6	3.6	2.6	3.5	3.0	3.2
7 years	3.8	3.1	2.5	2.8	3.2	3.7	2.8	2.6	4.0	3.8	3.8	3.6	3.0	2.6	2.7	2.8
8 years	3.1	3.4	3.0	2.5	3.5	3.1	3.6	2.6	3.5	3.4	3.0	3.5	3.4	3.2	2.6	2.5
9 years	3.2	3.1	2.7	3.0	3.4	2.8	2.8	2.3	3.5	3.3	2.4	3.4	3.1	2.9	3.1	2.4
10 years	3.5	3.3	2.8	2.9	3.0	3.0	3.3	3.1	3.2	3.0	2.9	2.9	3.3	2.9	2.9	2.6
11 years	4.0	3.5	3.4	2.9	3.8	3.4	3.0	2.8	3.2	3.0	3.7	3.0	3.5	3.5	2.8	3.0
12 years	4.0	3.9	3.6	3.5	3.4	3.8	3.1	2.8	3.1	2.9	3.3	2.9	3.7	3.9	3.1	2.8
13 years	4.9	5.0	4.6	4.6	4.3	4.5	4.8	4.8	2.9	2.5	3.0	3.9	4.9	4.9	4.3	3.4
14 years	8.1	6.6	6.0	6.1	7.8	6.4	6.3	6.3	4.0	3.3	3.7	4.0	6.5	6.5	5.4	5.4
15 years	9.8	10.9	7.7	7.3	9.8	8.3	7.3	7.8	4.4	4.5	4.8	5.1	10.8	8.5	7.0	7.1
16 years	12.3	12.4	12.0	8.4	7.0	7.9	7.9	7.8	6.3	5.0	7.6	6.0	12.2	13.3	8.1	7.7
17 years	11.1	12.5	10.7	10.5	4.7	3.4	4.6	4.7	6.5	7.8	7.1	5.5	12.3	11.8	11.4	9.1
18 years	0.3	0.7	4.5	5.9	0.2	<.1	0.3	0.1	16.3	18.3	7.3	6.8	1.6	1.1	7.3	8.3
19 years	<.1	0.0	2.7	3.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.9	2.1	0.2	0.3	3.9	4.9
20 years	0.0	0.0	1.0	2.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	1.1	<.1	0.0	2.2	3.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.7	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	1.8	0.0	0.0	1.1	2.2

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)¹⁰

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/ Alaska Native	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.2	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.2	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Asian	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.7	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.4
Black	28.0	27.6	27.6	27.3	26.3	25.5	23.7	26.2	26.9	27.3	23.5	24.8	27.8	26.7	27.5	27.8
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	32.4	33.3	33.6	33.0	32.8	32.4	35.5	33.0	32.7	31.9	36.8	33.0	32.4	33.6	33.1	33.0
White	32.6	31.4	31.5	32.2	32.8	34.0	33.0	34.1	33.9	33.3	32.0	34.7	31.9	31.7	32.0	32.0
Two or more races	5.8	6.7	6.7	6.8	6.0	6.8	6.3	5.7	5.0	6.0	7.1	6.8	6.5	7.2	6.4	6.4
Unable to determine	0.6	0.5	0.1	0.1	1.7	0.6	0.7	0.7	1.0	0.8	0.2	0.1	0.9	0.3	0.3	0.3
Missing data	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	0.0

⁸ These percentages are calculated against the number of unique victims. A child may have been the victim of more than one type of maltreatment, or the same type of maltreatment more than once. As a result, the total percentages both within and across maltreatment categories may exceed 100.

⁹ Response time is defined as the time between the report of suspected maltreatment and the first face-to-face contact with the alleged victim or with another person who can provide information on the allegation.

¹⁰ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

D. Characteristics of Children Waiting for Adoption¹¹ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total waiting children	1,350	1,255	1,345	1,359
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	731	620	612	750

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	4.4	4.6	4.2	4.7
1 year	10.4	10.5	10.8	10.2
2 years	8.7	10.6	9.1	11.0
3 years	7.3	7.5	8.8	7.1
4 years	7.2	5.7	6.7	7.3
5 years	6.3	5.3	5.4	6.5
6 years	4.4	5.7	5.8	5.9
7 years	4.5	4.0	5.2	4.9
8 years	5.4	5.0	3.9	4.6
9 years	4.3	5.2	4.8	3.5
10 years	4.4	4.9	4.8	4.8
11 years	6.0	4.7	4.2	4.4
12 years	5.3	5.9	4.4	3.8
13 years	6.0	4.9	5.0	4.1
14 years	5.9	5.8	3.7	4.9
15 years	7.2	5.5	3.6	3.7
16 years	1.5	3.3	4.5	4.0
17 years	0.8	1.0	5.1	4.6

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹³

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/Alaska Native	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Asian	0.7	0.6	0.4	0.4
Black	24.7	24.5	25.1	24.2
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	34.3	36.0	32.5	32.1
White	31.0	29.1	33.3	35.3
Two or more races	8.5	9.5	8.2	7.6
Unable to determine	0.7	0.2	0.4	0.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total children adopted	768	665	611	460

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	8.7	11.7	11.5	12.4
1 year	13.5	13.4	16.2	13.0
2 years	14.1	16.7	15.4	17.0
3 years	9.9	9.9	10.3	11.3
4 years	6.8	8.4	6.4	8.9
5 years	7.4	6.8	6.2	6.1
6 years	7.6	2.9	5.6	3.3
7 years	6.9	4.5	4.4	5.2
8 years	4.3	4.2	2.5	3.9
9 years	4.4	3.8	3.6	3.9
10 years	3.3	3.5	2.9	2.8
11 years	2.6	2.9	3.1	2.8
12 years	3.4	4.2	2.8	2.2
13 years	1.6	1.8	2.5	2.4
14 years	2.7	2.1	2.3	1.1
15 years	1.3	1.4	1.1	1.5
16 years	0.5	0.9	1.8	0.4
17 years	0.5	0.8	1.3	1.5
18 years	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.0
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4
Asian	0.7	2.0	4.3	2.8
Black	26.6	29.6	23.7	28.7
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	34.9	31.4	37.0	27.0
White	35.3	34.3	32.1	38.5
Two or more races	2.1	2.4	2.9	2.0
Unable to determine	0.5	0.3	0.0	0.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

¹¹ There is no federal definition for a child waiting to be adopted. The definition used in the tables on this page includes children and youth through age 17 who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parents' parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A state's own definition may differ from that used here.

¹² Children older than 17 years fall outside of the definition used to identify waiting children and are therefore excluded from this table.

¹³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

Connecticut

OUTCOMES DATA

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect (NCANDS)

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children without a recurrence	93.6	92.6	93.4	94.4
Children with one or more recurrences	6.4	7.4	6.6	5.6
Number	4,743	4,910	5,119	4,421

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care (NCANDS and AFCARS Foster Care File)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children maltreated while in foster care	1.24	0.89	0.73	0.49
Children not maltreated while in foster care	98.76	99.11	99.27	99.51
Number	7,795	7,179	7,115	6,317

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Foster Care File)

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	22.1	21.6	22.7	23.9
Guardianship	9.3	9.6	6.0	2.8
Reunification	48.6	45.5	53.7	52.1
Other	19.4	21.2	12.0	10.6
Missing data	0.6	2.1	5.5	10.7
Number	2,968	2,638	2,103	1,635

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	13.7	14.8	17.1	15.0
Guardianship	4.9	4.4	3.7	1.3
Reunification	38.1	33.4	45.7	49.3
Other	42.5	45.3	29.7	29.7
Missing data	0.9	2.2	3.7	4.6
Number	657	596	374	306

3.3 Exits of Children Older Than Age 12 at Entry Into Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	1.4	0.8	1.6	1.7
Guardianship	3.9	5.2	3.5	1.7
Reunification	50.1	45.8	60.9	70.4
Other	43.5	45.2	29.4	22.6
Missing data	1.1	2.9	4.6	3.6
Number	875	783	565	416

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children age 12 or younger at entry	35.7	36.9	37.7	45.8
Children older than 12 at entry	64.3	63.1	62.3	54.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	456	463	130	72

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	American Indian/Alaska Native				2009	Asian				2009	Black			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	21.4	57.1	22.2	17.8	20.0	17.2	19.8		
Guardianship	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.9	10.2	7.5	2.5		
Reunification	0.0	80.0	100.0	100.0	76.9	50.0	42.9	66.7	46.4	44.2	54.9	53.8		
Other	0.0	20.0	0.0	0.0	15.4	21.4	0.0	11.1	24.4	23.8	12.8	14.3		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.1	0.0	0.0	0.5	1.8	7.7	9.6		
Number	1	5	1	1	13	14	7	9	799	719	494	405		

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander				2009	Hispanic (of any race)				2009	White			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	22.9	21.0	22.4	21.9	24.7	22.9	23.2	28.0		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.0	8.2	4.4	2.8	10.0	10.1	7.1	3.0		
Reunification	100.0	0.0	100.0	100.0	53.6	48.0	57.0	53.1	45.1	43.5	51.5	48.5		
Other	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	17.1	20.8	11.8	9.6	19.5	20.8	13.2	9.9		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	2.0	4.5	12.6	0.7	2.6	4.9	10.6		
Number	1	1	1	1	971	842	774	539	1,006	878	672	567		

	Unable to Determine				2009	Two or More Races				2009	Missing Data			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	13.3	18.2	0.0	0.0	27.9	26.8	39.6	27.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	3.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	18.4	13.4	5.4	2.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	66.7	81.8	100.0	100.0	44.2	43.3	41.6	56.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Other	13.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.5	15.3	6.7	5.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Missing data	3.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3	6.7	7.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	30	22	5	2	147	157	149	111	0	0	0	0		

¹⁴ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Less than 12 mos.	61.3	65.4	61.7	55.6
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	25.7	23.3	25.2	25.4
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	8.0	7.6	6.0	10.0
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	2.7	1.7	2.1	2.5
48 or more mos.	2.2	2.0	3.2	5.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	1.8	1.2
Number	1,441	1,201	1,130	852

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children entering care for the first time	80.6	81.2	83.6	84.5
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	8.6	7.6	5.1	5.0
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	10.5	10.9	10.2	9.0
Missing data	0.2	0.2	1.1	1.4
Number	2,467	2,471	2,287	1,662

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Foster Care File)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Less than 12 mos.	3.3	3.3	3.6	4.6
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	31.7	30.8	32.5	30.3
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	30.6	31.5	35.2	32.6
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	18.7	18.0	14.0	16.2
48 or more mos.	15.7	16.3	14.7	16.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	657	571	477	390

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Foster Care File)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care (%)

	In Care Less Than 12 Months				In Care at Least 12 Months but Less Than 24 Months				In Care for 24 Months or Longer				Missing Time in Care			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children with 2 or fewer placements	86.7	87.1	87.3	86.9	65.9	65.6	69.0	65.0	30.8	31.3	35.9	33.0	66.7	94.1	76.1	75.0
Children with 3 or more placements	13.3	12.9	10.6	9.2	34.1	34.4	28.1	27.5	66.1	66.4	61.2	61.4	0.0	0.0	6.5	14.3
Missing placement setting counts	0.0	0.0	2.0	4.0	0.0	0.0	2.8	7.5	3.0	2.3	3.0	5.6	33.3	5.9	17.4	10.7
Number	2,903	2,855	2,601	1,895	1,944	1,700	1,693	1,646	2,930	2,607	2,775	2,748	18	17	46	28

7. Reduce Placement of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Foster Care File)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During the Fiscal Year and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Group homes	9.2	8.6	1.2	0.5
Institutions	4.8	3.5	4.2	2.7
Other settings	86.0	87.9	94.5	96.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0
Number	1,114	1,234	1,406	1,122

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews¹⁵ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score¹⁷	101.8	110.1	106.1	108.3
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	58.5	62.9	60.3	53.9
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	10.1	8.5	9.8	11.2
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	32.4	36.3	30.9	25.8
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	14.0	12.6	12.3	6.6

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	115.7	117.4	114.7	108.6
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	35.0	34.2	36.3	34.9
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	30.0	28.9	28.8	29.1
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	18.9	18.9	16.8	15.2
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year? ¹⁸	10.3	9.5	8.3	11.6
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	67.1	73.9	69.8	63.4

Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time¹⁹

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	103.6	100.2	104.7	104.3
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	23.0	21.5	18.5	17.9
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	92.3	88.9	96.7	96.2
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	57.5	55.7	54.2	52.6

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	97.6	98.0	104.5	105.0
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	85.9	86.3	88.7	89.9
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	66.0	65.7	70.9	70.3
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	31.9	32.2	38.5	37.9

¹⁵ Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the state did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

¹⁶ Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 includes a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

¹⁷ Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website (<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/resource/data-indicators-second-round-of-cfsrs>).

¹⁸ Legally free means that there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father. This calculation excludes children who, by the end of the first 6 months of the fiscal year, had discharged from foster care to reunification, living with relative, or guardianship.

¹⁹ A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

²⁰ The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

Delaware

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total children under 18 years	206,993	205,523	205,107	205,050
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Asian	3.2	3.3	3.5	3.6
Black	23.9	25.3	25.2	25.1
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	12.1	13.2	13.6	14.1
White	57.6	53.2	52.6	52.0
Two or more races	2.9	4.7	4.8	4.9
Child population in poverty (%)	16.5	18.1	17.5	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Child maltreatment victims	2,015	2,125	2,466	2,335
Foster care entry rate per 1,000	2.2	2.0	2.6	2.4
Children in foster care on 9/30	820	755	846	819
Children adopted	125	67	95	91

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	96
Numerator	N/A	N/A	N/A	8,476
Denominator	N/A	N/A	N/A	8,861
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	82
Numerator	N/A	N/A	N/A	6,991
Denominator	N/A	N/A	N/A	8,476

B. Child Maltreatment Data (National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System [NCANDS] Unique Counts)⁶

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2009		2010		2011		2012	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children who received a Child Protective Services response for an allegation of child maltreatment	11,999	58.0 per 1,000	13,434	65.4 per 1,000	14,382	70.1 per 1,000	14,807	72.2 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims	2,015	9.7 per 1,000	2,125	10.3 per 1,000	2,466	12.0 per 1,000	2,335	11.4 per 1,000
Child fatalities	3	1.4 per 100,000	2	1.0 per 100,000	1	0.5 per 100,000	3	1.5 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	10.7	11.3	10.0	9.9
1 year	8.0	8.3	7.3	6.8
2 years	6.4	6.4	7.8	7.4
3 years	7.5	6.3	6.9	7.3
4 years	6.6	6.9	5.5	5.8
5 years	5.9	6.6	5.6	5.5
6 years	6.7	7.0	6.0	6.4
7 years	5.6	6.3	6.7	6.0
8 years	5.1	5.4	5.2	5.3
9 years	5.2	4.5	4.4	5.3
10 years	5.1	4.9	5.2	4.3
11 years	4.1	4.1	4.1	5.0
12 years	4.1	3.4	3.8	4.8
13 years	4.4	4.1	4.3	4.1
14 years	3.6	3.6	4.5	4.5
15 years	4.6	3.4	4.9	4.2
16 years	3.9	4.0	4.5	3.9
17 years	2.3	3.2	3.4	3.5
18+ years	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1
Missing data	<.1	0.2	0.1	<.1
Number	2,015	2,125	2,466	2,335

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.2	0.0	<.1	0.0
Asian	0.8	0.8	0.2	0.6
Black	45.0	44.7	44.5	41.9
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	11.4	8.8	9.7	12.5
White	40.3	44.0	43.5	41.7
Two or more races	2.0	1.7	1.9	3.1
Missing data	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.2
Number	2,015	2,125	2,466	2,335

¹ The source data for each table is indicated in parentheses for each section. A calendar year is the basis for data from the Census Bureau. Most of the other data on these pages are from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS) or the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) and are based on the Federal fiscal year, October 1 through September 30.

² The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau (<http://www.census.gov/popest/data/datasets.html>). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS). Child poverty data for 2012 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2010-2013 report.

³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

⁴ A child victim is defined as a child who is the subject of a maltreatment report for which the disposition is substantiated, indicated, or "alternative response victim." The rate for foster care entry is per 1,000 children in the state population. Data on child maltreatment victims are from NCANDS. Data on foster care entry rate, children in foster care on 9/30, and children adopted are from AFCARS.

⁵ As of 2012, there is a new methodology used to calculate the caseworker visits measures. Because the new methodology limits data comparisons with prior years, caseworker visits data from 2009 through 2011 are not included in this table. All states have the option of using an approved sampling procedure for the caseworker visits reporting requirement. See appendix C for more information on how these data are calculated and for a list of states using sampling methodology.

⁶ The unique count of child victims counts a child only once regardless of the number of times he or she was found to be a victim during the reporting year. This is a change from prior reports, and these data are now consistent with the reporting practice in the Child Maltreatment reports.

⁷ The rates for Child Protective Services Responses and victims are per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18.

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)⁸

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Emotional abuse	32.9	38.4	42.7	44.9
Medical neglect	1.1	0.9	0.4	0.9
Neglect	42.5	41.4	36.2	34.5
Physical abuse	18.0	15.5	16.8	14.9
Sexual abuse	7.7	7.4	7.1	6.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	9.0	8.0	9.9	10.2
Number	2,015	2,125	2,466	2,335

Response Time (in hours)⁹

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Mean	167.2	187.2	188.7	156.7
Median	>120 but<144	>144 but<168	>120 but<144	>96 but<120

C. Characteristics of Children in Foster Care

(Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System [AFCARS] Foster Care File)

Overview Foster Care Information

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total number	929	796	730	823	446	414	537	483	555	455	421	487	820	755	846	819
Median length of stay (months)	16.6	15.9	17.7	12.3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	16.9	12.9	14.2	13.2	16.0	18.2	12.3	14.4

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	5.0	6.3	5.8	7.9	18.8	18.8	19.4	18.8	4.3	5.7	5.7	5.3	6.1	5.6	7.7	6.6
1 year	7.0	6.4	7.3	7.3	7.0	8.0	5.2	7.2	9.2	9.7	8.8	8.2	6.2	7.2	7.1	9.2
2 years	4.8	5.0	5.3	6.3	4.9	5.3	7.4	7.2	7.4	7.3	6.4	7.6	4.9	5.3	6.4	6.3
3 years	3.8	3.3	4.2	4.7	4.0	4.1	3.9	4.8	5.4	5.9	6.4	7.0	3.5	4.1	4.7	5.7
4 years	5.0	3.5	2.2	3.0	3.4	2.7	3.4	2.9	5.2	4.4	4.0	4.3	3.4	2.3	3.0	3.3
5 years	4.6	4.0	2.9	2.6	4.0	4.6	4.1	5.2	4.5	4.6	3.3	3.7	3.9	2.8	2.6	3.3
6 years	3.2	4.5	4.4	3.6	5.8	3.9	4.8	3.3	4.7	3.7	4.0	4.1	4.4	4.5	3.7	2.9
7 years	2.7	4.6	4.0	4.6	2.7	4.6	3.9	3.3	1.4	5.3	4.5	4.3	4.5	3.8	4.5	3.7
8 years	4.4	2.8	4.4	3.2	2.5	2.7	2.8	3.7	4.1	3.3	3.8	3.1	2.8	4.2	3.1	4.0
9 years	3.9	3.9	2.9	4.0	3.8	2.7	2.4	2.7	3.2	2.9	2.4	3.7	3.8	2.8	4.0	2.8
10 years	2.9	3.5	3.6	3.5	2.0	3.9	4.5	2.7	3.1	3.7	4.3	3.9	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.8
11 years	4.5	2.1	4.1	3.2	2.5	2.2	2.2	3.1	4.5	2.4	3.3	3.1	2.1	4.0	3.1	3.3
12 years	4.6	4.4	2.1	3.3	4.5	1.4	2.8	2.7	3.1	2.0	1.9	2.3	4.4	2.0	3.2	3.4
13 years	5.1	6.5	5.3	2.7	6.5	4.3	3.2	4.8	4.0	2.2	2.9	2.7	6.7	5.2	2.6	3.5
14 years	7.4	6.4	7.9	5.6	4.5	5.1	6.1	5.2	2.3	2.6	4.8	3.1	6.3	7.9	6.3	3.8
15 years	7.4	9.2	7.0	9.4	6.5	6.0	8.8	7.2	4.5	4.0	1.9	4.5	9.0	6.9	9.3	8.3
16 years	9.3	9.0	11.9	10.1	8.7	7.7	6.7	6.6	3.6	2.9	3.3	5.5	9.0	12.1	9.9	9.4
17 years	11.9	12.7	13.3	13.6	7.4	12.1	8.2	8.5	5.2	5.3	3.8	6.2	12.7	13.0	13.7	12.1
18 years	2.0	1.8	1.5	1.5	0.4	0.0	0.2	0.0	18.7	21.1	23.0	16.8	2.1	2.9	1.8	4.0
19 years	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	1.1	1.4	0.6	0.6	0.1	0.0	0.5
20 years	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)¹⁰

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.0
Asian	0.1	0.4	0.0	0.4	0.7	0.2	0.7	0.6	0.0	0.9	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.0	0.4	0.6
Black	54.7	54.8	57.8	52.1	49.1	55.1	44.5	47.6	50.5	48.6	51.3	48.9	54.5	58.7	52.6	51.4
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	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	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	8.4	7.8	8.5	8.9	11.9	7.2	9.7	10.6	11.9	6.8	9.7	11.9	7.9	8.1	8.6	8.1
White	32.4	31.9	28.4	34.4	33.9	32.9	41.2	36.4	33.7	38.9	33.0	36.3	32.3	28.2	34.2	34.4
Two or more races	4.2	4.9	5.3	4.1	4.5	4.6	3.7	4.8	4.0	4.4	5.7	2.5	4.5	5.0	4.1	5.5
Unable to determine	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	0.0
Missing data	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	0.0

⁸ These percentages are calculated against the number of unique victims. A child may have been the victim of more than one type of maltreatment, or the same type of maltreatment more than once. As a result, the total percentages both within and across maltreatment categories may exceed 100.

⁹ Response time is defined as the time between the report of suspected maltreatment and the first face-to-face contact with the alleged victim or with another person who can provide information on the allegation.

¹⁰ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

D. Characteristics of Children Waiting for Adoption¹¹ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total waiting children	239	253	244	244
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	143	149	145	148

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	2.5	4.7	4.5	7.0
1 year	7.5	10.3	12.3	13.1
2 years	8.4	6.7	6.1	9.0
3 years	5.9	6.3	6.1	6.1
4 years	6.3	2.4	4.9	5.3
5 years	7.1	5.5	2.9	4.1
6 years	6.7	5.5	5.3	3.3
7 years	6.3	6.7	7.8	3.7
8 years	3.8	8.7	5.7	7.4
9 years	6.3	4.0	7.8	3.7
10 years	7.1	5.1	3.7	7.4
11 years	2.9	6.3	5.3	3.7
12 years	6.7	3.6	4.9	5.7
13 years	7.1	5.5	2.0	3.3
14 years	2.9	5.9	6.1	2.9
15 years	5.0	3.2	5.3	6.1
16 years	4.2	5.5	3.7	4.5
17 years	3.3	4.0	5.3	3.7

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹³

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Black	66.1	65.2	66.0	58.6
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	7.1	9.5	7.4	5.7
White	20.5	20.2	22.5	29.5
Two or more races	6.3	5.1	4.1	6.1
Unable to determine	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total children adopted	125	67	95	91

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	0.8	3.0	3.2	2.2
1 year	19.2	14.9	15.8	13.2
2 years	10.4	17.9	11.6	16.5
3 years	8.8	4.5	10.5	17.6
4 years	9.6	9.0	4.2	5.5
5 years	8.8	10.4	8.4	5.5
6 years	6.4	9.0	5.3	5.5
7 years	4.0	3.0	5.3	4.4
8 years	7.2	7.5	8.4	3.3
9 years	4.8	4.5	4.2	7.7
10 years	5.6	4.5	7.4	7.7
11 years	4.0	3.0	7.4	2.2
12 years	1.6	0.0	4.2	1.1
13 years	4.8	6.0	1.1	2.2
14 years	0.8	1.5	2.1	2.2
15 years	2.4	0.0	1.1	2.2
16 years	0.0	1.5	0.0	0.0
17 years	0.8	0.0	0.0	1.1
18 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Black	46.4	49.3	56.8	50.5
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	8.0	10.4	12.6	15.4
White	39.2	31.3	21.1	33.0
Two or more races	6.4	9.0	9.5	1.1
Unable to determine	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

¹¹ There is no federal definition for a child waiting to be adopted. The definition used in the tables on this page includes children and youth through age 17 who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parents' parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A state's own definition may differ from that used here.

¹² Children older than 17 years fall outside of the definition used to identify waiting children and are therefore excluded from this table.

¹³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

Delaware

OUTCOMES DATA

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect (NCANDS)

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children without a recurrence	97.9	97.1	97.8	97.5
Children with one or more recurrences	2.1	2.9	2.2	2.5
Number	1,006	934	1,228	1,218

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care (NCANDS and AFCARS Foster Care File)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.15	0.25	0.08	0.15
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.85	99.75	99.92	99.85
Number	1,375	1,210	1,267	1,306

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Foster Care File)

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	22.5	14.7	22.6	18.7
Guardianship	14.4	17.8	14.0	15.2
Reunification	43.4	45.3	39.9	48.9
Other	19.6	22.0	22.8	17.2
Missing data	0.0	0.2	0.7	0.0
Number	555	455	421	487

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	21.9	18.1	30.2	23.0
Guardianship	11.8	11.1	5.9	7.1
Reunification	31.5	28.5	26.6	42.1
Other	34.8	41.7	36.1	27.9
Missing data	0.0	0.7	1.2	0.0
Number	178	144	169	183

3.3 Exits of Children Older Than Age 12 at Entry Into Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.7
Guardianship	11.6	8.5	11.2	13.2
Reunification	34.7	33.8	30.8	43.4
Other	53.2	57.0	55.9	42.8
Missing data	0.0	0.7	2.1	0.0
Number	173	142	143	152

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children age 12 or younger at entry	15.5	19.1	16.8	21.3
Children older than 12 at entry	84.5	80.9	83.2	78.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	103	94	95	80

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	American Indian/Alaska Native				2009	Asian				2009	Black			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	21.1	14.9	25.0	19.3	
Guardianship	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	13.2	14.9	10.2	12.6	
Reunification	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	75.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	43.2	48.4	41.2	45.4	
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	22.5	21.7	22.7	22.7	
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	25.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.0	
Number	0	2	0	1	0	4	1	1	280	221	216	238		

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander				2009	Hispanic (of any race)				2009	White			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	13.6	22.6	29.3	24.1	25.1	11.9	15.1	16.4		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	12.1	12.9	22.0	15.5	17.6	19.2	19.4	18.6		
Reunification	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	60.6	45.2	34.1	55.2	39.0	42.9	37.4	50.3		
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	13.6	19.4	14.6	5.2	18.2	26.0	27.3	14.7		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.0		
Number	0	0	0	0	66	31	41	58	187	177	139	177		

	Unable to Determine				2009	Two or More Races				2009	Missing Data			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	45.5	30.0	33.3	16.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.1	40.0	4.2	16.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	31.8	30.0	54.2	58.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	13.6	0.0	8.3	8.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Missing data	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	0	0	0	0	22	20	24	12	0	0	0	0		

¹⁴ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Less than 12 mos.	63.1	67.0	72.6	66.0
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	25.3	20.4	14.3	27.3
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	6.6	6.8	8.9	4.2
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	2.5	2.9	2.4	0.8
48 or more mos.	2.5	2.9	0.6	1.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	1.2	0.0
Number	241	206	168	238

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children entering care for the first time	88.6	85.0	89.6	87.0
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	3.6	4.8	1.9	3.9
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	7.8	10.1	8.6	9.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	446	414	537	483

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Foster Care File)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Less than 12 mos.	1.6	6.0	3.2	4.4
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	33.6	29.9	31.6	27.5
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	40.8	35.8	27.4	39.6
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	16.0	23.9	23.2	13.2
48 or more mos.	8.0	4.5	14.7	15.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	125	67	95	91

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Foster Care File)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care (%)

	In Care Less Than 12 Months				In Care at Least 12 Months but Less Than 24 Months				In Care for 24 Months or Longer				Missing Time in Care			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children with 2 or fewer placements	82.2	84.8	83.1	80.4	59.9	64.1	69.2	62.6	28.1	26.4	27.9	35.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0
Children with 3 or more placements	17.6	15.2	16.9	19.5	40.1	35.9	30.8	37.4	71.9	73.6	72.1	64.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	0.2	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	533	505	604	591	332	273	260	340	508	428	398	375	2	4	5	0

7. Reduce Placement of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Foster Care File)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During the Fiscal Year and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Group homes	1.4	1.1	1.4	2.8
Institutions	0.0	1.5	0.6	2.1
Other settings	98.3	97.4	98.0	95.1
Missing data	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	290	268	356	327

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews¹⁵ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score¹⁷	122.7	132.9	137.6	130.5
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	68.1	67.9	76.7	64.6
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	8.6	6.2	5.8	8.7
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	38.8	36.4	31.4	31.8
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	10.3	7.1	7.3	3.5

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	118.4	101.2	112.6	114.2
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	35.2	35.8	34.7	31.9
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	27.4	26.9	30.0	29.5
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	23.6	14.4	19.5	21.1
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year? ¹⁸	7.8	4.7	14.6	9.9
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	63.6	58.4	55.7	61.9

Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time¹⁹

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	121.0	114.0	123.9	118.3
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	27.0	18.0	23.4	21.8
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	91.9	93.2	92.3	92.2
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	40.5	38.2	31.1	36.8

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	89.9	93.5	95.0	92.9
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	81.5	84.0	82.1	79.4
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	59.3	64.3	69.0	62.6
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	28.2	26.4	28.2	35.5

¹⁵ Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the state did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

¹⁶ Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 includes a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

¹⁷ Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website (<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/resource/data-indicators-second-round-of-cfhrs>).

¹⁸ Legally free means that there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father. This calculation excludes children who, by the end of the first 6 months of the fiscal year, had discharged from foster care to reunification, living with relative, or guardianship.

¹⁹ A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

²⁰ The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

District of Columbia

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total children under 18 years	114,036	101,037	104,980	109,480
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Asian	2.8	1.7	1.9	2.1
Black	61.5	65.4	62.9	60.4
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	12.2	12.0	13.0	13.8
White	20.5	17.6	18.8	20.0
Two or more races	2.7	3.1	3.3	3.5
Child population in poverty (%)	29.4	30.4	30.3	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Child maltreatment victims	3,279	2,672	2,377	2,141
Foster care entry rate per 1,000	5.5	7.4	5.3	4.4
Children in foster care on 9/30	2,117	2,069	1,800	1,553
Children adopted	103	129	106	108

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	95
Numerator	N/A	N/A	N/A	14,392
Denominator	N/A	N/A	N/A	15,112
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	98
Numerator	N/A	N/A	N/A	14,048
Denominator	N/A	N/A	N/A	14,392

B. Child Maltreatment Data (National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System [NCANDS] Unique Counts)⁶

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2009		2010		2011		2012	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children who received a Child Protective Services response for an allegation of child maltreatment	14,544	127.5 per 1,000	12,463	123.4 per 1,000	13,187	125.6 per 1,000	13,812	126.2 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims	3,279	28.8 per 1,000	2,672	26.4 per 1,000	2,377	22.6 per 1,000	2,141	19.6 per 1,000
Child fatalities	5	4.4 per 100,000	2	2.0 per 100,000	3	2.9 per 100,000	2	1.8 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	10.5	9.6	10.0	10.1
1 year	4.3	5.5	4.8	6.2
2 years	4.2	4.9	4.7	5.0
3 years	4.2	5.0	5.1	6.1
4 years	5.0	5.0	4.7	5.3
5 years	5.9	6.5	5.9	6.6
6 years	5.3	6.4	7.1	7.0
7 years	6.4	5.6	5.0	6.0
8 years	5.7	5.7	5.3	5.3
9 years	5.2	5.7	4.4	4.5
10 years	4.8	5.3	5.9	5.2
11 years	5.5	4.9	4.6	4.9
12 years	5.4	5.6	6.4	4.2
13 years	6.1	5.7	6.1	5.5
14 years	6.5	5.4	5.9	6.0
15 years	5.9	5.8	5.1	4.8
16 years	4.9	4.4	5.4	4.0
17 years	3.8	2.8	3.4	3.2
18+ years	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1
Missing data	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.2
Number	3,279	2,672	2,377	2,141

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/ Alaska Native	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Asian	<.1	0.1	<.1	<.1
Black	59.3	61.5	59.4	51.7
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	7.0	9.4	10.2	10.7
White	0.5	0.6	0.4	0.5
Two or more races	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	33.0	28.3	29.8	36.9
Number	3,279	2,672	2,377	2,141

¹ The source data for each table is indicated in parentheses for each section. A calendar year is the basis for data from the Census Bureau. Most of the other data on these pages are from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS) or the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) and are based on the Federal fiscal year, October 1 through September 30.

² The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau (<http://www.census.gov/popest/data/datasets.html>). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS). Child poverty data for 2012 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2010–2013 report.

³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

⁴ A child victim is defined as a child who is the subject of a maltreatment report for which the disposition is substantiated, indicated, or "alternative response victim." The rate for foster care entry is per 1,000 children in the state population. Data on child maltreatment victims are from NCANDS. Data on foster care entry rate, children in foster care on 9/30, and children adopted are from AFCARS.

⁵ As of 2012, there is a new methodology used to calculate the caseworker visits measures. Because the new methodology limits data comparisons with prior years, caseworker visits data from 2009 through 2011 are not included in this table. All states have the option of using an approved sampling procedure for the caseworker visits reporting requirement. See appendix C for more information on how these data are calculated and for a list of states using sampling methodology.

⁶ The unique count of child victims counts a child only once regardless of the number of times he or she was found to be a victim during the reporting year. This is a change from prior reports, and these data are now consistent with the reporting practice in the Child Maltreatment reports.

⁷ The rates for Child Protective Services Responses and victims are per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18.

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)⁸

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Emotional abuse	1.2	1.6	1.4	1.5
Medical neglect	4.1	6.0	5.5	6.0
Neglect	67.5	65.5	63.3	63.7
Physical abuse	15.7	18.0	19.1	14.8
Sexual abuse	3.2	2.5	2.0	2.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	30.0	33.0	38.4	39.2
Number	3,279	2,672	2,377	2,141

Response Time (in hours)⁹

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Mean	27.3	17.6	15.8	16.7
Median	>24 but<48	>24 but<48	>24 but<48	>24 but<48

C. Characteristics of Children in Foster Care

(Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System [AFCARS] Foster Care File)

Overview Foster Care Information

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total number	2,198	2,095	2,042	1,794	622	743	561	485	703	769	803	726	2,117	2,069	1,800	1,553
Median length of stay (months)	33.8	33.7	29.8	31.3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	26.6	26.7	28.4	30.9	33.5	29.6	31.1	30.6

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	3.0	2.2	2.9	1.8	14.3	13.3	12.5	12.0	3.7	3.5	2.1	2.3	2.2	2.9	1.9	1.5
1 year	3.8	4.3	3.6	4.9	7.7	6.5	6.8	6.2	4.1	2.5	3.0	3.7	4.4	3.6	5.0	3.3
2 years	3.6	4.5	4.8	4.0	8.7	6.1	5.3	6.2	6.1	7.2	5.5	4.8	4.5	4.8	4.0	5.6
3 years	3.3	4.0	4.3	4.5	5.8	5.5	7.8	8.2	4.7	5.6	6.5	5.9	4.0	4.3	4.4	4.4
4 years	3.0	3.5	4.3	4.1	7.2	6.1	5.9	5.6	5.0	5.5	7.1	5.1	3.5	4.3	4.1	5.0
5 years	3.0	3.4	3.3	3.6	5.0	6.7	4.1	6.6	4.6	5.6	5.5	6.7	3.6	3.5	3.6	3.6
6 years	3.1	3.3	4.2	3.4	3.7	5.0	5.7	6.4	3.6	4.4	4.1	4.7	3.3	4.2	3.4	3.2
7 years	3.3	2.7	3.2	4.5	5.1	4.7	4.8	6.2	5.3	3.8	4.0	5.1	2.8	3.3	4.4	4.0
8 years	2.9	3.1	3.3	3.4	3.7	5.0	5.2	5.6	3.8	3.5	4.2	4.8	3.1	3.3	3.3	4.4
9 years	3.4	3.2	3.5	3.3	4.0	6.5	4.1	3.9	4.1	5.5	4.2	5.4	3.2	3.4	3.3	3.0
10 years	2.7	3.0	3.4	3.1	2.4	3.8	4.8	3.7	3.3	2.5	4.7	3.7	3.0	3.4	3.1	3.0
11 years	3.6	2.7	3.2	3.2	3.7	5.0	4.5	4.7	2.7	4.2	4.1	4.1	2.8	3.2	3.2	3.2
12 years	3.9	4.0	3.5	3.2	4.8	3.8	5.3	3.9	5.3	2.9	3.7	3.3	3.9	3.5	3.3	3.3
13 years	4.8	4.0	4.1	4.1	4.2	4.8	3.6	3.9	2.7	4.3	3.6	2.5	4.0	4.0	4.2	3.5
14 years	4.7	5.1	4.4	4.2	5.6	4.7	5.0	3.5	3.0	3.6	3.0	2.2	5.1	4.4	4.2	4.9
15 years	7.7	5.5	5.6	4.7	4.2	4.6	5.0	4.9	4.6	2.5	3.4	2.5	5.5	5.4	4.8	5.3
16 years	7.5	8.0	6.3	6.5	4.7	4.3	3.9	5.4	2.4	3.5	2.5	2.9	7.9	6.5	6.7	5.8
17 years	9.6	8.7	8.0	7.6	4.2	3.2	4.6	2.9	2.8	3.3	3.2	2.2	8.4	7.9	7.6	7.7
18 years	8.1	9.4	8.1	8.3	0.8	0.0	0.7	0.2	3.6	3.0	3.5	2.2	9.4	8.1	8.2	8.2
19 years	8.3	7.9	8.7	8.2	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.0	3.4	1.4	2.6	2.1	7.8	8.7	7.9	8.7
20 years	6.4	7.5	7.5	9.3	0.2	0.4	0.0	0.0	3.3	2.3	1.5	2.5	7.6	7.4	9.3	8.5
Missing data	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	18.1	19.6	17.9	21.2	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)¹⁰

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Asian	<.1	0.1	<.1	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	<.1	0.1	<.1
Black	88.3	88.7	86.7	85.5	77.5	75.0	67.4	70.1	83.4	82.3	83.2	82.2	86.7	86.1	82.3	82.2
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.1	0.1
Hispanic (of any race)	6.0	7.0	8.2	8.8	8.5	10.8	12.8	9.7	5.5	7.7	8.6	8.0	6.9	8.1	9.5	9.4
White	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.7	0.8	0.5	0.1	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.5
Two or more races	3.1	2.9	2.9	4.1	1.6	2.2	5.9	2.3	2.6	3.0	3.0	4.1	2.8	2.6	3.8	3.5
Unable to determine	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1
Missing data	1.8	0.8	1.6	1.0	10.9	11.2	12.8	16.9	6.8	5.7	4.4	5.0	2.8	2.7	3.8	4.1

⁸ These percentages are calculated against the number of unique victims. A child may have been the victim of more than one type of maltreatment, or the same type of maltreatment more than once. As a result, the total percentages both within and across maltreatment categories may exceed 100.

⁹ Response time is defined as the time between the report of suspected maltreatment and the first face-to-face contact with the alleged victim or with another person who can provide information on the allegation.

¹⁰ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

D. Characteristics of Children Waiting for Adoption¹¹ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total waiting children	486	420	357	302
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	26	23	32	26

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	1.0	1.0	0.6	0.3
1 year	6.8	4.8	7.0	3.6
2 years	7.0	8.1	6.7	10.9
3 years	5.1	6.4	6.7	7.6
4 years	4.9	6.0	6.2	8.3
5 years	5.3	4.3	6.4	6.3
6 years	3.9	5.7	3.9	3.6
7 years	3.5	3.6	6.2	5.6
8 years	3.9	3.6	4.2	7.0
9 years	4.7	4.0	3.9	4.6
10 years	6.4	4.3	2.8	3.3
11 years	4.9	4.5	3.9	3.0
12 years	8.6	5.0	5.0	3.0
13 years	6.6	8.3	5.3	4.3
14 years	8.6	7.4	7.3	6.0
15 years	7.6	8.8	8.4	6.3
16 years	8.8	7.4	8.1	7.6
17 years	2.1	6.9	7.3	8.6

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹³

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3
Black	88.3	88.3	89.6	86.8
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3
Hispanic (of any race)	5.3	7.1	5.3	7.9
White	1.2	1.0	0.6	1.0
Two or more races	3.9	3.3	2.8	2.6
Unable to determine	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	1.2	0.2	1.7	1.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total children adopted	103	129	106	108

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9
1 year	4.9	1.6	0.9	3.7
2 years	14.6	20.2	13.2	15.7
3 years	9.7	10.1	13.2	9.3
4 years	6.8	7.0	11.3	10.2
5 years	6.8	8.5	8.5	13.9
6 years	5.8	6.2	5.7	6.5
7 years	8.7	5.4	7.5	7.4
8 years	6.8	3.1	0.9	6.5
9 years	10.7	5.4	5.7	3.7
10 years	6.8	4.7	2.8	3.7
11 years	1.9	3.1	7.5	2.8
12 years	2.9	6.2	2.8	2.8
13 years	6.8	7.0	5.7	2.8
14 years	1.9	3.1	2.8	2.8
15 years	1.9	2.3	2.8	1.9
16 years	1.0	3.9	3.8	2.8
17 years	0.0	2.3	1.9	1.9
18 years	1.0	0.0	2.8	0.0
19 years	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Black	91.3	94.6	90.6	95.4
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	5.8	3.9	8.5	4.6
White	1.9	1.6	0.9	0.0
Two or more races	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Unable to determine	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

¹¹ There is no federal definition for a child waiting to be adopted. The definition used in the tables on this page includes children and youth through age 17 who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parents' parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A state's own definition may differ from that used here.

¹² Children older than 17 years fall outside of the definition used to identify waiting children and are therefore excluded from this table.

¹³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

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OUTCOMES DATA

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect (NCANDS)

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children without a recurrence	96.4	94.1	93.8	95.5
Children with one or more recurrences	3.6	5.9	6.2	4.5
Number	1,479	1,325	1,390	1,185

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care (NCANDS and AFCARS Foster Care File)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.28	0.28	0.19	0.35
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.72	99.72	99.81	99.65
Number	2,820	2,838	2,603	2,279

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Foster Care File)

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	15.2	16.9	13.3	15.8
Guardianship	12.2	9.4	15.7	15.2
Reunification	46.5	47.6	49.7	44.5
Other	26.0	26.0	21.3	24.5
Missing data	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0
Number	703	769	803	726

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	11.4	7.4	8.7	14.3
Guardianship	11.4	11.1	8.7	4.8
Reunification	25.7	11.1	34.8	4.8
Other	51.4	70.4	47.8	76.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	35	27	23	21

3.3 Exits of Children Older Than Age 12 at Entry Into Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	0.6	1.4	1.0	1.7
Guardianship	4.4	1.4	6.6	8.7
Reunification	42.0	39.9	37.2	29.5
Other	53.0	57.2	55.1	60.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	181	208	196	173

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children age 12 or younger at entry	46.7	38.6	36.2	40.6
Children older than 12 at entry	53.3	61.4	63.8	59.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	167	189	163	175

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	American Indian/Alaska Native				2009	Asian				2009	Black			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	16.2	18.5	13.6	17.4	
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	13.0	10.4	17.1	16.2	
Reunification	0.0	100.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	42.5	43.4	46.1	40.2	
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	28.3	27.5	23.2	26.1	
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	
Number	0	1	0	2	0	1	1	1	0	586	633	668	597	
	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander				2009	Hispanic (of any race)				2009	White			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	15.4	8.5	11.6	10.3	60.0	33.3	25.0	0.0	0.0	
Guardianship	66.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.1	6.8	5.8	19.0	0.0	0.0	25.0	0.0	0.0	
Reunification	33.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	56.4	61.0	69.6	50.0	40.0	66.7	25.0	100.0	0.0	
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	23.1	23.7	13.0	20.7	0.0	0.0	25.0	0.0	0.0	
Missing data	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	3	0	0	0	39	59	69	58	5	6	4	1		
	Unable to Determine				2009	Two or More Races				2009	Missing Data			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	11.1	26.1	20.8	16.7	2.1	0.0	5.7	0.0	0.0	
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	22.2	0.0	20.8	3.3	4.2	4.5	2.9	2.8	0.0	
Reunification	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	38.9	47.8	37.5	50.0	87.5	84.1	88.6	97.2	0.0	
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	27.8	26.1	20.8	30.0	6.3	11.4	2.9	0.0	0.0	
Missing data	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	4	2	2	1	18	23	24	30	48	44	35	36		

¹⁴ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Less than 12 mos.	68.8	73.5	62.4	58.5
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	18.3	13.9	18.5	23.5
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	6.4	5.7	10.0	8.4
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	2.4	1.9	1.8	5.6
48 or more mos.	3.7	4.6	7.3	4.0
Missing data	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.0
Number	327	366	399	323

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children entering care for the first time	79.3	84.1	80.9	76.5
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	9.5	7.1	8.6	8.9
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	10.8	8.7	10.2	14.6
Missing data	0.5	0.0	0.4	0.0
Number	622	743	561	485

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Foster Care File)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Less than 12 mos.	0.9	0.8	0.0	0.9
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	4.7	6.2	8.4	13.9
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	23.4	29.2	21.5	19.1
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	20.6	30.0	21.5	28.7
48 or more mos.	50.5	33.8	48.6	37.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	107	130	107	115

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Foster Care File)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care (%)

	In Care Less Than 12 Months				In Care at Least 12 Months but Less Than 24 Months				In Care for 24 Months or Longer				Missing Time in Care			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children with 2 or fewer placements	78.0	80.2	81.6	80.3	55.2	53.8	58.1	54.6	21.5	22.5	22.1	23.1	0.0	80.0	0.0	0.0
Children with 3 or more placements	20.7	19.3	17.9	19.4	44.8	46.0	41.9	45.4	78.0	77.2	77.6	76.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	1.3	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.3	100.0	20.0	0.0	0.0
Number	699	793	652	532	509	437	451	394	1,611	1,603	1,500	1,353	1	5	0	0

7. Reduce Placement of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Foster Care File)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During the Fiscal Year and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Group homes	11.9	10.5	9.5	7.0
Institutions	0.6	1.0	0.7	1.0
Other settings	85.8	86.4	89.3	90.1
Missing data	1.7	2.1	0.5	1.8
Number	471	572	421	383

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews¹⁵ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score¹⁷	92.7	114.7	104.4	92.3
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	63.5	66.3	54.5	51.9
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	7.1	7.8	10.5	11.4
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	28.1	29.7	42.8	28.0
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	22.3	12.1	11.9	13.8

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	71.0	91.4	80.3	99.3
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	5.8	6.9	8.5	14.9
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	46.9	40.4	47.3	43.9
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	10.1	13.5	13.0	15.0
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year? ¹⁸	3.5	5.1	4.3	5.4
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	76.7	85.5	83.1	95.3

Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time¹⁹

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	95.2	108.6	96.5	111.2
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	15.8	20.2	25.5	28.7
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	100.0	100.0	99.0	100.0
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	64.7	54.1	75.0	62.0

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	83.8	84.9	87.6	86.8
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	76.4	77.6	78.9	78.0
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	55.7	54.4	58.1	55.5
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	26.1	28.3	28.4	30.8

¹⁵ Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the state did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

¹⁶ Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 includes a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

¹⁷ Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website (<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/resource/data-indicators-second-round-of-cfsrs>).

¹⁸ Legally free means that there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father. This calculation excludes children who, by the end of the first 6 months of the fiscal year, had discharged from foster care to reunification, living with relative, or guardianship.

¹⁹ A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

²⁰ The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

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STATE COMMENT

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The following are the District of Columbia's comments on the state data presented in *Child Welfare Outcomes 2009–2012: Report to Congress*.

Under new leadership in 2012, the DC Child and Family Services Agency (CFSA) and the local child-serving community developed and rallied around a strategic child welfare framework known as the Four Pillars. Each pillar represents an area ripe for improvement and features a values-based foundation, set of evidence-based strategies, and series of specific targets that indicate better outcomes for children and families.

For many years, the District had a broad front door and narrow back door, leaving children lingering in foster care. The Four Pillars strategies employ best practices and innovative solutions to reverse these realities while also improving quality.

The values behind the **Front Door** are more children growing up with their families and removals for safety only and as the last resort. When we have to remove, we seek to place with relatives first. We have implemented a Differential Response model that includes traditional investigation of high-risk reports and a non-adversarial family assessment for most reports of neglect. **Mirroring the national trend, the foster care population in the District declined by 15% between the end of FY2011 and the end of FY2012.**

The pillar of **Temporary Safe Haven** motivates us to ensure that foster care is a good but interim place for children to live while we work to get them back to a permanent home as quickly as possible. In light of the declining foster care population and emphasis on placement with kin, CFSA right sized family-based foster care and congregate care contracts for FY2013. The number of children placed with relatives increased 4% between FY2012-2013. The District has steadily reduced the percentage of children in group homes for many years, including an additional 5% drop in FY2012.

The **Well Being** pillar stands for every child's right to a nurturing environment that supports healthy growth and development, good physical and mental health, and academic achievement. Institutions don't make good parents. But when we must bring children into care for their safety, this pillar calls on the public agency to be the best parents we can. CFSA has developed a series of internal indicators regarding child and youth health and academic achievement that we track quarterly and report to the public.

The **Exit to Permanence** pillar is about ensuring that every child and youth leaves foster care as quickly as possible for a safe, permanent home or life-long connection and that older youth in care master the skills to succeed as adults. We have moved away from a one-size-fits-all approach to tailoring responses to the needs of distinct groups such as youth headed for college or teen parents. We have also gathered an array of community programs that help youth with academic achievement, employment, and financial literacy. Children exiting foster care to adoption, guardianship, or reunification increased from 72% to 82%. Percentage of youth aging out decreased from 24% to 18%.

Florida

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total children under 18 years	4,057,773	3,997,478	3,998,786	4,002,480
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Asian	2.4	2.5	2.5	2.6
Black	19.9	20.6	20.5	20.4
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	26.4	27.7	28.1	28.5
White	48.4	45.9	45.3	44.9
Two or more races	2.5	3.0	3.2	3.3
Child population in poverty (%)	21.3	23.5	24.9	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Child maltreatment victims	45,841	50,239	51,920	53,341
Foster care entry rate per 1,000	3.4	3.6	3.9	3.9
Children in foster care on 9/30	19,446	18,865	19,838	19,620
Children adopted	3,735	3,391	2,945	3,276

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	94
Numerator	N/A	N/A	N/A	207,783
Denominator	N/A	N/A	N/A	220,413
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	98
Numerator	N/A	N/A	N/A	203,268
Denominator	N/A	N/A	N/A	207,783

B. Child Maltreatment Data (National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System [NCANDS] Unique Counts)⁶

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2009		2010		2011		2012	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children who received a Child Protective Services response for an allegation of child maltreatment	274,267	67.6 per 1,000	269,689	67.5 per 1,000	291,929	73.0 per 1,000	293,839	73.4 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims	45,841	11.3 per 1,000	50,239	12.6 per 1,000	51,920	13.0 per 1,000	53,341	13.3 per 1,000
Child fatalities	156	3.8 per 100,000	180	4.5 per 100,000	133	3.3 per 100,000	179	4.5 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	13.3	13.5	12.9	13.1
1 year	9.1	8.7	8.6	7.8
2 years	8.4	8.6	8.3	7.9
3 years	7.3	7.7	7.9	7.5
4 years	6.6	6.7	7.0	7.5
5 years	6.3	6.3	6.5	7.0
6 years	5.5	5.7	5.9	6.0
7 years	5.3	5.1	5.3	5.6
8 years	5.1	4.8	4.7	5.1
9 years	4.4	4.8	4.8	4.5
10 years	4.2	4.4	4.5	4.1
11 years	4.0	3.7	4.1	4.3
12 years	3.7	3.8	3.7	3.8
13 years	3.6	3.5	3.6	3.7
14 years	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5
15 years	3.7	3.5	3.3	3.4
16 years	3.2	3.0	3.0	3.0
17 years	2.5	2.4	2.3	2.3
18+ years	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1
Missing data	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Number	45,841	50,239	51,920	53,341

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2
Asian	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
Black	29.6	29.7	29.6	29.4
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	15.3	17.0	17.8	17.2
White	49.8	47.9	46.6	47.2
Two or more races	2.9	3.1	3.4	3.6
Missing data	1.8	1.8	1.9	2.0
Number	45,841	50,239	51,920	53,341

¹ The source data for each table is indicated in parentheses for each section. A calendar year is the basis for data from the Census Bureau. Most of the other data on these pages are from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS) or the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) and are based on the Federal fiscal year, October 1 through September 30.

² The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau (<http://www.census.gov/popest/data/datasets.html>). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS). Child poverty data for 2012 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2010–2013 report.

³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

⁴ A child victim is defined as a child who is the subject of a maltreatment report for which the disposition is substantiated, indicated, or "alternative response victim." The rate for foster care entry is per 1,000 children in the state population. Data on child maltreatment victims are from NCANDS. Data on foster care entry rate, children in foster care on 9/30, and children adopted are from AFCARS.

⁵ As of 2012, there is a new methodology used to calculate the caseworker visits measures. Because the new methodology limits data comparisons with prior years, caseworker visits data from 2009 through 2011 are not included in this table. All states have the option of using an approved sampling procedure for the caseworker visits reporting requirement. See appendix C for more information on how these data are calculated and for a list of states using sampling methodology.

⁶ The unique count of child victims counts a child only once regardless of the number of times he or she was found to be a victim during the reporting year. This is a change from prior reports, and these data are now consistent with the reporting practice in the Child Maltreatment reports.

⁷ The rates for Child Protective Services Responses and victims are per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18.

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)⁸

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Emotional abuse	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4
Medical neglect	2.3	2.1	2.2	2.3
Neglect	52.7	54.9	55.5	56.9
Physical abuse	10.5	10.6	10.3	10.5
Sexual abuse	4.7	4.6	4.6	4.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	56.2	52.3	51.1	50.0
Number	45,841	50,239	51,920	53,341

Response Time (in hours)⁹

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Mean	10.7	10.7	11.4	9.8
Median	<24	<24	<24	<24

C. Characteristics of Children in Foster Care

(Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System [AFCARS] Foster Care File)

Overview Foster Care Information

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total number	21,689	19,024	18,182	19,223	13,821	14,207	15,703	15,593	16,064	14,366	14,046	15,196	19,446	18,865	19,838	19,620
Median length of stay (months)	12.2	11.0	9.5	8.5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	12.4	12.0	11.3	11.2	11.3	9.5	8.5	9.4

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	7.5	8.1	8.4	8.2	19.0	18.8	17.1	17.8	4.7	5.3	5.0	4.8	8.0	8.5	8.2	8.5
1 year	9.8	9.5	9.7	9.8	9.2	8.9	9.2	8.2	10.0	9.7	9.5	9.2	9.7	9.7	9.9	9.8
2 years	8.3	8.6	8.9	9.0	8.2	8.4	8.0	7.9	9.7	9.6	9.4	9.1	8.8	9.0	9.0	9.0
3 years	6.9	7.0	7.7	8.0	6.9	7.7	7.4	7.0	7.9	8.2	8.1	8.4	7.2	7.7	8.0	7.7
4 years	6.1	6.2	6.7	7.1	6.1	6.1	6.8	6.8	7.0	7.1	7.6	7.8	6.2	6.5	7.1	7.1
5 years	5.2	5.6	5.3	6.0	5.4	5.6	5.6	6.6	6.1	6.3	6.1	6.9	5.6	5.3	6.0	6.7
6 years	4.9	4.8	5.1	5.1	4.8	5.1	5.3	5.4	5.5	5.6	5.5	5.7	4.7	5.1	5.0	5.6
7 years	4.7	4.2	4.2	4.7	4.4	4.5	4.7	4.6	5.4	4.9	5.0	5.3	4.2	4.3	4.7	4.7
8 years	4.3	4.0	4.2	4.1	4.2	4.2	4.1	4.7	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.8	4.0	4.1	4.0	4.4
9 years	4.1	4.0	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.8	4.1	4.0	4.2	4.1	4.3	4.6	4.0	3.8	3.8	3.9
10 years	3.7	3.8	3.6	3.8	3.5	3.6	3.9	3.4	4.0	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.8	3.6	3.8	3.4
11 years	3.5	3.6	3.5	3.4	3.2	3.0	3.2	3.6	3.4	3.5	3.6	3.6	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5
12 years	3.6	3.5	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.2	3.3	3.4	3.1	3.2	3.1	3.3	3.5	3.3	3.3	3.6
13 years	3.7	3.9	3.7	3.6	3.4	3.3	3.5	3.5	2.9	3.0	3.3	3.0	3.9	3.7	3.5	3.6
14 years	4.4	4.2	4.3	4.0	3.5	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.1	3.1	3.0	3.0	4.1	4.2	4.0	3.8
15 years	5.6	5.2	4.7	4.6	4.1	3.6	3.6	3.7	3.1	2.8	2.9	3.1	5.2	4.7	4.5	4.5
16 years	6.4	6.4	5.9	5.2	3.9	3.8	3.9	3.6	3.3	3.0	3.0	3.0	6.4	5.8	5.2	4.8
17 years	7.0	7.4	7.0	6.2	3.0	2.9	2.8	2.5	3.2	3.4	3.1	2.8	7.2	6.9	6.1	5.5
18 years	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.7	8.6	8.9	7.6	<.1	0.2	<.1	<.1
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0
20 years	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	0.0
Missing data	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)¹⁰

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2
Asian	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Black	37.9	36.3	34.4	33.1	32.5	31.3	30.7	30.0	35.4	33.9	32.2	31.9	36.2	34.3	33.0	31.6
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	12.2	13.5	14.0	14.3	13.1	13.8	14.5	14.6	12.4	13.4	14.3	14.5	12.7	13.8	14.2	14.4
White	45.9	45.4	46.5	47.2	49.3	49.3	48.8	49.4	48.1	47.6	47.7	48.0	46.5	46.7	47.4	48.3
Two or more races	3.3	4.0	4.5	4.7	3.9	4.7	4.9	4.9	3.4	4.2	4.8	4.7	3.6	4.4	4.7	4.9
Unable to determine	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4
Missing data	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0

⁸ These percentages are calculated against the number of unique victims. A child may have been the victim of more than one type of maltreatment, or the same type of maltreatment more than once. As a result, the total percentages both within and across maltreatment categories may exceed 100.

⁹ Response time is defined as the time between the report of suspected maltreatment and the first face-to-face contact with the alleged victim or with another person who can provide information on the allegation.

¹⁰ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

D. Characteristics of Children Waiting for Adoption¹¹ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total waiting children	6,665	5,037	4,994	5,182
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	3,589	2,873	3,026	3,397

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	3.6	3.4	3.2	3.4
1 year	8.9	8.8	9.6	10.0
2 years	8.9	8.6	9.0	9.8
3 years	7.8	7.3	7.8	7.6
4 years	6.8	6.2	6.9	6.9
5 years	6.1	5.5	6.3	5.7
6 years	4.9	5.1	4.7	5.8
7 years	4.3	3.9	4.4	4.5
8 years	4.5	4.3	3.6	4.1
9 years	4.8	4.1	3.8	4.0
10 years	4.7	4.6	4.0	3.5
11 years	4.3	4.5	4.0	4.4
12 years	4.4	4.4	4.3	4.4
13 years	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.1
14 years	5.0	5.6	5.2	4.5
15 years	5.1	5.8	5.7	5.5
16 years	5.8	6.2	6.2	6.1
17 years	5.3	7.1	6.2	5.7

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹³

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.2	<.1	<.1	<.1
Asian	<.1	0.2	<.1	<.1
Black	39.5	38.9	37.5	33.7
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	11.8	12.5	13.5	12.9
White	44.5	43.5	44.3	47.6
Two or more races	3.6	4.6	4.4	5.3
Unable to determine	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total children adopted	3,735	3,391	2,945	3,276

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	2.7	2.9	2.4	2.4
1 year	12.5	12.1	13.3	12.2
2 years	15.4	13.8	13.7	13.3
3 years	11.7	10.9	10.6	10.6
4 years	8.3	9.0	9.6	9.3
5 years	7.4	8.0	6.8	8.7
6 years	6.7	6.8	6.6	6.3
7 years	5.8	5.6	5.6	5.2
8 years	4.8	4.9	4.5	4.5
9 years	4.0	4.1	4.5	4.3
10 years	3.9	4.8	4.1	3.8
11 years	3.5	3.8	3.7	3.2
12 years	2.6	2.8	3.2	3.0
13 years	2.4	2.8	2.8	3.2
14 years	2.4	2.2	2.2	3.0
15 years	2.1	1.7	1.8	2.0
16 years	2.0	2.0	2.5	2.5
17 years	1.6	1.5	1.7	1.9
18 years	0.1	0.3	0.4	0.4
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/Alaska Native	<.1	0.1	0.2	<.1
Asian	0.1	0.1	0.2	<.1
Black	31.1	32.7	29.2	28.3
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.1	<.1	<.1	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	11.0	13.6	13.0	13.4
White	53.2	48.6	51.5	52.4
Two or more races	4.2	4.5	5.6	5.7
Unable to determine	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

¹¹ There is no federal definition for a child waiting to be adopted. The definition used in the tables on this page includes children and youth through age 17 who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parents' parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A state's own definition may differ from that used here.

¹² Children older than 17 years fall outside of the definition used to identify waiting children and are therefore excluded from this table.

¹³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

Florida

OUTCOMES DATA

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect (NCANDS)

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children without a recurrence	93.0	92.8	92.8	92.8
Children with one or more recurrences	7.0	7.2	7.2	7.2
Number	22,992	25,320	25,912	27,133

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care (NCANDS and AFCARS Foster Care File)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.33	0.82	0.66	0.61
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.67	99.18	99.34	99.39
Number	35,510	33,231	33,885	34,816

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Foster Care File)

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	21.7	23.2	20.8	21.4
Guardianship	24.0	24.1	23.5	22.6
Reunification	45.0	43.1	46.1	47.3
Other	9.3	9.6	9.4	8.0
Missing data	<.1	0.0	0.2	0.7
Number	16,064	14,366	14,046	15,196

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	42.6	58.8	62.9	60.4
Guardianship	10.9	8.7	5.7	7.5
Reunification	22.2	13.4	13.5	17.3
Other	24.1	19.1	17.9	14.1
Missing data	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.6
Number	1,371	1,422	1,328	1,280

3.3 Exits of Children Older Than Age 12 at Entry Into Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	3.9	4.3	5.0	7.1
Guardianship	21.2	21.0	20.6	19.5
Reunification	35.8	33.9	35.8	36.7
Other	39.1	40.8	38.4	36.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.8
Number	2,823	2,529	2,500	2,609

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children age 12 or younger at entry	25.4	23.8	24.9	20.5
Children older than 12 at entry	74.6	76.2	75.1	79.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,472	1,347	1,267	1,178

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	American Indian/Alaska Native				2009	Asian				2009	Black			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	4.1	7.7	10.4	5.3	21.1	12.1	14.6	2.6	19.1	22.4	18.9	19.0		
Guardianship	18.4	34.6	22.9	28.9	31.6	18.2	6.3	12.8	25.2	23.2	22.3	20.8		
Reunification	69.4	51.9	64.6	50.0	42.1	60.6	56.3	66.7	43.2	41.7	45.8	49.2		
Other	8.2	5.8	2.1	13.2	5.3	9.1	22.9	15.4	12.4	12.8	12.8	10.4		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.6	<.1	0.0	0.2	0.6		
Number	49	52	48	38	19	33	48	39	5,682	4,876	4,525	4,846		
	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander				2009	Hispanic (of any race)				2009	White			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	44.4	75.0	22.2	0.0	19.7	23.4	18.9	19.8	23.8	23.8	22.5	23.4		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	11.1	50.0	19.7	18.2	18.9	18.6	24.2	26.6	26.0	24.9		
Reunification	33.3	25.0	55.6	50.0	52.1	49.5	53.5	52.9	44.2	41.6	43.5	44.4		
Other	22.2	0.0	11.1	0.0	8.5	8.9	8.6	8.3	7.8	8.1	7.9	6.6		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.4	<.1	0.0	0.1	0.8		
Number	9	4	9	4	1,986	1,929	2,005	2,204	7,721	6,833	6,702	7,299		
	Unable to Determine				2009	Two or More Races				2009	Missing Data			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	24.5	23.1	15.4	7.8	25.9	24.8	24.2	26.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	20.8	12.8	20.5	27.5	24.6	21.8	21.0	23.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	49.1	53.8	64.1	58.8	46.5	48.8	49.6	45.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	100.0		
Other	5.7	10.3	0.0	3.9	2.8	4.5	4.8	4.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0	0.2	0.0	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	53	39	39	51	544	600	670	714	1	0	0	1		

¹⁴ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Less than 12 mos.	71.2	73.5	75.3	74.2
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	20.9	20.9	20.0	21.2
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	5.1	3.7	3.3	3.5
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	1.8	1.0	0.8	0.6
48 or more mos.	1.0	0.8	0.6	0.5
Missing data	0.2	0.0	<.1	0.0
Number	7,227	6,191	6,479	7,189

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children entering care for the first time	75.2	76.5	77.7	77.8
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	9.3	8.3	7.3	7.8
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	14.7	14.5	14.6	14.1
Missing data	0.8	0.7	0.4	0.3
Number	13,821	14,207	15,703	15,593

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Foster Care File)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Less than 12 mos.	9.3	11.1	12.2	15.6
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	31.5	32.5	39.9	39.3
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	30.7	27.7	24.2	25.7
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	15.6	14.3	11.7	9.7
48 or more mos.	12.8	14.4	12.0	9.8
Missing data	0.1	0.0	<.1	0.0
Number	3,481	3,333	2,925	3,256

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Foster Care File)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care (%)

	In Care Less Than 12 Months				In Care at Least 12 Months but Less Than 24 Months				In Care for 24 Months or Longer				Missing Time in Care			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children with 2 or fewer placements	84.9	85.1	85.9	85.7	60.9	63.7	65.1	64.7	30.5	28.2	26.6	28.9	96.8	98.3	100.0	66.7
Children with 3 or more placements	14.7	14.4	13.7	13.7	39.0	36.3	34.8	35.3	69.3	71.6	73.3	71.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	<.1	3.2	1.7	0.0	33.3
Number	17,856	18,004	19,612	19,927	8,537	7,813	8,145	9,129	9,086	7,354	6,073	5,748	31	60	55	12

7. Reduce Placement of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Foster Care File)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During the Fiscal Year and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Group homes	2.7	3.7	4.0	4.3
Institutions	1.6	1.2	1.7	1.5
Other settings	95.7	95.1	94.3	94.2
Missing data	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1
Number	11,292	11,748	12,958	12,948

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews¹⁵ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score¹⁷	111.5	115.3	114.3	110.6
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	69.5	72.3	73.9	73.0
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	8.0	7.9	7.9	8.0
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	37.9	36.8	35.7	34.8
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	15.1	14.1	15.4	15.9

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	139.2	141.4	153.9	161.0
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	40.8	43.6	52.2	54.9
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	26.9	26.0	23.6	22.7
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	30.9	33.1	31.7	36.7
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year? ¹⁸	15.8	11.8	14.7	17.3
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	65.8	66.7	71.7	69.4

Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time¹⁹

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	126.7	129.0	127.0	139.8
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	36.7	36.3	33.6	37.7
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	90.7	91.9	91.0	93.3
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	44.4	43.8	41.6	34.8

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	93.3	94.0	94.3	95.2
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	84.7	85.0	85.7	85.8
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	60.9	63.6	64.9	64.7
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	30.6	28.2	26.6	28.9

¹⁵ Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the state did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

¹⁶ Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 includes a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

¹⁷ Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website (<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/resource/data-indicators-second-round-of-cfsrs>).

¹⁸ Legally free means that there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father. This calculation excludes children who, by the end of the first 6 months of the fiscal year, had discharged from foster care to reunification, living with relative, or guardianship.

¹⁹ A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

²⁰ The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

Florida

STATE COMMENT

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The following are Florida's comments on the state data presented in *Child Welfare Outcomes 2009–2012: Report to Congress*.

In October 2006 Florida implemented a statewide Title IV-E Waiver Demonstration Project, allowing our state to use federal Title IV-E foster care funds more broadly than otherwise would have been possible to promote child safety, prevent entry into the child welfare system and placement into foster care, and to expedite permanency. As a result, Florida has significantly reduced the number of children in foster care. However, although the number of children in foster care is still down nearly 33 percent from when the waiver was implemented in 2006, the number recently has increased.

Section A: The number and rate of children with verified maltreatment in Florida has increased, likely due to a number of factors including increased reporting in the wake of high profile child deaths and increases in substance misuse – particularly prescription drugs.

Section B: Overview Maltreatment Information Table: Florida investigates all allegations of child fatalities due to abuse or neglect, including drowning, unsafe sleep, and situations where there are no surviving siblings in the home. Some states do not investigate these types of fatalities. In Florida between 2008 and 2010, approximately half of child fatalities due to abuse or neglect involved drowning or unsafe sleep. A large number of reports received in FY2010 (27) were closed in FY2012. Twenty-three of the 27 reports were closed between 10/1/2011 and 11/30/2011. If these reports had been closed prior to 10/1/2011, the number reported for both FY2011 and FY2012 would have been closer to the number of reports in FY2009 (which was 156).

A review of the number of children who died due to verified abuse during the federal fiscal year (based on date of death) shows a decrease from 147 in FY2011 to 105 in FY2012. The discrepancy has more to do with how the data are collected and not when the deaths occurred.

Section C: As noted above, Section C shows some of Florida's success in reducing the number of children in foster care since 2006. This reduction also explains why the number of children exiting foster care has declined.

Composite Measures: Florida continues to show strong performance on nearly all adoptions measures.

C1.3: Declining scores on measure C1.3 likely are due to Florida's improvements in family preservation practices and programs. Florida's emphasis on family preservation has reduced the number of children removed from the home, thereby potentially reducing the proportion of children removed from the home for whom reunification is the appropriate permanency goal, or for whom permanency can be achieved quickly.

C2.4: During FY2009 and FY2010, data on termination of parental rights were incomplete, in part due to changes to Florida's SACWIS. Changes in this measure from FY2009 through FY2011 can be explained by changes in the completeness of these data.

Georgia

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total children under 18 years	2,583,792	2,491,348	2,486,405	2,490,125
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Asian	2.9	3.2	3.3	3.3
Black	32.1	33.8	33.6	33.5
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	12.6	12.7	13.1	13.5
White	49.9	47.2	46.7	46.3
Two or more races	2.3	2.9	3.0	3.1
Child population in poverty (%)	22.3	24.8	26.3	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Child maltreatment victims	23,249	19,976	18,541	18,752
Foster care entry rate per 1,000	2.2	2.2	2.6	2.5
Children in foster care on 9/30	8,221	7,023	7,633	7,697
Children adopted	1,397	1,196	1,056	900

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	99
Numerator	N/A	N/A	N/A	83,482
Denominator	N/A	N/A	N/A	84,701
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	91
Numerator	N/A	N/A	N/A	75,990
Denominator	N/A	N/A	N/A	83,482

B. Child Maltreatment Data (National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System [NCANDS] Unique Counts)⁶

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2009		2010		2011		2012	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children who received a Child Protective Services response for an allegation of child maltreatment	62,997	24.4 per 1,000	58,915	23.6 per 1,000	51,060	20.5 per 1,000	110,323	44.3 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims	23,249	9.0 per 1,000	19,976	8.0 per 1,000	18,541	7.5 per 1,000	18,752	7.5 per 1,000
Child fatalities	60	2.3 per 100,000	77	3.1 per 100,000	65	2.6 per 100,000	71	2.9 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	14.1	14.1	13.5	13.6
1 year	7.4	7.1	7.3	6.6
2 years	6.9	7.0	7.1	6.9
3 years	6.3	6.1	6.6	6.6
4 years	5.9	6.0	6.8	6.6
5 years	6.0	5.9	6.3	6.6
6 years	6.2	5.8	6.0	6.3
7 years	5.6	5.8	5.6	6.0
8 years	5.5	5.3	5.2	5.1
9 years	5.0	4.9	4.7	4.8
10 years	4.4	4.5	4.6	4.7
11 years	4.1	4.4	4.4	4.1
12 years	3.9	4.1	4.1	4.0
13 years	3.9	4.3	4.4	4.4
14 years	4.3	4.2	4.2	4.0
15 years	4.6	4.5	4.1	4.3
16 years	4.1	4.0	3.5	3.4
17 years	1.9	1.9	1.7	2.0
18+ years	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1
Missing data	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1
Number	23,249	19,976	18,541	18,752

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/ Alaska Native	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Asian	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4
Black	41.2	42.4	40.6	39.8
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	6.7	7.0	6.8	7.1
White	47.8	46.6	48.1	48.4
Two or more races	3.5	3.3	3.6	3.4
Missing data	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.8
Number	23,249	19,976	18,541	18,752

¹ The source data for each table is indicated in parentheses for each section. A calendar year is the basis for data from the Census Bureau. Most of the other data on these pages are from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS) or the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) and are based on the Federal fiscal year, October 1 through September 30.

² The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau (<http://www.census.gov/popest/data/datasets.html>). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS). Child poverty data for 2012 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2010-2013 report.

³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

⁴ A child victim is defined as a child who is the subject of a maltreatment report for which the disposition is substantiated, indicated, or "alternative response victim." The rate for foster care entry is per 1,000 children in the state population. Data on child maltreatment victims are from NCANDS. Data on foster care entry rate, children in foster care on 9/30, and children adopted are from AFCARS.

⁵ As of 2012, there is a new methodology used to calculate the caseworker visits measures. Because the new methodology limits data comparisons with prior years, caseworker visits data from 2009 through 2011 are not included in this table. All states have the option of using an approved sampling procedure for the caseworker visits reporting requirement. See appendix C for more information on how these data are calculated and for a list of states using sampling methodology.

⁶ The unique count of child victims counts a child only once regardless of the number of times he or she was found to be a victim during the reporting year. This is a change from prior reports, and these data are now consistent with the reporting practice in the Child Maltreatment reports.

⁷ The rates for Child Protective Services Responses and victims are per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18.

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)⁸

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Emotional abuse	20.8	24.8	24.5	23.3
Medical neglect	4.7	5.3	5.5	4.5
Neglect	69.1	64.0	66.5	68.3
Physical abuse	13.2	13.9	12.8	13.6
Sexual abuse	5.0	5.1	5.1	5.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	23,249	19,976	18,541	18,752

Response Time (in hours)⁹

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Mean	—	24.2	26.2	45.0
Median	—	<24	<24	<24

C. Characteristics of Children in Foster Care

(Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System [AFCARS] Foster Care File)

Overview Foster Care Information

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total number	9,967	7,865	6,793	7,386	5,737	5,466	6,406	6,217	7,483	6,308	5,566	5,911	8,221	7,023	7,633	7,697
Median length of stay (months)	15.6	13.8	12.5	9.7	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	13.6	11.9	11.0	10.4	13.7	12.4	9.5	10.9

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	7.0	7.1	6.8	7.5	18.1	16.6	15.9	16.3	5.3	5.8	6.4	5.9	6.9	6.8	7.4	7.4
1 year	8.0	8.6	8.3	8.5	8.1	7.0	7.6	7.2	8.5	8.5	7.9	8.2	8.6	8.2	8.4	8.2
2 years	7.4	7.3	7.5	7.1	6.8	6.7	7.1	6.3	8.2	7.8	7.6	7.2	7.4	7.4	7.2	7.5
3 years	5.7	6.2	6.7	6.7	5.3	6.0	6.2	6.7	6.8	6.8	7.7	7.2	6.3	6.7	6.8	6.8
4 years	5.3	4.9	5.5	6.3	5.5	5.0	6.3	5.9	5.7	5.6	6.1	6.4	4.9	5.4	6.3	6.4
5 years	4.7	4.4	4.4	5.4	4.3	4.5	4.9	5.1	5.2	5.1	4.9	5.6	4.6	4.5	5.5	5.7
6 years	4.4	4.4	4.0	4.5	4.3	4.6	5.1	5.3	4.4	4.7	4.6	5.2	4.4	4.1	4.5	5.2
7 years	4.6	4.1	4.2	4.6	3.7	4.3	4.4	4.9	4.5	4.4	4.1	4.5	4.1	4.2	4.5	4.8
8 years	4.2	4.3	3.8	4.1	4.3	3.5	4.1	4.0	4.6	4.4	3.9	4.3	4.3	3.8	4.2	4.6
9 years	4.0	4.0	3.8	4.2	3.8	3.7	3.9	3.6	4.1	3.7	3.3	3.9	3.9	3.8	4.1	4.0
10 years	4.0	3.9	3.8	4.1	3.6	3.5	3.7	3.9	3.9	3.6	3.7	4.1	3.9	3.9	4.1	3.9
11 years	4.0	3.7	3.9	4.0	3.6	3.5	4.0	3.2	3.8	3.6	3.7	3.7	3.8	3.8	4.0	3.7
12 years	3.9	4.0	4.3	4.1	3.5	4.1	3.9	3.9	3.5	3.4	3.8	3.5	3.9	4.3	4.1	3.9
13 years	4.3	4.4	4.7	4.5	4.1	4.9	4.4	4.4	3.0	3.4	4.0	3.8	4.4	4.8	4.5	4.5
14 years	5.5	5.2	5.7	5.1	4.6	5.7	5.3	5.0	3.7	4.3	4.6	4.0	5.2	5.9	5.1	5.1
15 years	6.8	6.8	5.9	6.0	6.9	6.0	5.0	5.6	4.9	5.0	4.6	4.8	6.8	5.9	6.0	6.0
16 years	8.2	8.5	7.9	6.2	6.4	7.1	5.6	5.5	5.6	5.8	4.9	4.8	8.4	8.0	6.3	6.4
17 years	8.1	8.1	8.7	7.1	3.0	3.4	2.5	3.0	9.7	7.2	4.9	6.8	8.1	8.6	7.0	6.0
18 years	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	4.6	7.0	9.3	5.9	0.2	0.0	<.1	0.0
19 years	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	0.0
20 years	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	0.0
Missing data	0.0	<.1	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

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)¹⁰

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/ Alaska Native	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Asian	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1
Black	48.3	47.6	46.4	44.9	45.6	45.6	43.5	44.9	47.3	47.4	45.0	44.5	47.4	46.3	45.0	45.2
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	6.8	7.2	7.4	6.7	8.7	8.2	7.1	6.8	8.0	7.9	8.4	7.0	7.1	7.3	6.4	6.5
White	39.7	40.2	40.7	42.3	41.0	40.9	44.7	43.3	39.6	39.7	41.8	42.6	40.7	41.3	43.3	42.8
Two or more races	4.8	4.6	5.3	6.0	4.0	4.9	4.2	4.6	4.7	4.5	4.3	5.5	4.3	4.9	5.1	5.3
Unable to determine	0.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	0.3	<.1	0.2	0.2	<.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.3	<.1	<.1	<.1
Missing data	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	0.0

⁸ These percentages are calculated against the number of unique victims. A child may have been the victim of more than one type of maltreatment, or the same type of maltreatment more than once. As a result, the total percentages both within and across maltreatment categories may exceed 100.

⁹ Response time is defined as the time between the report of suspected maltreatment and the first face-to-face contact with the alleged victim or with another person who can provide information on the allegation.

¹⁰ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

D. Characteristics of Children Waiting for Adoption¹¹ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total waiting children	1,841	1,724	1,585	1,661
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	872	838	845	902

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	3.4	4.6	3.3	4.2
1 year	7.0	8.4	7.3	7.0
2 years	7.6	7.4	7.3	7.4
3 years	6.6	7.1	6.9	6.4
4 years	5.3	6.1	7.1	6.6
5 years	4.9	5.3	5.9	5.8
6 years	6.2	4.5	4.9	6.2
7 years	5.6	4.6	5.0	4.7
8 years	6.0	4.8	4.9	5.5
9 years	5.4	4.6	5.3	4.5
10 years	5.6	5.5	5.7	4.4
11 years	5.6	5.7	4.6	5.1
12 years	5.3	4.9	5.3	5.2
13 years	6.1	6.0	5.6	5.9
14 years	5.3	6.1	6.3	5.4
15 years	6.0	5.7	6.7	6.1
16 years	4.5	5.2	3.9	6.0
17 years	3.5	3.6	4.1	3.7

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹³

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Asian	0.5	0.1	<.1	<.1
Black	43.7	40.9	42.5	40.2
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	8.0	8.8	8.2	8.0
White	42.4	44.8	44.1	46.0
Two or more races	5.2	5.4	5.0	5.7
Unable to determine	0.1	<.1	0.1	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total children adopted	1,397	1,196	1,056	900

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	1.5	1.7	2.1	2.6
1 year	10.5	10.8	11.7	11.6
2 years	13.5	12.4	13.4	13.6
3 years	11.7	8.9	11.8	10.6
4 years	8.4	8.3	9.4	9.8
5 years	7.9	6.4	7.0	8.9
6 years	4.9	7.3	4.8	6.0
7 years	5.4	6.3	4.6	4.8
8 years	5.5	6.9	5.0	4.9
9 years	5.5	4.8	4.3	5.0
10 years	4.8	4.1	5.0	4.4
11 years	3.9	5.1	4.1	4.6
12 years	3.5	3.7	3.7	2.2
13 years	2.6	4.1	3.0	3.0
14 years	2.7	3.0	3.0	3.0
15 years	2.7	2.2	3.0	1.7
16 years	2.4	2.0	2.1	2.3
17 years	2.1	1.7	1.6	1.1
18 years	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.1
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/Alaska Native	—	—	0.0	0.0
Asian	—	—	<.1	0.1
Black	—	—	34.8	32.9
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	—	—	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	—	—	9.1	9.1
White	—	—	46.8	47.4
Two or more races	—	—	9.2	10.3
Unable to determine	—	—	<.1	0.1
Missing data	—	—	0.0	0.0

¹¹ There is no federal definition for a child waiting to be adopted. The definition used in the tables on this page includes children and youth through age 17 who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parents' parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A state's own definition may differ from that used here.

¹² Children older than 17 years fall outside of the definition used to identify waiting children and are therefore excluded from this table.

¹³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

Georgia

OUTCOMES DATA

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect (NCANDS)

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children without a recurrence	97.8	97.2	96.8	96.7
Children with one or more recurrences	2.2	2.8	3.2	3.3
Number	11,601	10,351	8,774	10,114

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care (NCANDS and AFCARS Foster Care File)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children maltreated while in foster care	—	—	—	—
Children not maltreated while in foster care	—	—	—	—
Number	—	—	—	—

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Foster Care File)

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	17.4	18.4	18.5	14.9
Guardianship	7.6	7.2	6.3	5.3
Reunification	63.2	63.0	63.1	68.7
Other	11.5	11.5	12.2	11.0
Missing data	0.3	<.1	0.0	0.0
Number	7,483	6,308	5,566	5,911

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	21.6	25.7	23.4	19.8
Guardianship	7.3	7.0	6.6	5.9
Reunification	49.9	47.5	51.3	57.2
Other	21.2	19.8	18.6	17.1
Missing data	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0
Number	2,568	2,355	2,672	2,523

3.3 Exits of Children Older Than Age 12 at Entry Into Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	2.2	1.9	2.1	1.8
Guardianship	8.0	7.8	6.6	6.3
Reunification	56.4	60.1	58.0	59.9
Other	33.3	30.1	33.3	31.9
Missing data	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,718	1,548	1,369	1,437

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children age 12 or younger at entry	26.7	28.5	25.1	17.5
Children older than 12 at entry	73.3	71.5	74.9	82.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2
Number	708	571	533	485

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	American Indian/Alaska Native				2009	Asian				2009	Black			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	11.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	31.8	6.7	7.1	13.4	14.7	14.3	11.0		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	60.0	0.0	10.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.9	8.6	6.4	5.8		
Reunification	66.7	50.0	40.0	0.0	70.0	63.6	93.3	92.9	64.6	64.2	65.1	69.7		
Other	22.2	50.0	0.0	100.0	5.0	4.5	0.0	0.0	13.0	12.5	14.1	13.5		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	15.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	9	2	5	1	20	22	15	14	3,537	2,987	2,503	2,628		

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander				2009	Hispanic (of any race)				2009	White			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	16.5	21.4	20.2	19.5	21.2	21.5	20.6	16.6		
Guardianship	33.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.2	7.0	4.3	3.9	6.7	5.5	6.6	5.2		
Reunification	66.7	100.0	50.0	0.0	68.4	61.9	66.5	66.5	61.0	61.9	61.7	68.6		
Other	0.0	0.0	50.0	0.0	8.7	9.6	9.0	10.1	10.7	11.0	11.2	9.6		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	3	1	2	0	595	501	465	415	2,963	2,504	2,329	2,521		

	Unable to Determine				2009	Two or More Races				2009	Missing Data			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	14.3	0.0	14.3	0.0	27.8	23.0	39.2	28.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	12.5	4.9	8.5	4.6	4.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	85.7	100.0	85.7	87.5	57.9	60.4	47.9	63.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.6	8.1	8.3	4.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	7	8	7	8	349	283	240	324	0	0	0	0		

¹⁴ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Less than 12 mos.	61.8	69.7	74.5	73.7
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	24.9	21.6	18.6	20.7
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	8.7	4.8	4.0	3.7
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	2.7	2.0	1.2	1.1
48 or more mos.	1.7	1.8	1.5	0.8
Missing data	<.1	0.2	0.1	<.1
Number	4,730	3,973	3,513	4,063

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children entering care for the first time	87.7	81.8	85.3	83.6
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	4.6	6.7	5.9	6.9
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	6.4	10.4	8.6	9.3
Missing data	1.2	1.1	0.1	<.1
Number	5,737	5,466	6,406	6,217

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Foster Care File)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Less than 12 mos.	3.6	3.0	4.9	5.3
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	23.0	25.5	29.1	34.2
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	30.5	27.1	33.1	29.1
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	20.7	19.7	15.3	18.2
48 or more mos.	22.2	24.7	17.7	13.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,300	1,158	1,028	883

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Foster Care File)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care (%)

	In Care Less Than 12 Months				In Care at Least 12 Months but Less Than 24 Months				In Care for 24 Months or Longer				Missing Time in Care			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children with 2 or fewer placements	74.4	75.4	80.5	80.2	52.8	47.9	55.1	57.1	27.2	25.7	27.5	30.0	76.7	81.6	92.0	85.7
Children with 3 or more placements	23.6	23.5	18.4	18.6	47.1	51.8	44.8	42.9	72.7	74.3	72.2	69.9	16.7	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	2.0	1.1	1.1	1.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.3	<.1	6.7	18.4	8.0	14.3
Number	7,181	6,644	7,423	7,553	3,639	3,005	2,846	3,514	4,854	3,644	2,905	2,529	30	38	25	7

7. Reduce Placement of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Foster Care File)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During the Fiscal Year and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Group homes	1.0	0.7	0.7	0.3
Institutions	4.5	4.2	4.3	3.9
Other settings	94.5	95.0	95.0	95.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	4,208	3,932	4,888	4,700

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews¹⁵ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score¹⁷	122.8	127.4	127.0	124.1
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	58.2	66.4	70.6	69.7
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	10.7	9.0	7.4	8.8
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	46.3	44.7	46.3	44.8
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	3.5	6.1	8.9	10.1

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	104.0	119.0	125.9	123.4
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	26.6	28.6	34.0	39.5
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	32.1	33.1	29.0	27.2
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	27.4	30.5	31.1	29.6
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year? ¹⁸	8.1	9.6	12.5	10.5
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	55.3	66.7	60.6	61.8

Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time¹⁹

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	123.6	129.2	131.0	133.6
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	37.7	38.7	36.8	35.8
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	92.5	92.6	94.9	94.5
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	48.8	47.8	43.8	36.6

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	81.0	77.8	85.6	87.2
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	73.8	73.4	79.4	79.2
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	52.8	48.2	54.9	57.1
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	27.2	25.7	27.6	30.0

¹⁵ Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the state did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

¹⁶ Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 includes a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

¹⁷ Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website (<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/resource/data-indicators-second-round-of-cfsrs>).

¹⁸ Legally free means that there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father. This calculation excludes children who, by the end of the first 6 months of the fiscal year, had discharged from foster care to reunification, living with relative, or guardianship.

¹⁹ A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

²⁰ The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

Hawaii

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total children under 18 years	290,361	304,365	304,215	303,011
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.2
Asian	26.9	26.1	25.6	25.1
Black	4.1	1.4	1.7	1.9
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	10.3	12.4	12.2	12.0
Hispanic (of any race)	15.0	14.9	15.4	15.7
White	18.8	13.1	13.3	13.4
Two or more races	24.5	31.8	31.6	31.7
Child population in poverty (%)	13.8	13.9	17.0	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Child maltreatment victims	2,007	1,744	1,346	1,398
Foster care entry rate per 1,000	4.5	3.2	3.3	3.5
Children in foster care on 9/30	1,506	1,227	1,117	1,101
Children adopted	279	216	198	186

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	78
Numerator	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,928
Denominator	N/A	N/A	N/A	2,459
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	63
Numerator	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,206
Denominator	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,928

B. Child Maltreatment Data (National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System [NCANDS] Unique Counts)⁶

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2009		2010		2011		2012	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children who received a Child Protective Services response for an allegation of child maltreatment	5,106	17.6 per 1,000	4,782	15.7 per 1,000	3,329	10.9 per 1,000	3,800	12.5 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims	2,007	6.9 per 1,000	1,744	5.7 per 1,000	1,346	4.4 per 1,000	1,398	4.6 per 1,000
Child fatalities	3	1.0 per 100,000	2	0.7 per 100,000	2	0.7 per 100,000	3	1.0 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	13.9	13.2	15.8	14.9
1 year	7.9	6.8	7.2	7.4
2 years	6.9	6.7	6.5	6.3
3 years	5.7	6.6	7.2	7.3
4 years	7.0	7.0	6.8	5.9
5 years	5.9	5.0	6.9	7.0
6 years	5.4	5.4	6.2	5.6
7 years	4.3	4.8	4.2	5.3
8 years	4.9	5.4	3.0	4.5
9 years	4.2	4.8	3.7	4.0
10 years	5.0	4.8	3.7	3.7
11 years	4.4	4.1	3.8	3.8
12 years	4.2	4.0	4.2	4.6
13 years	4.3	4.8	4.2	5.7
14 years	4.8	4.5	5.3	3.6
15 years	4.0	4.2	4.1	3.7
16 years	3.6	3.7	4.0	3.5
17 years	3.0	3.7	2.8	2.9
18+ years	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.3	0.2	0.5	0.3
Number	2,007	1,744	1,346	1,398

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/ Alaska Native	<.1	0.3	<.1	<.1
Asian	12.0	9.4	9.4	10.8
Black	1.7	1.1	2.1	1.6
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	16.9	18.8	17.8	17.7
Hispanic (of any race)	3.5	3.1	1.9	2.6
White	11.7	11.0	11.0	14.7
Two or more races	41.0	40.7	43.3	45.2
Missing data	13.1	15.6	14.4	7.2
Number	2,007	1,744	1,346	1,398

¹ The source data for each table is indicated in parentheses for each section. A calendar year is the basis for data from the Census Bureau. Most of the other data on these pages are from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS) or the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) and are based on the Federal fiscal year, October 1 through September 30.

² The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau (<http://www.census.gov/popest/data/datasets.html>). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS). Child poverty data for 2012 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2010-2013 report.

³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

⁴ A child victim is defined as a child who is the subject of a maltreatment report for which the disposition is substantiated, indicated, or "alternative response victim." The rate for foster care entry is per 1,000 children in the state population. Data on child maltreatment victims are from NCANDS. Data on foster care entry rate, children in foster care on 9/30, and children adopted are from AFCARS.

⁵ As of 2012, there is a new methodology used to calculate the caseworker visits measures. Because the new methodology limits data comparisons with prior years, caseworker visits data from 2009 through 2011 are not included in this table. All states have the option of using an approved sampling procedure for the caseworker visits reporting requirement. See appendix C for more information on how these data are calculated and for a list of states using sampling methodology.

⁶ The unique count of child victims counts a child only once regardless of the number of times he or she was found to be a victim during the reporting year. This is a change from prior reports, and these data are now consistent with the reporting practice in the Child Maltreatment reports.

⁷ The rates for Child Protective Services Responses and victims are per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18.

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)⁸

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Emotional abuse	0.5	0.5	0.9	0.6
Medical neglect	1.7	1.3	1.2	1.1
Neglect	15.4	12.0	16.9	14.9
Physical abuse	9.6	11.6	13.6	13.9
Sexual abuse	3.8	5.2	6.5	5.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	94.9	96.3	86.4	80.4
Number	2,007	1,744	1,346	1,398

Response Time (in hours)⁹

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Mean	92.1	137.0	149.8	171.0
Median	>48 but<72	>48 but<72	>48 but<72	>48 but<72

C. Characteristics of Children in Foster Care

(Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System [AFCARS] Foster Care File)

Overview Foster Care Information

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total number	1,572	1,447	1,219	1,112	1,303	983	991	1,057	1,369	1,203	1,093	1,068	1,506	1,227	1,117	1,101
Median length of stay (months)	16.7	13.1	15.1	14.7	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	8.6	8.1	6.4	7.1	13.7	15.3	15.2	11.7

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	6.4	7.0	4.8	7.4	15.1	14.5	15.0	14.8	6.3	4.7	4.9	5.8	6.9	4.6	7.3	6.0
1 year	7.5	7.2	9.4	7.5	6.8	5.9	6.0	5.3	6.3	6.9	5.9	5.9	7.4	9.5	7.2	9.2
2 years	6.4	7.1	7.0	8.1	6.1	6.0	5.5	5.6	7.2	6.9	8.2	7.9	7.2	7.1	8.1	6.9
3 years	5.7	6.9	5.7	5.3	5.7	6.5	7.1	6.9	5.3	6.8	5.8	5.7	6.7	6.0	5.3	6.4
4 years	4.8	5.4	6.6	6.8	5.8	5.2	5.9	5.2	5.1	5.9	6.3	4.8	5.3	6.5	6.9	6.4
5 years	4.1	5.8	5.3	5.4	5.0	5.2	5.5	7.7	4.6	5.6	5.5	6.3	5.9	5.5	5.6	7.7
6 years	5.4	4.2	5.1	4.8	5.5	4.2	5.8	4.9	5.5	5.1	5.4	5.2	4.1	5.1	4.9	5.6
7 years	4.5	4.6	3.8	6.6	4.5	5.4	5.0	4.8	5.3	5.7	4.1	5.7	4.6	3.8	6.7	5.7
8 years	4.4	4.8	4.5	4.2	3.9	4.7	3.9	4.1	3.7	4.6	3.8	4.6	4.8	4.6	4.3	5.0
9 years	4.0	4.1	4.7	4.8	3.9	3.8	3.8	3.9	3.7	4.1	4.6	4.3	4.2	4.6	4.6	4.1
10 years	3.4	4.0	4.7	3.1	3.8	4.1	3.3	3.6	3.6	3.6	4.8	3.8	4.1	4.3	3.5	4.0
11 years	5.2	3.3	3.8	3.9	4.1	3.4	3.9	3.9	4.5	3.4	3.7	4.1	3.6	3.7	3.8	3.4
12 years	4.1	4.6	3.7	4.4	3.9	4.9	3.7	4.2	4.1	4.2	3.8	3.8	4.8	3.9	4.2	4.0
13 years	5.2	4.1	4.6	3.1	3.7	5.7	4.6	6.2	4.5	5.2	4.9	4.8	4.0	4.7	3.3	4.9
14 years	5.9	5.0	4.6	5.8	6.1	6.1	6.0	4.6	5.8	4.7	4.1	4.6	4.8	4.7	5.6	4.4
15 years	6.6	6.5	6.2	5.6	4.8	5.2	5.8	4.6	4.5	4.4	5.6	4.8	6.4	6.0	5.5	5.4
16 years	8.0	6.8	7.5	6.2	5.3	5.1	4.6	5.6	5.2	4.7	5.5	5.9	6.8	7.4	6.1	5.3
17 years	8.5	8.5	8.0	7.1	6.1	4.3	4.4	4.2	5.4	4.2	4.1	4.6	8.2	7.7	7.1	5.6
18 years	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.5	9.6	8.9	7.4	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0
20 years	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	0.0
Missing data	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	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)¹⁰

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/ Alaska Native	<.1	<.1	0.3	0.3	<.1	0.6	0.3	0.0	<.1	0.2	0.4	<.1	<.1	0.4	0.3	0.2
Asian	8.8	9.1	9.9	10.7	11.6	10.9	11.1	10.9	11.0	9.5	10.7	11.6	9.2	10.1	10.2	10.0
Black	1.2	1.2	1.5	1.3	2.7	2.1	2.0	0.9	2.6	1.9	2.2	2.0	1.2	1.3	1.3	0.3
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	20.9	19.8	18.8	17.6	17.3	19.8	18.3	23.2	18.2	20.6	19.1	17.7	20.3	19.1	18.0	22.9
Hispanic (of any race)	6.1	6.2	5.1	4.0	4.4	2.3	3.3	3.5	4.8	4.1	4.8	3.9	5.8	5.2	3.8	3.5
White	11.1	9.4	8.7	7.8	13.2	14.4	13.6	14.7	14.4	14.1	13.5	12.5	10.0	8.8	8.3	9.8
Two or more races	50.7	53.3	55.0	57.4	49.1	46.2	49.0	44.0	47.0	46.6	47.4	50.1	52.7	54.1	57.2	51.6
Unable to determine	1.0	0.9	0.7	1.0	1.5	2.2	2.3	2.8	1.5	1.9	1.9	2.1	0.9	1.0	0.9	1.7
Missing data	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.4	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

⁸ These percentages are calculated against the number of unique victims. A child may have been the victim of more than one type of maltreatment, or the same type of maltreatment more than once. As a result, the total percentages both within and across maltreatment categories may exceed 100.

⁹ Response time is defined as the time between the report of suspected maltreatment and the first face-to-face contact with the alleged victim or with another person who can provide information on the allegation.

¹⁰ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

D. Characteristics of Children Waiting for Adoption¹¹ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total waiting children	441	350	298	232
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	414	314	272	205

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	0.5	0.6	1.7	0.9
1 year	2.7	6.3	4.7	4.3
2 years	5.0	6.0	9.4	4.3
3 years	6.3	5.4	4.7	7.3
4 years	4.3	7.1	5.0	5.6
5 years	5.0	4.3	4.7	5.2
6 years	2.9	4.0	5.4	4.7
7 years	5.9	0.9	6.4	5.6
8 years	4.1	4.6	3.0	4.3
9 years	4.3	3.7	4.0	4.3
10 years	4.1	5.7	3.0	4.7
11 years	4.5	4.0	5.0	3.0
12 years	7.5	5.7	4.4	5.6
13 years	4.8	7.7	4.4	5.6
14 years	6.6	5.4	7.7	4.3
15 years	7.9	8.9	7.4	9.1
16 years	10.9	7.7	10.7	9.5
17 years	12.7	12.0	8.4	11.6

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹³

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.2	0.0	0.3	0.4
Asian	7.9	8.0	7.7	7.8
Black	1.4	1.4	1.3	0.0
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	22.2	18.9	22.1	21.1
Hispanic (of any race)	9.5	9.4	7.0	4.3
White	9.1	8.0	4.4	4.3
Two or more races	49.4	53.4	56.4	61.6
Unable to determine	0.2	0.9	0.7	0.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total children adopted	279	216	198	186

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	1.4	1.4	2.5	2.2
1 year	14.0	6.9	10.1	10.2
2 years	15.8	16.7	17.2	23.1
3 years	7.9	13.4	7.6	10.2
4 years	9.7	9.7	9.6	5.9
5 years	8.2	6.0	7.1	8.6
6 years	7.2	6.9	5.6	6.5
7 years	5.4	6.0	3.0	8.1
8 years	6.1	6.5	3.5	3.8
9 years	3.9	7.4	7.1	4.3
10 years	2.9	3.2	7.1	3.8
11 years	3.2	1.9	3.0	2.7
12 years	3.2	2.8	5.1	1.6
13 years	2.9	2.8	4.5	1.6
14 years	2.5	2.3	3.0	0.5
15 years	1.4	3.2	0.5	1.6
16 years	2.9	0.9	3.0	2.7
17 years	1.4	0.9	0.0	1.6
18 years	0.0	0.9	0.5	1.1
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0
Asian	8.6	6.9	11.1	10.2
Black	0.0	0.5	1.0	1.1
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	16.8	19.0	15.2	17.7
Hispanic (of any race)	6.5	9.3	9.6	4.8
White	11.8	7.9	8.1	4.8
Two or more races	54.8	55.6	53.0	61.3
Unable to determine	1.1	0.5	2.0	0.0
Missing data	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0

¹¹ There is no federal definition for a child waiting to be adopted. The definition used in the tables on this page includes children and youth through age 17 who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parents' parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A state's own definition may differ from that used here.

¹² Children older than 17 years fall outside of the definition used to identify waiting children and are therefore excluded from this table.

¹³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

Hawaii

OUTCOMES DATA

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect (NCANDS)

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children without a recurrence	96.1	97.6	97.6	98.1
Children with one or more recurrences	3.9	2.4	2.4	1.9
Number	942	1,018	674	727

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care (NCANDS and AFCARS Foster Care File)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.45	0.74	0.59	0.14
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.55	99.26	99.41	99.86
Number	2,875	2,430	2,210	2,169

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Foster Care File)

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	19.6	17.1	19.3	16.6
Guardianship	8.3	7.4	6.8	8.5
Reunification	60.1	64.3	63.9	65.8
Other	11.5	11.0	9.8	8.5
Missing data	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.6
Number	1,369	1,203	1,093	1,068

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	44.1	33.5	32.2	28.4
Guardianship	13.0	13.7	9.6	8.1
Reunification	28.3	32.6	40.9	45.2
Other	14.2	20.3	17.0	17.3
Missing data	0.4	0.0	0.4	1.0
Number	247	227	230	197

3.3 Exits of Children Older Than Age 12 at Entry Into Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	2.4	1.7	2.2	1.8
Guardianship	9.4	8.5	5.0	8.2
Reunification	59.8	61.4	66.3	67.1
Other	28.0	28.1	26.2	21.8
Missing data	0.3	0.3	0.4	1.1
Number	371	295	279	280

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children age 12 or younger at entry	30.1	32.8	26.3	28.6
Children older than 12 at entry	69.9	67.2	73.7	71.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	133	116	95	77

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	American Indian/Alaska Native				2009	Asian				2009	Black			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	0.0	50.0	0.0	0.0	15.9	12.3	21.4	14.5	0.0	4.3	12.5	9.5		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.0	9.6	6.0	5.6	5.6	8.7	4.2	0.0		
Reunification	100.0	50.0	75.0	100.0	60.3	64.9	64.1	68.5	88.9	82.6	62.5	76.2		
Other	0.0	0.0	25.0	0.0	17.9	12.3	8.5	11.3	5.6	4.3	20.8	14.3		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	1	2	4	1	151	114	117	124	36	23	24	21		
	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander				2009	Hispanic (of any race)				2009	White			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	15.7	15.7	11.5	16.4	28.8	38.8	36.5	21.4	15.2	9.4	10.8	6.7		
Guardianship	13.7	6.9	8.6	11.1	1.5	12.2	11.5	7.1	8.6	10.0	4.7	1.5		
Reunification	57.0	64.5	64.1	64.0	57.6	32.7	46.2	54.8	66.5	69.4	75.7	82.1		
Other	13.3	12.9	15.3	7.9	12.1	14.3	5.8	14.3	9.6	11.2	8.1	9.7		
Missing data	0.4	0.0	0.5	0.5	0.0	2.0	0.0	2.4	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.0		
Number	249	248	209	189	66	49	52	42	197	170	148	134		
	Unable to Determine				2009	Two or More Races				2009	Missing Data			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	14.3	4.3	19.0	0.0	24.0	20.5	23.2	20.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	4.8	0.0	4.8	4.5	7.8	6.4	6.6	10.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	66.7	82.6	76.2	90.9	57.4	63.3	61.6	61.1	100.0	84.6	0.0	0.0		
Other	9.5	13.0	0.0	4.5	10.4	9.6	8.5	7.3	0.0	15.4	0.0	0.0		
Missing data	4.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	21	23	21	22	643	561	518	535	5	13	0	0		

¹⁴ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Less than 12 mos.	86.1	82.1	84.1	80.8
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	9.6	12.3	11.2	13.9
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	2.6	4.4	3.3	4.4
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	1.5	0.8	0.6	0.6
48 or more mos.	0.2	0.4	0.9	0.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	823	773	698	703

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children entering care for the first time	74.8	77.1	78.2	75.8
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	9.3	8.5	7.3	8.9
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	15.6	14.0	13.6	15.3
Missing data	0.4	0.3	0.9	0.0
Number	1,303	983	991	1,057

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Foster Care File)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Less than 12 mos.	7.4	5.8	9.0	4.5
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	27.1	28.2	29.9	20.3
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	32.0	25.7	36.5	45.2
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	19.0	18.9	12.8	16.4
48 or more mos.	14.5	21.4	11.8	13.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	269	206	211	177

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Foster Care File)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care (%)

	In Care Less Than 12 Months				In Care at Least 12 Months but Less Than 24 Months				In Care for 24 Months or Longer				Missing Time in Care			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children with 2 or fewer placements	88.6	89.4	91.7	88.8	67.1	69.6	68.9	71.3	39.9	36.4	43.4	46.0	100.0	0.0	100.0	0.0
Children with 3 or more placements	10.2	9.3	7.5	9.8	32.4	29.7	31.1	28.7	60.1	63.6	56.6	54.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	1.2	1.3	0.8	1.3	0.5	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,496	1,183	1,115	1,189	550	585	488	443	825	662	606	537	4	0	1	0

7. Reduce Placement of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Foster Care File)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During the Fiscal Year and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Group homes	1.2	6.0	7.4	6.8
Institutions	1.6	2.8	2.7	1.0
Other settings	96.4	90.3	88.9	90.5
Missing data	0.8	1.0	0.9	1.6
Number	962	721	739	789

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews¹⁵ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score¹⁷	141.0	127.3	138.1	133.8
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	78.6	75.8	74.5	71.3
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	4.6	5.8	4.5	4.2
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	55.4	45.6	52.1	46.6
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	10.4	13.4	9.7	11.7

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	120.4	130.6	151.6	142.9
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	34.6	34.0	38.9	24.9
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	29.8	31.2	27.6	29.0
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	25.8	27.7	30.8	31.8
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year? ¹⁸	13.4	19.8	25.3	23.3
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	55.6	57.9	68.1	68.6

Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time¹⁹

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	119.8	121.6	124.3	135.9
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	34.6	36.6	36.8	40.8
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	83.4	83.9	85.1	89.7
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	46.4	47.9	44.9	41.8

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	102.2	102.7	106.7	107.1
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	86.7	88.6	90.0	87.3
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	67.5	69.8	68.9	71.3
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	39.9	36.4	43.1	46.0

¹⁵ Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the state did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

¹⁶ Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 includes a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

¹⁷ Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website (<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/resource/data-indicators-second-round-of-cfsrs>).

¹⁸ Legally free means that there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father. This calculation excludes children who, by the end of the first 6 months of the fiscal year, had discharged from foster care to reunification, living with relative, or guardianship.

¹⁹ A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

²⁰ The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

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CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total children under 18 years	419,190	428,790	427,808	426,653
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
American Indian/ Alaska Native	1.5	1.2	1.2	1.2
Asian	1.1	1.0	1.1	1.1
Black	1.4	0.8	0.8	0.8
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2
Hispanic (of any race)	16.4	17.1	17.3	17.5
White	76.8	76.9	76.5	76.2
Two or more races	2.7	2.9	2.9	3.1
Child population in poverty (%)	18.1	19.0	20.4	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Child maltreatment victims	1,571	1,609	1,470	—
Foster care entry rate per 1,000	2.9	3.2	2.9	2.5
Children in foster care on 9/30	1,451	1,483	1,368	1,257
Children adopted	353	313	259	271

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	98
Numerator	N/A	N/A	N/A	2,238
Denominator	N/A	N/A	N/A	2,283
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	82
Numerator	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,838
Denominator	N/A	N/A	N/A	2,238

B. Child Maltreatment Data (National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System [NCANDS] Unique Counts)⁶

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2009		2010		2011		2012	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children who received a Child Protective Services response for an allegation of child maltreatment	9,201	21.9 per 1,000	8,848	20.6 per 1,000	9,018	21.1 per 1,000	—	— per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims	1,571	3.7 per 1,000	1,609	3.8 per 1,000	1,470	3.4 per 1,000	—	— per 1,000
Child fatalities	4	1.0 per 100,000	2	0.5 per 100,000	3	0.7 per 100,000	—	— per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	15.2	13.5	14.1	—
1 year	7.0	7.7	7.3	—
2 years	8.1	6.8	7.3	—
3 years	5.5	7.3	7.6	—
4 years	6.4	5.4	5.6	—
5 years	5.2	5.9	5.9	—
6 years	5.3	6.0	4.8	—
7 years	4.9	6.0	5.7	—
8 years	5.3	5.2	4.7	—
9 years	3.9	5.2	4.7	—
10 years	4.8	3.3	4.1	—
11 years	4.5	4.1	3.6	—
12 years	3.6	4.2	5.4	—
13 years	4.3	3.7	4.9	—
14 years	4.1	4.7	3.7	—
15 years	5.0	4.0	4.6	—
16 years	4.5	4.2	3.4	—
17 years	2.1	2.5	2.4	—
18+ years	0.0	0.0	0.0	—
Missing data	0.1	0.1	0.1	—
Number	1,571	1,609	1,470	—

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/ Alaska Native	4.9	2.9	2.2	—
Asian	0.4	0.4	0.2	—
Black	1.3	1.1	2.1	—
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.1	0.1	0.0	—
Hispanic (of any race)	10.6	12.1	13.5	—
White	76.2	77.4	77.1	—
Two or more races	3.4	3.6	2.6	—
Missing data	2.9	2.4	2.2	—
Number	1,571	1,609	1,470	—

¹ The source data for each table is indicated in parentheses for each section. A calendar year is the basis for data from the Census Bureau. Most of the other data on these pages are from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS) or the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) and are based on the Federal fiscal year, October 1 through September 30.

² The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau (<http://www.census.gov/popest/data/datasets.html>). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS). Child poverty data for 2012 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2010–2013 report.

³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

⁴ A child victim is defined as a child who is the subject of a maltreatment report for which the disposition is substantiated, indicated, or "alternative response victim." The rate for foster care entry is per 1,000 children in the state population. Data on child maltreatment victims are from NCANDS. Data on foster care entry rate, children in foster care on 9/30, and children adopted are from AFCARS.

⁵ As of 2012, there is a new methodology used to calculate the caseworker visits measures. Because the new methodology limits data comparisons with prior years, caseworker visits data from 2009 through 2011 are not included in this table. All states have the option of using an approved sampling procedure for the caseworker visits reporting requirement. See appendix C for more information on how these data are calculated and for a list of states using sampling methodology.

⁶ The unique count of child victims counts a child only once regardless of the number of times he or she was found to be a victim during the reporting year. This is a change from prior reports, and these data are now consistent with the reporting practice in the Child Maltreatment reports.

⁷ The rates for Child Protective Services Responses and victims are per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18.

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)⁸

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Emotional abuse	<.1	0.6	0.2	—
Medical neglect	1.1	0.9	0.7	—
Neglect	74.9	79.6	75.9	—
Physical abuse	20.8	16.8	19.4	—
Sexual abuse	5.9	5.4	6.3	—
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	—
Other	8.6	6.8	7.2	—
Number	1,571	1,609	1,470	—

Response Time (in hours)⁹

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Mean	59.2	53.3	57.5	—
Median	>24 but<48	>24 but<48	>24 but<48	—

C. Characteristics of Children in Foster Care

(Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System [AFCARS] Foster Care File)

Overview Foster Care Information

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total number	1,691	1,423	1,426	1,330	1,206	1,388	1,229	1,082	1,446	1,328	1,287	1,155	1,451	1,483	1,368	1,257
Median length of stay (months)	12.9	11.9	9.1	9.7	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	11.3	9.5	10.0	10.8	11.9	9.2	9.7	10.1

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	6.3	6.3	5.3	6.7	13.0	12.4	12.5	13.1	3.9	5.1	4.0	4.1	6.1	5.3	6.5	6.4
1 year	7.9	9.4	8.4	6.2	8.2	8.3	8.1	8.3	6.2	7.9	7.5	7.9	9.6	8.8	6.2	8.0
2 years	8.7	7.5	7.4	9.5	8.4	7.1	7.7	6.9	9.5	8.7	6.8	8.3	7.6	7.6	9.5	6.2
3 years	7.6	7.4	6.5	8.3	5.1	6.3	7.5	8.1	7.7	8.3	8.0	9.5	7.3	6.5	8.3	8.4
4 years	6.7	5.6	5.5	6.5	5.6	5.0	5.9	6.7	7.1	6.0	6.1	6.9	5.7	5.7	6.6	6.9
5 years	5.9	5.6	4.8	4.8	4.2	5.7	5.5	5.8	6.4	6.1	4.7	6.5	5.4	4.8	4.8	5.9
6 years	5.2	5.1	5.0	4.8	5.1	5.3	4.6	4.6	5.4	5.9	5.6	4.8	5.2	5.0	4.8	4.9
7 years	4.7	4.8	5.0	5.2	4.6	5.5	5.5	4.3	5.0	5.3	5.1	3.9	4.8	5.1	5.3	5.0
8 years	4.4	4.9	5.2	4.7	4.5	5.5	4.7	5.5	3.8	5.9	5.7	5.8	5.1	4.9	4.7	5.4
9 years	3.8	4.3	4.3	3.3	3.9	4.8	4.0	3.3	4.3	4.1	4.4	3.8	4.3	4.3	3.5	4.5
10 years	4.0	3.3	5.6	3.8	4.9	3.2	4.5	3.4	5.0	2.8	5.1	3.4	3.3	5.5	3.9	3.2
11 years	3.1	3.5	3.8	5.3	3.4	4.0	3.1	3.7	2.7	3.5	4.1	4.2	3.7	3.7	5.3	3.9
12 years	4.5	4.1	4.8	3.4	3.6	4.5	4.9	3.5	3.9	3.5	4.9	3.3	3.9	4.9	3.4	4.4
13 years	4.8	4.6	4.4	5.1	4.6	4.2	5.0	4.2	4.1	3.2	3.9	3.9	4.5	4.4	5.1	4.0
14 years	3.7	4.7	4.7	5.1	5.0	3.8	4.1	5.3	4.3	4.1	4.1	3.8	4.8	4.5	5.0	5.7
15 years	5.9	5.2	5.3	4.3	6.1	4.8	4.6	4.4	4.8	3.8	4.0	4.3	5.0	5.1	4.2	5.5
16 years	5.9	7.0	6.2	6.1	6.1	5.7	4.1	5.2	4.7	5.2	4.3	4.4	7.0	6.4	6.1	5.5
17 years	6.8	6.8	7.7	7.0	3.7	3.9	3.9	3.5	4.2	3.5	5.2	4.8	6.8	7.6	6.9	5.8
18 years	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.2	7.0	6.5	6.3	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.5
19 years	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	0.0
20 years	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	0.0
Missing data	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	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)¹⁰

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/ Alaska Native	6.7	7.6	4.8	3.6	6.6	3.5	2.6	4.4	5.7	6.1	4.3	3.5	7.7	5.1	3.3	4.4
Asian	0.5	0.8	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.2	<.1	1.0	0.5	0.2	0.9	0.2	0.1	0.2
Black	2.2	2.1	2.5	3.1	1.2	1.8	2.1	1.1	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.8	2.1	2.4	3.0	2.5
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.1	0.3	0.4	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	15.5	13.1	14.0	16.2	13.1	13.8	14.4	13.0	16.0	13.2	12.5	15.0	13.0	13.7	15.7	14.6
White	69.1	69.5	72.4	72.1	74.1	75.1	77.2	78.3	72.3	71.8	76.3	76.1	70.1	72.7	73.0	73.7
Two or more races	5.8	6.5	6.0	4.3	4.4	5.0	2.5	2.0	4.3	5.9	4.5	2.4	6.1	5.6	4.2	4.1
Unable to determine	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	<.1	0.4	0.3	0.9	<.1	0.4	<.1	0.5	0.0	<.1	0.2	0.6
Missing data	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	0.0

⁸ These percentages are calculated against the number of unique victims. A child may have been the victim of more than one type of maltreatment, or the same type of maltreatment more than once. As a result, the total percentages both within and across maltreatment categories may exceed 100.

⁹ Response time is defined as the time between the report of suspected maltreatment and the first face-to-face contact with the alleged victim or with another person who can provide information on the allegation.

¹⁰ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

D. Characteristics of Children Waiting for Adoption¹¹ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total waiting children	510	394	341	280
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	403	303	278	191

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	1.4	1.5	5.6	3.6
1 year	9.4	8.4	4.7	10.0
2 years	7.8	8.6	11.4	5.4
3 years	7.8	7.6	7.9	8.6
4 years	8.2	6.6	7.0	7.1
5 years	8.0	5.6	5.6	4.6
6 years	5.3	7.4	4.1	5.0
7 years	5.5	4.8	5.6	6.4
8 years	4.9	5.1	5.3	4.6
9 years	6.3	5.3	3.5	5.4
10 years	4.1	8.4	3.8	2.9
11 years	3.5	3.8	8.5	3.6
12 years	4.3	3.3	3.8	8.6
13 years	4.5	5.3	6.2	3.6
14 years	5.1	5.1	6.2	7.5
15 years	5.1	5.3	3.8	6.8
16 years	5.7	4.3	4.4	3.2
17 years	2.9	3.6	2.6	3.2

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹³

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/Alaska Native	6.9	4.1	5.0	3.9
Asian	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Black	3.7	3.8	5.0	4.6
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.2	0.8	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	14.9	13.7	17.9	15.0
White	66.9	71.6	68.0	69.6
Two or more races	6.5	6.1	4.1	6.1
Unable to determine	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total children adopted	353	313	259	271

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	1.7	1.0	2.3	2.2
1 year	6.5	11.5	9.3	11.1
2 years	13.6	11.8	9.3	11.8
3 years	11.6	12.5	12.7	13.3
4 years	9.9	8.9	8.5	9.2
5 years	9.6	8.9	5.4	8.5
6 years	7.6	8.0	8.1	5.9
7 years	5.7	4.8	6.2	5.5
8 years	5.4	5.8	6.9	5.5
9 years	4.5	4.5	3.1	4.4
10 years	5.1	3.5	6.6	2.2
11 years	2.5	3.5	5.0	4.1
12 years	4.2	3.2	3.5	2.6
13 years	2.0	2.2	1.9	4.1
14 years	3.7	2.9	5.0	3.0
15 years	1.7	2.6	0.8	2.6
16 years	2.3	3.2	2.7	1.8
17 years	2.0	1.0	2.7	2.2
18 years	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.0
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/Alaska Native	7.9	5.8	3.1	2.6
Asian	1.1	1.6	0.0	0.0
Black	2.5	3.8	2.7	3.0
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.3	1.2	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	21.5	15.3	12.0	21.4
White	61.5	65.5	74.1	69.7
Two or more races	5.4	7.7	6.9	3.3
Unable to determine	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

¹¹ There is no federal definition for a child waiting to be adopted. The definition used in the tables on this page includes children and youth through age 17 who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parents' parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A state's own definition may differ from that used here.

¹² Children older than 17 years fall outside of the definition used to identify waiting children and are therefore excluded from this table.

¹³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

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OUTCOMES DATA

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect (NCANDS)

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children without a recurrence	96.6	97.0	96.7	—
Children with one or more recurrences	3.4	3.0	3.3	—
Number	785	796	736	—

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care (NCANDS and AFCARS Foster Care File)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.35	0.07	0.11	—
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.65	99.93	99.89	—
Number	2,897	2,811	2,655	—

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Foster Care File)

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	23.3	23.1	19.8	23.1
Guardianship	6.1	6.9	6.9	5.5
Reunification	61.2	61.1	63.5	62.1
Other	9.4	9.0	9.8	9.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,446	1,328	1,287	1,155

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	40.2	41.6	38.5	51.0
Guardianship	6.4	6.2	4.7	4.2
Reunification	38.8	37.6	38.1	29.0
Other	14.5	14.6	18.6	15.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	564	481	467	335

3.3 Exits of Children Older Than Age 12 at Entry Into Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	3.8	3.5	3.8	3.9
Guardianship	3.8	8.5	7.7	8.5
Reunification	60.9	56.9	59.2	57.0
Other	31.4	31.1	29.3	30.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	338	283	287	258

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children age 12 or younger at entry	16.7	20.6	32.6	11.5
Children older than 12 at entry	83.3	79.4	67.4	88.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	108	97	92	78

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	American Indian/Alaska Native				2009	Asian				2009	Black			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	34.1	22.2	14.5	19.5	0.0	38.5	0.0	0.0	28.6	40.0	35.0	38.1		
Guardianship	9.8	6.2	14.5	17.1	0.0	15.4	0.0	0.0	4.8	0.0	10.0	0.0		
Reunification	41.5	49.4	56.4	39.0	100.0	46.2	66.7	0.0	47.6	55.0	45.0	42.9		
Other	14.6	22.2	14.5	24.4	0.0	0.0	33.3	100.0	19.0	5.0	10.0	19.0		
Missing data	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	82	81	55	41	1	13	6	2	21	20	20	21		
	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander				2009	Hispanic (of any race)				2009	White			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	0.0	50.0	75.0	0.0	30.6	26.9	18.0	33.5	20.4	21.4	19.3	20.9		
Guardianship	0.0	50.0	25.0	0.0	6.5	9.1	6.2	4.6	5.9	6.7	6.5	5.2		
Reunification	50.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	56.0	54.3	62.1	55.5	64.6	63.7	65.8	64.6		
Other	50.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.9	9.7	13.7	6.4	9.1	8.2	8.4	9.2		
Missing data	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	2	2	4	5	232	175	161	173	1,045	953	982	879		
	Unable to Determine				2009	Two or More Races				2009	Missing Data			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	30.6	30.4	31.0	32.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.2	3.8	6.9	7.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	53.2	59.5	44.8	60.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	12.9	6.3	17.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Missing data	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	1	5	1	6	62	79	58	28	0	0	0	0		

¹⁴ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Less than 12 mos.	74.8	82.0	80.7	72.4
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	20.1	14.1	16.8	23.0
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	4.5	3.6	2.2	3.8
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.7
48 or more mos.	0.3	0.1	0.4	0.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	885	811	817	717

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children entering care for the first time	80.8	82.2	79.3	80.6
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	8.3	7.8	7.5	6.4
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	10.9	9.9	13.1	12.8
Missing data	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.2
Number	1,206	1,388	1,229	1,082

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Foster Care File)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Less than 12 mos.	1.8	4.2	3.9	6.4
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	17.2	28.0	37.3	49.8
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	33.2	37.8	38.8	30.3
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	25.2	16.3	14.9	8.2
48 or more mos.	22.6	13.7	5.1	5.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	337	307	255	267

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Foster Care File)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care (%)

	In Care Less Than 12 Months				In Care at Least 12 Months but Less Than 24 Months				In Care for 24 Months or Longer				Missing Time in Care			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children with 2 or fewer placements	88.1	88.5	90.2	86.8	62.1	63.8	61.6	63.3	35.3	34.3	29.2	26.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0
Children with 3 or more placements	11.9	11.5	9.8	13.2	37.9	36.3	38.4	36.7	64.7	65.7	70.8	73.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	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	0.0
Number	1,492	1,649	1,546	1,341	642	560	677	686	759	595	424	385	4	7	8	0

7. Reduce Placement of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Foster Care File)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During the Fiscal Year and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Group homes	2.5	3.7	2.8	3.0
Institutions	1.3	1.6	1.9	1.0
Other settings	96.2	94.7	95.3	96.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	896	1,076	957	835

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews¹⁵ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score¹⁷	129.7	134.4	136.3	123.1
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	69.9	77.7	76.2	67.2
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	8.5	6.5	7.5	8.1
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	54.4	56.7	49.1	46.3
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	8.3	11.0	8.6	10.1

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	139.4	164.7	169.9	187.4
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	19.0	32.2	41.2	56.2
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	34.9	29.6	26.2	23.2
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	44.6	46.4	45.8	47.4
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year? ¹⁸	33.9	30.8	18.9	22.2
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	40.4	57.0	74.7	76.2

Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time¹⁹

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	149.1	148.9	134.2	143.2
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	49.7	49.2	43.2	43.8
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	92.0	93.1	91.9	95.8
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	31.8	35.4	38.7	29.8

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	97.7	99.3	95.7	92.8
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	86.4	86.9	88.8	85.3
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	62.0	63.8	61.4	63.3
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	35.3	34.3	29.0	26.2

¹⁵ Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the state did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

¹⁶ Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 includes a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

¹⁷ Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website (<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/resource/data-indicators-second-round-of-cfsrs>).

¹⁸ Legally free means that there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father. This calculation excludes children who, by the end of the first 6 months of the fiscal year, had discharged from foster care to reunification, living with relative, or guardianship.

¹⁹ A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

²⁰ The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

Illinois

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total children under 18 years	3,177,377	3,123,377	3,094,699	3,064,065
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1
Asian	4.2	4.2	4.3	4.5
Black	16.9	16.5	16.2	15.9
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	22.2	23.2	23.6	23.9
White	54.3	53.0	52.7	52.5
Two or more races	2.2	2.9	2.9	3.0
Child population in poverty (%)	18.9	19.4	21.6	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Child maltreatment victims	27,446	26,442	25,832	27,497
Foster care entry rate per 1,000	1.6	1.7	1.5	1.6
Children in foster care on 9/30	17,798	18,205	18,141	16,663
Children adopted	1,429	1,214	1,217	1,744

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	94
Numerator	N/A	N/A	N/A	137,043
Denominator	N/A	N/A	N/A	145,712
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	95
Numerator	N/A	N/A	N/A	129,871
Denominator	N/A	N/A	N/A	137,043

B. Child Maltreatment Data (National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System [NCANDS] Unique Counts)⁶

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2009		2010		2011		2012	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children who received a Child Protective Services response for an allegation of child maltreatment	127,550	40.1 per 1,000	121,882	39.0 per 1,000	114,849	37.1 per 1,000	123,620	40.3 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims	27,446	8.6 per 1,000	26,442	8.5 per 1,000	25,832	8.3 per 1,000	27,497	9.0 per 1,000
Child fatalities	77	2.4 per 100,000	73	2.3 per 100,000	82	2.6 per 100,000	108	3.5 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	13.8	13.8	13.3	12.6
1 year	8.5	8.4	8.2	7.9
2 years	8.1	7.9	7.8	7.6
3 years	7.2	7.7	7.4	7.3
4 years	6.7	6.7	6.9	7.2
5 years	6.4	6.5	6.7	6.7
6 years	6.1	6.1	5.9	6.2
7 years	5.7	5.5	5.7	5.8
8 years	5.1	5.1	5.3	5.2
9 years	5.1	5.0	4.9	5.3
10 years	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.7
11 years	3.9	4.1	4.1	4.2
12 years	3.7	3.7	3.9	4.1
13 years	3.7	3.4	3.7	3.9
14 years	3.7	3.5	3.7	3.8
15 years	3.4	3.4	3.3	3.2
16 years	2.8	2.9	2.8	2.6
17 years	1.7	1.6	1.7	1.7
18+ years	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1
Missing data	<.1	0.1	<.1	0.1
Number	27,446	26,442	25,832	27,497

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.1	<.1	0.1	<.1
Asian	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.7
Black	33.0	31.5	31.4	32.2
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	11.1	11.5	11.8	14.1
White	52.9	53.6	53.6	50.8
Two or more races	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0
Missing data	2.4	2.7	2.4	2.1
Number	27,446	26,442	25,832	27,497

¹ The source data for each table is indicated in parentheses for each section. A calendar year is the basis for data from the Census Bureau. Most of the other data on these pages are from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS) or the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) and are based on the Federal fiscal year, October 1 through September 30.

² The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau (<http://www.census.gov/popest/data/datasets.html>). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS). Child poverty data for 2012 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2010–2013 report.

³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

⁴ A child victim is defined as a child who is the subject of a maltreatment report for which the disposition is substantiated, indicated, or "alternative response victim." The rate for foster care entry is per 1,000 children in the state population. Data on child maltreatment victims are from NCANDS. Data on foster care entry rate, children in foster care on 9/30, and children adopted are from AFCARS.

⁵ As of 2012, there is a new methodology used to calculate the caseworker visits measures. Because the new methodology limits data comparisons with prior years, caseworker visits data from 2009 through 2011 are not included in this table. All states have the option of using an approved sampling procedure for the caseworker visits reporting requirement. See appendix C for more information on how these data are calculated and for a list of states using sampling methodology.

⁶ The unique count of child victims counts a child only once regardless of the number of times he or she was found to be a victim during the reporting year. This is a change from prior reports, and these data are now consistent with the reporting practice in the Child Maltreatment reports.

⁷ The rates for Child Protective Services Responses and victims are per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18.

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)⁸

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Emotional abuse	<.1	0.1	<.1	0.2
Medical neglect	2.3	2.2	2.0	2.3
Neglect	74.0	74.4	75.6	70.4
Physical abuse	22.5	21.4	20.0	25.3
Sexual abuse	16.3	16.5	16.7	18.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	27,446	26,442	25,832	27,497

Response Time (in hours)⁹

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Mean	13.1	13.1	12.6	16.7
Median	>24 but<48	>24 but<48	>24 but<48	>24 but<48

C. Characteristics of Children in Foster Care

(Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System [AFCARS] Foster Care File)

Overview Foster Care Information

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total number	17,827	17,285	17,767	17,486	5,093	5,188	4,672	5,000	5,123	4,268	4,298	5,823	17,798	18,205	18,141	16,663
Median length of stay (months)	29.3	28.1	28.8	27.5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	32.8	32.2	35.5	34.6	27.3	28.6	29.3	27.1

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	4.9	4.4	4.6	4.4	23.4	24.3	23.7	22.9	3.6	3.7	3.0	2.6	4.3	4.4	4.1	4.6
1 year	6.6	7.1	6.7	6.7	9.2	9.0	9.1	8.0	5.5	5.0	5.4	5.2	7.1	6.7	6.5	6.5
2 years	6.5	7.0	7.5	7.4	7.9	7.3	7.6	7.5	7.5	7.7	6.9	7.1	7.1	7.5	7.2	7.2
3 years	6.1	6.3	6.6	7.5	6.0	6.3	6.3	6.1	7.2	7.8	8.1	7.9	6.3	6.7	7.3	7.2
4 years	5.6	5.6	5.9	6.3	5.2	5.5	5.8	5.9	6.4	7.0	7.1	8.0	5.7	6.0	6.1	6.7
5 years	4.8	5.1	5.1	5.9	4.6	5.2	5.4	5.2	5.8	6.4	6.3	7.3	5.2	5.2	5.7	5.7
6 years	4.5	4.4	4.7	4.9	4.5	4.4	3.9	4.2	5.2	5.1	5.7	5.7	4.5	4.8	4.8	5.2
7 years	4.2	4.3	4.3	4.6	4.4	4.1	4.0	4.8	5.3	4.9	5.0	6.1	4.3	4.3	4.5	4.5
8 years	3.9	3.9	4.0	4.2	3.3	3.5	4.0	3.0	4.1	4.3	4.5	4.6	3.9	4.0	4.0	4.1
9 years	3.6	3.6	3.7	3.9	3.2	3.3	3.4	3.4	3.7	4.5	3.9	4.9	3.6	3.7	3.8	3.7
10 years	3.3	3.6	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.1	2.7	3.2	3.6	3.5	3.7	4.2	3.6	3.5	3.4	3.5
11 years	3.3	3.1	3.3	3.4	2.7	3.0	2.8	3.4	3.6	3.5	3.4	3.7	3.1	3.3	3.3	3.3
12 years	3.3	3.4	3.1	3.3	3.1	3.0	3.2	3.2	3.0	2.9	2.8	3.2	3.2	3.1	3.2	3.4
13 years	3.6	3.4	3.4	3.3	3.5	2.9	3.3	3.5	3.0	2.7	2.7	2.6	3.3	3.4	3.2	3.4
14 years	4.2	3.8	3.6	3.6	4.2	3.6	4.0	3.9	3.5	3.0	2.8	3.1	3.7	3.5	3.6	3.5
15 years	4.6	4.6	4.2	3.9	4.2	4.3	4.0	4.8	2.9	2.7	2.7	2.6	4.5	4.1	3.8	4.2
16 years	5.4	5.3	4.8	4.7	4.4	3.8	3.8	3.5	2.8	2.9	2.1	2.2	5.0	4.8	4.7	4.5
17 years	5.8	5.9	5.5	5.2	2.2	3.0	2.8	3.1	2.2	2.5	2.9	2.1	5.7	5.4	5.1	5.2
18 years	5.4	5.2	5.2	4.8	0.2	<.1	0.2	0.1	3.9	3.9	3.8	3.0	5.2	5.1	4.9	4.9
19 years	4.4	4.6	4.4	4.3	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.2	2.6	2.2	2.6	1.6	4.5	4.3	4.3	4.4
20 years	4.3	3.8	4.1	3.9	<.1	0.2	<.1	<.1	3.4	3.1	2.4	0.8	3.8	4.0	3.8	4.2
Missing data	1.8	1.5	1.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	11.1	10.6	12.3	11.3	2.3	2.0	2.7	0.1

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)¹⁰

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.2	0.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	0.2	<.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	<.1	0.1	0.1	<.1	0.1
Asian	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3
Black	59.2	57.3	55.4	52.6	44.6	43.2	42.2	43.6	53.2	51.2	48.3	46.5	56.7	54.7	53.7	52.1
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	5.9	5.6	5.7	5.6	5.5	5.6	5.2	7.1	6.7	5.2	6.0	6.9	5.6	5.7	5.5	5.6
White	32.5	35.3	37.2	39.9	46.6	48.1	50.0	46.5	37.8	40.4	43.6	44.7	35.0	37.7	39.0	40.2
Two or more races	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Unable to determine	1.9	0.5	0.3	0.3	2.9	0.6	0.6	0.4	2.0	1.3	0.3	0.3	2.2	0.3	0.3	0.4
Missing data	0.0	0.9	0.9	1.0	0.0	2.0	1.6	1.8	0.0	1.3	1.2	1.1	0.0	1.1	1.1	1.2

⁸ These percentages are calculated against the number of unique victims. A child may have been the victim of more than one type of maltreatment, or the same type of maltreatment more than once. As a result, the total percentages both within and across maltreatment categories may exceed 100.

⁹ Response time is defined as the time between the report of suspected maltreatment and the first face-to-face contact with the alleged victim or with another person who can provide information on the allegation.

¹⁰ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

D. Characteristics of Children Waiting for Adoption¹¹ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total waiting children	2,816	3,015	3,330	2,983
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	2,572	2,746	2,970	2,694

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	0.5	1.0	0.9	0.8
1 year	5.3	4.0	3.9	4.2
2 years	7.7	8.9	7.9	8.4
3 years	9.4	10.0	10.3	9.5
4 years	9.4	9.4	9.3	10.4
5 years	7.6	8.3	9.2	9.4
6 years	7.2	7.2	7.8	7.1
7 years	6.9	7.2	7.3	6.7
8 years	6.1	6.3	6.8	6.6
9 years	6.2	6.0	6.2	5.7
10 years	5.7	5.7	5.9	5.4
11 years	4.8	5.5	5.0	5.4
12 years	4.6	4.3	5.0	4.7
13 years	4.6	5.1	3.9	5.0
14 years	5.0	4.0	4.4	4.0
15 years	5.7	4.0	3.5	4.2
16 years	2.1	1.8	1.7	1.7
17 years	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.1

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹³

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/Alaska Native	<.1	0.0	0.1	0.1
Asian	0.1	<.1	0.1	0.2
Black	57.3	53.1	53.2	50.6
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	4.6	5.0	5.0	4.7
White	35.9	40.5	40.5	42.9
Two or more races	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.1
Unable to determine	2.0	0.2	0.3	0.3
Missing data	0.0	1.0	0.7	1.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total children adopted	1,429	1,214	1,217	1,744

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	0.1	0.0	<.1	0.1
1 year	6.6	4.3	4.1	4.6
2 years	12.3	12.3	8.7	9.6
3 years	12.9	12.9	13.4	11.8
4 years	10.8	13.3	12.1	12.7
5 years	9.7	10.5	12.0	10.8
6 years	8.0	8.8	7.2	8.3
7 years	8.0	6.7	7.3	7.9
8 years	5.9	6.3	5.3	6.4
9 years	4.1	6.1	5.2	6.5
10 years	4.7	4.1	5.8	4.9
11 years	4.2	4.0	4.9	5.0
12 years	3.2	2.6	3.1	3.4
13 years	2.2	2.5	3.1	2.6
14 years	2.9	2.2	3.2	2.3
15 years	1.7	1.5	1.8	1.4
16 years	1.3	0.8	1.2	1.0
17 years	1.0	0.8	1.1	0.7
18 years	<.1	0.2	0.3	0.0
19 years	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/Alaska Native	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0
Asian	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1
Black	53.0	51.9	41.3	45.5
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	5.6	5.2	4.9	4.9
White	39.7	40.6	52.4	48.3
Two or more races	0.0	<.1	0.2	<.1
Unable to determine	1.6	2.1	1.0	1.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

¹¹ There is no federal definition for a child waiting to be adopted. The definition used in the tables on this page includes children and youth through age 17 who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parents' parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A state's own definition may differ from that used here.

¹² Children older than 17 years fall outside of the definition used to identify waiting children and are therefore excluded from this table.

¹³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

Illinois

OUTCOMES DATA

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect (NCANDS)

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children without a recurrence	92.9	93.4	93.4	92.8
Children with one or more recurrences	7.1	6.6	6.6	7.2
Number	13,530	13,138	12,463	13,491

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care (NCANDS and AFCARS Foster Care File)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.60	0.57	0.63	0.64
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.40	99.43	99.37	99.36
Number	22,920	22,473	22,439	22,486

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Foster Care File)

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	27.5	28.3	28.6	30.8
Guardianship	10.0	7.3	4.8	4.9
Reunification	40.2	42.5	43.7	46.4
Other	21.4	20.1	21.6	17.5
Missing data	0.9	1.7	1.3	0.4
Number	5,123	4,268	4,298	5,823

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	21.0	19.1	22.0	24.2
Guardianship	7.9	7.7	2.6	3.8
Reunification	14.2	18.6	17.9	22.9
Other	56.1	53.4	56.2	48.7
Missing data	0.8	1.1	1.3	0.4
Number	1,278	1,078	1,081	1,419

3.3 Exits of Children Older Than Age 12 at Entry Into Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	2.4	2.0	1.1	2.4
Guardianship	6.4	2.0	0.5	1.3
Reunification	31.7	34.2	32.0	33.8
Other	57.6	58.7	64.2	61.9
Missing data	1.9	3.0	2.2	0.5
Number	861	733	729	919

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children age 12 or younger at entry	54.6	50.2	49.1	43.8
Children older than 12 at entry	45.4	49.8	50.9	56.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,093	850	902	984

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	American Indian/Alaska Native				2009	Asian				2009	Black			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	14.3	14.3	0.0	25.0	0.0	0.0	7.7	5.6	27.3	28.3	25.1	30.2		
Guardianship	0.0	14.3	0.0	0.0	10.0	25.0	0.0	0.0	11.1	8.8	6.0	5.1		
Reunification	28.6	14.3	83.3	75.0	80.0	62.5	61.5	83.3	33.1	35.0	39.6	40.7		
Other	42.9	57.1	16.7	0.0	10.0	12.5	30.8	11.1	27.3	25.5	27.4	23.6		
Missing data	14.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.2	2.4	1.8	0.4		
Number	7	7	6	4	10	8	13	18	2,723	2,185	2,074	2,707		

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander				2009	Hispanic (of any race)				2009	White			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	0.0	33.3	50.0	0.0	21.4	26.8	23.4	22.5	29.4	29.1	33.9	33.0		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.5	8.0	4.3	3.3	9.1	5.0	3.5	5.3		
Reunification	0.0	66.7	50.0	100.0	52.8	45.1	51.6	58.5	47.2	51.1	46.6	49.7		
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	19.1	19.2	19.5	15.0	14.0	13.9	15.5	11.7		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.9	1.2	0.8	0.3	0.8	0.5	0.2		
Number	0	3	2	3	341	224	256	400	1,934	1,726	1,876	2,603		

	Unable to Determine				2009	Two or More Races				2009	Missing Data			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	22.5	21.4	33.3	27.8	0.0	20.0	50.0	16.7	0.0	24.1	9.6	23.4		
Guardianship	10.8	16.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	40.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.9	9.6	0.0		
Reunification	51.0	46.4	60.0	55.6	66.7	0.0	0.0	33.3	0.0	61.1	51.9	57.8		
Other	12.7	12.5	6.7	11.1	16.7	40.0	50.0	50.0	0.0	9.3	23.1	15.6		
Missing data	2.9	3.6	0.0	5.6	16.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.7	5.8	3.1		
Number	102	56	15	18	6	5	4	6	0	54	52	64		

¹⁴ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Less than 12 mos.	57.7	58.7	47.1	38.2
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	21.6	20.1	24.6	28.1
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	8.7	10.7	14.3	16.3
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	5.0	3.7	7.7	9.6
48 or more mos.	5.3	5.2	5.6	7.6
Missing data	1.7	1.5	0.7	0.3
Number	2,059	1,814	1,878	2,701

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children entering care for the first time	87.5	88.5	88.6	88.5
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	5.7	5.2	5.4	4.4
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	6.5	6.2	6.0	6.7
Missing data	0.3	0.1	<.1	0.4
Number	5,093	5,188	4,672	5,000

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Foster Care File)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Less than 12 mos.	1.1	1.2	0.2	0.9
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	11.6	9.6	7.7	8.5
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	25.3	23.6	18.6	19.1
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	23.4	24.5	27.0	22.4
48 or more mos.	38.6	41.2	46.5	48.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1
Number	1,409	1,209	1,231	1,791

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Foster Care File)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care (%)

	In Care Less Than 12 Months				In Care at Least 12 Months but Less Than 24 Months				In Care for 24 Months or Longer				Missing Time in Care			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children with 2 or fewer placements	83.0	82.7	81.8	80.6	68.7	67.2	63.6	65.6	35.6	38.3	36.5	36.5	71.7	70.7	51.5	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	17.0	17.3	18.2	19.4	31.3	32.8	36.4	34.4	64.4	61.7	63.5	63.5	28.3	29.3	48.5	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	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	0.0
Number	5,463	5,507	4,880	5,267	4,599	4,019	4,417	4,356	12,805	12,906	13,109	12,852	53	41	33	11

7. Reduce Placement of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions

(AFCARS Foster Care File)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During the Fiscal Year and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Group homes	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.1
Institutions	2.1	2.3	2.7	2.8
Other settings	97.7	97.5	97.2	97.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	4,108	4,228	3,798	4,019

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews¹⁵ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score¹⁷	75.0	79.0	64.7	62.6
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	45.0	45.5	39.9	34.1
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	13.5	13.9	15.4	16.8
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	16.4	16.6	14.7	13.8
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	10.8	9.6	12.5	10.8

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	64.5	59.2	48.2	53.4
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	12.7	10.8	8.0	9.5
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	41.5	43.2	46.1	47.3
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	15.5	13.0	13.6	19.8
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year? ¹⁸	8.8	10.0	9.0	8.7
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	43.5	38.7	31.6	26.7

Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time¹⁹

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	105.9	106.3	106.2	117.4
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	23.5	20.4	20.3	30.8
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	98.6	98.7	99.1	99.1
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	64.6	60.2	59.9	58.8

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	97.2	97.8	94.8	94.7
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	81.0	81.0	79.9	78.6
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	69.0	67.7	64.1	66.1
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	42.7	45.1	43.4	42.7

¹⁵ Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the state did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

¹⁶ Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 includes a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

¹⁷ Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website (<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/resource/data-indicators-second-round-of-cfsrs>).

¹⁸ Legally free means that there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father. This calculation excludes children who, by the end of the first 6 months of the fiscal year, had discharged from foster care to reunification, living with relative, or guardianship.

¹⁹ A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

²⁰ The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

Indiana

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total children under 18 years	1,589,365	1,605,718	1,599,781	1,591,477
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Asian	1.5	1.6	1.7	1.7
Black	11.0	11.0	11.0	11.0
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	8.7	9.6	9.9	10.1
White	76.2	74.1	73.7	73.3
Two or more races	2.4	3.4	3.5	3.6
Child population in poverty (%)	20.0	21.7	23.0	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Child maltreatment victims	22,330	21,362	17,930	20,223
Foster care entry rate per 1,000	5.9	5.7	4.7	4.9
Children in foster care on 9/30	12,347	12,542	11,142	11,662
Children adopted	1,484	1,458	1,556	1,351

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	93
Numerator	N/A	N/A	N/A	90,837
Denominator	N/A	N/A	N/A	97,799
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	84
Numerator	N/A	N/A	N/A	76,581
Denominator	N/A	N/A	N/A	90,837

B. Child Maltreatment Data (National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System [NCANDS] Unique Counts)⁶

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2009		2010		2011		2012	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children who received a Child Protective Services response for an allegation of child maltreatment	92,657	58.3 per 1,000	92,008	57.3 per 1,000	79,963	50.0 per 1,000	92,475	58.1 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims	22,330	14.0 per 1,000	21,362	13.3 per 1,000	17,930	11.2 per 1,000	20,223	12.7 per 1,000
Child fatalities	50	3.1 per 100,000	24	1.5 per 100,000	34	2.1 per 100,000	23	1.4 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	12.7	13.5	14.3	13.4
1 year	7.1	6.7	6.7	6.8
2 years	6.8	7.2	7.1	6.7
3 years	6.5	6.5	6.4	6.8
4 years	6.2	6.2	6.6	6.7
5 years	6.0	5.8	5.8	6.4
6 years	5.4	5.7	5.6	6.2
7 years	5.4	5.2	5.4	5.7
8 years	5.3	4.8	4.9	5.1
9 years	4.6	4.8	4.8	4.7
10 years	4.2	4.7	4.3	4.6
11 years	4.0	4.1	4.2	4.1
12 years	4.4	4.5	4.2	4.1
13 years	5.0	4.7	4.9	4.5
14 years	5.0	4.8	4.4	4.4
15 years	5.4	4.6	4.8	4.3
16 years	3.7	3.7	3.4	3.1
17 years	2.5	2.4	2.2	2.0
18+ years	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1
Missing data	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.4
Number	22,330	21,362	17,930	20,223

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/ Alaska Native	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Asian	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2
Black	17.1	17.3	18.2	19.0
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	7.0	7.7	7.4	8.3
White	69.6	68.6	64.9	64.1
Two or more races	5.0	5.4	5.9	6.1
Missing data	0.9	0.6	3.1	2.1
Number	22,330	21,362	17,930	20,223

¹ The source data for each table is indicated in parentheses for each section. A calendar year is the basis for data from the Census Bureau. Most of the other data on these pages are from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS) or the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) and are based on the Federal fiscal year, October 1 through September 30.

² The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau (<http://www.census.gov/popest/data/datasets.html>). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS). Child poverty data for 2012 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2010–2013 report.

³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

⁴ A child victim is defined as a child who is the subject of a maltreatment report for which the disposition is substantiated, indicated, or "alternative response victim." The rate for foster care entry is per 1,000 children in the state population. Data on child maltreatment victims are from NCANDS. Data on foster care entry rate, children in foster care on 9/30, and children adopted are from AFCARS.

⁵ As of 2012, there is a new methodology used to calculate the caseworker visits measures. Because the new methodology limits data comparisons with prior years, caseworker visits data from 2009 through 2011 are not included in this table. All states have the option of using an approved sampling procedure for the caseworker visits reporting requirement. See appendix C for more information on how these data are calculated and for a list of states using sampling methodology.

⁶ The unique count of child victims counts a child only once regardless of the number of times he or she was found to be a victim during the reporting year. This is a change from prior reports, and these data are now consistent with the reporting practice in the Child Maltreatment reports.

⁷ The rates for Child Protective Services Responses and victims are per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18.

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)⁸

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Emotional abuse	0.8	0.5	0.4	0.2
Medical neglect	2.2	1.9	2.1	2.0
Neglect	87.5	89.0	87.1	86.3
Physical abuse	12.1	11.1	11.3	10.6
Sexual abuse	17.7	16.2	16.8	15.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	22,330	21,362	17,930	20,223

Response Time (in hours)⁹

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Mean	44.5	28.1	74.9	67.9
Median	>24 but<48	<24	>24 but<48	>24 but<48

C. Characteristics of Children in Foster Care

(Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System [AFCARS] Foster Care File)

Overview Foster Care Information

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total number	11,668	12,058	12,074	10,792	9,424	9,161	7,447	7,811	8,744	8,677	8,379	6,941	12,347	12,542	11,142	11,662
Median length of stay (months)	10.7	11.1	11.3	12.5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	9.8	10.8	11.8	12.7	11.2	11.4	12.7	11.1

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	6.9	6.5	6.4	5.6	15.5	15.7	15.7	15.2	4.8	4.8	4.3	4.0	6.4	6.3	5.5	5.7
1 year	8.6	9.2	8.8	8.5	8.9	8.1	8.2	8.2	8.7	7.8	8.3	7.6	9.1	8.6	8.4	8.1
2 years	7.4	8.1	8.7	8.3	7.8	7.6	8.2	7.3	9.3	9.1	9.7	9.7	8.1	8.4	8.3	7.8
3 years	6.5	6.9	7.1	7.6	7.0	6.7	6.9	6.7	7.7	8.1	8.4	8.7	6.9	7.0	7.6	6.8
4 years	6.1	5.8	6.3	6.5	5.8	6.1	6.6	6.6	6.7	6.7	6.9	7.6	5.7	6.1	6.4	6.8
5 years	5.7	6.0	5.8	5.9	5.2	5.9	5.7	6.0	6.1	6.7	6.4	6.6	5.9	5.7	5.8	5.8
6 years	5.1	4.9	5.1	5.4	4.8	5.2	5.4	5.1	5.3	5.6	5.7	6.0	4.8	5.0	5.2	5.5
7 years	4.9	4.5	4.8	4.9	4.6	4.4	4.8	5.0	5.1	5.3	5.7	6.0	4.5	4.7	4.8	4.9
8 years	4.7	4.6	4.1	4.7	4.4	4.0	4.2	4.1	4.8	4.7	4.5	4.8	4.6	4.0	4.5	4.2
9 years	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.0	3.8	3.9	4.2	3.9	4.3	4.6	4.3	4.4	4.3	4.2	3.9	4.0
10 years	4.0	4.1	4.1	4.0	3.6	4.1	3.6	3.5	3.9	4.3	4.2	4.2	4.0	4.1	3.9	3.6
11 years	3.8	3.8	3.9	3.9	3.4	3.4	3.7	3.5	3.7	3.5	3.8	3.9	3.7	3.9	3.9	3.7
12 years	3.9	3.7	3.9	4.0	3.4	3.6	3.9	3.8	3.1	3.5	3.7	3.9	3.7	3.8	3.9	3.7
13 years	4.3	4.2	3.9	4.3	3.8	4.1	3.9	3.6	3.5	3.4	3.2	3.8	4.1	3.9	4.2	3.9
14 years	5.1	5.0	4.7	4.4	4.6	4.4	3.8	4.4	3.9	3.7	3.5	3.5	4.8	4.6	4.3	4.6
15 years	6.2	5.7	5.5	4.9	5.1	4.8	4.3	4.7	4.7	4.0	3.8	3.5	5.5	5.4	5.0	4.8
16 years	6.3	6.7	6.1	5.5	4.7	4.5	4.0	4.9	4.4	4.4	3.9	4.1	6.5	6.2	6.0	5.6
17 years	6.1	6.2	6.4	5.7	3.4	3.3	2.9	3.6	4.6	4.2	3.7	3.6	5.9	6.4	6.2	5.9
18 years	<.1	<.1	<.1	1.4	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	5.3	5.6	5.9	3.4	1.6	1.9	2.0	3.1
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3
Missing data	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)¹⁰

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Asian	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3
Black	29.0	27.7	26.1	26.0	23.5	21.1	21.4	21.8	24.6	23.1	22.5	22.0	27.9	26.1	25.6	25.5
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	7.6	7.8	7.6	7.6	7.8	7.9	7.9	8.4	7.5	8.1	7.5	8.3	7.9	7.6	7.8	7.7
White	56.4	58.0	59.4	58.4	62.2	63.7	62.8	61.0	60.5	62.0	63.0	61.5	57.9	59.4	59.0	58.3
Two or more races	6.5	6.0	6.3	6.6	5.8	6.4	7.1	7.0	6.6	6.1	6.4	6.5	5.9	6.2	6.8	6.9
Unable to determine	0.2	0.3	0.3	1.1	0.4	0.4	0.4	1.1	0.3	0.3	0.3	1.2	0.3	0.4	0.4	1.1
Missing data	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1

⁸ These percentages are calculated against the number of unique victims. A child may have been the victim of more than one type of maltreatment, or the same type of maltreatment more than once. As a result, the total percentages both within and across maltreatment categories may exceed 100.

⁹ Response time is defined as the time between the report of suspected maltreatment and the first face-to-face contact with the alleged victim or with another person who can provide information on the allegation.

¹⁰ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

D. Characteristics of Children Waiting for Adoption¹¹ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total waiting children	3,244	3,202	2,917	2,346
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	2,163	2,046	1,438	660

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	1.5	1.1	1.2	0.8
1 year	9.0	8.0	7.8	6.9
2 years	9.2	10.6	9.8	10.1
3 years	7.3	7.7	8.3	8.5
4 years	6.4	6.9	7.5	8.4
5 years	6.9	5.9	7.2	6.2
6 years	5.6	5.6	5.7	6.9
7 years	5.5	5.8	5.7	5.4
8 years	5.1	5.0	5.0	5.3
9 years	5.3	6.0	4.6	5.1
10 years	5.4	4.8	5.1	4.6
11 years	4.8	5.3	5.1	5.2
12 years	4.6	4.8	5.2	5.5
13 years	4.7	4.4	4.7	5.8
14 years	5.0	4.9	4.6	5.5
15 years	4.6	5.0	4.4	4.5
16 years	5.0	3.9	4.4	3.3
17 years	4.0	4.2	3.7	1.9

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹³

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/Alaska Native	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0
Asian	<.1	<.1	0.1	<.1
Black	29.4	29.2	28.4	28.4
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	7.6	6.8	7.6	7.8
White	56.4	56.9	56.3	56.0
Two or more races	6.4	6.9	7.6	7.3
Unable to determine	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total children adopted	1,484	1,458	1,556	1,351

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.3
1 year	8.6	8.0	8.3	6.0
2 years	14.9	16.5	17.2	15.9
3 years	11.7	13.2	11.9	11.2
4 years	9.2	8.4	8.1	10.8
5 years	7.8	9.6	7.6	8.4
6 years	7.8	6.9	6.2	8.0
7 years	5.8	6.3	6.2	6.6
8 years	5.5	4.9	5.7	5.1
9 years	5.1	4.2	5.3	4.1
10 years	4.4	4.0	4.3	4.4
11 years	3.2	3.6	4.2	3.6
12 years	4.0	3.0	3.6	4.4
13 years	3.2	2.7	2.8	3.3
14 years	2.0	2.1	2.3	2.1
15 years	2.5	2.1	2.1	2.0
16 years	1.7	2.1	2.0	1.7
17 years	1.3	1.1	1.0	1.0
18 years	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2
19 years	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.3	0.1	<.1	0.0
Asian	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1
Black	28.5	24.0	21.1	21.9
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	8.2	8.8	7.6	7.5
White	54.0	58.5	63.8	63.1
Two or more races	8.8	8.2	7.0	7.3
Unable to determine	0.3	0.2	0.3	<.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1

¹¹ There is no federal definition for a child waiting to be adopted. The definition used in the tables on this page includes children and youth through age 17 who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parents' parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A state's own definition may differ from that used here.

¹² Children older than 17 years fall outside of the definition used to identify waiting children and are therefore excluded from this table.

¹³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

Indiana

OUTCOMES DATA

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect (NCANDS)

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children without a recurrence	92.7	93.2	93.3	93.2
Children with one or more recurrences	7.3	6.8	6.7	6.8
Number	10,632	10,884	8,700	10,559

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care (NCANDS and AFCARS Foster Care File)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.44	0.37	0.23	0.13
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.56	99.63	99.77	99.87
Number	21,092	21,219	19,521	18,603

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Foster Care File)

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	17.0	16.7	18.2	20.9
Guardianship	8.2	10.6	10.6	9.9
Reunification	63.7	62.5	61.8	52.4
Other	11.1	10.3	9.3	4.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	12.2
Number	8,744	8,677	8,379	6,941

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	27.4	27.4	26.9	31.7
Guardianship	7.0	9.9	7.1	9.2
Reunification	47.6	47.9	51.3	40.7
Other	18.0	14.8	14.8	6.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	12.4
Number	718	796	1,157	1,136

3.3 Exits of Children Older Than Age 12 at Entry Into Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	1.8	2.3	2.3	2.3
Guardianship	7.6	9.0	9.5	7.9
Reunification	60.2	59.7	57.2	59.6
Other	30.4	29.0	31.0	15.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	14.8
Number	1,853	1,746	1,554	1,164

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children age 12 or younger at entry	18.0	18.4	17.5	25.0
Children older than 12 at entry	82.0	81.6	82.5	75.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	338	365	372	140

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	American Indian/Alaska Native				2009	Asian				2009	Black			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	38.5	14.3	20.0	0.0	0.0	4.3	0.0	5.9	19.7	17.4	17.1	19.0		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	20.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.1	7.2	5.3	5.0		
Reunification	38.5	57.1	20.0	100.0	76.5	73.9	55.0	70.6	62.8	62.5	64.8	52.5		
Other	23.1	28.6	40.0	0.0	23.5	21.7	45.0	17.6	12.4	12.9	12.8	6.7		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	16.8		
Number	13	7	5	10	17	23	20	17	2,152	2,004	1,884	1,528		
	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander				2009	Hispanic (of any race)				2009	White			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	18.4	18.4	19.1	18.9	15.1	15.7	18.5	21.9		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	40.0	5.3	7.4	9.5	7.8	10.1	12.5	13.0	12.4		
Reunification	0.0	100.0	100.0	60.0	65.3	65.0	65.5	57.5	64.0	62.1	60.1	51.2		
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.9	9.2	5.9	4.2	10.8	9.7	8.5	4.0		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	11.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.5		
Number	0	1	3	5	658	706	629	577	5,293	5,380	5,276	4,269		
	Unable to Determine				2009	Two or More Races				2009	Missing Data			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	16.7	11.1	8.0	3.6	22.6	22.7	20.5	25.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	66.7		
Guardianship	0.0	22.2	0.0	6.0	6.4	8.3	8.2	7.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	80.0	55.6	76.0	76.2	61.7	62.4	64.4	50.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	33.3		
Other	3.3	11.1	16.0	2.4	9.3	6.6	6.9	3.8	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	11.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	13.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	30	27	25	84	580	529	537	448	1	0	0	3		

¹⁴ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Less than 12 mos.	73.2	68.3	65.3	63.3
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	20.7	25.0	27.2	28.1
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	4.0	4.9	5.5	6.3
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	1.3	1.0	0.9	1.3
48 or more mos.	0.7	0.7	1.1	1.0
Missing data	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0
Number	5,569	5,419	5,182	3,637

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children entering care for the first time	81.9	81.6	82.7	81.1
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	8.0	7.7	6.8	6.7
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	9.3	10.0	10.1	11.9
Missing data	0.8	0.7	0.4	0.3
Number	9,424	9,161	7,447	7,811

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Foster Care File)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Less than 12 mos.	3.2	2.4	3.6	3.2
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	24.0	28.1	26.5	25.9
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	34.5	36.3	37.7	37.7
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	20.1	19.0	15.8	16.3
48 or more mos.	18.2	14.2	16.4	16.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,485	1,449	1,529	1,452

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Foster Care File)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care (%)

	In Care Less Than 12 Months				In Care at Least 12 Months but Less Than 24 Months				In Care for 24 Months or Longer				Missing Time in Care			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children with 2 or fewer placements	89.6	88.4	89.1	88.9	67.2	67.0	67.5	71.9	38.3	38.0	39.0	37.4	95.3	100.0	100.0	0.0
Children with 3 or more placements	10.4	11.6	10.9	11.0	32.8	33.0	32.5	28.0	61.7	62.0	61.0	62.6	4.7	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	11,473	11,119	9,580	9,401	4,898	5,376	5,195	4,591	4,678	4,698	4,722	4,611	43	26	24	0

7. Reduce Placement of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Foster Care File)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During the Fiscal Year and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Group homes	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.1
Institutions	3.5	2.8	1.8	1.8
Other settings	95.9	96.8	98.0	98.1
Missing data	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	7,329	7,187	6,001	6,127

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews¹⁵ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score¹⁷	125.5	124.1	126.9	124.5
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	77.0	73.4	72.5	71.1
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	6.1	6.7	7.4	6.9
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	47.1	43.4	44.3	37.7
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	14.0	11.8	9.4	9.8

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	131.9	133.5	128.2	121.8
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	27.2	30.6	30.2	29.1
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	31.2	29.1	29.0	29.6
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	30.4	29.4	30.4	32.0
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year? ¹⁸	22.6	20.1	13.8	8.2
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	60.5	56.5	61.1	65.3

Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time¹⁹

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	135.6	135.0	137.5	145.6
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	35.9	34.7	35.9	38.0
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	93.9	94.2	94.9	97.5
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	36.8	36.2	36.4	34.6

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	102.1	101.2	103.0	104.7
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	88.6	87.5	88.4	88.4
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	67.1	67.0	67.3	72.0
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	38.3	37.9	38.9	38.2

¹⁵ Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the state did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

¹⁶ Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 includes a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

¹⁷ Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website (<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/resource/data-indicators-second-round-of-cfsrs>).

¹⁸ Legally free means that there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father. This calculation excludes children who, by the end of the first 6 months of the fiscal year, had discharged from foster care to reunification, living with relative, or guardianship.

¹⁹ A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

²⁰ The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

Indiana

STATE COMMENT

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The following are Indiana's comments on the state data presented in *Child Welfare Outcomes 2009–2012: Report to Congress*.

On July 5, 2012, Indiana instituted a new Child Welfare Information System, Management Gateway for Indiana's Kids (MaGIK). The legacy information system, ICWIS, was a case-driven application with direct, sequential connections between children, families, court actions, and case management. The new system was built to more closely mirror the work of the family case manager and the practice model so that the system is used as a tool to improve case management and not just a tool for collecting necessary data elements. As a result, MaGIK is more person-centered with activities connected primarily to individuals rather than family units. The new system resulted in a learning curve for users performing data entry. The new application required development of new extraction code and mapping documents for AFCARS and NCANDS. Data variances between FY2011 and FY2012 do not necessarily reflect changes in state practice or policy. Indiana will be working to further refine the data collection and mapping in FY2013, but it is expected that there will be data variances for the next few years until fixes and enhancements are completed in MaGIK.

AFCARS data for the second half of 2012 were resubmitted May, 2013. That resubmission showed a significant increase in the number of adoptions as well as other changes throughout the measures included in this report. The information contained in this report does not reflect the resubmission of that data.

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total children under 18 years	713,155	727,277	725,087	722,953
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4
Asian	1.9	1.8	1.9	2.0
Black	4.1	4.2	4.2	4.2
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	7.9	8.7	9.0	9.2
White	83.1	81.5	81.0	80.6
Two or more races	2.5	3.3	3.4	3.5
Child population in poverty (%)	15.7	16.3	17.3	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Child maltreatment victims	11,636	12,005	11,028	10,751
Foster care entry rate per 1,000	6.6	6.3	5.9	5.9
Children in foster care on 9/30	6,610	6,558	6,373	6,287
Children adopted	967	801	864	1,031

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	79
Numerator	N/A	N/A	N/A	55,252
Denominator	N/A	N/A	N/A	69,844
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	68
Numerator	N/A	N/A	N/A	37,829
Denominator	N/A	N/A	N/A	55,252

B. Child Maltreatment Data (National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System [NCANDS] Unique Counts)⁶

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2009		2010		2011		2012	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children who received a Child Protective Services response for an allegation of child maltreatment	30,870	43.3 per 1,000	31,427	43.2 per 1,000	31,143	43.0 per 1,000	29,441	40.7 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims	11,636	16.3 per 1,000	12,005	16.5 per 1,000	11,028	15.2 per 1,000	10,751	14.9 per 1,000
Child fatalities	10	1.4 per 100,000	7	1.0 per 100,000	10	1.4 per 100,000	7	1.0 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	12.1	11.7	10.6	11.7
1 year	9.5	8.7	8.2	7.9
2 years	8.7	8.7	8.8	8.5
3 years	8.1	8.5	8.7	8.6
4 years	7.3	7.5	7.9	7.6
5 years	6.5	6.4	6.8	7.3
6 years	6.0	6.0	6.3	6.2
7 years	5.7	5.5	5.5	5.9
8 years	5.3	5.3	5.1	5.3
9 years	4.6	4.9	4.7	4.8
10 years	4.1	4.6	4.6	4.3
11 years	3.6	4.0	4.2	4.1
12 years	3.8	3.8	3.7	4.1
13 years	3.4	4.0	3.9	3.8
14 years	3.5	2.9	3.5	3.2
15 years	3.1	3.0	2.9	2.8
16 years	2.9	2.5	2.7	2.2
17 years	1.8	1.9	1.9	1.6
18+ years	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Missing data	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Number	11,636	12,005	11,028	10,751

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/ Alaska Native	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.8
Asian	0.5	0.9	0.8	0.9
Black	8.1	9.0	9.7	11.1
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3
Hispanic (of any race)	5.9	5.8	8.1	9.2
White	55.4	57.2	63.1	70.2
Two or more races	1.4	2.0	2.9	4.1
Missing data	27.3	23.8	14.2	3.5
Number	11,636	12,005	11,028	10,751

¹ The source data for each table is indicated in parentheses for each section. A calendar year is the basis for data from the Census Bureau. Most of the other data on these pages are from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS) or the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) and are based on the Federal fiscal year, October 1 through September 30.

² The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau (<http://www.census.gov/popest/data/datasets.html>). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS). Child poverty data for 2012 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2010-2013 report.

³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

⁴ A child victim is defined as a child who is the subject of a maltreatment report for which the disposition is substantiated, indicated, or "alternative response victim." The rate for foster care entry is per 1,000 children in the state population. Data on child maltreatment victims are from NCANDS. Data on foster care entry rate, children in foster care on 9/30, and children adopted are from AFCARS.

⁵ As of 2012, there is a new methodology used to calculate the caseworker visits measures. Because the new methodology limits data comparisons with prior years, caseworker visits data from 2009 through 2011 are not included in this table. All states have the option of using an approved sampling procedure for the caseworker visits reporting requirement. See appendix C for more information on how these data are calculated and for a list of states using sampling methodology.

⁶ The unique count of child victims counts a child only once regardless of the number of times he or she was found to be a victim during the reporting year. This is a change from prior reports, and these data are now consistent with the reporting practice in the Child Maltreatment reports.

⁷ The rates for Child Protective Services Responses and victims are per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18.

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)⁸

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Emotional abuse	0.7	0.5	0.7	0.5
Medical neglect	1.1	1.0	1.2	1.0
Neglect	92.2	92.9	93.1	93.5
Physical abuse	13.2	12.5	13.2	12.7
Sexual abuse	5.0	4.5	5.1	5.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	5.6	6.6	7.2	8.8
Number	11,636	12,005	11,028	10,751

Response Time (in hours)⁹

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Mean	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.8
Median	<24	<24	<24	<24

C. Characteristics of Children in Foster Care

(Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System [AFCARS] Foster Care File)

Overview Foster Care Information

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total number	6,561	6,366	6,352	6,197	4,735	4,618	4,296	4,230	4,686	4,426	4,275	4,140	6,610	6,558	6,373	6,287
Median length of stay (months)	12.7	10.8	10.4	10.8	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	14.2	12.8	13.9	14.9	10.6	10.6	10.9	10.4

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	4.9	5.3	5.5	5.0	12.3	12.7	11.9	11.2	2.2	2.5	2.1	2.1	5.2	5.4	5.1	4.4
1 year	7.0	7.1	7.0	7.2	6.9	6.9	7.2	6.6	6.6	6.9	7.1	7.3	7.3	7.1	7.1	6.5
2 years	5.7	6.4	6.9	6.7	5.7	6.8	6.1	6.2	6.7	7.1	7.6	8.0	6.4	7.0	6.7	6.5
3 years	5.1	5.1	6.0	6.0	4.9	5.2	5.7	6.1	5.5	6.0	6.3	6.3	5.1	6.0	6.0	5.9
4 years	4.9	4.4	4.5	5.6	4.4	4.6	5.1	5.5	5.1	5.0	5.6	6.1	4.4	4.5	5.6	5.8
5 years	4.0	4.4	4.3	4.7	3.7	4.3	4.7	5.0	4.5	4.8	4.0	5.3	4.2	4.4	4.6	5.1
6 years	3.7	3.8	4.0	4.5	3.3	3.5	3.5	4.1	4.1	3.8	4.1	4.4	3.9	4.2	4.4	4.6
7 years	3.7	3.3	3.7	3.4	3.4	3.6	3.3	3.7	3.6	3.3	3.7	4.0	3.3	3.6	3.3	4.4
8 years	3.1	3.3	3.8	3.8	2.9	3.3	2.9	3.7	2.9	2.8	3.8	3.0	3.3	3.8	3.7	3.7
9 years	3.2	3.1	3.3	3.0	2.7	2.8	3.2	2.6	3.0	2.9	3.8	3.5	3.1	3.3	2.9	3.5
10 years	2.7	3.0	3.1	3.6	2.5	2.7	2.7	2.4	2.7	2.8	2.8	2.9	3.0	2.9	3.4	2.8
11 years	2.9	2.9	3.2	3.1	2.9	2.9	3.0	3.0	2.1	2.6	2.5	2.9	2.9	3.1	3.0	3.1
12 years	3.4	3.6	3.7	3.7	4.0	3.6	3.8	3.7	2.9	2.4	3.0	2.9	3.6	3.5	3.6	3.6
13 years	4.5	4.5	4.8	4.4	5.7	5.2	4.6	5.3	3.7	3.3	3.0	3.3	4.4	4.9	4.5	4.7
14 years	6.0	6.4	5.7	6.1	7.4	6.6	7.8	6.8	4.6	4.1	5.2	3.8	6.3	5.7	6.1	6.1
15 years	9.1	8.4	8.1	8.1	9.8	8.9	8.6	8.6	6.2	6.1	5.3	5.8	8.6	8.1	8.0	8.0
16 years	11.8	11.0	10.5	9.5	10.3	10.1	8.8	9.2	7.8	8.3	7.2	6.8	10.9	10.3	9.5	9.8
17 years	13.0	12.2	10.8	10.5	7.1	6.4	7.0	5.8	11.4	10.8	9.9	8.5	12.0	10.7	10.6	10.0
18 years	1.2	1.4	0.9	1.1	0.2	<1	0.1	0.3	14.0	13.8	12.6	12.9	1.5	1.3	1.5	1.4
19 years	0.1	0.2	<1	<1	0.0	<1	0.0	<1	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.1	<1	0.2
20 years	<1	<1	<1	<1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<1	0.1	0.0	<1	<1	<1	<1	0.0
Missing data	<1	<1	<1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<1	0.0	0.0	0.0	<1	<1	<1	<1	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)¹⁰

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/ Alaska Native	2.1	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.9	2.4	2.1	1.7	2.3	2.3	2.1	1.9	1.9	2.0	1.8	1.6
Asian	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.9	0.8	1.2	0.8	0.8	0.8	1.0	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.9
Black	15.5	15.5	14.3	13.9	13.6	12.2	12.8	12.8	14.0	14.3	13.2	13.3	15.3	13.9	14.1	13.6
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.3
Hispanic (of any race)	8.0	9.1	9.7	10.3	9.4	9.4	10.8	9.0	7.7	9.3	10.1	9.7	9.2	9.2	10.2	9.8
White	66.3	64.1	66.1	66.0	62.6	63.8	65.9	66.5	65.9	62.9	65.7	67.6	64.0	64.7	66.2	65.3
Two or more races	2.5	3.3	4.3	4.6	3.1	3.1	3.5	4.0	2.0	3.1	3.3	4.2	3.3	3.3	4.4	4.5
Unable to determine	4.1	4.7	2.6	2.0	7.9	7.4	3.6	4.8	6.7	6.4	4.6	2.1	4.9	5.5	2.0	3.8
Missing data	0.4	0.3	<1	<1	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.1

⁸ These percentages are calculated against the number of unique victims. A child may have been the victim of more than one type of maltreatment, or the same type of maltreatment more than once. As a result, the total percentages both within and across maltreatment categories may exceed 100.

⁹ Response time is defined as the time between the report of suspected maltreatment and the first face-to-face contact with the alleged victim or with another person who can provide information on the allegation.

¹⁰ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

D. Characteristics of Children Waiting for Adoption¹¹ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total waiting children	1,030	1,088	1,104	971
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	861	838	881	786

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	4.4	3.3	2.7	3.6
1 year	11.4	12.1	13.2	9.3
2 years	11.4	13.3	12.0	10.0
3 years	9.1	9.7	9.6	10.1
4 years	7.1	7.2	9.1	10.2
5 years	5.9	6.3	6.7	6.7
6 years	6.2	6.5	6.7	6.4
7 years	4.5	5.1	4.7	7.1
8 years	4.8	6.1	5.0	5.4
9 years	5.1	4.6	4.4	4.3
10 years	4.2	4.1	3.8	3.9
11 years	3.2	3.4	3.4	3.8
12 years	3.1	3.2	3.9	4.2
13 years	4.0	2.4	3.0	3.6
14 years	3.1	3.3	2.7	2.2
15 years	4.0	2.5	3.2	3.3
16 years	4.6	3.0	2.8	3.3
17 years	4.1	3.8	3.2	2.7

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹³

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/Alaska Native	1.7	1.6	2.1	2.0
Asian	1.1	0.3	0.7	0.7
Black	18.5	18.1	16.6	13.7
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.4	<.1	0.2	0.2
Hispanic (of any race)	10.4	9.4	11.2	11.2
White	56.3	58.3	60.4	62.9
Two or more races	6.0	6.3	7.6	7.1
Unable to determine	5.5	6.0	1.2	2.1
Missing data	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.1

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total children adopted	967	801	864	1,031

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	2.5	3.4	2.3	2.1
1 year	12.7	13.4	13.2	14.5
2 years	14.2	15.7	18.2	14.8
3 years	10.8	12.0	13.3	11.1
4 years	9.7	9.5	10.9	9.6
5 years	8.8	7.4	5.4	8.2
6 years	7.1	7.5	6.6	6.2
7 years	7.1	4.7	6.1	6.2
8 years	5.7	4.0	5.0	4.4
9 years	4.6	4.2	4.7	4.9
10 years	4.9	3.9	4.1	3.6
11 years	2.5	2.9	2.8	3.4
12 years	2.8	3.0	2.1	2.6
13 years	2.0	3.1	1.4	3.1
14 years	2.0	2.0	1.7	1.4
15 years	1.2	0.9	1.0	2.1
16 years	0.9	1.4	0.5	1.2
17 years	0.6	1.1	0.7	0.6
18 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/Alaska Native	2.1	2.1	1.7	2.0
Asian	0.4	0.9	0.1	0.2
Black	16.0	18.2	19.1	15.4
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.4	0.5	0.2	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	8.9	10.0	10.4	11.4
White	63.6	57.2	59.8	61.5
Two or more races	5.6	8.5	6.4	8.9
Unable to determine	2.9	2.6	2.2	0.5
Missing data	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0

¹¹ There is no federal definition for a child waiting to be adopted. The definition used in the tables on this page includes children and youth through age 17 who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parents' parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A state's own definition may differ from that used here.

¹² Children older than 17 years fall outside of the definition used to identify waiting children and are therefore excluded from this table.

¹³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect (NCANDS)

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children without a recurrence	91.0	90.7	91.5	92.7
Children with one or more recurrences	9.0	9.3	8.5	7.3
Number	5,731	6,222	5,675	5,766

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care (NCANDS and AFCARS Foster Care File)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.87	0.37	0.54	0.35
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.13	99.63	99.46	99.65
Number	11,296	10,984	10,648	10,427

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Foster Care File)

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	19.6	17.0	19.8	24.4
Guardianship	6.8	6.2	7.7	6.4
Reunification	62.9	65.5	62.5	59.3
Other	10.8	11.3	9.9	9.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	4,686	4,426	4,275	4,140

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	38.6	32.5	37.0	42.4
Guardianship	3.9	5.0	2.9	3.5
Reunification	35.1	37.5	38.1	35.5
Other	22.5	25.0	22.0	18.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,027	776	759	691

3.3 Exits of Children Older Than Age 12 at Entry Into Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	0.7	0.7	0.5	1.3
Guardianship	3.0	2.6	4.5	2.7
Reunification	76.4	74.7	74.2	73.3
Other	19.9	21.9	20.8	22.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,916	1,774	1,546	1,425

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children age 12 or younger at entry	23.9	22.4	23.8	20.0
Children older than 12 at entry	76.1	77.6	76.2	80.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	489	496	420	404

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	American Indian/Alaska Native				2009	Asian				2009	Black			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2010	2011	2012	2010		2011	2012		
Adoption	18.7	15.7	15.9	27.5	19.4	21.7	0.0	10.3	22.3	20.3	26.4	28.5		
Guardianship	30.8	26.5	26.1	17.5	0.0	0.0	13.0	6.9	5.5	4.3	6.0	2.0		
Reunification	38.3	47.1	46.6	47.5	77.8	67.4	82.6	58.6	61.5	65.8	57.8	59.8		
Other	12.1	10.8	11.4	7.5	2.8	10.9	4.3	24.1	10.7	9.6	9.8	9.6		
Missing data	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	107	102	88	80	36	46	23	29	655	635	564	550		
	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander				2009	Hispanic (of any race)				2009	White			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2010	2011	2012	2009		2010	2011	2012	
Adoption	30.8	25.0	16.7	7.7	22.4	18.4	20.0	28.1	18.4	15.0	18.1	22.4		
Guardianship	23.1	0.0	33.3	7.7	7.2	5.1	7.9	4.0	6.5	6.5	7.4	7.4		
Reunification	46.2	62.5	50.0	61.5	63.8	68.2	64.7	59.5	63.3	65.5	63.4	60.0		
Other	0.0	12.5	0.0	23.1	6.6	8.3	7.4	8.5	11.8	13.0	11.1	10.3		
Missing data	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	13	16	12	13	362	412	431	402	3,086	2,783	2,808	2,798		
	Unable to Determine				2009	Two or More Races				2009	Missing Data			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2010	2011	2012	2009		2010	2011	2012	
Adoption	17.1	16.5	18.2	10.3	38.3	37.2	37.3	45.1	11.1	10.0	11.1	0.0		
Guardianship	4.8	3.5	4.5	8.0	2.1	5.1	9.9	4.6	5.6	10.0	0.0	16.7		
Reunification	72.4	74.4	74.7	75.9	46.8	50.4	47.9	43.4	72.2	80.0	77.8	83.3		
Other	5.7	5.6	2.5	5.7	12.8	7.3	4.9	6.9	11.1	0.0	11.1	0.0		
Missing data	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	315	285	198	87	94	137	142	175	18	10	9	6		

¹⁴ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Less than 12 mos.	59.3	63.3	59.1	54.9
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	29.3	26.4	31.0	35.1
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	6.7	6.2	5.7	5.5
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	2.1	1.9	1.6	1.8
48 or more mos.	2.6	2.2	2.5	2.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	2,946	2,899	2,674	2,456

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children entering care for the first time	77.2	77.5	77.6	78.4
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	11.9	11.5	11.9	10.5
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	9.9	10.3	9.8	10.4
Missing data	0.9	0.6	0.7	0.7
Number	4,735	4,618	4,296	4,230

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Foster Care File)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Less than 12 mos.	7.2	10.1	8.3	6.9
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	47.3	49.3	48.9	54.4
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	29.2	26.2	27.7	26.0
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	11.1	7.6	9.2	7.4
48 or more mos.	5.1	6.8	5.9	5.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	917	752	848	1,011

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Foster Care File)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care (%)

	In Care Less Than 12 Months				In Care at Least 12 Months but Less Than 24 Months				In Care for 24 Months or Longer				Missing Time in Care			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children with 2 or fewer placements	87.9	88.4	87.5	86.6	61.0	61.4	64.4	64.8	26.0	25.7	26.5	27.6	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	12.1	11.6	12.5	13.4	39.0	38.6	35.6	35.2	74.0	74.3	73.5	72.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	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	0.0
Number	5,622	5,614	5,255	5,106	2,983	3,016	3,162	3,265	2,678	2,344	2,208	2,054	13	10	23	2

7. Reduce Placement of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Foster Care File)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During the Fiscal Year and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Group homes	2.7	2.2	2.5	1.7
Institutions	1.2	1.1	1.3	0.7
Other settings	96.1	96.7	96.3	97.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	2,782	2,869	2,681	2,675

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews¹⁵ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score¹⁷	112.7	117.6	108.4	110.5
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	67.9	73.9	70.6	68.4
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	8.0	6.7	7.7	8.0
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	42.7	44.6	40.1	37.8
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	15.2	16.0	17.5	16.1

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	135.0	133.9	138.0	154.0
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	54.5	59.4	57.2	61.3
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	23.4	21.9	22.2	21.2
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	24.8	21.6	26.3	31.0
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year? ¹⁸	7.4	5.3	7.8	8.4
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	69.2	70.7	69.5	75.4

Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time¹⁹

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	131.4	125.2	136.3	139.5
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	30.9	27.9	34.5	34.9
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	96.7	96.7	96.8	98.1
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	34.8	35.8	35.1	30.4

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	93.3	93.3	94.8	94.7
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	86.6	87.1	86.4	85.8
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	60.9	61.2	64.4	64.9
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	26.0	25.8	26.4	27.4

¹⁵ Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the state did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

¹⁶ Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 includes a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

¹⁷ Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website (<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/resource/data-indicators-second-round-of-cfsrs>).

¹⁸ Legally free means that there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father. This calculation excludes children who, by the end of the first 6 months of the fiscal year, had discharged from foster care to reunification, living with relative, or guardianship.

¹⁹ A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

²⁰ The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

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The following are Iowa's comments on the state data presented in *Child Welfare Outcomes 2009–2012: Report to Congress*.

The Iowa Department of Human Services is continuing to see improvements in the outcomes for the children and families we serve. Family team decision-making, court collaborative efforts and strong public/private partnerships continue to improve outcomes for children and families. Iowa continues to reduce disproportionality, reduce number of kids in care, increase kin placements and gradually observed a decline in the number of child victims who experience maltreatment. Complex family characteristics such as substance abuse by parents, continued increase in caseload growth and declining IV-E funding are key areas that challenge our system.

Section B (Child Maltreatment Data): The number of child victims continues to decrease. Number of child victims from 2011 to 2012 continued the gradual trend.

Section C (Children in Foster Care): Iowa's foster care population is continuing to decline. The decline illustrates the success the state has observed following child welfare redesign. In particular, Iowa has worked to reduce the need for removal and better support families in their own homes when it is safe to do so. Challenges that families experience are identified and families are provided the needed resources to address identified challenges quickly so children may be returned home or find other permanency options.

Sections D and E (Adoption): Iowa's population of children who are adopted annually rose again in 2012 after leveling off in 2010 and 2011. Iowa's continued focus on permanency and timely adoption continues to be reflected in the data.

Outcome Measure 1.1: Iowa's top priority is child safety. We have continued to focus on strengthening risk and safety assessment, developing strong safety plans, and engaging providers in safety and risk discussions.

Outcome Measure 3.1: In Iowa the number of children exiting from care has continued to decline in step with the reduced number of children in foster care. This trend is expected to continue as the state takes more steps to strengthen efforts to prevent removal.

Outcome Measure 3.4: One of our more significant challenges remains the number of children, especially those under age 12, that remain in foster care until emancipation. Total exits to emancipation and exits of those under age 12 declined in 2012, most likely due to statewide efforts that have been made to better engage relatives, strengthen family interaction, and focus on permanent family connections

Outcome Measure 4.2: The number of children re-entering foster care continues to be a challenge in Iowa. The state is focusing on engaging relatives and increasing the use of family team decision making as part of our strategy to move foster children to more lasting permanent settings.

Kansas

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total children under 18 years	704,951	726,515	725,558	724,304
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.8
Asian	2.3	2.4	2.4	2.5
Black	7.1	6.5	6.4	6.4
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	14.8	16.9	17.2	17.5
White	71.5	68.6	68.2	67.8
Two or more races	3.3	4.8	4.8	4.9
Child population in poverty (%)	17.6	18.4	18.8	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Child maltreatment victims	1,329	1,504	1,729	1,868
Foster care entry rate per 1,000	4.5	4.9	4.7	5.1
Children in foster care on 9/30	5,701	5,989	5,858	6,007
Children adopted	836	694	781	764

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	98
Numerator	N/A	N/A	N/A	56,975
Denominator	N/A	N/A	N/A	58,059
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	83
Numerator	N/A	N/A	N/A	47,147
Denominator	N/A	N/A	N/A	56,975

B. Child Maltreatment Data (National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System [NCANDS] Unique Counts)⁶

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2009		2010		2011		2012	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children who received a Child Protective Services response for an allegation of child maltreatment	22,685	32.2 per 1,000	22,393	30.8 per 1,000	25,436	35.1 per 1,000	26,866	37.1 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims	1,329	1.9 per 1,000	1,504	2.1 per 1,000	1,729	2.4 per 1,000	1,868	2.6 per 1,000
Child fatalities	8	1.1 per 100,000	6	0.8 per 100,000	10	1.4 per 100,000	8	1.1 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	8.8	8.6	6.4	6.7
1 year	6.9	6.1	5.8	5.6
2 years	6.1	7.3	6.3	5.5
3 years	6.4	7.5	6.7	6.9
4 years	7.4	6.8	6.4	6.9
5 years	6.7	7.0	6.8	6.8
6 years	5.5	7.0	5.7	7.1
7 years	5.9	5.4	6.8	5.9
8 years	5.3	4.7	4.5	5.9
9 years	5.6	5.2	5.9	5.2
10 years	5.5	5.4	4.3	4.2
11 years	3.9	4.2	5.1	5.5
12 years	4.4	5.7	6.1	4.9
13 years	4.2	4.0	5.9	5.7
14 years	5.4	5.0	5.8	5.0
15 years	5.7	4.3	5.6	5.2
16 years	4.1	3.4	3.2	3.5
17 years	2.0	2.3	2.1	3.2
18+ years	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.2
Missing data	0.2	0.1	0.2	<.1
Number	1,329	1,504	1,729	1,868

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.7	0.5	0.7	1.1
Asian	0.7	0.1	0.8	0.4
Black	12.9	13.7	10.9	12.2
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.2
Hispanic (of any race)	8.7	10.6	11.9	13.7
White	72.5	71.1	69.8	66.5
Two or more races	3.2	3.5	5.6	5.5
Missing data	1.3	0.4	0.2	0.4
Number	1,329	1,504	1,729	1,868

¹ The source data for each table is indicated in parentheses for each section. A calendar year is the basis for data from the Census Bureau. Most of the other data on these pages are from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS) or the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) and are based on the Federal fiscal year, October 1 through September 30.

² The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau (<http://www.census.gov/popest/data/datasets.html>). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS). Child poverty data for 2012 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2010–2013 report.

³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

⁴ A child victim is defined as a child who is the subject of a maltreatment report for which the disposition is substantiated, indicated, or "alternative response victim." The rate for foster care entry is per 1,000 children in the state population. Data on child maltreatment victims are from NCANDS. Data on foster care entry rate, children in foster care on 9/30, and children adopted are from AFCARS.

⁵ As of 2012, there is a new methodology used to calculate the caseworker visits measures. Because the new methodology limits data comparisons with prior years, caseworker visits data from 2009 through 2011 are not included in this table. All states have the option of using an approved sampling procedure for the caseworker visits reporting requirement. See appendix C for more information on how these data are calculated and for a list of states using sampling methodology.

⁶ The unique count of child victims counts a child only once regardless of the number of times he or she was found to be a victim during the reporting year. This is a change from prior reports, and these data are now consistent with the reporting practice in the Child Maltreatment reports.

⁷ The rates for Child Protective Services Responses and victims are per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18.

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)⁸

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Emotional abuse	10.5	10.2	11.2	12.6
Medical neglect	3.2	2.3	1.9	1.6
Neglect	17.5	22.3	17.4	18.4
Physical abuse	22.0	22.3	20.7	22.3
Sexual abuse	35.4	34.6	39.3	33.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	23.0	19.7	21.8	21.8
Number	1,329	1,504	1,729	1,868

Response Time (in hours)⁹

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Mean	60.8	62.7	63.7	65.6
Median	>24 but<48	>24 but<48	>48 but<72	>48 but<72

C. Characteristics of Children in Foster Care

(Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System [AFCARS] Foster Care File)

Overview Foster Care Information

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total number	6,169	5,601	5,899	5,762	3,147	3,560	3,428	3,715	3,615	3,172	3,469	3,470	5,701	5,989	5,858	6,007
Median length of stay (months)	13.4	13.8	12.2	12.1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	16.9	15.8	15.8	14.9	14.1	12.2	12.1	11.5

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	5.0	4.8	4.9	4.8	13.9	13.6	13.2	13.4	2.3	2.7	2.2	2.5	4.8	5.0	4.8	5.2
1 year	7.7	6.5	6.8	7.1	6.2	6.9	6.7	7.5	7.1	6.1	6.4	6.4	6.4	6.7	7.1	7.2
2 years	6.3	6.3	6.5	6.6	4.5	6.5	6.9	6.5	7.1	7.2	6.8	7.3	6.4	6.5	6.6	6.8
3 years	6.0	5.4	6.3	6.6	4.7	6.3	6.2	6.1	6.0	5.8	6.7	6.5	5.5	6.3	6.6	6.2
4 years	4.9	5.2	5.7	5.9	4.4	4.8	5.1	5.5	5.6	5.1	5.9	6.5	5.2	5.8	5.9	6.1
5 years	5.2	4.8	4.9	5.2	4.4	4.6	4.8	5.1	4.6	4.8	4.6	5.5	4.8	4.9	5.3	5.5
6 years	4.6	4.9	4.3	5.0	4.1	4.4	4.6	5.2	4.7	5.1	4.4	4.8	4.9	4.3	5.1	5.4
7 years	4.2	4.4	4.9	4.4	4.0	3.8	4.2	4.0	4.3	3.7	4.2	4.2	4.4	4.9	4.4	5.1
8 years	3.8	4.3	4.3	4.6	4.3	3.6	3.9	3.6	3.7	3.8	4.1	4.0	4.3	4.3	4.6	4.2
9 years	3.9	4.0	4.0	4.3	3.7	3.4	3.6	4.0	3.6	3.8	3.7	4.3	4.0	4.0	4.3	4.2
10 years	3.6	4.1	4.2	3.8	3.0	3.9	3.3	3.6	2.7	3.6	4.1	3.6	4.0	4.1	3.8	4.1
11 years	3.8	3.6	4.1	3.9	3.4	3.2	3.6	3.4	3.5	2.6	3.5	3.0	3.6	4.1	3.9	3.8
12 years	3.8	4.1	4.2	4.3	4.2	3.9	3.9	3.3	3.2	3.1	4.0	3.7	4.0	4.1	4.4	3.6
13 years	4.6	4.8	4.6	4.7	5.0	5.1	5.3	5.0	2.9	3.6	3.0	3.6	4.8	4.7	4.6	5.1
14 years	5.6	5.9	5.5	5.6	6.9	6.2	6.2	5.5	4.0	4.4	4.5	4.5	6.1	5.5	5.7	5.1
15 years	7.4	7.8	7.4	6.6	9.5	7.6	7.4	7.7	5.3	5.6	5.3	4.7	7.8	7.3	6.6	6.9
16 years	9.1	9.0	8.3	8.2	8.6	6.8	7.2	6.5	6.9	6.9	6.9	7.3	8.9	8.3	8.2	7.0
17 years	9.6	9.2	8.6	8.0	5.1	5.1	4.0	4.2	8.0	6.7	6.1	5.6	9.2	8.5	7.9	7.9
18 years	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.0	0.1	<.1	0.0	14.3	15.1	13.4	11.7	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.5
19 years	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0
Missing data	<.1	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

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)¹⁰

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.8	0.9	0.7	0.8	1.0	1.0	1.1	0.9	0.6	1.2	0.8	1.1	1.0	0.8	0.9	0.7
Asian	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.8	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.3	0.7	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.4
Black	20.4	20.4	18.0	16.5	16.4	15.0	13.1	12.5	16.5	18.7	14.9	13.5	20.6	18.1	16.9	15.8
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	0.2	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.2	0.1	<.1	0.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	8.4	9.6	11.1	11.6	9.8	10.8	13.0	12.4	8.8	9.2	12.7	12.4	8.9	10.6	11.2	11.7
White	66.4	64.1	64.4	64.2	68.9	68.6	67.1	68.2	70.5	66.0	66.4	67.1	65.2	65.8	64.8	65.0
Two or more races	3.2	4.4	5.4	6.2	2.9	3.8	4.9	5.3	2.7	3.9	4.7	5.0	3.3	4.3	5.5	6.4
Unable to determine	0.4	0.1	<.1	0.0	0.2	0.3	<.1	0.0	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.3	0.1	<.1	0.0
Missing data	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	0.0

⁸ These percentages are calculated against the number of unique victims. A child may have been the victim of more than one type of maltreatment, or the same type of maltreatment more than once. As a result, the total percentages both within and across maltreatment categories may exceed 100.

⁹ Response time is defined as the time between the report of suspected maltreatment and the first face-to-face contact with the alleged victim or with another person who can provide information on the allegation.

¹⁰ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

D. Characteristics of Children Waiting for Adoption¹¹ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total waiting children	1,859	1,829	1,820	1,855
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	1,283	1,302	1,311	1,193

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	2.7	1.6	2.9	2.3
1 year	7.0	6.8	8.4	7.0
2 years	9.0	8.0	8.1	8.1
3 years	6.9	7.4	6.3	8.1
4 years	7.5	6.9	6.7	7.0
5 years	5.7	7.2	6.4	6.3
6 years	6.7	5.1	6.0	6.4
7 years	5.9	6.6	5.1	5.8
8 years	5.1	5.5	6.2	5.5
9 years	4.8	5.2	5.9	5.2
10 years	5.4	5.4	4.8	5.7
11 years	4.7	6.0	4.9	4.7
12 years	5.3	4.9	6.4	5.1
13 years	4.8	6.1	5.2	5.8
14 years	6.1	5.2	6.2	5.2
15 years	6.2	6.6	4.8	6.0
16 years	4.4	3.8	4.1	3.6
17 years	1.7	1.7	1.6	2.3

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹³

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.8	0.9	1.0	0.8
Asian	<.1	<.1	0.3	0.1
Black	25.8	22.5	22.7	20.9
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.3	<.1	0.0	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	8.4	9.3	9.8	11.2
White	60.4	62.3	59.6	58.0
Two or more races	3.9	4.8	6.6	8.9
Unable to determine	0.5	<.1	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total children adopted	836	694	781	764

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	1.3	2.0	0.6	1.6
1 year	13.3	9.5	8.5	9.4
2 years	15.2	15.0	11.9	13.2
3 years	10.9	11.2	11.4	9.9
4 years	9.3	10.4	9.7	10.7
5 years	7.1	7.9	7.9	9.7
6 years	7.1	8.6	7.6	6.4
7 years	5.9	5.3	6.9	5.1
8 years	5.9	5.3	6.8	5.1
9 years	3.9	4.8	5.4	6.0
10 years	3.6	3.9	5.5	4.7
11 years	3.8	3.3	3.7	3.5
12 years	2.9	3.6	3.2	3.7
13 years	3.0	2.0	3.2	2.2
14 years	2.3	2.6	2.6	3.1
15 years	2.2	1.4	2.0	1.8
16 years	1.2	1.7	1.7	2.2
17 years	1.1	1.0	1.3	1.2
18 years	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.3
19 years	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/Alaska Native	1.2	0.3	0.9	1.2
Asian	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.3
Black	19.9	25.1	17.2	18.2
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	9.2	7.8	11.5	10.9
White	65.2	62.1	65.0	64.1
Two or more races	3.7	4.3	5.2	5.4
Unable to determine	0.5	0.3	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

¹¹ There is no federal definition for a child waiting to be adopted. The definition used in the tables on this page includes children and youth through age 17 who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parents' parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A state's own definition may differ from that used here.

¹² Children older than 17 years fall outside of the definition used to identify waiting children and are therefore excluded from this table.

¹³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

Kansas

OUTCOMES DATA

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect (NCANDS)

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children without a recurrence	98.5	97.3	94.0	96.6
Children with one or more recurrences	1.5	2.7	6.0	3.4
Number	600	633	697	923

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care

(NCANDS and AFCARS Foster Care File)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.05	0.09	0.11	0.20
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.95	99.91	99.89	99.80
Number	9,316	9,161	9,327	9,477

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Foster Care File)

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	22.8	21.7	22.5	21.9
Guardianship	7.1	7.5	8.3	6.5
Reunification	54.0	53.9	54.4	56.9
Other	16.0	16.8	14.7	14.6
Missing data	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.1
Number	3,615	3,172	3,469	3,470

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	43.6	38.1	41.7	39.5
Guardianship	4.9	6.4	6.3	6.5
Reunification	31.8	35.6	33.7	36.1
Other	19.8	19.8	18.3	18.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,154	1,025	1,246	1,178

3.3 Exits of Children Older Than Age 12 at Entry Into Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	1.1	1.2	1.8	1.9
Guardianship	7.0	8.1	9.7	9.2
Reunification	53.3	49.8	51.3	48.9
Other	38.4	40.6	36.9	39.5
Missing data	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5
Number	1,225	1,073	1,098	1,045

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children age 12 or younger at entry	17.0	15.9	19.8	15.6
Children older than 12 at entry	83.0	84.1	80.2	84.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	476	454	444	405

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	American Indian/Alaska Native				2009	Asian				2009	Black			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2010	2011	2012	2010		2011	2012		
Adoption	45.5	5.4	25.9	23.1	10.0	0.0	0.0	8.3	27.3	29.3	25.9	29.6		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	3.7	0.0	15.0	11.1	0.0	12.5	6.0	6.2	7.5	7.7		
Reunification	27.3	70.3	48.1	35.9	60.0	66.7	75.0	70.8	48.5	46.0	45.5	42.0		
Other	27.3	24.3	22.2	41.0	15.0	22.2	25.0	8.3	18.0	18.4	20.5	20.0		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.6	0.6		
Number	22	37	27	39	20	18	12	24	596	594	517	469		

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander				2009	Hispanic (of any race)				2009	White			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2010	2011	2012	2010		2011	2012		
Adoption	33.3	50.0	50.0	0.0	24.3	18.5	20.5	19.3	21.2	20.3	22.0	20.9		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	14.3	6.6	3.8	4.1	5.1	7.6	8.3	9.5	6.7		
Reunification	66.7	0.0	50.0	85.7	49.5	55.5	63.0	58.8	55.8	55.7	54.3	59.3		
Other	0.0	50.0	0.0	0.0	19.6	21.6	12.5	16.7	15.3	15.7	14.1	13.1		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1		
Number	3	2	2	7	317	292	440	430	2,548	2,094	2,305	2,327		

	Unable to Determine				2009	Two or More Races				2009	Missing Data			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2010	2011	2012	2010		2011	2012		
Adoption	10.0	20.0	0.0	0.0	31.3	24.0	25.3	23.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.0	12.8	6.8	4.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	80.0	40.0	100.0	0.0	56.6	52.0	59.3	60.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Other	10.0	40.0	0.0	0.0	9.1	11.2	8.6	10.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	10	10	4	0	99	125	162	174	0	0	0	0		

¹⁴ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Less than 12 mos.	51.7	57.6	53.0	57.4
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	35.5	32.6	38.4	34.6
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	10.0	7.3	6.5	6.4
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	1.9	1.3	1.5	1.2
48 or more mos.	0.9	1.1	0.5	0.4
Missing data	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0
Number	1,952	1,709	1,887	1,973

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children entering care for the first time	82.5	84.7	85.2	83.8
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	6.5	5.6	4.2	4.7
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	10.6	9.7	10.6	11.4
Missing data	0.4	0.1	<.1	<.1
Number	3,147	3,560	3,428	3,715

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Foster Care File)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Less than 12 mos.	2.7	3.6	1.9	3.0
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	35.3	27.3	24.1	34.1
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	32.6	40.2	37.4	29.2
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	14.7	16.8	23.0	17.1
48 or more mos.	14.8	12.0	13.6	16.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	825	689	779	759

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Foster Care File)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care (%)

	In Care Less Than 12 Months				In Care at Least 12 Months but Less Than 24 Months				In Care for 24 Months or Longer				Missing Time in Care			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children with 2 or fewer placements	78.7	82.6	83.4	83.9	52.2	57.0	63.6	66.1	28.8	27.6	27.4	35.2	88.2	75.0	100.0	0.0
Children with 3 or more placements	20.9	17.1	16.0	15.7	45.6	43.0	36.2	33.8	69.8	72.3	72.6	64.7	8.8	25.0	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	0.5	0.3	0.6	0.4	2.1	0.0	0.1	<.1	1.4	<.1	<.1	<.1	2.9	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	3,808	4,180	4,158	4,479	2,699	2,373	2,694	2,657	2,775	2,592	2,468	2,341	34	16	7	0

7. Reduce Placement of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Foster Care File)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During the Fiscal Year and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Group homes	<.1	0.1	<.1	0.3
Institutions	1.0	1.3	0.7	0.6
Other settings	98.9	98.6	99.2	99.1
Missing data	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	2,014	2,436	2,376	2,616

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews¹⁵ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score¹⁷	116.9	117.3	121.6	125.4
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	63.2	67.2	67.8	70.4
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	9.0	8.8	9.0	8.5
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	35.3	34.3	33.9	38.5
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	7.4	8.8	8.4	7.8

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	112.0	107.2	112.2	118.0
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	37.9	30.9	26.1	37.2
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	27.9	29.4	31.3	27.7
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	27.4	25.2	31.1	29.3
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year? ¹⁸	15.6	16.8	18.4	13.6
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	42.6	41.6	41.5	49.6

Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time¹⁹

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	132.1	127.7	135.5	131.6
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	33.7	30.5	36.1	33.9
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	89.0	87.1	89.4	90.5
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	30.3	31.8	32.6	34.6

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	84.9	89.0	92.7	97.4
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	78.3	82.1	83.3	83.8
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	53.4	56.7	63.6	66.3
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	29.5	27.8	27.4	35.4

¹⁵ Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the state did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

¹⁶ Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 includes a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

¹⁷ Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website (<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/resource/data-indicators-second-round-of-cfsrs>).

¹⁸ Legally free means that there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father. This calculation excludes children who, by the end of the first 6 months of the fiscal year, had discharged from foster care to reunification, living with relative, or guardianship.

¹⁹ A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

²⁰ The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

Kansas

STATE COMMENT

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The following are Kansas's comments on the state data presented in *Child Welfare Outcomes 2009–2012: Report to Congress*.

Section B (Child Maltreatment Data): The total number of all child reports received increased by 7% from FY2011 to FY2012. The number of children subject of an investigative report alleging child maltreatment increased by nearly 6% from FY2011 to FY2012. With this increase, there was an increase in the number of child maltreatment victims from FY2011.

Section 1.1 (Outcomes Data): Recurrence of maltreatment within 6 months performance has increased from FY2011 to FY2012, and Kansas is again meeting the national standard.

Kentucky

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total children under 18 years	1,014,323	1,023,265	1,022,388	1,018,238
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Asian	1.1	1.3	1.3	1.4
Black	9.4	9.1	9.1	9.1
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	4.5	4.9	5.1	5.3
White	82.3	81.1	80.7	80.4
Two or more races	2.3	3.4	3.5	3.6
Child population in poverty (%)	25.6	26.3	27.4	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Child maltreatment victims	16,187	17,029	16,994	17,054
Foster care entry rate per 1,000	5.3	5.4	5.0	5.5
Children in foster care on 9/30	7,119	7,022	6,779	7,276
Children adopted	842	754	824	783

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	93
Numerator	N/A	N/A	N/A	66,421
Denominator	N/A	N/A	N/A	71,357
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	98
Numerator	N/A	N/A	N/A	65,176
Denominator	N/A	N/A	N/A	66,421

B. Child Maltreatment Data (National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System [NCANDS] Unique Counts)⁶

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2009		2010		2011		2012	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children who received a Child Protective Services response for an allegation of child maltreatment	60,145	59.3 per 1,000	61,643	60.2 per 1,000	61,912	60.6 per 1,000	63,705	62.6 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims	16,187	16.0 per 1,000	17,029	16.6 per 1,000	16,994	16.6 per 1,000	17,054	16.7 per 1,000
Child fatalities	34	3.4 per 100,000	30	2.9 per 100,000	32	3.1 per 100,000	26	2.6 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	13.5	13.5	14.0	13.8
1 year	8.2	8.1	8.0	7.9
2 years	7.8	7.5	8.1	7.4
3 years	6.9	7.3	7.5	7.2
4 years	6.4	6.2	6.9	7.1
5 years	6.0	6.3	6.4	6.5
6 years	5.9	5.8	5.9	6.4
7 years	5.7	5.4	5.4	5.2
8 years	5.0	4.8	4.9	4.9
9 years	4.7	4.9	4.6	4.6
10 years	4.5	4.4	4.6	4.6
11 years	4.1	4.2	4.3	4.2
12 years	3.7	3.9	3.9	4.0
13 years	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.7
14 years	3.9	3.9	3.4	3.7
15 years	4.1	3.8	3.3	3.5
16 years	3.5	3.5	2.9	3.0
17 years	2.4	2.6	2.1	2.1
18+ years	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1
Missing data	0.1	0.1	0.2	<.1
Number	16,187	17,029	16,994	17,054

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/ Alaska Native	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Asian	0.1	0.1	0.1	<.1
Black	10.7	10.4	11.6	9.6
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	2.7	2.3	2.9	2.9
White	69.0	69.1	63.5	59.4
Two or more races	2.3	2.6	2.5	2.6
Missing data	15.0	15.4	19.4	25.4
Number	16,187	17,029	16,994	17,054

¹ The source data for each table is indicated in parentheses for each section. A calendar year is the basis for data from the Census Bureau. Most of the other data on these pages are from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS) or the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) and are based on the Federal fiscal year, October 1 through September 30.

² The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau (<http://www.census.gov/popest/data/datasets.html>). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS). Child poverty data for 2012 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2010-2013 report.

³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

⁴ A child victim is defined as a child who is the subject of a maltreatment report for which the disposition is substantiated, indicated, or "alternative response victim." The rate for foster care entry is per 1,000 children in the state population. Data on child maltreatment victims are from NCANDS. Data on foster care entry rate, children in foster care on 9/30, and children adopted are from AFCARS.

⁵ As of 2012, there is a new methodology used to calculate the caseworker visits measures. Because the new methodology limits data comparisons with prior years, caseworker visits data from 2009 through 2011 are not included in this table. All states have the option of using an approved sampling procedure for the caseworker visits reporting requirement. See appendix C for more information on how these data are calculated and for a list of states using sampling methodology.

⁶ The unique count of child victims counts a child only once regardless of the number of times he or she was found to be a victim during the reporting year. This is a change from prior reports, and these data are now consistent with the reporting practice in the Child Maltreatment reports.

⁷ The rates for Child Protective Services Responses and victims are per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18.

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)⁸

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Emotional abuse	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3
Medical neglect	—	—	—	—
Neglect	95.3	96.4	96.4	97.4
Physical abuse	10.0	8.5	8.6	8.9
Sexual abuse	4.5	4.5	4.0	4.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	16,187	17,029	16,994	17,054

Response Time (in hours)⁹

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Mean	38.4	42.3	48.0	58.7
Median	<24	<24	<24	<24

C. Characteristics of Children in Foster Care

(Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System [AFCARS] Foster Care File)

Overview Foster Care Information

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total number	6,934	6,650	6,703	6,422	5,368	5,497	5,098	5,649	5,183	5,124	5,022	4,795	7,119	7,022	6,779	7,276
Median length of stay (months)	12.9	12.9	12.4	12.7	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	9.4	9.2	9.6	8.4	12.6	12.2	12.7	11.6

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	5.8	5.5	5.3	5.8	14.1	13.0	14.4	13.5	5.7	5.5	5.8	5.9	5.6	5.2	5.8	5.9
1 year	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.4	6.6	6.9	6.6	6.8	6.8	6.9	6.8	6.2	6.8	6.7	6.2	7.0
2 years	6.1	6.1	6.8	6.5	6.0	5.9	6.1	5.8	7.2	6.1	6.9	6.7	6.1	6.7	6.3	5.9
3 years	4.7	4.8	5.8	6.5	5.0	5.6	5.7	5.6	5.8	5.7	6.6	5.7	5.0	5.6	6.4	6.3
4 years	4.5	4.5	5.0	5.1	4.4	4.5	5.5	5.4	4.4	5.0	5.8	5.6	4.5	4.9	5.2	5.7
5 years	3.6	4.2	4.6	4.7	4.2	4.9	4.2	4.7	4.1	4.3	4.8	5.3	4.3	4.6	4.6	4.9
6 years	3.5	3.9	4.2	4.3	4.3	3.9	3.7	4.6	4.0	4.2	4.4	4.5	4.0	4.1	4.2	4.6
7 years	4.0	3.5	4.1	3.8	3.4	3.9	3.7	4.0	3.5	3.9	4.1	4.7	3.5	4.0	3.7	4.1
8 years	3.5	3.8	3.6	4.0	3.3	3.3	3.1	4.1	3.6	3.3	2.9	3.8	3.8	3.6	4.1	3.8
9 years	3.2	3.3	3.4	3.4	3.0	3.3	3.2	3.7	3.0	3.9	3.4	3.4	3.3	3.2	3.3	3.9
10 years	3.1	3.6	3.5	3.5	3.2	3.2	2.9	3.1	3.0	2.8	2.8	3.1	3.6	3.4	3.4	3.6
11 years	3.5	3.4	3.7	3.5	3.1	3.6	3.2	3.4	2.8	3.1	3.0	3.2	3.3	3.6	3.5	3.5
12 years	3.7	3.7	3.9	4.2	3.7	3.9	3.7	4.1	2.9	3.3	3.3	3.2	3.7	3.9	4.1	4.1
13 years	4.8	4.5	4.6	4.6	4.3	4.6	4.8	4.6	2.9	3.3	3.3	3.4	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.8
14 years	6.2	5.7	5.2	6.0	6.0	5.9	5.9	5.3	4.4	4.2	3.5	4.1	5.6	5.1	5.9	5.5
15 years	8.8	8.2	7.9	6.8	8.5	7.1	7.4	7.3	5.5	4.8	5.4	5.0	8.2	7.8	6.9	6.9
16 years	11.1	11.1	9.4	9.6	9.1	8.3	8.1	7.8	6.8	6.8	6.5	5.9	10.7	9.4	9.4	8.5
17 years	12.4	12.5	11.8	10.7	7.7	7.8	7.7	6.2	8.4	8.0	7.0	7.0	12.5	11.9	10.5	10.0
18 years	0.8	1.0	0.5	0.7	0.2	0.1	0.1	<.1	14.7	14.2	13.4	13.0	0.8	1.7	1.9	1.0
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.2
20 years	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	0.0
Missing data	0.0	<.1	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

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)¹⁰

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Asian	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.2	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.2	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Black	17.0	15.4	14.2	12.9	13.0	12.4	12.1	12.5	15.3	13.4	13.8	12.9	15.3	14.5	13.0	12.6
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.1	<.1	0.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	4.3	4.4	4.5	5.2	4.0	4.7	5.6	4.2	4.0	4.7	4.9	5.1	4.3	4.4	5.1	4.4
White	71.7	73.7	74.1	74.8	76.7	75.7	73.9	74.6	74.2	75.2	73.5	74.3	73.7	74.2	74.4	75.0
Two or more races	4.7	4.6	5.3	4.8	3.4	4.5	3.8	4.2	3.9	4.0	4.7	4.4	4.2	4.9	4.6	4.6
Unable to determine	2.0	1.6	1.7	2.1	2.5	2.4	3.6	4.1	2.3	2.2	2.6	2.7	2.2	1.8	2.4	3.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.8	0.3	<.1	<.1	0.4	0.3	<.1	<.1	0.4	<.1

⁸ These percentages are calculated against the number of unique victims. A child may have been the victim of more than one type of maltreatment, or the same type of maltreatment more than once. As a result, the total percentages both within and across maltreatment categories may exceed 100.

⁹ Response time is defined as the time between the report of suspected maltreatment and the first face-to-face contact with the alleged victim or with another person who can provide information on the allegation.

¹⁰ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

D. Characteristics of Children Waiting for Adoption¹¹ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total waiting children	2,082	1,952	1,920	1,990
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	1,187	1,233	1,098	1,081

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	1.1	1.1	1.4	0.8
1 year	6.6	5.7	5.5	6.5
2 years	6.0	8.0	7.7	6.4
3 years	5.3	6.5	7.3	7.3
4 years	5.1	6.1	5.9	6.4
5 years	5.1	6.1	5.5	5.1
6 years	4.9	5.0	5.8	5.0
7 years	4.7	5.4	4.4	5.2
8 years	5.4	4.8	5.4	4.1
9 years	4.4	5.0	4.6	4.9
10 years	5.3	3.8	4.7	5.1
11 years	4.8	4.8	4.1	4.6
12 years	5.0	4.7	5.7	5.3
13 years	5.6	5.9	5.4	6.2
14 years	6.4	5.9	6.3	6.1
15 years	8.0	7.1	7.3	7.2
16 years	9.0	8.1	7.2	7.8
17 years	7.3	6.0	5.7	5.9

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹³

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/Alaska Native	<.1	0.1	0.2	0.0
Asian	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0
Black	18.6	14.9	13.4	12.2
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	5.0	4.7	5.0	5.6
White	68.7	72.8	74.0	74.5
Two or more races	5.3	5.3	5.6	5.5
Unable to determine	2.1	1.9	1.7	2.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total children adopted	842	754	824	783

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	0.5	0.8	0.2	0.8
1 year	10.8	8.9	6.7	7.5
2 years	12.7	10.6	12.4	13.2
3 years	11.0	10.3	11.3	10.2
4 years	7.2	6.0	10.1	9.6
5 years	6.8	6.5	8.1	8.9
6 years	5.6	6.5	6.7	7.0
7 years	4.6	6.2	6.1	6.9
8 years	6.3	5.3	5.1	5.4
9 years	4.9	7.2	5.5	4.5
10 years	5.1	5.3	3.3	4.6
11 years	4.2	4.2	3.6	2.9
12 years	4.6	3.8	5.2	3.2
13 years	3.2	4.9	2.3	4.3
14 years	3.7	2.9	2.4	3.1
15 years	3.4	2.8	3.5	3.2
16 years	2.5	4.8	3.8	2.0
17 years	2.6	2.7	3.0	2.4
18 years	0.2	0.3	0.7	0.3
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.3
Asian	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1
Black	16.3	16.4	13.7	13.4
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.7	0.0	0.2	0.4
Hispanic (of any race)	6.4	7.3	5.6	6.9
White	66.4	69.5	71.0	71.5
Two or more races	8.1	4.4	7.5	6.0
Unable to determine	2.0	2.3	1.9	1.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

¹¹ There is no federal definition for a child waiting to be adopted. The definition used in the tables on this page includes children and youth through age 17 who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parents' parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A state's own definition may differ from that used here.

¹² Children older than 17 years fall outside of the definition used to identify waiting children and are therefore excluded from this table.

¹³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

Kentucky

OUTCOMES DATA

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect (NCANDS)

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children without a recurrence	94.7	94.7	94.9	93.8
Children with one or more recurrences	5.3	5.3	5.1	6.2
Number	6,813	7,290	7,002	7,334

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care (NCANDS and AFCARS Foster Care File)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.45	0.47	0.34	0.50
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.55	99.53	99.66	99.50
Number	12,302	12,147	11,801	12,071

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Foster Care File)

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	15.6	14.7	16.3	16.2
Guardianship	0.2	0.8	0.9	0.8
Reunification	66.8	68.7	69.1	69.3
Other	17.4	15.8	13.6	13.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	5,183	5,124	5,022	4,795

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	22.4	21.2	28.2	24.5
Guardianship	0.0	0.5	0.7	0.4
Reunification	47.2	51.4	49.3	50.7
Other	30.4	26.9	21.9	24.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	483	562	735	837

3.3 Exits of Children Older Than Age 12 at Entry Into Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	1.4	1.4	2.7	1.2
Guardianship	0.1	1.0	0.8	0.6
Reunification	58.8	58.8	61.7	62.3
Other	39.6	38.7	34.9	35.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,910	1,822	1,698	1,584

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children age 12 or younger at entry	14.8	12.3	12.9	11.4
Children older than 12 at entry	85.2	87.7	87.1	88.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	865	779	658	616

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	American Indian/Alaska Native				2009	Asian			2009	Black			2012
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	
Adoption	0.0	14.3	0.0	40.0	14.3	0.0	0.0	33.3	16.6	18.0	16.4	17.0	
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.9	1.1	
Reunification	71.4	28.6	100.0	40.0	71.4	90.0	80.0	33.3	61.4	60.5	65.4	65.6	
Other	28.6	57.1	0.0	20.0	14.3	10.0	20.0	33.3	22.0	20.6	17.4	16.2	
Missing data	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	7	7	1	5	7	10	5	3	791	689	691	617	

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander				2009	Hispanic (of any race)			2009	White			2012
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	
Adoption	100.0	0.0	100.0	50.0	25.4	22.9	18.9	22.0	14.0	13.6	15.7	15.6	
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.8	2.0	0.2	0.8	0.9	0.7	
Reunification	0.0	100.0	0.0	33.3	61.0	66.7	70.5	67.1	68.8	70.1	69.6	69.9	
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	16.7	13.7	10.0	9.8	8.9	17.0	15.5	13.8	13.8	
Missing data	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	6	2	2	6	205	240	244	246	3,844	3,853	3,693	3,561	

	Unable to Determine				2009	Two or More Races			2009	Missing Data			2012
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	
Adoption	14.3	14.8	12.1	8.5	31.0	16.1	26.5	21.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Guardianship	0.8	0.9	1.5	0.8	0.0	0.5	1.3	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Reunification	78.2	73.0	79.5	84.5	51.2	69.8	63.2	64.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	
Other	6.7	11.3	6.8	6.2	17.7	13.7	9.0	12.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Missing data	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	119	115	132	129	203	205	234	212	1	3	20	16	

¹⁴ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Less than 12 mos.	76.8	75.9	74.9	78.9
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	16.5	17.8	19.4	16.2
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	4.5	4.4	4.1	3.3
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	1.3	1.4	1.0	1.0
48 or more mos.	0.7	0.5	0.7	0.6
Missing data	0.2	<.1	0.0	<.1
Number	3,462	3,520	3,472	3,324

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children entering care for the first time	79.3	79.4	78.3	77.9
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	10.1	8.6	9.5	9.9
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	10.4	11.8	12.0	11.9
Missing data	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.2
Number	5,368	5,497	5,098	5,649

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Foster Care File)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Less than 12 mos.	1.9	1.7	0.7	1.2
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	21.8	19.9	20.1	19.8
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	33.2	34.7	37.7	34.5
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	24.0	24.1	23.8	26.1
48 or more mos.	19.2	19.5	17.7	18.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	808	754	820	779

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Foster Care File)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care (%)

	In Care Less Than 12 Months				In Care at Least 12 Months but Less Than 24 Months				In Care for 24 Months or Longer				Missing Time in Care			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children with 2 or fewer placements	86.6	88.4	88.4	88.5	60.2	62.0	64.4	66.9	29.6	31.3	33.0	38.5	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	13.4	11.1	11.2	11.4	39.8	37.7	35.4	33.1	70.4	68.7	67.0	61.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	0.0	0.5	0.4	<.1	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	6,417	6,431	6,069	6,580	2,618	2,569	2,707	2,541	3,224	3,122	2,997	2,948	43	25	28	2

7. Reduce Placement of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Foster Care File)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During the Fiscal Year and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Group homes	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Institutions	5.7	5.4	5.1	4.5
Other settings	94.2	94.6	94.9	95.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	3,424	3,616	3,344	3,873

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews¹⁵ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score¹⁷	134.4	134.3	134.9	132.0
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	79.5	79.9	78.9	78.1
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	4.4	4.2	4.5	4.9
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	55.0	52.5	51.5	50.5
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	13.6	13.5	12.8	12.7

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	121.6	120.3	114.6	125.6
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	23.6	21.6	21.2	20.9
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	33.4	32.7	32.6	33.9
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	24.9	25.1	28.2	28.1
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year? ¹⁸	16.2	19.6	20.7	18.5
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	55.2	59.7	58.1	63.3

Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time¹⁹

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	110.7	120.1	118.3	125.0
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	30.7	29.8	32.8	32.7
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	82.5	86.2	87.7	87.1
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	30.8	31.1	30.7	29.7

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	93.8	96.7	98.5	101.8
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	85.6	87.7	87.6	87.4
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	60.1	62.1	64.5	67.1
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	29.7	31.5	33.0	38.6

¹⁵ Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the state did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

¹⁶ Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 includes a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

¹⁷ Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website (<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/resource/data-indicators-second-round-of-cfsrs>).

¹⁸ Legally free means that there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father. This calculation excludes children who, by the end of the first 6 months of the fiscal year, had discharged from foster care to reunification, living with relative, or guardianship.

¹⁹ A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

²⁰ The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

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CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total children under 18 years	1,123,386	1,116,480	1,118,324	1,117,803
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.7
Asian	1.5	1.4	1.5	1.5
Black	37.5	37.9	37.7	37.5
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	4.5	4.9	5.1	5.4
White	53.9	52.6	52.4	52.3
Two or more races	2.0	2.3	2.5	2.6
Child population in poverty (%)	24.2	27.3	28.8	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Child maltreatment victims	9,063	8,344	9,545	8,458
Foster care entry rate per 1,000	3.2	3.0	3.4	2.8
Children in foster care on 9/30	4,794	4,451	4,577	4,083
Children adopted	578	641	641	654

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	92
Numerator	N/A	N/A	N/A	44,669
Denominator	N/A	N/A	N/A	48,576
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	84
Numerator	N/A	N/A	N/A	37,580
Denominator	N/A	N/A	N/A	44,669

B. Child Maltreatment Data (National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System [NCANDS] Unique Counts)⁶

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2009		2010		2011		2012	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children who received a Child Protective Services response for an allegation of child maltreatment	33,054	29.4 per 1,000	31,828	28.5 per 1,000	37,994	34.0 per 1,000	36,029	32.2 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims	9,063	8.1 per 1,000	8,344	7.5 per 1,000	9,545	8.5 per 1,000	8,458	7.6 per 1,000
Child fatalities	40	3.6 per 100,000	30	2.7 per 100,000	45	4.0 per 100,000	42	3.8 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	14.8	16.1	17.3	18.2
1 year	7.3	7.5	6.7	6.6
2 years	7.3	6.7	7.0	6.5
3 years	6.6	6.3	6.5	7.0
4 years	6.8	6.3	6.3	6.3
5 years	6.4	6.1	5.9	5.9
6 years	5.4	6.2	5.6	5.9
7 years	5.4	5.1	5.2	5.2
8 years	5.5	5.1	4.5	4.5
9 years	4.8	4.7	4.6	4.4
10 years	4.5	4.4	4.4	4.1
11 years	3.8	4.0	4.3	4.0
12 years	3.8	3.8	3.7	4.1
13 years	4.0	4.1	4.2	4.2
14 years	4.3	4.1	4.0	4.0
15 years	4.0	4.1	4.0	3.7
16 years	3.5	3.8	3.9	3.7
17 years	1.5	1.6	1.9	1.6
18+ years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1
Number	9,063	8,344	9,545	8,458

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.3
Asian	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.2
Black	44.4	45.0	44.7	47.1
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	2.1	2.0	2.2	2.3
White	49.8	49.6	49.5	46.7
Two or more races	1.1	1.2	1.6	1.6
Missing data	2.1	1.9	1.6	1.7
Number	9,063	8,344	9,545	8,458

¹ The source data for each table is indicated in parentheses for each section. A calendar year is the basis for data from the Census Bureau. Most of the other data on these pages are from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS) or the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) and are based on the Federal fiscal year, October 1 through September 30.

² The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau (<http://www.census.gov/popest/data/datasets.html>). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS). Child poverty data for 2012 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2010–2013 report.

³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

⁴ A child victim is defined as a child who is the subject of a maltreatment report for which the disposition is substantiated, indicated, or "alternative response victim." The rate for foster care entry is per 1,000 children in the state population. Data on child maltreatment victims are from NCANDS. Data on foster care entry rate, children in foster care on 9/30, and children adopted are from AFCARS.

⁵ As of 2012, there is a new methodology used to calculate the caseworker visits measures. Because the new methodology limits data comparisons with prior years, caseworker visits data from 2009 through 2011 are not included in this table. All states have the option of using an approved sampling procedure for the caseworker visits reporting requirement. See appendix C for more information on how these data are calculated and for a list of states using sampling methodology.

⁶ The unique count of child victims counts a child only once regardless of the number of times he or she was found to be a victim during the reporting year. This is a change from prior reports, and these data are now consistent with the reporting practice in the Child Maltreatment reports.

⁷ The rates for Child Protective Services Responses and victims are per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18.

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)⁸

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Emotional abuse	0.9	0.8	0.6	0.9
Medical neglect	—	—	—	—
Neglect	82.8	81.8	81.5	81.2
Physical abuse	28.0	27.4	28.1	28.2
Sexual abuse	7.8	7.7	9.4	8.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.7
Number	9,063	8,344	9,545	8,458

Response Time (in hours)⁹

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Mean	183.6	167.2	195.7	118.9
Median	>48 but<72	>48 but<72	>24 but<48	>24 but<48

C. Characteristics of Children in Foster Care

(Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System [AFCARS] Foster Care File)

Overview Foster Care Information

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total number	4,854	4,783	4,353	4,392	3,586	3,297	3,757	3,147	3,660	3,629	3,533	3,456	4,794	4,451	4,577	4,083
Median length of stay (months)	13.4	12.2	12.7	11.2	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	11.7	11.4	11.2	10.8	12.4	12.9	10.7	12.5

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	6.4	6.7	6.2	6.1	16.4	16.4	14.4	14.3	4.1	4.8	4.9	4.6	6.8	6.4	5.9	5.1
1 year	8.8	9.4	8.9	8.4	8.9	8.2	7.5	7.7	8.4	7.9	7.7	7.4	9.5	8.8	8.3	8.5
2 years	8.2	8.3	9.2	8.2	7.4	7.1	7.1	6.9	8.1	8.0	8.6	8.6	8.3	9.1	8.1	7.7
3 years	7.3	7.0	7.7	8.2	6.7	6.3	6.5	7.1	8.3	7.7	7.4	8.3	7.2	7.7	8.0	7.4
4 years	6.1	6.1	6.2	6.9	5.9	5.7	6.5	6.5	6.7	6.8	7.4	7.2	6.3	6.2	6.8	7.1
5 years	5.5	5.7	5.5	5.7	5.2	6.0	6.3	5.9	5.5	6.6	6.4	6.0	5.6	5.5	5.7	6.7
6 years	4.9	5.0	5.7	5.5	5.1	5.2	4.7	5.9	5.6	4.6	5.6	6.0	5.2	5.6	5.4	5.6
7 years	4.4	4.8	4.7	5.2	4.4	4.4	4.6	3.8	4.0	5.1	5.0	5.1	4.9	4.8	5.1	4.8
8 years	3.9	4.1	4.4	4.2	3.8	4.4	3.9	3.6	4.1	4.9	4.9	4.5	4.2	4.4	4.1	4.5
9 years	3.7	4.3	4.3	4.0	3.7	3.9	3.9	3.8	3.2	4.2	3.9	4.1	4.3	4.3	3.9	4.0
10 years	3.5	3.4	3.5	4.4	3.3	3.3	4.1	3.3	3.2	3.9	3.9	3.8	3.5	3.5	4.3	3.5
11 years	3.4	3.6	3.1	3.9	3.1	2.9	3.6	3.9	2.5	3.3	3.1	3.4	3.7	3.1	3.7	4.3
12 years	3.4	3.9	3.8	3.9	3.5	3.5	3.7	3.1	2.7	3.1	3.3	3.5	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.9
13 years	4.5	4.0	4.2	3.7	3.8	4.3	4.4	3.8	3.7	3.9	3.8	3.3	4.0	4.1	3.9	3.8
14 years	5.7	5.0	4.1	4.6	4.9	4.5	5.3	6.2	4.2	4.0	3.3	3.9	5.0	4.2	5.0	5.1
15 years	6.2	5.9	5.7	4.7	6.0	6.1	5.7	6.5	6.4	4.7	5.5	4.8	5.7	5.6	5.0	6.1
16 years	7.0	6.9	6.5	6.2	6.4	5.1	5.6	6.0	6.7	5.2	4.9	5.2	6.3	6.6	6.5	5.9
17 years	7.1	5.8	6.4	6.1	1.5	2.7	2.3	1.9	4.5	4.5	3.5	3.2	5.8	6.4	6.3	5.8
18 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.0	6.7	6.7	7.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
19 years	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	0.0
20 years	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	0.0
Missing data	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	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)¹⁰

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.2	<.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.2
Asian	0.1	<.1	0.1	0.2	<.1	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	<.1	0.4	<.1	0.1	0.2	<.1
Black	49.2	48.7	46.5	46.3	48.2	46.6	47.8	47.7	49.9	49.2	47.4	49.7	48.0	46.6	46.8	44.6
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.1
Hispanic (of any race)	1.7	1.6	1.7	1.9	2.1	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.3	1.7	2.2	2.3	1.6	1.9	1.9	2.0
White	46.1	46.4	47.6	48.0	46.0	47.3	46.8	46.1	45.0	46.2	46.6	44.2	46.9	47.3	47.7	49.7
Two or more races	1.5	1.7	2.2	1.9	1.5	1.6	1.3	1.7	1.3	1.0	1.9	1.6	1.6	2.1	1.7	2.0
Unable to determine	1.2	1.2	1.4	1.3	1.8	1.9	1.5	1.6	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.6	1.4	1.3
Missing data	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	0.0

⁸ These percentages are calculated against the number of unique victims. A child may have been the victim of more than one type of maltreatment, or the same type of maltreatment more than once. As a result, the total percentages both within and across maltreatment categories may exceed 100.

⁹ Response time is defined as the time between the report of suspected maltreatment and the first face-to-face contact with the alleged victim or with another person who can provide information on the allegation.

¹⁰ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

D. Characteristics of Children Waiting for Adoption¹¹ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total waiting children	1,099	1,101	1,159	1,090
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	755	750	820	692

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	2.0	1.6	1.5	1.6
1 year	6.6	8.0	7.5	8.9
2 years	8.7	10.8	8.3	8.2
3 years	7.9	7.8	10.8	7.6
4 years	6.8	7.0	8.8	8.2
5 years	6.4	6.9	6.6	8.3
6 years	6.1	5.8	5.2	6.6
7 years	6.4	4.5	6.0	6.1
8 years	5.8	5.4	4.6	5.8
9 years	4.4	4.5	4.0	4.6
10 years	4.2	4.3	4.9	4.6
11 years	4.9	4.0	3.9	6.4
12 years	5.1	5.7	4.1	4.9
13 years	3.7	5.1	5.3	3.9
14 years	5.8	3.8	5.2	5.0
15 years	5.7	5.1	4.1	5.1
16 years	4.9	5.1	4.7	2.8
17 years	4.5	4.6	4.9	1.6

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹³

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.5	1.2	0.5	0.2
Asian	<.1	0.0	0.3	0.0
Black	49.1	47.0	46.5	44.7
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	1.8	2.1	1.9	1.4
White	44.9	45.5	45.7	49.7
Two or more races	2.4	2.8	2.6	2.4
Unable to determine	1.3	1.4	2.4	1.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total children adopted	578	641	641	654

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	0.7	1.2	0.8	0.8
1 year	12.6	7.6	7.8	7.8
2 years	17.3	12.9	16.7	16.1
3 years	12.6	12.3	12.8	15.6
4 years	12.1	10.8	10.9	12.2
5 years	10.0	8.9	9.5	9.2
6 years	6.9	8.1	7.0	7.6
7 years	5.9	8.0	5.6	6.9
8 years	4.0	8.1	7.5	5.2
9 years	2.1	4.5	2.7	3.1
10 years	3.3	4.4	4.4	4.9
11 years	2.8	3.1	3.3	1.8
12 years	2.2	2.2	3.6	2.8
13 years	2.6	3.1	2.3	1.8
14 years	1.7	2.5	1.1	1.5
15 years	1.9	1.2	2.2	0.9
16 years	0.7	0.5	1.2	0.9
17 years	0.3	0.5	0.6	0.9
18 years	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.2	0.2	0.6	0.6
Asian	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.5
Black	36.2	47.1	38.4	40.5
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	2.1	1.2	1.4	2.1
White	59.3	50.4	56.0	50.6
Two or more races	1.9	0.8	3.4	3.4
Unable to determine	0.3	0.2	0.2	2.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

¹¹ There is no federal definition for a child waiting to be adopted. The definition used in the tables on this page includes children and youth through age 17 who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parents' parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A state's own definition may differ from that used here.

¹² Children older than 17 years fall outside of the definition used to identify waiting children and are therefore excluded from this table.

¹³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

Louisiana

OUTCOMES DATA

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect (NCANDS)

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children without a recurrence	94.0	95.4	94.8	94.7
Children with one or more recurrences	6.0	4.6	5.2	5.3
Number	4,243	4,058	4,354	4,239

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care (NCANDS and AFCARS Foster Care File)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.71	0.48	0.72	0.44
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.29	99.52	99.28	99.56
Number	8,440	8,080	8,110	7,539

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Foster Care File)

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	15.8	17.6	18.2	18.9
Guardianship	0.9	1.4	1.2	0.8
Reunification	73.9	73.3	72.3	71.5
Other	9.4	7.7	8.3	8.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5
Number	3,660	3,629	3,533	3,456

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	27.7	34.8	34.3	30.7
Guardianship	0.9	2.2	1.4	0.3
Reunification	49.3	42.8	40.0	40.7
Other	22.1	20.1	24.3	28.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	339	313	280	300

3.3 Exits of Children Older Than Age 12 at Entry Into Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	0.7	0.2	1.7	1.1
Guardianship	1.1	1.2	2.1	1.2
Reunification	75.8	75.7	70.5	69.4
Other	22.4	22.8	25.7	27.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5
Number	935	815	762	752

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children age 12 or younger at entry	39.6	32.0	31.6	26.5
Children older than 12 at entry	60.4	68.0	68.4	73.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	293	244	237	249

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	American Indian/Alaska Native				2009	Asian				2009	Black			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	25.0	25.0	36.4	40.0	0.0	14.3	0.0	23.1	11.4	16.8	14.7	15.3		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	20.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	1.2	1.0	0.6		
Reunification	75.0	75.0	54.5	40.0	80.0	71.4	100.0	76.9	75.8	73.7	74.8	73.6		
Other	0.0	0.0	9.1	20.0	0.0	14.3	0.0	0.0	11.8	8.3	9.5	10.3		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2		
Number	4	4	11	10	5	7	3	13	1,825	1,787	1,675	1,716		

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander				2009	Hispanic (of any race)				2009	White			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	14.5	12.7	11.7	17.7	20.8	19.3	22.0	21.8		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.5	0.6	1.7	1.2	1.0		
Reunification	66.7	100.0	0.0	0.0	83.1	81.0	77.9	73.4	71.1	72.0	69.5	69.9		
Other	33.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.4	6.3	10.4	6.3	7.5	7.0	7.3	6.5		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9		
Number	3	2	0	0	83	63	77	79	1,646	1,677	1,648	1,529		

	Unable to Determine				2009	Two or More Races				2009	Missing Data			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	4.3	2.0	1.9	28.8	25.5	13.2	32.8	38.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	4.3	2.0	7.7	0.0	6.4	0.0	0.0	1.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	87.2	88.2	84.6	69.2	68.1	76.3	62.7	54.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Other	4.3	7.8	5.8	1.9	0.0	10.5	4.5	5.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Missing data	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	47	51	52	52	47	38	67	57	0	0	0	0		

¹⁴ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Less than 12 mos.	65.4	69.1	71.4	73.9
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	23.8	22.2	21.7	21.1
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	5.1	4.1	4.1	3.4
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	1.4	1.7	1.1	0.9
48 or more mos.	1.1	1.7	1.2	0.7
Missing data	3.1	1.2	0.5	<.1
Number	2,706	2,660	2,553	2,471

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children entering care for the first time	82.6	83.4	81.7	82.0
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	8.2	6.2	9.1	9.1
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	8.1	9.2	9.2	8.8
Missing data	1.1	1.2	0.0	0.0
Number	3,586	3,297	3,757	3,147

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Foster Care File)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Less than 12 mos.	1.7	2.2	1.9	1.7
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	26.0	21.9	24.5	27.1
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	37.3	32.9	35.9	35.4
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	24.4	26.0	22.7	20.7
48 or more mos.	10.6	17.1	15.1	15.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	577	639	644	653

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Foster Care File)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care (%)

	In Care Less Than 12 Months				In Care at Least 12 Months but Less Than 24 Months				In Care for 24 Months or Longer				Missing Time in Care			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children with 2 or fewer placements	78.9	78.4	79.1	83.9	54.4	52.1	56.6	55.1	28.3	27.8	35.6	36.4	61.4	71.7	58.3	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	20.2	21.1	18.8	15.6	45.6	47.9	43.3	44.9	71.7	72.2	64.4	63.6	27.7	26.1	8.3	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	0.8	0.4	2.1	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.8	2.2	33.3	0.0
Number	4,184	4,033	4,373	3,901	1,920	1,898	1,794	1,884	2,253	2,103	1,919	1,749	83	46	24	5

7. Reduce Placement of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions

(AFCARS Foster Care File)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During the Fiscal Year and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Group homes	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.3
Institutions	1.4	2.1	0.7	0.6
Other settings	98.2	97.7	98.8	99.1
Missing data	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	2,728	2,515	2,841	2,362

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews¹⁵ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score¹⁷	121.2	121.6	126.6	123.1
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	65.9	67.5	67.4	71.0
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	9.2	8.7	8.5	7.8
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	47.1	49.0	45.7	51.5
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	8.4	9.8	7.1	11.8

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	128.1	137.1	144.8	145.8
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	27.7	24.1	26.4	28.8
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	30.7	33.5	31.2	30.8
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	24.7	30.5	31.9	35.6
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year? ¹⁸	13.8	16.9	21.2	17.5
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	55.2	67.4	61.6	61.0

Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time¹⁹

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	91.2	115.4	107.7	107.8
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	29.4	38.3	37.2	39.0
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	89.6	93.4	93.3	92.8
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	58.3	49.2	49.0	43.8

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	84.5	82.1	88.7	91.6
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	77.7	76.8	78.6	82.6
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	54.3	51.8	56.5	55.0
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	28.3	27.8	35.7	36.4

¹⁵ Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the state did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

¹⁶ Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 includes a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

¹⁷ Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website (<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/resource/data-indicators-second-round-of-cfsrs>).

¹⁸ Legally free means that there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father. This calculation excludes children who, by the end of the first 6 months of the fiscal year, had discharged from foster care to reunification, living with relative, or guardianship.

¹⁹ A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

²⁰ The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

Maine

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total children under 18 years	271,176	273,459	269,778	265,918
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.8
Asian	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4
Black	2.3	2.3	2.4	2.4
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	2.5	2.3	2.4	2.5
White	90.6	90.2	89.8	89.6
Two or more races	2.4	3.0	3.1	3.2
Child population in poverty (%)	17.1	17.8	18.8	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Child maltreatment victims	3,809	3,269	3,118	3,781
Foster care entry rate per 1,000	2.8	2.7	2.0	3.4
Children in foster care on 9/30	1,648	1,547	1,300	1,525
Children adopted	323	276	296	275

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	97
Numerator	N/A	N/A	N/A	15,719
Denominator	N/A	N/A	N/A	16,132
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	89
Numerator	N/A	N/A	N/A	14,043
Denominator	N/A	N/A	N/A	15,719

B. Child Maltreatment Data (National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System [NCANDS] Unique Counts)⁶

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2009		2010		2011		2012	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children who received a Child Protective Services response for an allegation of child maltreatment	9,227	34.0 per 1,000	8,885	32.5 per 1,000	9,518	35.3 per 1,000	11,204	42.1 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims	3,809	14.0 per 1,000	3,269	12.0 per 1,000	3,118	11.6 per 1,000	3,781	14.2 per 1,000
Child fatalities	2	0.7 per 100,000	1	0.4 per 100,000	1	0.4 per 100,000	—	— per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	13.7	13.7	14.1	13.6
1 year	8.5	8.3	7.1	8.1
2 years	7.2	7.1	8.0	7.0
3 years	6.5	6.8	7.3	7.3
4 years	6.9	7.5	6.7	6.4
5 years	5.8	6.0	6.3	6.8
6 years	6.1	6.0	5.5	6.0
7 years	5.4	5.8	5.6	6.2
8 years	5.3	5.3	5.6	5.1
9 years	4.8	4.4	4.4	5.1
10 years	4.9	4.2	4.6	3.8
11 years	4.7	4.5	3.8	4.9
12 years	3.9	4.5	5.0	4.3
13 years	4.0	4.1	4.1	4.2
14 years	4.6	3.9	3.7	4.1
15 years	3.3	3.7	3.6	3.2
16 years	2.8	2.4	2.7	2.5
17 years	1.4	1.5	1.4	1.1
18+ years	0.1	0.0	<.1	0.0
Missing data	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3
Number	3,809	3,269	3,118	3,781

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.9	0.8	1.1	0.6
Asian	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2
Black	1.8	1.6	1.7	1.4
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.1	0.1	<.1	0.1
Hispanic (of any race)	1.9	2.6	3.0	4.4
White	69.2	65.7	62.0	61.0
Two or more races	3.5	3.8	3.1	2.9
Missing data	22.3	25.1	29.0	29.4
Number	3,809	3,269	3,118	3,781

¹ The source data for each table is indicated in parentheses for each section. A calendar year is the basis for data from the Census Bureau. Most of the other data on these pages are from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS) or the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) and are based on the Federal fiscal year, October 1 through September 30.

² The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau (<http://www.census.gov/popest/data/datasets.html>). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS). Child poverty data for 2012 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2010–2013 report.

³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

⁴ A child victim is defined as a child who is the subject of a maltreatment report for which the disposition is substantiated, indicated, or "alternative response victim." The rate for foster care entry is per 1,000 children in the state population. Data on child maltreatment victims are from NCANDS. Data on foster care entry rate, children in foster care on 9/30, and children adopted are from AFCARS.

⁵ As of 2012, there is a new methodology used to calculate the caseworker visits measures. Because the new methodology limits data comparisons with prior years, caseworker visits data from 2009 through 2011 are not included in this table. All states have the option of using an approved sampling procedure for the caseworker visits reporting requirement. See appendix C for more information on how these data are calculated and for a list of states using sampling methodology.

⁶ The unique count of child victims counts a child only once regardless of the number of times he or she was found to be a victim during the reporting year. This is a change from prior reports, and these data are now consistent with the reporting practice in the Child Maltreatment reports.

⁷ The rates for Child Protective Services Responses and victims are per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18.

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)⁸

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Emotional abuse	46.1	39.9	41.0	37.6
Medical neglect	—	—	—	—
Neglect	75.3	76.9	73.3	77.0
Physical abuse	17.5	16.1	16.5	19.3
Sexual abuse	7.1	6.8	5.4	6.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	3,809	3,269	3,118	3,781

Response Time (in hours)⁹

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Mean	75.0	69.5	63.5	66.2
Median	>48 but<72	>48 but<72	>48 but<72	>48 but<72

C. Characteristics of Children in Foster Care

(Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System [AFCARS] Foster Care File)

Overview Foster Care Information

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total number	1,860	1,630	1,530	1,274	747	750	546	902	959	833	776	651	1,648	1,547	1,300	1,525
Median length of stay (months)	15.6	16.2	14.3	16.2	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	20.6	21.6	21.1	22.0	16.3	14.5	16.2	11.4

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	7.4	6.9	7.5	6.4	21.7	21.7	23.6	23.4	3.2	2.5	2.8	3.5	6.5	7.4	6.5	8.5
1 year	8.4	9.8	9.7	11.0	9.6	10.1	11.0	12.1	9.3	8.2	10.2	10.1	9.8	9.8	10.9	11.3
2 years	7.8	8.2	9.2	7.9	9.4	6.9	7.3	9.1	9.1	9.6	10.4	9.8	8.3	9.2	8.0	10.4
3 years	6.2	6.6	6.7	7.5	6.4	7.5	6.8	8.6	8.0	9.4	8.9	10.4	6.5	6.7	7.3	7.3
4 years	5.6	6.8	6.4	6.7	7.4	6.4	5.9	5.7	5.9	7.7	7.2	7.8	6.7	6.5	6.8	7.1
5 years	4.6	5.1	6.7	5.5	3.7	6.1	5.9	5.8	5.7	5.3	7.1	6.8	5.0	6.6	5.4	5.2
6 years	3.7	4.7	4.4	5.7	6.0	3.9	4.0	5.0	5.4	6.7	6.4	5.4	4.7	4.4	5.8	5.4
7 years	3.6	3.7	3.5	4.2	4.0	2.7	2.9	4.8	3.1	4.4	2.8	5.5	3.7	3.5	4.2	5.4
8 years	4.1	4.1	2.9	3.4	4.1	2.8	3.8	3.1	4.3	4.6	3.7	2.6	4.2	2.8	3.4	4.4
9 years	3.8	3.8	3.2	2.6	2.9	2.8	3.1	3.3	4.4	4.2	5.0	3.1	3.8	3.2	2.6	3.3
10 years	3.6	3.3	3.6	2.3	3.6	4.4	2.4	2.0	2.8	3.1	2.2	2.3	3.4	3.5	2.2	2.6
11 years	3.7	3.5	4.2	3.7	3.1	3.7	3.5	2.9	3.2	2.4	2.6	3.4	3.5	4.2	3.8	2.6
12 years	4.0	4.0	4.1	4.6	2.9	3.3	3.8	2.2	2.9	2.8	3.5	2.5	4.0	4.1	4.5	3.1
13 years	3.8	3.9	4.7	4.9	2.9	3.9	4.0	2.9	2.8	2.3	4.0	3.2	3.9	4.6	5.0	4.3
14 years	4.7	4.5	4.4	4.5	3.7	4.4	3.3	3.1	2.3	1.8	3.0	2.9	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.1
15 years	5.8	5.7	6.3	5.3	4.4	4.7	3.5	2.9	3.2	3.4	2.7	2.3	5.6	6.2	5.3	4.9
16 years	9.0	6.5	6.1	6.8	2.9	3.5	4.0	2.7	3.0	3.4	3.7	3.1	6.4	6.1	6.6	4.3
17 years	9.8	8.6	6.3	6.8	0.9	1.2	1.1	0.6	5.0	3.0	3.1	3.7	8.6	6.2	6.7	5.4
18 years	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	15.6	15.1	10.3	11.4	0.8	0.5	0.4	0.4
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1
20 years	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	0.0
Missing data	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	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)¹⁰

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/ Alaska Native	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.5	1.1	2.0	0.9	1.1	0.9	1.4	0.8	1.4	1.2	1.4	1.4	1.3
Asian	0.5	<.1	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.9	0.0	0.1	0.3	<.1	0.3	0.3	0.3
Black	2.3	2.3	1.8	1.1	3.6	1.3	0.7	2.0	3.1	2.2	1.9	1.7	2.4	1.9	1.2	1.4
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.5	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.0	<.1	0.3	0.2
Hispanic (of any race)	4.2	6.4	7.9	11.5	5.6	7.6	13.0	18.1	4.3	7.9	7.9	11.1	4.8	6.2	10.1	15.6
White	82.9	82.3	76.4	69.6	79.9	67.9	63.0	61.4	79.6	79.4	77.4	71.3	83.5	76.9	70.2	64.1
Two or more races	6.1	4.7	7.3	6.6	4.7	8.9	4.9	6.7	7.0	4.8	7.0	5.4	4.9	6.7	6.5	7.1
Unable to determine	3.0	3.2	5.0	9.1	4.7	11.5	16.5	9.9	4.0	4.3	4.6	8.1	3.2	6.6	10.0	10.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.6	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.1	<.1	<.1

⁸ These percentages are calculated against the number of unique victims. A child may have been the victim of more than one type of maltreatment, or the same type of maltreatment more than once. As a result, the total percentages both within and across maltreatment categories may exceed 100.

⁹ Response time is defined as the time between the report of suspected maltreatment and the first face-to-face contact with the alleged victim or with another person who can provide information on the allegation.

¹⁰ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

D. Characteristics of Children Waiting for Adoption¹¹ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total waiting children	570	581	514	492
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	514	494	452	413

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	1.9	1.9	1.4	1.6
1 year	8.6	10.3	10.7	7.5
2 years	9.6	11.0	8.9	12.8
3 years	7.0	7.2	8.0	7.9
4 years	6.1	6.2	6.6	7.3
5 years	5.1	6.0	5.4	5.1
6 years	4.6	4.6	6.6	5.9
7 years	3.9	4.0	4.9	6.3
8 years	5.4	3.1	3.7	5.1
9 years	5.6	4.1	2.9	3.0
10 years	4.7	4.8	2.7	2.6
11 years	4.4	4.3	5.6	2.4
12 years	5.3	4.3	5.8	5.1
13 years	6.7	5.9	4.7	6.3
14 years	6.0	6.0	5.8	5.1
15 years	6.7	6.5	7.2	5.9
16 years	4.4	5.7	5.1	4.7
17 years	4.0	4.0	3.9	5.3

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹³

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/Alaska Native	1.2	0.7	1.4	1.6
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.2
Black	3.3	2.9	1.9	1.0
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	3.0	4.6	5.1	10.8
White	83.7	81.6	76.3	68.5
Two or more races	5.8	6.7	7.2	7.5
Unable to determine	3.0	3.4	8.0	10.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total children adopted	323	276	296	275

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	0.9	1.1	0.7	0.0
1 year	13.0	11.6	11.8	13.1
2 years	13.3	15.2	19.3	15.6
3 years	13.3	13.0	13.5	12.4
4 years	9.6	10.1	9.8	10.2
5 years	8.4	8.3	9.1	8.4
6 years	7.1	8.7	8.4	5.1
7 years	3.7	4.3	2.4	7.3
8 years	5.9	4.7	3.4	2.2
9 years	3.1	4.7	5.7	2.9
10 years	6.2	4.7	2.0	2.9
11 years	3.7	2.2	2.7	2.9
12 years	3.7	2.9	2.0	2.9
13 years	3.4	1.8	4.4	2.9
14 years	0.9	2.9	1.4	2.5
15 years	0.6	1.8	1.0	2.9
16 years	1.2	1.1	1.4	2.9
17 years	1.2	0.0	0.3	1.8
18 years	0.6	0.7	0.7	1.1
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/Alaska Native	1.2	1.4	0.7	1.8
Asian	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0
Black	1.2	1.8	2.7	2.2
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	5.0	9.8	7.8	7.6
White	80.5	77.2	77.4	73.8
Two or more races	7.1	5.1	7.4	4.7
Unable to determine	4.0	4.7	4.1	9.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

¹¹ There is no federal definition for a child waiting to be adopted. The definition used in the tables on this page includes children and youth through age 17 who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parents' parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A state's own definition may differ from that used here.

¹² Children older than 17 years fall outside of the definition used to identify waiting children and are therefore excluded from this table.

¹³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

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OUTCOMES DATA

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect (NCANDS)

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children without a recurrence	92.8	93.8	95.7	93.7
Children with one or more recurrences	7.2	6.2	4.3	6.3
Number	1,927	1,747	1,642	1,908

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care (NCANDS and AFCARS Foster Care File)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.12	0.55	0.34	0.14
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.88	99.45	99.66	99.86
Number	2,607	2,380	2,076	2,176

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Foster Care File)

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	33.8	32.4	37.9	42.9
Guardianship	8.2	7.8	9.7	8.0
Reunification	39.9	43.6	41.9	36.9
Other	18.0	15.7	10.6	12.3
Missing data	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0
Number	959	833	776	651

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	34.9	32.1	35.2	41.8
Guardianship	7.1	5.6	10.7	7.0
Reunification	25.1	27.8	29.6	23.5
Other	32.9	34.4	24.5	27.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	410	302	253	213

3.3 Exits of Children Older Than Age 12 at Entry Into Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	3.8	2.8	4.1	9.4
Guardianship	10.9	9.2	16.3	6.3
Reunification	34.8	34.5	43.9	37.5
Other	50.5	53.5	35.8	46.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	184	142	123	96

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children age 12 or younger at entry	43.0	42.0	46.3	41.6
Children older than 12 at entry	57.0	58.0	53.7	58.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	158	131	82	77

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	American Indian/Alaska Native				2009	Asian				2009	Black			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2010	2011	2012	2009		2010	2011	2012	
Adoption	33.3	33.3	16.7	66.7	33.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	13.3	27.8	53.3	54.5		
Guardianship	11.1	16.7	66.7	0.0	11.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.7	5.6	6.7	0.0		
Reunification	44.4	50.0	16.7	22.2	33.3	0.0	100.0	100.0	63.3	50.0	26.7	27.3		
Other	11.1	0.0	0.0	11.1	22.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	16.7	16.7	13.3	18.2		
Missing data	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	9	12	6	9	9	0	1	2	30	18	15	11		
	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander				2009	Hispanic (of any race)				2009	White			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	39.0	40.9	36.1	27.8	34.2	31.3	38.1	44.0		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.4	7.6	4.9	11.1	8.3	8.0	9.3	8.2		
Reunification	100.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	34.1	42.4	50.8	48.6	38.1	43.0	41.1	34.7		
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	24.4	9.1	8.2	12.5	19.4	17.1	11.5	13.1		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0		
Number	1	0	2	1	41	66	61	72	763	661	601	464		
	Unable to Determine				2009	Two or More Races				2009	Missing Data			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	36.8	36.1	33.3	54.7	34.3	35.0	40.7	40.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	5.3	5.6	5.6	1.9	13.4	5.0	16.7	14.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	55.3	44.4	55.6	39.6	43.3	50.0	35.2	37.1	100.0	0.0	0.0	75.0		
Other	2.6	13.9	5.6	3.8	9.0	10.0	7.4	8.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	25.0		
Missing data	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	38	36	36	53	67	40	54	35	1	0	0	4		

¹⁴ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Less than 12 mos.	48.3	47.1	48.0	50.4
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	40.7	38.6	39.4	35.4
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	6.0	9.9	9.2	11.7
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	1.0	2.5	1.2	0.8
48 or more mos.	3.9	1.9	2.2	1.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	383	363	325	240

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children entering care for the first time	87.8	85.5	84.6	85.9
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	7.1	4.9	6.6	4.7
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	5.1	9.5	8.6	9.3
Missing data	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.1
Number	747	750	546	902

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Foster Care File)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Less than 12 mos.	1.9	4.1	1.4	1.1
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	38.3	30.0	35.0	31.5
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	31.2	41.1	36.1	39.8
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	15.4	14.8	17.7	16.5
48 or more mos.	13.3	10.0	9.9	11.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	324	270	294	279

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Foster Care File)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care (%)

	In Care Less Than 12 Months				In Care at Least 12 Months but Less Than 24 Months				In Care for 24 Months or Longer				Missing Time in Care			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children with 2 or fewer placements	86.1	88.0	82.9	87.7	69.2	67.5	68.6	65.1	26.2	34.2	35.0	35.5	100.0	100.0	50.0	0.0
Children with 3 or more placements	13.6	11.4	16.3	11.4	30.8	32.5	31.4	34.9	73.8	65.8	65.0	64.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	0.2	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	50.0	0.0
Number	858	870	673	944	802	667	682	562	945	841	717	670	2	2	4	0

7. Reduce Placement of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Foster Care File)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During the Fiscal Year and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Group homes	3.3	3.9	4.0	4.3
Institutions	0.0	0.2	0.4	0.3
Other settings	95.4	95.9	95.2	95.3
Missing data	1.3	0.0	0.4	0.1
Number	634	610	455	786

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews¹⁵ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score¹⁷	104.9	104.1	118.5	110.9
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	58.3	61.0	60.9	61.2
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	9.7	10.1	10.4	9.7
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	28.7	30.0	32.0	14.9
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	10.7	12.0	6.1	9.2

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	124.3	120.4	134.3	130.8
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	40.1	34.1	36.4	32.6
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	26.9	28.3	28.4	27.7
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	26.4	28.2	34.7	36.5
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year? ¹⁸	13.6	16.5	21.8	20.8
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	51.8	48.9	45.7	48.6

Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time¹⁹

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	95.8	95.9	109.6	121.8
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	27.8	29.0	35.5	38.2
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	87.3	87.0	90.8	89.8
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	66.7	67.4	62.4	54.3

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	96.7	100.9	97.9	100.4
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	85.8	88.3	82.9	88.3
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	69.4	67.4	68.9	65.1
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	26.3	34.4	35.0	35.5

¹⁵ Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the state did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

¹⁶ Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 includes a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

¹⁷ Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website (<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/resource/data-indicators-second-round-of-cfsrs>).

¹⁸ Legally free means that there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father. This calculation excludes children who, by the end of the first 6 months of the fiscal year, had discharged from foster care to reunification, living with relative, or guardianship.

¹⁹ A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

²⁰ The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

Maryland

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total children under 18 years	1,351,935	1,352,035	1,347,206	1,343,800
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2
Asian	5.1	5.4	5.6	5.7
Black	31.4	32.3	32.0	31.6
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	10.5	11.0	11.6	12.1
White	49.7	46.6	46.0	45.6
Two or more races	3.1	4.5	4.6	4.7
Child population in poverty (%)	11.6	13.0	13.5	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Child maltreatment victims	15,310	13,059	13,740	13,079
Foster care entry rate per 1,000	2.0	2.1	2.1	2.0
Children in foster care on 9/30	6,997	6,141	5,687	4,925
Children adopted	734	644	539	455

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	95
Numerator	N/A	N/A	N/A	54,731
Denominator	N/A	N/A	N/A	57,861
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	70
Numerator	N/A	N/A	N/A	38,174
Denominator	N/A	N/A	N/A	54,731

B. Child Maltreatment Data (National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System [NCANDS] Unique Counts)⁶

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2009		2010		2011		2012	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children who received a Child Protective Services response for an allegation of child maltreatment	36,501	27.0 per 1,000	33,302	24.6 per 1,000	32,950	24.5 per 1,000	31,436	23.4 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims	15,310	11.3 per 1,000	13,059	9.7 per 1,000	13,740	10.2 per 1,000	13,079	9.7 per 1,000
Child fatalities	17	1.3 per 100,000	24	1.8 per 100,000	10	0.7 per 100,000	26	1.9 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	11.4	11.7	11.7	12.2
1 year	6.4	6.6	5.9	5.9
2 years	6.2	6.5	6.9	6.2
3 years	5.8	6.3	6.6	6.6
4 years	5.9	5.9	6.4	6.4
5 years	6.2	5.8	6.3	6.8
6 years	6.0	5.9	5.9	6.8
7 years	6.0	5.8	5.5	6.2
8 years	5.3	5.2	5.2	5.0
9 years	4.9	4.8	4.8	4.8
10 years	4.6	4.4	4.8	4.7
11 years	4.2	4.2	4.5	4.5
12 years	4.2	4.8	4.5	4.1
13 years	4.5	4.5	4.3	4.5
14 years	4.8	4.5	4.6	4.3
15 years	5.0	4.9	4.6	4.2
16 years	4.7	4.5	4.0	3.4
17 years	3.3	3.3	3.2	2.8
18+ years	0.4	0.2	<.1	<.1
Missing data	0.2	<.1	0.5	0.3
Number	15,310	13,059	13,740	13,079

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/ Alaska Native	<.1	0.1	<.1	<.1
Asian	0.8	0.9	0.8	1.0
Black	48.7	46.0	44.4	43.7
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	7.1	7.5	7.4	6.8
White	32.3	33.7	34.1	34.9
Two or more races	2.0	2.6	2.1	1.9
Missing data	9.1	9.2	11.0	11.5
Number	15,310	13,059	13,740	13,079

¹ The source data for each table is indicated in parentheses for each section. A calendar year is the basis for data from the Census Bureau. Most of the other data on these pages are from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS) or the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) and are based on the Federal fiscal year, October 1 through September 30.

² The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau (<http://www.census.gov/popest/data/datasets.html>). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS). Child poverty data for 2012 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2010–2013 report.

³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

⁴ A child victim is defined as a child who is the subject of a maltreatment report for which the disposition is substantiated, indicated, or "alternative response victim." The rate for foster care entry is per 1,000 children in the state population. Data on child maltreatment victims are from NCANDS. Data on foster care entry rate, children in foster care on 9/30, and children adopted are from AFCARS.

⁵ As of 2012, there is a new methodology used to calculate the caseworker visits measures. Because the new methodology limits data comparisons with prior years, caseworker visits data from 2009 through 2011 are not included in this table. All states have the option of using an approved sampling procedure for the caseworker visits reporting requirement. See appendix C for more information on how these data are calculated and for a list of states using sampling methodology.

⁶ The unique count of child victims counts a child only once regardless of the number of times he or she was found to be a victim during the reporting year. This is a change from prior reports, and these data are now consistent with the reporting practice in the Child Maltreatment reports.

⁷ The rates for Child Protective Services Responses and victims are per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18.

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)⁸

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Emotional abuse	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.2
Medical neglect	—	—	—	—
Neglect	72.7	71.6	72.2	73.4
Physical abuse	25.7	25.3	25.2	23.4
Sexual abuse	12.4	13.2	14.0	13.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	15,310	13,059	13,740	13,079

Response Time (in hours)⁹

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Mean	193.5	147.9	42.4	30.4
Median	>24 but<48	>24 but<48	<24	<24

C. Characteristics of Children in Foster Care

(Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System [AFCARS] Foster Care File)

Overview Foster Care Information

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total number	7,553	6,996	5,997	5,330	2,710	2,794	2,857	2,644	3,266	3,649	3,167	3,049	6,997	6,141	5,687	4,925
Median length of stay (months)	28.1	26.4	23.1	18.6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	26.0	22.0	20.3	17.4	25.5	23.1	18.7	16.9

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	4.4	4.7	5.3	5.1	20.0	18.0	16.7	18.1	4.0	4.2	4.9	5.3	4.8	5.2	5.0	5.6
1 year	5.6	5.9	5.9	6.5	7.4	6.8	6.4	6.8	5.3	6.2	5.3	6.5	6.1	5.8	6.5	6.3
2 years	5.9	5.6	5.6	5.7	5.8	5.9	6.5	6.1	7.1	6.8	7.8	7.8	5.6	5.6	5.7	5.6
3 years	5.0	5.2	4.6	5.1	4.6	4.4	5.7	5.9	7.1	6.7	6.3	6.1	5.1	4.6	5.3	5.3
4 years	4.0	4.0	4.4	4.0	3.9	4.2	4.6	5.3	5.4	5.9	5.1	4.8	3.9	4.3	4.0	5.3
5 years	4.1	3.6	3.3	3.9	3.0	4.1	3.5	4.6	4.7	4.9	4.0	4.6	3.5	3.3	4.0	4.0
6 years	3.7	3.4	3.2	3.2	3.7	3.1	3.9	4.2	4.0	4.0	3.9	4.3	3.5	3.1	3.2	3.6
7 years	3.5	3.8	3.2	3.2	3.4	3.4	3.7	3.9	3.6	3.6	3.7	3.5	3.7	3.1	3.1	3.5
8 years	4.1	3.6	3.7	3.1	4.2	3.6	3.5	3.6	3.8	4.0	3.6	2.7	3.7	3.6	3.2	3.6
9 years	3.8	4.0	3.5	3.6	3.0	3.2	3.1	3.6	3.1	3.7	3.0	3.3	4.0	3.4	3.5	3.2
10 years	4.5	4.1	3.9	3.7	3.9	3.4	3.6	3.7	3.6	3.3	3.3	3.5	4.2	3.8	3.7	3.5
11 years	4.6	4.6	4.3	4.1	3.5	3.9	3.9	3.6	3.0	3.5	3.1	2.9	4.6	4.2	4.2	4.0
12 years	4.3	4.6	5.1	4.7	3.6	4.9	4.0	3.8	2.8	3.2	3.2	3.0	4.9	5.1	4.8	4.5
13 years	5.8	4.8	5.8	5.9	5.1	4.8	5.4	4.8	3.2	3.0	3.8	4.2	4.8	5.8	5.9	5.1
14 years	6.9	6.8	6.3	7.1	5.9	6.8	6.5	6.0	3.5	4.0	4.2	4.1	7.0	6.1	6.9	6.7
15 years	8.9	8.0	8.3	7.7	6.6	6.7	6.2	5.9	3.4	3.8	3.9	4.3	8.2	8.3	7.5	8.2
16 years	10.2	10.4	10.3	10.0	6.6	7.2	7.6	5.9	4.1	3.5	4.8	4.6	10.5	10.2	9.7	8.9
17 years	10.6	11.7	12.5	12.4	5.7	5.5	5.2	4.5	3.9	4.2	4.2	5.0	11.6	12.3	11.8	10.6
18 years	0.2	1.2	0.9	1.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	24.1	20.9	21.3	18.9	0.3	1.9	2.1	2.3
19 years	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.1
20 years	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	0.0
Missing data	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)¹⁰

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Asian	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.6	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3
Black	70.9	69.8	65.9	63.5	57.0	55.8	56.9	54.5	63.0	66.0	61.5	60.3	69.2	65.7	63.8	60.6
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	2.9	3.5	3.9	4.6	5.1	4.3	5.0	3.9	3.2	3.4	3.7	4.2	3.6	3.9	4.6	4.5
White	21.2	20.9	23.9	25.6	28.0	31.6	29.8	32.4	26.8	24.1	26.7	26.9	21.3	23.9	25.3	28.5
Two or more races	3.3	3.8	4.0	4.0	5.2	3.7	4.3	3.4	3.7	3.4	4.5	4.1	3.8	3.9	3.9	3.5
Unable to determine	1.2	1.5	1.6	1.6	3.1	3.2	2.2	3.4	2.2	2.3	2.2	2.6	1.5	1.8	1.5	1.9
Missing data	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	1.3	1.0	1.1	2.2	0.7	0.5	0.8	1.5	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.8

⁸ These percentages are calculated against the number of unique victims. A child may have been the victim of more than one type of maltreatment, or the same type of maltreatment more than once. As a result, the total percentages both within and across maltreatment categories may exceed 100.

⁹ Response time is defined as the time between the report of suspected maltreatment and the first face-to-face contact with the alleged victim or with another person who can provide information on the allegation.

¹⁰ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

D. Characteristics of Children Waiting for Adoption¹¹ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total waiting children	1,251	911	904	559
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	660	324	504	169

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	1.8	1.4	4.0	1.1
1 year	6.2	7.5	12.2	7.9
2 years	7.3	10.5	9.3	8.8
3 years	8.6	7.7	8.4	8.4
4 years	6.5	7.2	6.2	7.3
5 years	5.3	4.3	6.0	4.8
6 years	5.1	4.8	3.4	4.3
7 years	5.0	5.6	3.2	3.0
8 years	4.3	4.4	4.1	3.6
9 years	5.1	4.5	4.6	4.8
10 years	5.4	4.9	4.8	4.7
11 years	5.3	6.0	5.3	6.8
12 years	5.2	4.2	6.0	7.0
13 years	4.5	5.8	4.4	6.6
14 years	6.2	5.0	6.0	3.6
15 years	7.1	5.9	5.0	7.7
16 years	5.5	5.3	4.0	6.4
17 years	5.8	4.8	3.2	3.2

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹³

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
Asian	<.1	0.2	0.3	0.4
Black	65.0	59.6	54.0	53.0
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	3.4	4.6	5.4	7.9
White	24.0	26.7	31.3	30.9
Two or more races	5.2	6.7	5.5	5.5
Unable to determine	2.0	2.0	2.9	2.1
Missing data	0.2	0.2	0.6	0.2

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total children adopted	734	644	539	455

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	0.3	1.1	2.0	2.0
1 year	5.2	7.3	7.4	10.1
2 years	12.3	12.9	15.2	19.1
3 years	14.0	12.6	14.1	11.9
4 years	11.7	14.0	8.3	8.4
5 years	9.8	7.9	6.9	7.7
6 years	7.1	5.9	6.1	5.9
7 years	6.3	7.0	5.8	4.2
8 years	5.2	5.4	5.6	3.5
9 years	4.5	4.3	2.8	3.1
10 years	5.2	4.5	3.2	4.0
11 years	5.6	4.0	3.3	2.2
12 years	2.9	2.6	3.3	2.6
13 years	3.0	2.5	2.8	5.1
14 years	1.9	2.8	3.3	3.1
15 years	1.4	1.9	2.0	2.6
16 years	1.8	0.8	3.5	2.4
17 years	1.9	2.2	2.8	1.1
18 years	0.1	0.3	1.1	0.7
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.2

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.1	0.3	0.0	0.0
Asian	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.0
Black	62.1	60.2	55.7	52.5
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	2.9	3.4	5.0	3.1
White	29.2	26.1	27.8	33.0
Two or more races	3.4	5.7	8.9	7.3
Unable to determine	1.8	4.0	2.0	3.7
Missing data	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.4

¹¹ There is no federal definition for a child waiting to be adopted. The definition used in the tables on this page includes children and youth through age 17 who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parents' parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A state's own definition may differ from that used here.

¹² Children older than 17 years fall outside of the definition used to identify waiting children and are therefore excluded from this table.

¹³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

Maryland

OUTCOMES DATA

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect (NCANDS)

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children without a recurrence	95.1	96.6	93.1	92.9
Children with one or more recurrences	4.9	3.4	6.9	7.1
Number	6,091	4,929	6,269	6,856

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care (NCANDS and AFCARS Foster Care File)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.44	0.25	0.69	0.48
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.56	99.75	99.31	99.52
Number	10,263	9,790	8,854	7,974

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Foster Care File)

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	23.0	20.0	16.8	15.0
Guardianship	7.3	1.2	2.1	2.7
Reunification	39.9	55.4	59.2	62.3
Other	26.1	22.4	21.9	19.9
Missing data	3.7	1.0	0.0	<.1
Number	3,266	3,649	3,167	3,049

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	22.7	22.2	18.1	16.1
Guardianship	4.8	0.7	1.5	1.7
Reunification	27.7	40.1	41.9	47.8
Other	42.5	36.1	38.5	34.4
Missing data	2.4	1.0	0.0	<.1
Number	842	1,253	1,062	1,028

3.3 Exits of Children Older Than Age 12 at Entry Into Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	1.1	1.5	1.2	0.9
Guardianship	2.1	1.1	2.2	2.0
Reunification	34.6	44.6	48.8	51.1
Other	58.3	51.4	47.8	45.9
Missing data	3.9	1.4	0.0	0.0
Number	804	870	822	786

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children age 12 or younger at entry	45.1	46.4	43.8	39.7
Children older than 12 at entry	54.9	53.6	56.2	60.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	818	769	662	575

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	American Indian/Alaska Native				2009	Asian				2009	Black			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	25.0	50.0	0.0	0.0	12.5	14.3	13.3	0.0	22.2	19.3	15.4	13.2		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.7	11.1	9.0	0.8	2.2	2.2		
Reunification	25.0	25.0	100.0	0.0	25.0	57.1	66.7	88.9	34.7	52.4	55.2	60.5		
Other	50.0	25.0	0.0	100.0	62.5	28.6	13.3	0.0	30.9	26.5	27.3	24.1		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.2	1.0	0.0	<.1		
Number	4	4	2	1	8	7	15	9	2,059	2,408	1,949	1,839		

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander				2009	Hispanic (of any race)				2009	White			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	24.0	19.2	21.4	12.5	25.4	20.2	17.6	18.4		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.9	0.8	2.6	6.3	4.3	2.3	1.9	2.3		
Reunification	0.0	0.0	50.0	0.0	44.2	64.8	57.3	63.3	48.1	60.0	66.5	63.8		
Other	0.0	0.0	50.0	0.0	15.4	13.6	18.8	18.0	19.1	16.5	13.9	15.5		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	13.5	1.6	0.0	0.0	3.1	1.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	2	0	2	0	104	125	117	128	874	878	846	820		

	Unable to Determine				2009	Two or More Races				2009	Missing Data			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	21.1	29.8	16.9	21.3	21.3	28.2	31.2	23.0	4.5	5.3	4.2	6.5		
Guardianship	7.0	0.0	1.4	8.8	4.9	0.8	2.8	4.8	9.1	5.3	0.0	2.2		
Reunification	56.3	65.5	76.1	67.5	51.6	60.5	56.7	65.1	77.3	84.2	91.7	87.0		
Other	8.5	3.6	5.6	2.5	16.4	9.7	9.2	7.1	4.5	5.3	4.2	4.3		
Missing data	7.0	1.2	0.0	0.0	5.7	0.8	0.0	0.0	4.5	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	71	84	71	80	122	124	141	126	22	19	24	46		

¹⁴ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Less than 12 mos.	56.0	54.1	54.4	54.5
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	23.9	21.2	22.1	24.5
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	9.1	10.8	9.3	9.4
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	4.1	5.2	5.9	4.2
48 or more mos.	6.8	8.7	8.3	7.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,303	2,021	1,874	1,900

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children entering care for the first time	80.4	78.6	76.4	77.8
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	8.2	8.0	10.0	11.0
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	11.3	13.4	13.5	11.2
Missing data	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0
Number	2,710	2,794	2,857	2,644

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Foster Care File)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Less than 12 mos.	1.2	1.9	2.4	2.4
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	11.3	11.4	11.6	21.4
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	23.6	20.7	30.4	33.0
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	22.3	22.5	19.1	15.5
48 or more mos.	41.6	43.6	36.4	27.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2
Number	750	730	533	458

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Foster Care File)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care (%)

	In Care Less Than 12 Months				In Care at Least 12 Months but Less Than 24 Months				In Care for 24 Months or Longer				Missing Time in Care			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children with 2 or fewer placements	81.7	85.3	87.9	85.2	71.5	72.3	70.5	70.2	29.3	46.1	46.5	40.3	94.7	90.9	81.8	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	11.4	9.6	8.0	10.7	25.4	26.6	26.6	29.3	70.0	51.9	49.9	58.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	6.9	5.1	4.1	4.0	3.1	1.1	2.9	0.5	0.7	2.0	3.6	1.5	5.3	9.1	18.2	0.0
Number	2,991	3,198	3,197	3,016	1,935	1,846	1,805	1,903	5,318	4,735	3,841	3,052	19	11	11	3

7. Reduce Placement of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions

(AFCARS Foster Care File)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During the Fiscal Year and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Group homes	3.9	1.7	1.8	1.9
Institutions	1.1	1.3	1.1	1.5
Other settings	92.8	97.0	97.2	96.6
Missing data	2.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,883	1,858	1,897	1,885

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews¹⁵ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score¹⁷	97.9	94.9	99.9	97.5
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	55.8	52.9	52.0	53.3
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	10.3	11.0	11.3	10.9
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	30.0	33.8	37.0	38.7
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	13.0	13.4	11.3	14.2

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	80.9	85.9	92.5	97.8
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	12.5	13.4	14.1	23.9
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	43.1	44.6	39.1	33.2
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	14.9	16.5	15.4	15.5
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year? ¹⁸	4.2	2.3	3.0	4.2
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	71.5	79.4	78.4	80.0

Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time¹⁹

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	98.7	105.4	106.1	114.6
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	21.2	25.1	25.0	27.1
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	93.6	93.9	94.3	96.4
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	63.0	60.0	58.4	53.0

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	101.9	110.2	111.3	105.2
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	86.8	89.2	91.1	88.1
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	73.7	73.0	72.5	70.6
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	29.6	47.5	48.6	41.3

¹⁵ Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the state did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

¹⁶ Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 includes a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

¹⁷ Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website (<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/resource/data-indicators-second-round-of-cfhrs>).

¹⁸ Legally free means that there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father. This calculation excludes children who, by the end of the first 6 months of the fiscal year, had discharged from foster care to reunification, living with relative, or guardianship.

¹⁹ A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

²⁰ The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

Maryland

STATE COMMENT

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The following are Maryland's comments on the state data presented in *Child Welfare Outcomes 2009–2012: Report to Congress*.

The Child Welfare Outcomes report for this time period reflects a substantial downward trend in foster care placements since 2007. Under Maryland's Place Matters initiative, DHR implemented a Family-Centered Practice model, which focuses attention on families' natural support systems to bolster their capacity to care for their children and develops service plans based on comprehensive assessments. Family Involvement Meetings encourage family participation in making decisions about the needs of their children, as well as decisions about reunification or making other permanent exits from foster care, including guardianship placement or adoptive placement. Maryland's efforts to implement its Family-Centered Practice model often results in identifying relatives and other community resources for families struggling with child maltreatment.

Throughout the implementation of Place Matters, Maryland has focused on the safe reduction of foster care placements. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report appears to reflect an upward spike from 2010 to 2011 for recurrence of maltreatment, however, this is not the case because the statistics generated for 2009 and 2010 were inaccurate. Now that Maryland has made federally guided adjustments to its National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS), report file for 2011 and 2012, an updated review of Maryland's recurrence of maltreatment shows that it has been holding steady over the past decade at 7%.

The recently corrected child safety data indicates that the state's efforts have not caused more harm among vulnerable children while reducing its foster care population annually, because the absence of maltreatment recurrence has held steady during these years. In other words, Maryland has achieved a safe reduction in its foster care population during the last five years.

Among foster children, the absence of maltreatment while in foster care has been high, averaging 99.54%. Related, children in foster care during these years have experienced relatively stable placement experiences in Maryland, particularly those who were in care less than 12 months: 88% of those foster children experience two or fewer placement settings.

Overall, Maryland has experienced considerable success with its Place Matters initiative featuring Family-Centered Practice and looks forward to continued and increasing success in child welfare during the coming years.

Massachusetts

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total children under 18 years	1,433,002	1,418,819	1,410,027	1,401,415
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Asian	5.6	5.7	5.9	6.0
Black	7.6	7.8	7.8	7.9
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	13.6	14.9	15.3	15.6
White	70.4	68.1	67.4	66.8
Two or more races	2.5	3.2	3.4	3.5
Child population in poverty (%)	13.1	14.3	15.2	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Child maltreatment victims	34,639	24,428	20,262	19,234
Foster care entry rate per 1,000	4.3	3.9	3.8	3.8
Children in foster care on 9/30	9,639	8,945	8,600	8,549
Children adopted	790	725	724	754

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	87
Numerator	N/A	N/A	N/A	83,292
Denominator	N/A	N/A	N/A	96,206
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	79
Numerator	N/A	N/A	N/A	66,074
Denominator	N/A	N/A	N/A	83,292

B. Child Maltreatment Data (National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System [NCANDS] Unique Counts)⁶

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2009		2010		2011		2012	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children who received a Child Protective Services response for an allegation of child maltreatment	69,805	48.7 per 1,000	66,152	46.6 per 1,000	62,443	44.3 per 1,000	62,257	44.4 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims	34,639	24.2 per 1,000	24,428	17.2 per 1,000	20,262	14.4 per 1,000	19,234	13.7 per 1,000
Child fatalities	17	1.2 per 100,000	17	1.2 per 100,000	0	0.0 per 100,000	—	— per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	10.9	11.6	12.0	12.9
1 year	7.3	7.7	7.4	7.4
2 years	6.5	7.0	7.0	7.2
3 years	6.1	6.5	6.7	6.7
4 years	5.7	5.9	6.3	6.7
5 years	5.7	6.0	6.0	6.4
6 years	5.7	5.8	6.1	5.7
7 years	5.4	5.6	5.5	5.5
8 years	5.5	5.2	5.1	5.0
9 years	4.9	4.9	5.1	4.8
10 years	4.8	4.8	4.5	4.7
11 years	4.7	4.4	4.5	4.5
12 years	4.5	4.6	4.5	4.2
13 years	4.8	4.5	4.6	4.3
14 years	5.2	4.7	4.1	4.0
15 years	4.8	4.2	3.9	3.8
16 years	4.2	3.9	4.0	3.6
17 years	2.7	2.5	2.5	2.5
18+ years	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0
Missing data	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3
Number	34,639	24,428	20,262	19,234

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.1	0.1	<.1	0.1
Asian	2.0	1.5	1.5	1.8
Black	13.2	12.7	12.4	13.7
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	23.4	23.8	24.7	24.8
White	41.3	40.3	39.7	38.6
Two or more races	3.0	3.5	3.5	4.1
Missing data	17.0	18.1	18.1	16.9
Number	34,639	24,428	20,262	19,234

¹ The source data for each table is indicated in parentheses for each section. A calendar year is the basis for data from the Census Bureau. Most of the other data on these pages are from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS) or the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) and are based on the Federal fiscal year, October 1 through September 30.

² The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau (<http://www.census.gov/popest/data/datasets.html>). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS). Child poverty data for 2012 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2010–2013 report.

³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

⁴ A child victim is defined as a child who is the subject of a maltreatment report for which the disposition is substantiated, indicated, or "alternative response victim." The rate for foster care entry is per 1,000 children in the state population. Data on child maltreatment victims are from NCANDS. Data on foster care entry rate, children in foster care on 9/30, and children adopted are from AFCARS.

⁵ As of 2012, there is a new methodology used to calculate the caseworker visits measures. Because the new methodology limits data comparisons with prior years, caseworker visits data from 2009 through 2011 are not included in this table. All states have the option of using an approved sampling procedure for the caseworker visits reporting requirement. See appendix C for more information on how these data are calculated and for a list of states using sampling methodology.

⁶ The unique count of child victims counts a child only once regardless of the number of times he or she was found to be a victim during the reporting year. This is a change from prior reports, and these data are now consistent with the reporting practice in the Child Maltreatment reports.

⁷ The rates for Child Protective Services Responses and victims are per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18.

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)⁸

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Emotional abuse	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2
Medical neglect	—	—	—	—
Neglect	103.6	99.3	97.5	98.3
Physical abuse	13.8	14.1	15.0	14.9
Sexual abuse	2.8	3.4	3.8	4.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Number	34,639	24,428	20,262	19,234

Response Time (in hours)⁹

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Mean	—	—	—	—
Median	—	—	—	—

C. Characteristics of Children in Foster Care

(Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System [AFCARS] Foster Care File)

Overview Foster Care Information

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total number	10,158	9,406	8,716	8,347	6,139	5,474	5,334	5,256	6,658	5,935	5,450	5,054	9,639	8,945	8,600	8,549
Median length of stay (months)	14.5	15.2	15.7	15.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	11.5	12.3	12.5	13.8	14.9	15.4	14.6	13.3

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	5.2	5.1	4.3	5.2	13.5	12.6	13.3	13.5	3.6	3.7	3.0	3.1	4.9	4.1	5.0	5.4
1 year	6.2	6.8	6.3	5.9	6.1	5.9	5.9	5.5	6.5	6.3	5.4	5.6	6.7	6.3	5.8	6.5
2 years	5.3	5.5	6.4	6.2	4.7	5.4	4.5	5.5	5.3	6.1	5.7	6.6	5.5	6.4	6.1	5.8
3 years	4.5	4.8	5.0	5.8	4.3	4.3	5.0	4.9	5.3	5.3	5.4	6.0	4.8	4.9	5.8	5.4
4 years	3.9	4.2	4.6	4.5	4.3	3.8	4.2	3.9	4.4	4.3	5.0	5.1	4.2	4.5	4.4	4.8
5 years	4.0	3.5	3.7	4.2	3.6	3.5	3.7	3.5	4.4	3.9	4.2	4.2	3.5	3.8	4.2	4.1
6 years	3.9	3.8	3.6	3.6	3.4	3.5	3.0	3.3	3.3	3.2	3.5	3.6	3.8	3.6	3.5	3.8
7 years	3.5	3.8	3.6	3.6	2.9	2.9	3.0	3.1	3.3	3.6	3.3	3.1	3.7	3.6	3.5	3.6
8 years	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.6	3.1	2.6	3.2	2.7	3.3	3.2	3.4	3.2	3.3	3.4	3.5	3.5
9 years	3.4	3.6	3.3	3.2	3.4	3.0	2.3	2.8	3.1	2.6	2.7	2.8	3.6	3.3	3.1	3.2
10 years	3.6	3.3	3.7	3.3	2.7	2.7	2.8	2.8	3.3	2.8	2.5	3.0	3.2	3.7	3.4	3.4
11 years	3.8	3.7	3.4	4.0	3.6	3.6	3.2	3.4	2.8	3.0	2.8	2.9	3.6	3.4	4.0	3.4
12 years	4.1	4.3	4.5	3.6	4.1	4.8	4.3	3.9	3.1	2.9	3.1	2.4	4.4	4.5	3.7	4.4
13 years	5.1	5.3	5.5	5.5	5.9	6.0	6.3	6.5	3.4	3.6	3.8	3.8	5.4	5.6	5.7	4.9
14 years	7.2	6.8	6.9	7.0	9.3	8.4	8.2	9.0	5.3	4.7	4.7	5.7	6.9	7.1	7.2	7.3
15 years	10.0	9.7	9.2	9.3	11.1	12.1	11.8	10.4	7.9	8.4	7.2	6.9	9.9	9.4	9.4	9.2
16 years	11.2	11.3	11.1	10.7	9.5	9.7	10.5	9.7	8.5	9.0	9.4	8.7	11.4	11.2	10.9	10.7
17 years	11.3	11.1	11.2	10.6	4.5	5.0	4.8	5.3	7.3	6.6	7.5	6.8	11.0	11.0	10.5	10.6
18 years	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	15.8	16.8	17.2	16.6	<.1	0.1	<.1	0.1
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20 years	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	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)¹⁰

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2
Asian	1.4	2.0	1.9	1.8	2.9	1.8	1.7	1.5	1.9	1.9	1.9	2.1	2.0	1.9	1.8	1.5
Black	16.4	16.5	16.2	15.5	15.7	14.6	14.5	14.1	15.7	15.4	15.6	15.3	16.5	16.0	15.5	14.7
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	26.3	27.1	27.4	26.7	28.1	28.5	27.6	26.5	27.0	28.1	28.8	27.9	27.0	27.3	26.6	25.9
White	48.0	46.3	45.5	46.6	45.4	45.4	46.5	46.8	47.9	46.3	44.5	45.5	46.4	45.7	46.8	47.4
Two or more races	4.6	4.8	4.9	5.5	3.7	4.4	4.5	5.4	3.8	4.4	4.3	4.7	4.6	4.9	5.1	5.9
Unable to determine	3.1	3.2	3.8	3.7	3.6	5.0	4.9	5.3	3.1	3.6	4.6	4.3	3.4	4.1	4.0	4.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.2	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1

⁸ These percentages are calculated against the number of unique victims. A child may have been the victim of more than one type of maltreatment, or the same type of maltreatment more than once. As a result, the total percentages both within and across maltreatment categories may exceed 100.

⁹ Response time is defined as the time between the report of suspected maltreatment and the first face-to-face contact with the alleged victim or with another person who can provide information on the allegation.

¹⁰ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

D. Characteristics of Children Waiting for Adoption¹¹ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total waiting children	2,834	2,757	2,665	2,464
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	1,503	1,524	1,496	1,287

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	4.2	2.8	3.4	3.6
1 year	10.7	10.3	9.6	11.7
2 years	9.7	10.7	10.4	9.2
3 years	8.2	8.7	9.3	8.6
4 years	7.3	7.8	7.4	7.9
5 years	5.6	6.5	7.1	6.8
6 years	6.4	5.3	6.1	6.1
7 years	6.3	6.4	5.9	5.6
8 years	5.3	5.7	5.1	5.4
9 years	5.4	4.7	4.8	4.5
10 years	4.8	5.4	4.4	4.5
11 years	5.4	4.2	5.1	4.5
12 years	5.1	5.0	3.9	4.3
13 years	3.5	4.5	4.7	4.0
14 years	4.1	3.4	4.3	4.2
15 years	3.6	3.6	3.5	4.3
16 years	2.8	3.0	2.8	2.9
17 years	1.6	2.1	2.1	1.8

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹³

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/Alaska Native	<.1	0.1	0.2	0.4
Asian	1.2	1.3	1.5	1.1
Black	15.3	15.4	14.7	14.3
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	26.7	27.5	26.3	24.0
White	45.7	44.8	46.8	48.7
Two or more races	6.8	6.6	6.3	6.8
Unable to determine	4.2	4.2	4.1	4.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total children adopted	790	725	724	754

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.5
1 year	17.6	16.1	12.4	11.0
2 years	16.2	16.1	15.3	16.7
3 years	11.6	13.4	13.8	14.6
4 years	9.7	9.1	9.7	9.5
5 years	10.5	7.7	8.4	10.1
6 years	4.9	6.2	6.1	7.4
7 years	5.9	6.2	7.6	6.0
8 years	5.1	4.8	5.2	6.4
9 years	2.7	3.7	4.6	4.4
10 years	4.3	4.0	5.1	3.1
11 years	2.2	3.6	3.9	3.4
12 years	2.2	2.6	2.2	2.3
13 years	1.5	2.1	1.7	1.5
14 years	1.9	1.1	1.0	1.5
15 years	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.7
16 years	1.0	1.0	0.8	0.5
17 years	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.3
18 years	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.0
19 years	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.3
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0
Asian	1.3	1.0	1.0	2.1
Black	12.5	12.1	13.0	12.7
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	19.5	22.6	24.3	25.6
White	54.1	51.4	49.7	47.6
Two or more races	7.5	7.9	7.2	7.3
Unable to determine	5.1	4.8	4.7	4.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

¹¹ There is no federal definition for a child waiting to be adopted. The definition used in the tables on this page includes children and youth through age 17 who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parents' parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A state's own definition may differ from that used here.

¹² Children older than 17 years fall outside of the definition used to identify waiting children and are therefore excluded from this table.

¹³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

Massachusetts

OUTCOMES DATA

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect (NCANDS)

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children without a recurrence	88.6	91.5	91.9	91.5
Children with one or more recurrences	11.4	8.5	8.1	8.5
Number	19,498	13,301	10,873	9,773

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care (NCANDS and AFCARS Foster Care File)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.84	0.78	0.70	0.93
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.16	99.22	99.30	99.07
Number	16,297	14,880	14,050	13,603

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Foster Care File)

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	11.7	11.9	13.0	16.3
Guardianship	7.0	4.5	6.1	6.6
Reunification	64.4	65.5	62.4	59.6
Other	16.9	18.1	18.6	17.6
Missing data	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	6,658	5,935	5,450	5,054

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	35.5	35.1	39.3	41.5
Guardianship	5.5	2.1	4.1	4.1
Reunification	31.5	34.9	29.0	30.9
Other	27.4	27.9	27.7	23.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	723	717	715	726

3.3 Exits of Children Older Than Age 12 at Entry Into Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2
Guardianship	2.3	1.8	1.9	1.8
Reunification	65.1	63.7	62.9	64.2
Other	32.3	34.3	34.9	33.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	2,622	2,368	2,206	1,997

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children age 12 or younger at entry	25.2	25.0	24.3	23.6
Children older than 12 at entry	74.8	75.0	75.7	76.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,075	1,017	947	855

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	American Indian/Alaska Native				2009	Asian				2009	Black			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	7.7	14.3	11.1	0.0	7.2	7.1	4.7	17.1	9.5	9.5	10.7	13.1		
Guardianship	15.4	28.6	11.1	0.0	8.0	3.6	0.9	7.6	7.8	3.1	5.1	6.5		
Reunification	76.9	42.9	77.8	88.9	62.4	69.6	62.3	49.5	61.6	61.9	61.3	56.7		
Other	0.0	14.3	0.0	11.1	22.4	19.6	32.1	25.7	21.1	25.6	22.9	23.8		
Missing data	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	13	7	9	9	125	112	106	105	1,045	915	848	773		

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander				2009	Hispanic (of any race)				2009	White			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.7	9.2	11.4	14.4	13.0	13.5	14.1	17.5		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.0	2.8	3.6	6.2	7.7	6.1	7.8	6.9		
Reunification	50.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	70.7	69.3	65.8	61.5	62.1	63.7	60.1	59.1		
Other	50.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	15.6	18.6	19.2	17.9	17.1	16.6	18.0	16.4		
Missing data	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	2	1	1	2	1,799	1,670	1,568	1,410	3,190	2,750	2,424	2,298		

	Unable to Determine				2009	Two or More Races				2009	Missing Data			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	17.9	14.0	14.9	17.2	23.1	21.9	22.1	25.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	8.7	1.9	8.0	6.5	7.8	4.2	7.7	6.8	0.0	0.0	10.0	0.0		
Reunification	63.8	72.4	66.7	67.9	58.0	64.6	60.4	56.5	95.5	100.0	90.0	100.0		
Other	9.2	11.7	10.4	8.4	11.0	9.2	9.8	11.4	4.5	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Missing data	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	207	214	249	215	255	260	235	237	22	6	10	5		

¹⁴ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Less than 12 mos.	71.7	67.8	70.2	68.0
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	20.3	22.4	19.6	22.4
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	4.8	5.6	5.8	5.8
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	1.7	2.2	2.4	2.2
48 or more mos.	1.6	2.0	2.0	1.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	4,286	3,888	3,399	3,010

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children entering care for the first time	75.7	75.2	75.1	75.2
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	11.8	12.3	12.5	12.2
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	12.5	12.5	12.4	12.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	6,139	5,474	5,334	5,256

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Foster Care File)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Less than 12 mos.	1.4	1.3	0.7	1.0
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	28.4	25.7	21.1	22.9
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	31.9	31.2	31.7	33.5
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	21.9	20.5	24.9	21.0
48 or more mos.	16.5	21.3	21.6	21.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	778	708	707	822

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Foster Care File)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care (%)

	In Care Less Than 12 Months				In Care at Least 12 Months but Less Than 24 Months				In Care for 24 Months or Longer				Missing Time in Care			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children with 2 or fewer placements	74.0	75.4	78.6	81.0	48.8	49.0	49.2	53.3	23.3	23.4	24.2	25.1	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	25.9	24.5	21.3	18.9	51.2	51.0	50.8	46.7	76.7	76.6	75.8	74.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.2	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	7,573	6,673	6,380	6,253	3,770	3,425	3,112	3,151	4,942	4,772	4,542	4,197	12	10	16	2

7. Reduce Placement of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Foster Care File)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During the Fiscal Year and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Group homes	5.0	5.2	4.6	4.8
Institutions	1.2	1.7	1.3	1.0
Other settings	93.8	93.1	94.1	94.1
Missing data	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1
Number	3,595	3,154	3,061	3,059

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews¹⁵ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score¹⁷	124.0	120.7	122.3	117.6
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	75.4	71.7	74.2	73.5
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	5.5	6.4	5.9	6.2
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	51.2	50.4	48.5	47.0
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	16.2	15.3	15.6	17.0

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	86.3	83.7	75.9	88.6
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	29.8	27.0	21.9	24.0
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	31.5	32.6	34.6	32.5
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	15.4	14.7	16.0	19.5
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year? ¹⁸	6.5	6.0	6.6	8.0
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	41.5	45.0	38.0	45.3

Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time¹⁹

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	114.7	112.9	114.5	119.3
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	23.7	23.0	25.5	27.7
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	92.2	91.0	89.8	91.6
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	43.6	44.7	44.0	41.9

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	76.7	77.9	80.8	85.2
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	72.6	74.0	77.4	80.3
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	48.8	48.9	49.3	53.3
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	23.3	23.4	24.2	25.1

¹⁵ Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the state did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

¹⁶ Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 includes a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

¹⁷ Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website (<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/resource/data-indicators-second-round-of-cfhrs>).

¹⁸ Legally free means that there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father. This calculation excludes children who, by the end of the first 6 months of the fiscal year, had discharged from foster care to reunification, living with relative, or guardianship.

¹⁹ A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

²⁰ The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

Massachusetts

STATE COMMENT

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The following are Massachusetts's comments on the state data presented in *Child Welfare Outcomes 2009–2012: Report to Congress*.

Safety

In August of 2009, the Department of Children and Families (DCF) implemented a differential response process for handling reports of child maltreatment in its SACWIS (FamilyNet). With differential response, reports can be screened-in for a CPS investigation or for an assessment response. Not all reports of abuse or neglect require the same type of intervention. An assessment response allows DCF to engage families more quickly when the reported concern does not warrant a formal investigation. An assessment response cannot be used for reports alleging sexual abuse, serious physical abuse or serious neglect. From October of 2009 through September of 2010, the use of the assessment response increased from 20% of the combined CPS investigations and assessment responses to 44% in 2012. Assessment responses do not result in findings of support or unsupport and have been reported on NCANDS as "Alternative Response Nonvictim." This has resulted in fewer supported and unsupported reports and allegations as well as fewer identified perpetrators.

Some timeframes have changed. Non-emergency reports are generally screened within 24 hours, however, in certain circumstances the time may be extended to up to 3 days. Emergency investigations must still be initiated within 2 hours, but the time for completion has been extended from 24 hours to 5 business days. Non-emergency investigations and assessment responses must be initiated within 2 business days and completed within 15 business days unless an extension is approved.

Placement

- Outcome Measure 1.1: In FY2011, Recurrence of Maltreatment within 6 months declined to 1.1 percent. Alabama continues to demonstrate high standards concerning child safety. The number of children in care has significantly decreased since 2008.
 - Children in care at any time during the year decreased by 19.4% from FY2008 to FY2012 [16,881/13,613].
 - Admissions decreased by 20.8% from FY2008 to FY2012 [6,654/5,268].
- Placement stability slowly and steadily increased from 2007 to 2012.

Adoption

For children adopted prior to April 23, 2012, Massachusetts reported the date the child's foster care placement ended as the discharge date on the AFCARS foster care file. The legalization date has been used as the discharge date since that time. The foster care placement end date can be significantly later than the adoption legalization. The delay in closing foster care placements accounts for the difference between the count of children discharged to adoption on the AFCARS foster care file and the count of children listed on the AFCARS adoption file.

Michigan

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total children under 18 years	2,349,892	2,335,244	2,300,057	2,266,870
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6
Asian	2.7	2.7	2.8	2.9
Black	16.7	16.5	16.4	16.2
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	6.7	7.4	7.5	7.7
White	70.4	68.7	68.5	68.3
Two or more races	2.9	4.1	4.2	4.3
Child population in poverty (%)	22.5	23.5	24.8	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Child maltreatment victims	29,976	32,412	33,366	33,434
Foster care entry rate per 1,000	3.2	3.4	3.1	3.0
Children in foster care on 9/30	17,684	16,498	15,020	14,380
Children adopted	3,209	2,597	2,500	2,541

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	96
Numerator	N/A	N/A	N/A	3,319
Denominator	N/A	N/A	N/A	3,442
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	85
Numerator	N/A	N/A	N/A	2,830
Denominator	N/A	N/A	N/A	3,319

B. Child Maltreatment Data (National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System [NCANDS] Unique Counts)⁶

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2009		2010		2011		2012	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children who received a Child Protective Services response for an allegation of child maltreatment	142,945	60.8 per 1,000	146,135	62.6 per 1,000	156,168	67.9 per 1,000	171,608	75.7 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims	29,976	12.8 per 1,000	32,412	13.9 per 1,000	33,366	14.5 per 1,000	33,434	14.7 per 1,000
Child fatalities	58	2.5 per 100,000	71	3.0 per 100,000	75	3.3 per 100,000	63	2.8 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	15.7	15.5	15.3	16.3
1 year	6.5	7.0	6.9	6.7
2 years	6.5	6.6	6.6	6.6
3 years	6.1	6.5	6.6	6.1
4 years	5.7	5.8	6.2	6.3
5 years	5.5	5.7	5.9	6.1
6 years	5.4	5.5	5.5	5.6
7 years	5.4	5.1	5.5	5.2
8 years	5.4	4.9	4.7	4.9
9 years	4.9	4.8	4.6	4.5
10 years	4.5	4.5	4.7	4.5
11 years	4.4	4.2	4.5	4.5
12 years	4.4	4.4	4.3	4.2
13 years	4.5	4.3	4.4	4.5
14 years	4.4	4.5	4.2	4.3
15 years	4.5	4.4	4.2	3.9
16 years	4.0	3.8	3.6	3.7
17 years	2.2	2.3	2.0	2.2
18+ years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.2	<.1	0.1	0.1
Number	29,976	32,412	33,366	33,434

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.5
Asian	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3
Black	28.4	26.7	25.1	23.4
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	5.1	4.4	4.2	4.8
White	58.5	60.6	61.7	61.7
Two or more races	6.0	6.4	7.2	7.8
Missing data	1.2	1.1	1.0	1.6
Number	29,976	32,412	33,366	33,434

¹ The source data for each table is indicated in parentheses for each section. A calendar year is the basis for data from the Census Bureau. Most of the other data on these pages are from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS) or the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) and are based on the Federal fiscal year, October 1 through September 30.

² The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau (<http://www.census.gov/popest/data/datasets.html>). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS). Child poverty data for 2012 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2010-2013 report.

³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

⁴ A child victim is defined as a child who is the subject of a maltreatment report for which the disposition is substantiated, indicated, or "alternative response victim." The rate for foster care entry is per 1,000 children in the state population. Data on child maltreatment victims are from NCANDS. Data on foster care entry rate, children in foster care on 9/30, and children adopted are from AFCARS.

⁵ As of 2012, there is a new methodology used to calculate the caseworker visits measures. Because the new methodology limits data comparisons with prior years, caseworker visits data from 2009 through 2011 are not included in this table. All states have the option of using an approved sampling procedure for the caseworker visits reporting requirement. See appendix C for more information on how these data are calculated and for a list of states using sampling methodology.

⁶ The unique count of child victims counts a child only once regardless of the number of times he or she was found to be a victim during the reporting year. This is a change from prior reports, and these data are now consistent with the reporting practice in the Child Maltreatment reports.

⁷ The rates for Child Protective Services Responses and victims are per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18.

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)⁸

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Emotional abuse	28.1	34.4	39.0	43.6
Medical neglect	2.9	3.1	3.1	3.2
Neglect	90.1	91.8	92.2	93.1
Physical abuse	23.6	23.1	23.6	25.4
Sexual abuse	4.2	3.6	3.6	3.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	32.2	36.9	38.8	41.1
Number	29,976	32,412	33,366	33,434

Response Time (in hours)⁹

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Mean	114.0	63.0	78.5	51.8
Median	>24 but<48	>24 but<48	>24 but<48	>24 but<48

C. Characteristics of Children in Foster Care

(Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System [AFCARS] Foster Care File)

Overview Foster Care Information

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total number	20,122	17,652	16,260	15,336	7,493	8,022	7,111	6,844	9,932	9,176	8,358	7,800	17,684	16,498	15,020	14,380
Median length of stay (months)	16.1	15.7	14.3	14.6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	21.9	20.6	19.8	20.4	16.4	14.5	14.8	14.2

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	5.8	6.0	6.3	6.0	19.4	18.9	18.3	18.7	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.7	5.9	6.4	6.1	6.3
1 year	6.7	7.0	7.7	7.6	7.0	6.9	7.1	7.8	7.4	7.4	7.5	7.7	7.0	7.7	7.9	7.5
2 years	6.3	6.2	6.6	6.9	5.7	6.5	6.6	6.9	7.1	7.0	7.6	8.4	6.3	6.6	7.2	7.0
3 years	5.4	5.7	5.9	6.0	5.4	5.8	5.7	5.4	6.3	6.6	6.8	7.2	5.8	6.0	6.2	6.1
4 years	4.8	5.0	5.2	5.1	5.1	4.9	5.5	5.3	5.2	5.7	5.7	6.2	5.1	5.3	5.3	5.5
5 years	4.2	4.6	4.6	4.9	4.6	4.7	4.8	5.0	4.7	5.1	5.0	5.4	4.7	4.6	5.1	4.8
6 years	4.2	4.1	4.5	4.4	4.4	4.6	4.7	4.5	4.7	4.8	5.0	5.1	4.2	4.6	4.5	4.4
7 years	3.9	3.9	3.9	4.3	4.2	4.0	4.1	3.7	4.4	4.0	4.4	5.0	3.9	4.0	4.4	4.0
8 years	3.6	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.6	3.8	3.8	3.8	4.1	3.9	4.3	4.1	3.7	3.8	3.8	3.9
9 years	3.4	3.3	3.5	3.4	3.5	3.1	3.7	3.2	3.7	3.7	3.6	4.1	3.3	3.6	3.5	3.3
10 years	3.2	3.3	3.1	3.4	3.3	3.3	3.6	3.0	3.8	3.4	3.9	3.7	3.4	3.1	3.5	3.2
11 years	3.3	3.2	3.2	3.0	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.6	3.0	3.1	3.0	3.4	3.1	3.3	3.1	3.2
12 years	3.5	3.5	3.4	3.1	3.7	3.8	3.7	3.4	3.1	3.1	3.6	3.0	3.5	3.4	3.2	3.1
13 years	4.0	3.8	3.8	3.6	4.1	4.0	3.9	3.9	3.1	3.4	3.3	3.2	3.8	3.8	3.5	3.4
14 years	5.3	4.8	4.8	4.5	5.4	5.6	5.0	5.0	3.6	3.1	3.5	3.0	4.8	4.7	4.4	4.2
15 years	7.4	6.8	6.4	6.1	7.2	6.6	6.7	5.8	4.0	3.7	3.7	3.5	6.6	6.2	5.9	5.6
16 years	9.1	9.2	8.4	8.4	7.0	7.0	6.4	6.7	4.6	5.2	4.7	4.5	9.0	8.2	8.0	7.3
17 years	9.3	9.3	8.9	8.7	3.0	3.1	2.9	2.7	6.6	7.5	6.6	5.9	9.4	8.7	8.3	8.6
18 years	6.6	6.3	5.9	6.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.3	8.3	9.1	7.7	6.3	6.6	5.9	5.9	6.3
19 years	<.1	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.2	10.1	7.9	7.8	7.1	0.0	0.2	0.3	1.4
20 years	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0	<.1	0.1	0.8
Missing data	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.2	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.2

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)¹⁰

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.9	1.0	0.7	1.2	1.0	0.7	0.7	1.1	0.7	0.8	0.9	0.8
Asian	0.2	0.1	<.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	<.1	0.3	0.2	0.1	<.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2
Black	46.8	45.3	42.2	40.3	37.5	35.4	32.7	27.9	42.3	42.9	38.9	35.4	45.3	41.8	39.5	37.1
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	5.4	5.8	5.9	5.8	6.1	5.9	5.9	6.5	5.5	5.9	5.9	6.7	5.7	5.8	5.9	5.7
White	40.3	40.2	42.5	43.4	46.2	48.2	49.9	54.1	44.5	42.4	45.7	47.4	40.4	42.9	44.2	46.3
Two or more races	6.2	7.6	8.3	9.2	8.9	9.0	10.4	9.8	6.1	7.6	8.6	9.1	7.3	8.3	9.1	9.6
Unable to determine	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3
Missing data	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	0.0

⁸ These percentages are calculated against the number of unique victims. A child may have been the victim of more than one type of maltreatment, or the same type of maltreatment more than once. As a result, the total percentages both within and across maltreatment categories may exceed 100.

⁹ Response time is defined as the time between the report of suspected maltreatment and the first face-to-face contact with the alleged victim or with another person who can provide information on the allegation.

¹⁰ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

D. Characteristics of Children Waiting for Adoption¹¹ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total waiting children	4,971	5,283	4,297	3,605
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	4,845	4,339	3,677	3,149

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	3.2	5.2	4.9	5.2
1 year	7.9	9.6	9.0	8.4
2 years	7.4	8.2	9.3	8.2
3 years	7.1	7.5	7.2	8.1
4 years	6.4	6.5	6.7	6.6
5 years	6.0	5.7	6.1	5.6
6 years	4.9	5.4	5.1	5.6
7 years	5.0	5.0	4.8	4.6
8 years	4.9	4.8	4.6	4.4
9 years	4.1	4.5	4.3	4.2
10 years	4.5	3.7	4.5	4.2
11 years	4.3	4.4	3.3	4.5
12 years	4.9	4.3	4.2	4.5
13 years	5.2	5.0	4.5	4.3
14 years	6.5	5.2	5.7	5.2
15 years	7.1	6.2	5.9	6.4
16 years	5.8	5.1	5.8	5.5
17 years	4.8	3.7	4.1	4.6

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹³

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.6	0.6	0.9	0.9
Asian	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Black	42.6	38.7	38.2	35.7
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.1	<.1	0.1	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	5.9	6.6	6.7	6.3
White	42.6	44.7	44.6	45.6
Two or more races	8.0	9.2	9.4	11.4
Unable to determine	<.1	<.1	0.1	<.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total children adopted	3,209	2,597	2,500	2,541

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	2.3	1.6	1.8	2.4
1 year	10.8	11.4	11.8	11.7
2 years	12.5	12.2	12.7	14.6
3 years	9.6	10.9	11.3	10.9
4 years	8.4	9.1	8.0	8.9
5 years	7.0	7.7	7.9	7.6
6 years	6.6	7.4	7.4	6.7
7 years	6.6	5.4	6.1	7.0
8 years	5.9	5.1	5.2	5.2
9 years	5.1	4.7	4.8	5.0
10 years	4.6	4.3	4.3	4.3
11 years	4.1	4.1	3.1	3.5
12 years	3.0	3.7	4.4	2.6
13 years	4.0	3.3	2.4	2.4
14 years	3.3	2.5	3.3	2.8
15 years	2.6	2.6	2.2	1.5
16 years	1.9	2.0	1.5	1.7
17 years	1.7	1.7	1.6	0.7
18 years	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.3
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.9	0.6	0.4	1.2
Asian	<.1	0.1	0.1	<.1
Black	34.6	30.8	30.0	29.6
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1
Hispanic (of any race)	7.2	7.0	7.5	7.0
White	49.3	51.6	50.6	52.1
Two or more races	7.7	9.6	11.4	9.8
Unable to determine	0.1	<.1	0.0	0.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

¹¹ There is no federal definition for a child waiting to be adopted. The definition used in the tables on this page includes children and youth through age 17 who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parents' parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A state's own definition may differ from that used here.

¹² Children older than 17 years fall outside of the definition used to identify waiting children and are therefore excluded from this table.

¹³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

Michigan

OUTCOMES DATA

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect (NCANDS)

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children without a recurrence	93.3	91.7	91.4	91.0
Children with one or more recurrences	6.7	8.3	8.6	9.0
Number	14,346	16,592	16,340	17,477

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care (NCANDS and AFCARS Foster Care File)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.71	0.94	1.03	0.81
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.29	99.06	98.97	99.19
Number	27,615	25,674	23,371	22,180

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Foster Care File)

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	29.7	28.0	29.1	32.4
Guardianship	3.7	3.6	5.0	5.6
Reunification	47.5	53.8	52.9	49.8
Other	18.5	13.2	12.8	12.1
Missing data	0.6	1.4	0.2	0.2
Number	9,932	9,176	8,358	7,800

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	28.2	30.1	33.5	39.3
Guardianship	3.4	3.3	6.1	5.1
Reunification	34.8	42.4	39.1	35.8
Other	32.9	22.1	21.0	19.5
Missing data	0.6	2.1	0.3	0.3
Number	1,392	1,350	1,357	1,395

3.3 Exits of Children Older Than Age 12 at Entry Into Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	3.4	3.7	3.0	3.9
Guardianship	4.2	3.6	5.9	6.2
Reunification	44.2	58.1	58.5	54.7
Other	46.5	30.5	31.7	34.6
Missing data	1.7	4.1	0.9	0.6
Number	2,874	2,695	2,247	1,917

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children age 12 or younger at entry	30.5	33.7	33.8	29.0
Children older than 12 at entry	69.5	66.3	66.2	71.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,143	908	878	793

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	American Indian/Alaska Native				2009	Asian				2009	Black			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	22.7	21.5	17.9	33.7	25.0	23.1	66.7	8.3	24.6	19.9	22.1	27.1		
Guardianship	4.1	4.6	8.9	8.1	4.2	7.7	0.0	25.0	2.7	3.2	4.2	4.3		
Reunification	66.0	55.4	55.4	53.5	37.5	61.5	33.3	58.3	44.4	57.8	55.1	49.7		
Other	6.2	16.9	17.9	4.7	33.3	7.7	0.0	8.3	27.6	16.8	18.1	18.6		
Missing data	1.0	1.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	2.3	0.5	0.3		
Number	97	65	56	86	24	13	3	12	4,203	3,936	3,255	2,758		
	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander				2009	Hispanic (of any race)				2009	White			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	54.5	75.0	0.0	75.0	38.2	33.3	37.3	34.3	33.3	34.0	32.5	35.5		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.4	2.9	3.3	6.9	4.5	4.3	5.5	5.8		
Reunification	9.1	25.0	100.0	25.0	44.1	50.5	47.8	49.3	49.5	50.1	52.3	49.8		
Other	36.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	12.0	12.3	11.6	9.4	12.0	10.9	9.6	8.8		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.7	0.1	0.1		
Number	11	4	1	4	542	543	490	519	4,420	3,892	3,823	3,700		
	Unable to Determine				2009	Two or More Races				2009	Missing Data			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	8.0	8.7	0.0	33.3	33.1	37.1	38.2	35.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.9	3.1	6.6	7.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	28.0	60.9	100.0	50.0	55.6	53.4	48.5	50.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Other	64.0	26.1	0.0	16.7	7.0	5.9	6.7	6.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Missing data	0.0	4.3	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.4	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	25	23	15	12	610	700	715	709	0	0	0	0		

¹⁴ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Less than 12 mos.	36.4	35.8	39.3	38.5
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	43.8	43.2	42.3	44.3
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	12.9	13.4	11.5	11.7
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	3.8	3.7	3.5	2.7
48 or more mos.	3.0	3.7	3.0	2.6
Missing data	<.1	0.2	0.3	0.2
Number	4,714	4,933	4,424	3,882

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children entering care for the first time	82.8	88.6	85.1	87.4
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	2.6	3.1	3.9	2.7
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	0.8	2.0	3.2	3.4
Missing data	13.9	6.4	7.7	6.4
Number	7,493	8,022	7,111	6,844

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Foster Care File)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Less than 12 mos.	4.7	4.0	3.4	5.8
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	30.1	29.9	31.1	32.4
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	34.7	34.3	34.8	34.4
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	16.2	17.8	17.5	15.2
48 or more mos.	14.3	13.9	13.2	12.2
Missing data	<.1	0.2	<.1	<.1
Number	2,953	2,569	2,429	2,525

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Foster Care File)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care (%)

	In Care Less Than 12 Months				In Care at Least 12 Months but Less Than 24 Months				In Care for 24 Months or Longer				Missing Time in Care			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children with 2 or fewer placements	85.8	87.7	88.1	87.5	72.7	73.7	74.4	73.9	46.0	44.6	44.6	47.6	96.9	89.4	96.8	95.5
Children with 3 or more placements	14.2	12.3	11.9	12.5	27.3	26.3	25.6	26.1	54.0	55.4	55.4	52.4	3.1	10.6	3.2	4.5
Missing placement setting counts	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	0.0
Number	8,812	9,174	8,268	7,973	8,257	7,371	7,154	6,714	10,514	9,082	7,856	7,471	32	47	93	22

7. Reduce Placement of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions

(AFCARS Foster Care File)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During the Fiscal Year and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Group homes	0.0	0.4	0.5	0.2
Institutions	2.2	1.0	1.1	1.2
Other settings	97.8	98.5	98.3	98.1
Missing data	0.0	<.1	0.1	0.4
Number	5,435	5,839	5,292	5,051

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews¹⁵ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score¹⁷	111.0	113.2	110.3	107.2
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	52.0	53.3	56.8	54.5
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	11.6	11.4	10.7	11.1
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	25.2	23.7	28.9	26.8
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	3.3	3.8	6.6	7.5

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	108.3	111.0	120.1	138.8
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	34.8	34.0	34.5	38.4
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	28.7	29.1	28.9	27.6
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	27.9	28.8	31.4	33.5
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year? ¹⁸	14.0	16.4	14.5	18.3
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	38.8	40.1	44.3	53.3

Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time¹⁹

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	125.5	124.4	131.5	136.2
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	31.4	33.4	36.4	39.1
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	96.7	96.8	97.6	98.7
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	46.2	49.0	44.6	43.1

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	106.3	107.7	108.2	108.4
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	85.6	87.6	87.9	87.2
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	73.0	73.9	74.5	74.1
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	47.7	46.3	46.5	48.2

¹⁵ Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the state did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

¹⁶ Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 includes a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

¹⁷ Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website (<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/resource/data-indicators-second-round-of-cfsrs>).

¹⁸ Legally free means that there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father. This calculation excludes children who, by the end of the first 6 months of the fiscal year, had discharged from foster care to reunification, living with relative, or guardianship.

¹⁹ A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

²⁰ The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

Michigan

STATE COMMENT

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The following are Michigan's comments on the state data presented in *Child Welfare Outcomes 2009–2012: Report to Congress*.

The Child Welfare Outcomes Report shows a downward trend in the absence of maltreatment recurrence and composite one: timeliness and permanency of reunification. Michigan is in the process of implementing strategies to strengthen our focus on children and families. As part of our overall improvement, Michigan believes that safety is the first priority of our child welfare system.

In an effort to maintain children safely in their own homes, the Protect MiFamily program was developed, which is Michigan's Title IV-E Waiver project. Protect MiFAMILY is a 15-month in-home prevention and preservation service for families with children. The waiver enables the state to use Title IV-E funds to test innovative strategies that prevent child abuse and neglect, avert foster care entry and re-entry, speed reunification, and improve child safety and well-being. Michigan is also implementing a practice model and extensive continuous quality improvement efforts focusing on family engagement, comprehensive initial and ongoing assessments, and mentoring. In addition, a statewide executive safety committee has been developed to ensure practice changes are occurring which will increase safety for children. Michigan has seen an increase in performance related to the Absence of Maltreatment in Care which is reflective of the department's ongoing focus in this area. Michigan has established specific maltreatment in care investigative units, composed of experts specially trained. As a result Michigan does a better job of identifying abuse and neglect of children in care.

Michigan continues to do well on Permanency Composites 2 and 3 due to our increased focus on timely adoptions and resources for children who have been in care for longer periods of time. Michigan is not meeting the standard for timeliness to reunification; however, Michigan has consistently exceeded the standard that keeps children from reentering care. It should be noted that Measure C1.4 data reflects an error for Michigan's 2011 and 2012 data. The corrected rates (3.1 and 3.6) will be included in the next Child Welfare Outcome report.

Michigan's overall population in care has decreased and the department has an average of 3000 less children in care, which is a result of our continued positive efforts to maintain children in their own home whenever possible. Michigan will continue to strive to improve our outcomes for children and families.

Minnesota

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total children under 18 years	1,260,797	1,282,736	1,279,142	1,276,148
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
American Indian/ Alaska Native	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.4
Asian	5.0	5.3	5.4	5.5
Black	6.6	7.4	7.6	7.7
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	7.5	7.9	8.1	8.3
White	76.1	73.5	72.9	72.4
Two or more races	3.2	4.5	4.6	4.7
Child population in poverty (%)	14.1	15.2	15.4	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Child maltreatment victims	4,668	4,462	4,342	4,238
Foster care entry rate per 1,000	4.7	4.4	4.6	4.6
Children in foster care on 9/30	5,471	5,107	5,090	5,426
Children adopted	660	627	580	498

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	80
Numerator	N/A	N/A	N/A	42,510
Denominator	N/A	N/A	N/A	53,076
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	85
Numerator	N/A	N/A	N/A	36,304
Denominator	N/A	N/A	N/A	42,510

B. Child Maltreatment Data (National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System [NCANDS] Unique Counts)⁶

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2009		2010		2011		2012	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children who received a Child Protective Services response for an allegation of child maltreatment	22,531	17.9 per 1,000	22,815	17.8 per 1,000	23,016	18.0 per 1,000	23,635	18.5 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims	4,668	3.7 per 1,000	4,462	3.5 per 1,000	4,342	3.4 per 1,000	4,238	3.3 per 1,000
Child fatalities	21	1.7 per 100,000	14	1.1 per 100,000	15	1.2 per 100,000	10	0.8 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	12.3	12.1	12.3	13.1
1 year	6.8	6.7	6.5	6.9
2 years	7.0	6.4	6.9	6.1
3 years	6.6	6.4	7.3	6.7
4 years	6.0	7.2	6.6	7.0
5 years	6.4	6.1	6.6	6.1
6 years	6.1	6.4	6.2	6.6
7 years	6.3	6.1	6.3	6.3
8 years	5.1	5.8	5.3	5.5
9 years	5.2	5.9	5.3	5.6
10 years	5.1	4.9	4.5	5.1
11 years	4.9	5.1	4.4	4.3
12 years	3.9	4.5	4.6	3.8
13 years	4.1	3.9	4.4	3.9
14 years	4.0	3.3	3.9	4.0
15 years	4.3	3.6	3.6	3.6
16 years	3.2	3.0	3.1	2.8
17 years	2.2	2.3	2.0	2.3
18+ years	0.2	<.1	<.1	<.1
Missing data	0.6	0.4	0.2	0.1
Number	4,668	4,462	4,342	4,238

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/ Alaska Native	7.3	7.4	9.0	8.3
Asian	2.7	1.9	2.6	2.7
Black	22.2	20.0	19.3	18.3
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	11.0	11.3	11.4	11.1
White	39.4	46.1	45.0	45.1
Two or more races	10.6	12.4	12.0	13.3
Missing data	6.8	0.8	0.7	1.1
Number	4,668	4,462	4,342	4,238

¹ The source data for each table is indicated in parentheses for each section. A calendar year is the basis for data from the Census Bureau. Most of the other data on these pages are from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS) or the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) and are based on the Federal fiscal year, October 1 through September 30.

² The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau (<http://www.census.gov/popest/data/datasets.html>). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS). Child poverty data for 2012 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2010–2013 report.

³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

⁴ A child victim is defined as a child who is the subject of a maltreatment report for which the disposition is substantiated, indicated, or "alternative response victim." The rate for foster care entry is per 1,000 children in the state population. Data on child maltreatment victims are from NCANDS. Data on foster care entry rate, children in foster care on 9/30, and children adopted are from AFCARS.

⁵ As of 2012, there is a new methodology used to calculate the caseworker visits measures. Because the new methodology limits data comparisons with prior years, caseworker visits data from 2009 through 2011 are not included in this table. All states have the option of using an approved sampling procedure for the caseworker visits reporting requirement. See appendix C for more information on how these data are calculated and for a list of states using sampling methodology.

⁶ The unique count of child victims counts a child only once regardless of the number of times he or she was found to be a victim during the reporting year. This is a change from prior reports, and these data are now consistent with the reporting practice in the Child Maltreatment reports.

⁷ The rates for Child Protective Services Responses and victims are per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18.

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)⁸

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Emotional abuse	0.8	0.7	1.2	0.7
Medical neglect	1.4	1.2	1.1	1.2
Neglect	75.2	72.2	72.2	72.4
Physical abuse	20.5	20.4	21.6	19.2
Sexual abuse	16.9	18.5	18.5	20.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	4,668	4,462	4,342	4,238

Response Time (in hours)⁹

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Mean	49.5	43.1	44.9	45.2
Median	>24 but<48	>24 but<48	>24 but<48	>24 but<48

C. Characteristics of Children in Foster Care

(Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System [AFCARS] Foster Care File)

Overview Foster Care Information

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total number	5,733	5,141	4,790	4,772	5,961	5,587	5,885	5,869	6,223	5,621	5,585	5,215	5,471	5,107	5,090	5,426
Median length of stay (months)	11.6	12.2	10.9	9.3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	5.3	5.0	5.5	5.1	11.7	10.5	8.9	9.1

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	5.1	5.3	5.5	6.0	10.5	10.1	9.6	11.1	4.6	4.9	4.2	5.0	5.2	5.4	5.9	6.0
1 year	5.9	5.8	5.4	5.6	4.9	5.0	4.8	5.3	5.9	5.5	5.5	5.9	5.6	5.5	5.8	6.4
2 years	4.9	5.5	5.4	5.0	4.8	5.0	5.3	5.0	5.4	5.3	5.9	5.1	5.4	5.4	4.8	5.5
3 years	4.1	4.3	5.0	5.1	4.1	4.3	4.8	5.1	4.5	4.9	5.0	4.8	4.2	4.8	5.1	5.0
4 years	4.2	3.8	4.2	4.4	3.6	4.0	4.1	4.3	3.9	4.0	4.5	5.0	3.8	4.2	4.1	4.8
5 years	3.4	3.7	3.5	4.2	2.9	3.5	3.8	3.7	3.5	3.8	4.2	4.0	3.5	3.5	4.1	4.0
6 years	3.6	3.4	3.5	3.6	3.4	3.5	4.0	3.9	3.5	3.5	3.3	3.8	3.3	3.4	3.6	4.0
7 years	2.8	3.3	3.4	3.7	3.1	3.0	3.6	3.2	2.9	3.4	3.7	3.2	3.2	3.3	3.6	3.4
8 years	2.7	3.2	3.0	3.5	2.8	3.0	3.4	3.9	2.5	3.1	2.6	3.9	3.3	3.0	3.7	3.6
9 years	3.1	3.1	3.4	3.8	3.0	3.1	3.2	3.3	2.7	2.7	3.2	3.5	3.1	3.4	3.6	3.4
10 years	3.3	3.7	3.5	3.9	2.9	3.3	3.1	3.1	2.6	3.2	3.0	3.5	3.6	3.4	3.7	3.7
11 years	3.3	3.5	4.3	3.7	3.5	3.9	3.4	3.0	2.7	3.0	3.0	3.2	3.4	4.2	3.8	3.5
12 years	4.1	4.4	3.9	4.7	4.4	4.3	4.4	4.1	3.4	3.8	3.3	3.5	4.3	4.0	4.8	3.8
13 years	5.0	5.0	5.7	5.1	5.2	6.0	5.5	6.1	4.3	4.3	4.5	5.0	5.2	5.9	5.2	5.2
14 years	7.3	6.5	7.3	7.0	7.7	7.9	7.7	7.9	6.3	5.6	6.6	6.8	6.7	7.4	7.2	6.2
15 years	9.6	9.0	7.9	8.4	11.0	9.6	9.6	9.4	9.0	7.9	7.6	8.7	9.1	8.2	8.5	8.5
16 years	12.8	11.5	10.7	9.2	12.0	10.3	9.9	10.0	10.4	8.6	9.0	9.2	11.6	10.9	9.6	9.1
17 years	14.0	14.3	12.9	11.8	9.9	9.5	9.0	7.2	10.3	10.6	9.6	8.2	14.1	12.8	11.6	9.4
18 years	0.7	0.6	1.2	1.3	0.4	0.8	0.8	0.4	11.4	11.6	10.3	6.8	1.3	1.3	1.2	4.0
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.3	0.4	1.0	0.6	<.1	0.1	0.1	0.5
20 years	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	0.0
Missing data	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)¹⁰

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/ Alaska Native	12.8	15.9	15.5	16.6	10.5	9.6	11.2	11.6	8.2	10.5	10.4	9.3	15.6	15.0	16.1	18.2
Asian	1.7	2.0	1.3	2.0	3.0	2.0	3.1	3.0	2.7	2.5	2.3	3.0	1.9	1.4	2.2	2.2
Black	20.8	18.5	18.2	17.9	19.8	22.1	22.2	22.1	22.1	22.0	22.2	21.8	18.3	18.6	18.4	18.7
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	8.9	9.9	9.2	10.0	10.6	9.1	10.0	10.0	9.9	9.5	9.6	10.7	9.6	9.5	9.7	9.3
White	44.4	43.5	46.0	43.0	42.5	46.0	43.0	41.8	44.4	43.8	45.3	43.8	42.3	45.9	43.4	41.0
Two or more races	9.5	8.9	9.5	10.2	7.5	9.2	9.8	10.4	8.1	9.0	9.7	10.5	8.9	9.2	9.6	10.1
Unable to determine	1.9	1.2	0.1	0.2	5.8	1.7	0.7	1.0	4.4	2.5	0.4	0.8	3.3	0.4	0.4	0.5
Missing data	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.2	<.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	0.2	<.1	<.1	0.1

⁸ These percentages are calculated against the number of unique victims. A child may have been the victim of more than one type of maltreatment, or the same type of maltreatment more than once. As a result, the total percentages both within and across maltreatment categories may exceed 100.

⁹ Response time is defined as the time between the report of suspected maltreatment and the first face-to-face contact with the alleged victim or with another person who can provide information on the allegation.

¹⁰ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

D. Characteristics of Children Waiting for Adoption¹¹ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total waiting children	1,227	1,083	960	987
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	1,138	1,007	907	953

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	4.0	4.8	3.0	4.4
1 year	8.1	7.8	8.1	8.3
2 years	9.0	8.2	5.9	7.1
3 years	5.6	7.7	7.1	6.1
4 years	5.6	5.5	7.6	6.9
5 years	5.7	4.5	5.5	5.7
6 years	5.2	5.0	4.5	5.6
7 years	5.4	5.1	5.2	4.7
8 years	4.2	4.5	3.6	4.7
9 years	4.1	3.9	4.6	4.1
10 years	4.5	4.0	4.6	4.8
11 years	4.4	4.7	4.7	5.0
12 years	4.0	4.5	4.7	4.5
13 years	4.8	4.6	4.1	4.2
14 years	4.6	6.0	4.9	4.9
15 years	5.7	5.3	6.0	5.5
16 years	6.7	6.7	7.8	6.9
17 years	8.4	7.2	8.0	7.1

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹³

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/Alaska Native	6.1	8.6	10.5	11.3
Asian	1.4	0.7	0.6	1.9
Black	29.7	24.8	22.7	22.7
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	9.8	11.4	12.5	11.9
White	40.7	43.3	42.6	39.5
Two or more races	10.5	11.1	10.9	12.3
Unable to determine	1.8	<.1	0.1	0.4
Missing data	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total children adopted	660	627	580	498

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	4.8	2.6	3.4	3.2
1 year	14.5	14.2	15.0	16.1
2 years	16.7	14.7	13.8	10.6
3 years	9.2	10.0	9.1	9.2
4 years	8.5	7.3	8.6	10.8
5 years	7.7	8.6	7.1	8.0
6 years	5.6	6.2	5.9	5.4
7 years	5.2	5.4	6.4	6.4
8 years	3.6	4.9	4.8	6.2
9 years	5.3	5.4	4.7	3.2
10 years	2.7	4.5	3.6	3.4
11 years	3.6	3.5	3.1	3.4
12 years	2.7	2.6	2.9	4.2
13 years	3.5	2.9	2.6	2.2
14 years	1.7	1.6	3.4	2.0
15 years	1.4	2.1	2.1	1.0
16 years	1.7	1.3	1.0	2.2
17 years	0.9	1.8	1.6	1.8
18 years	0.5	0.3	0.9	0.4
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/Alaska Native	5.0	5.7	7.4	7.6
Asian	1.4	1.8	0.9	0.8
Black	23.8	26.3	20.3	14.5
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	10.2	10.0	8.8	11.8
White	43.3	41.6	51.2	54.6
Two or more races	14.4	13.1	11.4	10.4
Unable to determine	2.0	1.4	0.0	0.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

¹¹ There is no federal definition for a child waiting to be adopted. The definition used in the tables on this page includes children and youth through age 17 who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parents' parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A state's own definition may differ from that used here.

¹² Children older than 17 years fall outside of the definition used to identify waiting children and are therefore excluded from this table.

¹³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

Minnesota

OUTCOMES DATA

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect (NCANDS)

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children without a recurrence	94.3	95.0	94.4	96.2
Children with one or more recurrences	5.7	5.0	5.6	3.8
Number	2,428	2,265	2,196	2,238

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care (NCANDS and AFCARS Foster Care File)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.34	0.23	0.34	0.41
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.66	99.77	99.66	99.59
Number	11,694	10,728	10,675	10,641

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Foster Care File)

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	10.6	11.0	10.2	10.0
Guardianship	8.6	9.2	9.3	10.7
Reunification	66.8	65.7	67.1	69.5
Other	14.0	14.1	13.3	9.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	6,223	5,621	5,585	5,215

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	11.6	14.4	13.6	14.0
Guardianship	5.9	4.8	4.4	6.2
Reunification	59.3	56.2	58.9	62.8
Other	23.1	24.6	23.1	16.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	2,182	2,041	2,004	1,906

3.3 Exits of Children Older Than Age 12 at Entry Into Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	0.4	0.7	0.6	0.8
Guardianship	3.6	3.2	3.0	3.8
Reunification	72.7	70.4	72.7	76.2
Other	23.3	25.7	23.6	19.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	2,868	2,451	2,428	2,132

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children age 12 or younger at entry	25.8	22.4	22.4	19.3
Children older than 12 at entry	74.2	77.6	77.6	80.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	666	608	558	337

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	American Indian/Alaska Native				2009	Asian				2009	Black			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	6.3	5.8	6.9	8.3	5.3	7.8	3.8	2.6	11.3	13.3	9.4	6.3		
Guardianship	16.9	20.0	18.4	27.5	8.2	12.1	4.6	8.4	7.3	5.7	6.4	8.6		
Reunification	61.8	57.7	58.1	52.4	77.6	69.5	77.9	81.3	67.6	67.7	70.7	74.9		
Other	15.1	16.6	16.7	11.8	8.8	10.6	13.7	7.7	13.8	13.2	13.5	10.2		
Missing data	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	510	591	582	483	170	141	131	155	1,375	1,237	1,241	1,139		

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander				2009	Hispanic (of any race)				2009	White			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.9	11.0	9.6	11.6	10.4	10.6	11.6	12.4		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.2	9.9	10.3	7.3	7.6	7.8	8.5	9.0		
Reunification	100.0	50.0	100.0	50.0	71.3	66.9	70.6	72.0	65.7	66.2	66.2	68.4		
Other	0.0	50.0	0.0	50.0	8.6	12.2	9.6	9.1	16.3	15.5	13.6	10.2		
Missing data	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	1	2	1	2	617	534	534	560	2,762	2,464	2,528	2,285		

	Unable to Determine				2009	Two or More Races				2009	Missing Data			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	5.1	6.4	0.0	2.3	18.6	16.0	12.2	9.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	5.1	4.3	4.2	0.0	10.9	11.9	10.1	12.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	83.6	80.7	83.3	95.3	57.4	61.0	66.3	70.1	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0		
Other	6.2	8.6	12.5	2.3	13.1	11.1	11.4	7.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Missing data	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	275	140	24	43	505	505	543	546	8	7	1	2		

¹⁴ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Less than 12 mos.	87.7	88.3	88.5	89.5
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	9.9	8.9	9.2	8.4
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	1.7	1.5	1.4	1.0
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	0.3	0.7	0.5	0.3
48 or more mos.	0.4	0.6	0.4	0.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1
Number	4,160	3,693	3,750	3,625

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children entering care for the first time	62.5	63.3	65.9	64.3
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	20.7	19.2	19.6	20.0
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	16.2	16.9	14.3	15.3
Missing data	0.6	0.5	0.3	0.4
Number	5,961	5,587	5,885	5,869

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Foster Care File)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Less than 12 mos.	9.1	5.2	7.9	8.7
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	42.8	38.3	39.9	43.5
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	28.5	31.5	30.6	25.6
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	11.0	15.3	12.2	13.3
48 or more mos.	8.7	9.7	9.4	8.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	657	619	572	519

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Foster Care File)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care (%)

	In Care Less Than 12 Months				In Care at Least 12 Months but Less Than 24 Months				In Care for 24 Months or Longer				Missing Time in Care			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children with 2 or fewer placements	86.9	87.9	86.8	86.0	58.4	60.2	61.0	56.7	28.2	29.8	30.5	32.9	96.9	97.4	97.5	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	13.1	12.1	13.2	14.0	41.6	39.8	39.0	43.3	71.8	70.2	69.5	67.1	3.1	2.6	2.5	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	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	0.0
Number	7,105	6,621	6,936	7,014	2,125	1,795	1,732	1,839	2,432	2,273	1,967	1,771	32	39	40	17

7. Reduce Placement of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Foster Care File)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During the Fiscal Year and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Group homes	8.6	8.4	6.9	6.8
Institutions	7.4	5.3	6.0	6.4
Other settings	84.0	86.2	87.1	86.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	3,186	3,097	3,356	3,443

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews¹⁵ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score¹⁷	115.9	117.0	116.1	113.6
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	84.2	85.3	87.0	87.7
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	4.1	3.7	4.3	4.3
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	59.5	57.0	57.4	56.1
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	24.2	24.5	25.1	27.3

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	102.5	98.4	97.5	102.7
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	51.8	43.4	47.7	52.2
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	23.4	26.6	25.6	23.2
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	17.8	20.2	20.3	18.8
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year? ¹⁸	3.3	2.8	2.9	5.2
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	45.5	38.0	43.5	42.0

Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time¹⁹

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	105.3	110.3	113.1	116.3
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	18.0	21.2	20.3	20.4
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	88.4	89.4	90.9	94.2
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	42.2	42.0	38.9	36.7

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	91.6	93.4	92.7	92.0
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	83.8	85.2	83.9	83.3
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	58.4	60.0	61.1	56.7
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	28.5	30.0	31.0	33.4

¹⁵ Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the state did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

¹⁶ Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 includes a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

¹⁷ Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website (<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/resource/data-indicators-second-round-of-cfsrs>).

¹⁸ Legally free means that there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father. This calculation excludes children who, by the end of the first 6 months of the fiscal year, had discharged from foster care to reunification, living with relative, or guardianship.

¹⁹ A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

²⁰ The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

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STATE COMMENT

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The following are Minnesota's comments on the state data presented in *Child Welfare Outcomes 2009–2012: Report to Congress*.

Minnesota is a State supervised county/tribal-administered child welfare system with a comprehensive differential response child welfare continuum of Family Assessment, Family Investigation Responses and the Parent Support Outreach Program. The differential response child welfare continuum has influenced Minnesota's continued decline in the number of child maltreatment victims and reduction in rates of recurrence of child maltreatment.

Minnesota has a steady ten-year declining trend in the number of children entering out-of-home care, with a 25 percent total reduction since 2003. Timeliness of reunification rates are consistently above the federal performance standard. Recent data analysis and technical assistance practice efforts are expected to demonstrate future improvement in the rate of re-entry for Minnesota children.

In 2009 the Minnesota Child Welfare Data Dashboard was implemented to provide information to the public, as well as county and tribal decision makers, on 12 key measures used to monitor the status of children served by Minnesota's child welfare system. Several of the federal performance measures represented on the Dashboard are updated on a quarterly basis.

Mississippi

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total children under 18 years	767,742	753,951	748,627	745,333
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6
Asian	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.9
Black	43.2	43.6	43.4	43.3
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	3.5	3.5	3.7	3.8
White	50.1	49.6	49.5	49.4
Two or more races	1.7	1.9	2.0	2.0
Child population in poverty (%)	31.0	32.5	31.8	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Child maltreatment victims	7,369	7,403	6,712	7,599
Foster care entry rate per 1,000	2.6	3.3	3.0	3.0
Children in foster care on 9/30	3,340	3,716	3,684	3,659
Children adopted	306	355	358	403

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	77
Numerator	N/A	N/A	N/A	31,415
Denominator	N/A	N/A	N/A	40,716
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	90
Numerator	N/A	N/A	N/A	28,358
Denominator	N/A	N/A	N/A	31,415

B. Child Maltreatment Data (National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System [NCANDS] Unique Counts)⁶

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2009		2010		2011		2012	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children who received a Child Protective Services response for an allegation of child maltreatment	26,964	35.1 per 1,000	26,875	35.6 per 1,000	27,138	36.3 per 1,000	32,829	44.0 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims	7,369	9.6 per 1,000	7,403	9.8 per 1,000	6,712	9.0 per 1,000	7,599	10.2 per 1,000
Child fatalities	14	1.8 per 100,000	17	2.3 per 100,000	13	1.7 per 100,000	7	0.9 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	11.3	10.0	10.4	9.7
1 year	6.3	6.5	6.5	5.9
2 years	6.1	5.9	6.4	6.0
3 years	6.2	6.2	5.9	6.2
4 years	5.8	5.6	6.6	6.2
5 years	5.7	6.3	5.8	6.3
6 years	5.6	6.4	5.7	6.3
7 years	5.9	5.7	5.1	6.0
8 years	5.3	5.6	5.1	5.3
9 years	5.2	5.6	5.3	5.0
10 years	4.6	4.5	5.1	5.4
11 years	4.6	4.5	4.7	5.1
12 years	4.3	4.8	5.3	5.0
13 years	4.7	4.8	4.8	5.0
14 years	5.3	5.3	4.7	4.9
15 years	5.4	4.8	5.1	5.1
16 years	4.6	4.7	4.5	3.7
17 years	2.7	2.5	2.8	2.6
18+ years	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	7,369	7,403	6,712	7,599

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.3	0.2	0.5	0.2
Asian	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1
Black	46.2	41.6	43.5	42.6
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	1.8	2.1	2.8	2.7
White	45.2	50.7	48.3	49.4
Two or more races	1.1	1.1	1.3	1.6
Missing data	5.2	4.0	3.5	3.3
Number	7,369	7,403	6,712	7,599

¹ The source data for each table is indicated in parentheses for each section. A calendar year is the basis for data from the Census Bureau. Most of the other data on these pages are from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS) or the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) and are based on the Federal fiscal year, October 1 through September 30.

² The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau (<http://www.census.gov/popest/data/datasets.html>). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS). Child poverty data for 2012 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2010–2013 report.

³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

⁴ A child victim is defined as a child who is the subject of a maltreatment report for which the disposition is substantiated, indicated, or "alternative response victim." The rate for foster care entry is per 1,000 children in the state population. Data on child maltreatment victims are from NCANDS. Data on foster care entry rate, children in foster care on 9/30, and children adopted are from AFCARS.

⁵ As of 2012, there is a new methodology used to calculate the caseworker visits measures. Because the new methodology limits data comparisons with prior years, caseworker visits data from 2009 through 2011 are not included in this table. All states have the option of using an approved sampling procedure for the caseworker visits reporting requirement. See appendix C for more information on how these data are calculated and for a list of states using sampling methodology.

⁶ The unique count of child victims counts a child only once regardless of the number of times he or she was found to be a victim during the reporting year. This is a change from prior reports, and these data are now consistent with the reporting practice in the Child Maltreatment reports.

⁷ The rates for Child Protective Services Responses and victims are per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18.

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)⁸

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Emotional abuse	11.0	11.3	12.4	13.6
Medical neglect	4.2	4.5	3.8	3.8
Neglect	65.2	68.4	72.7	72.9
Physical abuse	19.0	21.0	20.1	19.2
Sexual abuse	14.7	13.2	12.8	14.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.3
Number	7,369	7,403	6,712	7,599

Response Time (in hours)⁹

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Mean	136.2	79.3	116.0	229.5
Median	>24 but<48	>24 but<48	>24 but<48	>24 but<48

C. Characteristics of Children in Foster Care

(Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System [AFCARS] Foster Care File)

Overview Foster Care Information

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total number	3,282	3,318	3,588	3,576	1,968	2,474	2,244	2,258	1,910	2,076	2,148	2,175	3,340	3,716	3,684	3,659
Median length of stay (months)	13.0	12.9	12.0	13.1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	12.7	11.8	12.0	13.6	13.5	11.7	13.1	12.5

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	6.2	6.1	5.8	6.0	16.1	14.9	15.2	13.9	4.2	5.0	3.6	3.8	6.0	5.7	5.9	5.2
1 year	8.5	7.7	7.6	7.5	8.0	7.9	7.8	7.6	8.3	7.9	7.5	7.4	7.4	7.6	7.5	6.8
2 years	6.8	7.5	7.2	6.9	6.5	7.4	7.0	7.0	8.4	8.8	8.7	8.1	7.7	7.2	6.8	7.5
3 years	6.0	6.0	6.8	6.4	6.1	6.5	5.4	6.3	7.2	6.9	7.4	7.9	6.0	6.7	6.4	6.3
4 years	4.8	5.2	5.5	5.5	5.7	5.5	5.1	6.5	5.9	6.8	6.1	5.5	5.2	5.4	5.6	6.3
5 years	4.8	5.2	5.1	5.2	4.9	4.8	5.2	4.9	4.8	6.3	5.9	5.1	5.4	5.0	5.2	5.9
6 years	4.2	4.2	4.9	4.8	4.7	6.1	4.2	4.8	4.6	5.3	4.8	5.4	4.2	5.0	4.6	4.5
7 years	4.8	4.3	3.8	4.2	4.2	4.6	4.4	5.0	5.1	4.6	5.4	4.6	4.5	3.9	4.2	5.1
8 years	4.0	3.8	4.8	3.9	3.6	4.8	4.8	3.7	4.7	4.5	4.7	4.0	4.0	5.1	3.7	4.0
9 years	4.2	4.3	3.8	4.4	4.3	3.9	4.0	4.1	4.1	3.4	4.1	5.0	4.2	3.6	4.4	3.4
10 years	3.9	4.0	4.4	4.2	3.6	3.9	4.4	4.8	3.7	4.4	4.3	4.3	4.0	4.4	4.2	4.4
11 years	3.5	3.9	3.9	4.2	3.2	3.3	4.0	3.9	3.4	3.7	4.1	4.2	3.8	3.8	4.4	4.3
12 years	3.6	3.5	4.0	3.8	3.6	4.2	4.4	4.6	3.7	3.7	3.6	4.3	3.4	4.1	3.8	4.2
13 years	4.6	3.8	3.3	4.4	4.5	4.0	4.7	4.9	4.0	3.2	3.8	3.6	3.8	3.5	4.5	4.5
14 years	5.6	4.7	4.3	3.6	5.6	4.2	4.4	5.2	4.4	3.5	3.6	3.7	4.8	4.4	3.7	4.9
15 years	6.9	6.9	5.1	5.6	6.4	4.9	5.7	5.0	5.4	4.2	4.2	4.0	6.6	5.1	5.3	4.4
16 years	7.0	7.5	7.6	5.6	6.6	6.0	5.3	4.4	5.9	4.6	4.7	4.7	7.4	7.4	5.7	6.1
17 years	6.0	6.2	7.1	7.3	2.5	3.3	3.7	3.4	4.3	5.5	5.7	4.3	6.3	6.9	7.2	5.2
18 years	2.8	3.1	3.3	4.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	5.4	4.5	4.9	6.6	3.3	3.4	4.1	4.2
19 years	1.5	1.3	1.2	2.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	1.3	1.7	1.3	2.2	1.3	1.2	2.0	2.0
20 years	0.3	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.8	0.8	1.1	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.9
Missing data	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.6	0.7	0.3	0.1	0.2	<.1	<.1

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)¹⁰

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.1	<.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.0	<.1	0.3	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Asian	0.0	0.2	0.3	0.3	<.1	0.3	<.1	0.3	0.0	0.1	<.1	0.3	<.1	0.3	0.3	0.3
Black	52.7	53.0	48.5	49.3	47.8	41.6	46.5	43.0	47.5	45.9	44.6	44.6	52.8	49.3	49.5	48.2
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	2.0	2.4	2.2	2.8	2.6	2.8	4.1	3.6	2.4	3.1	2.9	1.9	2.2	2.3	3.0	3.8
White	42.2	42.1	46.4	44.6	46.1	52.8	46.0	49.2	46.3	48.4	50.1	50.0	42.2	45.7	44.0	44.2
Two or more races	2.2	1.8	1.8	2.2	1.6	1.3	2.0	2.3	2.4	1.6	1.5	2.4	1.7	1.6	2.1	2.2
Unable to determine	0.6	0.4	0.7	0.6	1.5	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.0	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.7	0.9	0.9
Missing data	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	<.1	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.1

⁸ These percentages are calculated against the number of unique victims. A child may have been the victim of more than one type of maltreatment, or the same type of maltreatment more than once. As a result, the total percentages both within and across maltreatment categories may exceed 100.

⁹ Response time is defined as the time between the report of suspected maltreatment and the first face-to-face contact with the alleged victim or with another person who can provide information on the allegation.

¹⁰ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

D. Characteristics of Children Waiting for Adoption¹¹ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total waiting children	985	861	905	882
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	532	470	483	375

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	3.6	1.7	1.7	2.0
1 year	7.4	6.5	7.6	5.6
2 years	10.2	8.0	8.4	10.0
3 years	6.9	9.2	6.6	7.5
4 years	5.8	5.7	7.8	7.0
5 years	6.4	4.9	6.3	6.5
6 years	5.1	5.1	5.7	5.3
7 years	5.2	4.9	4.9	5.8
8 years	5.1	5.3	4.0	4.4
9 years	5.4	5.2	5.7	4.9
10 years	4.9	6.3	4.8	4.9
11 years	4.7	5.5	5.6	5.7
12 years	3.9	5.7	5.4	6.0
13 years	3.6	4.5	5.2	4.9
14 years	5.6	4.1	4.1	5.6
15 years	7.3	6.9	5.3	5.3
16 years	6.2	6.3	6.1	5.0
17 years	3.0	4.3	4.8	3.7

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹³

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.6
Black	52.7	53.1	49.9	51.8
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	2.5	1.6	1.9	3.4
White	41.1	41.6	45.1	40.0
Two or more races	2.4	3.4	2.4	3.2
Unable to determine	0.9	0.2	0.4	0.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total children adopted	306	355	358	403

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	0.0	1.1	0.8	1.2
1 year	9.2	8.7	6.4	7.9
2 years	16.7	14.9	13.4	14.6
3 years	11.4	13.8	14.2	11.7
4 years	9.5	9.9	7.8	8.7
5 years	5.9	9.0	6.7	7.4
6 years	6.5	6.8	6.4	7.4
7 years	7.5	4.5	6.4	4.5
8 years	5.2	5.6	6.7	4.7
9 years	4.6	3.4	4.2	6.0
10 years	5.9	4.5	5.3	4.7
11 years	2.6	4.5	5.0	5.0
12 years	3.9	2.8	3.6	4.2
13 years	2.3	3.7	3.6	3.5
14 years	2.3	2.0	2.2	1.0
15 years	2.9	2.3	3.1	1.7
16 years	1.6	1.7	2.0	0.7
17 years	1.6	0.6	1.1	3.5
18 years	0.3	0.0	0.8	1.2
19 years	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.2
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Black	40.2	42.5	40.5	39.7
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.3	0.6	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	2.9	3.7	2.5	1.7
White	50.7	50.1	53.4	57.6
Two or more races	4.9	2.5	3.6	0.7
Unable to determine	1.0	0.6	0.0	0.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

¹¹ There is no federal definition for a child waiting to be adopted. The definition used in the tables on this page includes children and youth through age 17 who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parents' parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A state's own definition may differ from that used here.

¹² Children older than 17 years fall outside of the definition used to identify waiting children and are therefore excluded from this table.

¹³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

Mississippi

OUTCOMES DATA

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect (NCANDS)

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children without a recurrence	94.6	94.0	92.6	93.2
Children with one or more recurrences	5.4	6.0	7.4	6.8
Number	3,624	3,691	3,310	3,565

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care

(NCANDS and AFCARS Foster Care File)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children maltreated while in foster care	1.81	1.88	1.59	1.65
Children not maltreated while in foster care	98.19	98.12	98.41	98.35
Number	5,250	5,792	5,832	5,834

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Foster Care File)

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	15.0	16.2	15.7	18.4
Guardianship	4.9	4.3	5.6	5.5
Reunification	74.0	73.1	73.5	70.2
Other	6.0	6.1	4.9	5.7
Missing data	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.2
Number	1,910	2,076	2,148	2,175

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	31.5	40.7	38.6	57.4
Guardianship	2.8	3.7	3.3	3.6
Reunification	57.3	46.5	48.4	31.3
Other	8.5	9.1	8.8	7.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.0
Number	213	241	215	336

3.3 Exits of Children Older Than Age 12 at Entry Into Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	2.8	1.3	2.3	2.5
Guardianship	3.6	4.4	4.5	5.3
Reunification	77.5	76.5	78.2	73.5
Other	15.9	17.6	14.8	18.7
Missing data	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0
Number	472	459	514	513

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children age 12 or younger at entry	27.6	30.4	21.6	22.0
Children older than 12 at entry	72.4	69.6	78.4	78.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	76	79	74	82

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	American Indian/Alaska Native				2009	Asian				2009	Black			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	12.2	15.0	13.4	16.2	
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.7	3.4	4.0	5.7	
Reunification	80.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	100.0	50.0	100.0	75.9	73.5	76.1	70.9		
Other	20.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	50.0	0.0	7.1	7.9	6.3	6.8		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.4		
Number	5	2	0	2	0	3	2	6	907	953	958	969		

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander				2009	Hispanic (of any race)				2009	White			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	100.0	66.7	0.0	0.0	20.0	20.3	14.5	17.1	16.7	16.7	17.6	21.4		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.2	3.1	1.6	0.0	5.1	5.1	7.3	5.3		
Reunification	0.0	33.3	0.0	0.0	60.0	76.6	80.6	80.5	73.6	73.0	71.0	68.5		
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	17.8	0.0	3.2	2.4	4.4	5.0	3.8	4.8		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.0		
Number	1	3	0	0	45	64	62	41	884	1,005	1,076	1,088		

	Unable to Determine				2009	Two or More Races				2009	Missing Data			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	15.8	15.4	0.0	5.9	32.6	27.3	37.5	5.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	5.3	7.7	0.0	17.6	6.5	9.1	9.4	7.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	78.9	76.9	100.0	70.6	56.5	63.6	50.0	80.8	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.9	4.3	0.0	3.1	5.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Missing data	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	19	13	18	17	46	33	32	52	3	0	0	0		

¹⁴ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Less than 12 mos.	60.5	66.4	63.4	59.1
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	27.2	22.0	26.0	27.4
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	6.9	6.6	6.5	7.7
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	2.8	2.0	1.8	2.6
48 or more mos.	2.5	3.0	2.3	3.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1
Number	1,414	1,518	1,578	1,527

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children entering care for the first time	86.8	89.0	88.5	86.3
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	5.4	4.7	4.5	5.4
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	7.7	6.2	7.0	8.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,968	2,474	2,244	2,258

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Foster Care File)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Less than 12 mos.	3.5	4.5	3.6	2.2
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	28.2	30.0	23.1	23.4
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	30.3	31.2	32.2	37.4
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	17.4	21.7	21.6	17.7
48 or more mos.	20.6	12.8	19.5	19.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	287	337	338	401

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Foster Care File)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care (%)

	In Care Less Than 12 Months				In Care at Least 12 Months but Less Than 24 Months				In Care for 24 Months or Longer				Missing Time in Care			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children with 2 or fewer placements	81.0	80.7	77.9	79.5	56.9	55.9	52.6	51.0	26.8	28.1	29.7	30.5	0.0	75.0	66.7	50.0
Children with 3 or more placements	18.7	18.0	20.0	18.7	43.0	43.7	47.3	48.7	73.2	71.9	70.3	69.5	0.0	25.0	33.3	50.0
Missing placement setting counts	0.3	1.3	2.1	1.8	0.2	0.4	<.1	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	2,449	2,950	2,776	2,718	1,312	1,335	1,505	1,469	1,489	1,503	1,548	1,645	0	4	3	2

7. Reduce Placement of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Foster Care File)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During the Fiscal Year and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Group homes	13.9	7.4	4.3	4.5
Institutions	2.2	1.1	1.9	1.6
Other settings	83.9	91.6	93.7	93.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,442	1,875	1,644	1,687

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews¹⁵ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score¹⁷	130.1	133.4	134.5	127.9
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	67.3	72.6	70.0	67.4
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	7.8	6.5	7.4	7.2
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	51.8	48.3	48.2	45.5
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	6.9	7.2	6.3	6.9

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	120.9	114.9	116.3	130.8
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	31.8	34.5	26.7	25.9
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	30.3	29.5	32.1	30.7
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	21.7	24.5	23.7	30.7
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year? ¹⁸	16.8	11.7	17.8	14.5
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	58.5	60.0	56.6	63.9

Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time¹⁹

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	129.6	138.2	137.1	138.4
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	32.0	33.9	31.8	35.1
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	94.9	95.9	95.5	95.1
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	42.0	36.9	34.9	32.7

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	87.9	88.8	85.6	87.8
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	80.6	80.9	78.5	80.5
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	57.1	56.3	52.8	51.7
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	27.9	29.8	31.3	32.8

¹⁵ Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the state did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

¹⁶ Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 includes a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

¹⁷ Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website (<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/resource/data-indicators-second-round-of-cfhrs>).

¹⁸ Legally free means that there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father. This calculation excludes children who, by the end of the first 6 months of the fiscal year, had discharged from foster care to reunification, living with relative, or guardianship.

¹⁹ A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

²⁰ The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

Mississippi

STATE COMMENT

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The following are Mississippi's comments on the state data presented in *Child Welfare Outcomes 2009–2012: Report to Congress*.

Mississippi currently has the following initiatives in progress to improve child welfare data quality, thereby improving outcomes for children in custody:

- 1) New SACWIS system development – the state currently is in phase 1 of a new SACWIS system development project with the selection of a QA/IV&V vendor in progress. Project plans are for design, development and implementation to be completed by the end of 2016. Data quality improvements are expected with a web-based, user-friendly, 'easy to navigate' system built on the latest technology.
- 2) Data Warehouse project – the state is currently engaged in a data warehouse project to provide improved reporting capabilities for child welfare data. The current Mississippi Automated Child Welfare Information System (MACWIS) was built on now almost obsolete technology not conducive to ease of reporting. The difficulty in obtaining reports has been attributed to data not being as available as needed for management decisions. The completion of the data warehouse project will result in easier access to child welfare data reporting and improved data as the project includes a 'data scrubbing/cleaning' process as the data warehouse is developed.
- 3) Practice Model – roll out of a new statewide practice model began in January, 2010. The practice model is designed to promote child safety, permanency and well-being while improving case practice outcomes. The model is inclusive of a 'data tracking' phase to measure certain child welfare data indicators for performance and to inform practice. There is a six-month-planning phase on the front end of the phased-implementation approach across regions over a 48-month period. The first roll out regions now in their 'data tracking' phase, the state is realizing improvements in some data indicator areas as more regions complete the implementation phase.
- 4) Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) – the state's CQI program continues to grow since its inception in 2009. As the state's CQI process matures, more support for the practice model is provided by monitoring through case reviews and providing feedback to staff to inform practice. The CQI process reviews and reports on practice and systemic/support areas, thereby promoting quality of service to children and families, accountability within the division and fidelity to the child welfare practice model. Through this process, the statewide emphasis on data continues to inform the division of strengths and areas needing improvement.

Missouri

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total children under 18 years	1,431,338	1,423,592	1,413,666	1,403,475
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
Asian	1.7	1.6	1.7	1.8
Black	13.9	13.9	13.8	13.7
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Hispanic (of any race)	5.5	5.7	5.8	6.0
White	75.6	74.5	74.4	74.2
Two or more races	2.7	3.7	3.8	3.9
Child population in poverty (%)	20.7	20.9	22.1	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Child maltreatment victims	5,226	5,313	5,826	4,685
Foster care entry rate per 1,000	3.4	3.8	4.0	4.3
Children in foster care on 9/30	7,698	8,556	9,159	10,028
Children adopted	1,165	1,171	1,211	1,211

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	98
Numerator	N/A	N/A	N/A	120,195
Denominator	N/A	N/A	N/A	122,747
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	99
Numerator	N/A	N/A	N/A	119,013
Denominator	N/A	N/A	N/A	120,195

B. Child Maltreatment Data (National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System [NCANDS] Unique Counts)⁶

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2009		2010		2011		2012	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children who received a Child Protective Services response for an allegation of child maltreatment	58,552	40.9 per 1,000	60,029	42.2 per 1,000	69,037	48.8 per 1,000	71,912	51.2 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims	5,226	3.7 per 1,000	5,313	3.7 per 1,000	5,826	4.1 per 1,000	4,685	3.3 per 1,000
Child fatalities	39	2.7 per 100,000	31	2.2 per 100,000	36	2.5 per 100,000	20	1.4 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	7.0	7.3	7.2	7.7
1 year	6.4	6.6	6.8	5.9
2 years	7.2	6.8	7.8	6.9
3 years	6.8	7.2	7.6	6.5
4 years	6.2	6.4	7.1	6.7
5 years	6.1	6.7	6.6	7.6
6 years	5.5	5.8	5.9	5.5
7 years	4.9	5.9	5.5	5.6
8 years	5.4	5.4	5.1	4.8
9 years	4.9	4.9	5.3	4.9
10 years	4.9	4.5	5.3	4.4
11 years	4.8	3.8	4.5	5.1
12 years	5.0	4.7	4.7	5.1
13 years	5.4	5.1	4.6	5.5
14 years	6.0	5.0	5.2	5.4
15 years	5.9	6.1	5.1	5.4
16 years	5.3	5.3	3.7	4.7
17 years	2.3	2.5	2.2	2.2
18+ years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	5,226	5,313	5,826	4,685

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3
Asian	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2
Black	19.9	17.8	17.0	14.9
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.1	<.1	0.2	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	4.2	3.9	3.4	3.8
White	73.6	75.9	76.3	77.5
Two or more races	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3
Missing data	1.5	1.9	2.6	1.8
Number	5,226	5,313	5,826	4,685

¹ The source data for each table is indicated in parentheses for each section. A calendar year is the basis for data from the Census Bureau. Most of the other data on these pages are from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS) or the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) and are based on the Federal fiscal year, October 1 through September 30.

² The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau (<http://www.census.gov/popest/data/datasets.html>). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS). Child poverty data for 2012 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2010-2013 report.

³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

⁴ A child victim is defined as a child who is the subject of a maltreatment report for which the disposition is substantiated, indicated, or "alternative response victim." The rate for foster care entry is per 1,000 children in the state population. Data on child maltreatment victims are from NCANDS. Data on foster care entry rate, children in foster care on 9/30, and children adopted are from AFCARS.

⁵ As of 2012, there is a new methodology used to calculate the caseworker visits measures. Because the new methodology limits data comparisons with prior years, caseworker visits data from 2009 through 2011 are not included in this table. All states have the option of using an approved sampling procedure for the caseworker visits reporting requirement. See appendix C for more information on how these data are calculated and for a list of states using sampling methodology.

⁶ The unique count of child victims counts a child only once regardless of the number of times he or she was found to be a victim during the reporting year. This is a change from prior reports, and these data are now consistent with the reporting practice in the Child Maltreatment reports.

⁷ The rates for Child Protective Services Responses and victims are per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18.

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)⁸

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Emotional abuse	5.4	3.9	4.1	4.5
Medical neglect	2.8	3.0	3.0	3.5
Neglect	53.5	57.0	60.9	60.4
Physical abuse	33.1	30.8	29.8	29.8
Sexual abuse	28.5	28.1	24.1	24.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1
Number	5,226	5,313	5,826	4,685

Response Time (in hours)⁹

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Mean	30.1	27.8	28.8	29.9
Median	<24	<24	<24	<24

C. Characteristics of Children in Foster Care

(Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System [AFCARS] Foster Care File)

Overview Foster Care Information

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total number	7,575	7,995	8,791	9,332	4,844	5,447	5,613	6,059	4,720	4,886	5,246	5,364	7,698	8,556	9,159	10,028
Median length of stay (months)	14.7	12.8	12.0	12.3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	14.1	14.4	14.3	15.1	13.5	12.3	12.6	12.5

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	6.0	6.1	6.4	6.3	15.8	15.8	15.9	16.6	4.7	4.6	4.6	3.9	5.7	6.3	6.1	6.5
1 year	7.9	7.2	7.4	7.4	7.9	8.2	7.0	7.1	8.2	7.8	7.7	7.8	7.4	7.4	7.3	7.7
2 years	6.2	6.8	7.3	6.7	7.0	7.4	6.6	6.5	8.3	7.4	8.1	7.6	6.9	7.4	6.7	6.6
3 years	5.9	6.0	6.6	6.5	5.7	6.5	7.1	6.3	6.3	7.0	7.3	6.5	6.0	6.5	6.6	6.6
4 years	4.4	5.7	6.1	6.3	5.3	6.1	6.5	6.0	5.9	5.7	7.3	6.5	5.5	6.0	6.4	6.3
5 years	5.0	4.5	5.4	5.4	5.3	5.5	5.0	5.9	5.1	5.4	5.9	6.5	4.5	5.5	5.4	5.9
6 years	4.3	4.6	4.9	5.1	4.9	4.8	5.2	5.4	5.1	4.9	5.5	5.7	4.7	4.7	5.1	5.2
7 years	4.2	4.3	4.6	4.8	4.3	5.1	4.5	4.5	4.4	4.8	4.6	4.9	4.3	4.7	4.8	4.8
8 years	4.1	4.3	4.3	4.8	4.2	3.9	4.5	4.1	3.8	4.6	4.5	4.6	4.3	4.3	4.8	4.4
9 years	3.8	3.9	3.8	4.2	3.7	3.7	4.3	4.0	3.9	3.9	4.0	4.5	3.9	3.8	4.1	4.6
10 years	4.2	3.8	3.9	4.1	3.9	3.8	3.9	4.1	3.9	3.7	3.2	3.7	3.9	4.0	4.2	4.0
11 years	3.9	4.2	3.7	4.3	3.9	3.5	3.6	3.9	3.4	3.9	3.1	4.1	4.2	3.8	4.2	4.2
12 years	3.8	4.2	4.2	4.1	4.1	4.3	4.1	4.3	3.8	3.3	3.4	3.5	4.3	4.2	4.0	4.4
13 years	4.5	4.3	4.9	4.7	4.7	4.8	4.6	4.7	3.3	3.3	3.4	3.7	4.3	5.0	4.7	4.7
14 years	6.4	5.7	5.2	5.6	5.6	4.6	5.5	5.1	4.2	3.7	4.3	3.6	5.5	5.1	5.6	5.1
15 years	8.0	7.4	6.2	6.0	6.1	5.2	5.2	5.0	4.0	4.3	3.9	3.9	7.2	6.3	6.0	6.3
16 years	8.9	8.9	7.4	7.0	5.8	5.4	4.8	4.7	5.4	5.6	4.2	4.1	8.9	7.4	7.1	6.4
17 years	8.2	8.0	7.3	6.5	1.7	1.4	1.7	1.6	4.5	4.8	4.2	4.9	8.2	7.4	6.6	6.0
18 years	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	11.6	11.2	10.8	9.7	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
20 years	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	0.0
Missing data	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	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)¹⁰

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.2
Asian	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2
Black	29.3	27.4	24.9	22.7	23.4	20.6	20.3	19.2	26.9	23.6	23.6	20.3	27.1	25.2	22.9	21.8
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	<.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	2.8	2.9	2.9	3.1	3.6	3.9	3.5	3.7	3.4	3.9	3.2	3.4	2.9	3.0	3.1	3.3
White	65.2	67.1	69.7	70.9	70.1	72.7	72.3	72.9	66.9	69.5	70.6	72.7	67.2	69.3	70.8	71.2
Two or more races	1.2	1.2	0.9	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.4	1.6	1.1	1.5	0.8	1.4	1.2	0.9	1.2	1.3
Unable to determine	0.8	0.8	0.9	1.4	0.9	1.2	1.8	2.1	0.9	0.9	1.1	1.3	0.8	1.0	1.4	1.8
Missing data	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	0.0

⁸ These percentages are calculated against the number of unique victims. A child may have been the victim of more than one type of maltreatment, or the same type of maltreatment more than once. As a result, the total percentages both within and across maltreatment categories may exceed 100.

⁹ Response time is defined as the time between the report of suspected maltreatment and the first face-to-face contact with the alleged victim or with another person who can provide information on the allegation.

¹⁰ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

D. Characteristics of Children Waiting for Adoption¹¹ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total waiting children	2,260	2,012	2,091	2,044
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	1,201	1,053	1,015	775

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	3.0	2.3	2.2	2.2
1 year	6.8	7.0	6.9	6.7
2 years	6.9	7.7	7.5	6.6
3 years	6.2	6.0	6.6	7.6
4 years	6.6	5.7	6.6	6.0
5 years	5.1	6.3	5.8	5.7
6 years	5.5	4.6	5.6	5.0
7 years	5.1	5.6	5.1	4.5
8 years	4.3	4.4	5.4	5.3
9 years	4.7	4.6	4.4	5.7
10 years	4.6	5.1	4.5	4.5
11 years	5.1	4.7	5.4	5.1
12 years	5.0	5.1	5.0	6.4
13 years	4.7	5.1	4.8	5.8
14 years	5.4	5.7	5.9	5.7
15 years	6.8	6.9	5.6	6.1
16 years	6.9	7.3	6.7	5.9
17 years	6.9	6.1	6.0	5.3

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹³

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0
Asian	0.4	<.1	0.3	0.2
Black	34.4	34.6	30.5	29.5
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	<.1	0.0	0.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	2.7	1.8	3.1	3.4
White	60.5	62.0	63.5	64.4
Two or more races	1.2	0.8	1.1	0.9
Unable to determine	0.5	0.5	1.2	1.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total children adopted	1,165	1,171	1,211	1,211

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	3.1	3.1	4.0	2.2
1 year	13.6	12.4	13.5	12.3
2 years	13.7	12.6	13.6	13.7
3 years	9.4	10.2	9.4	9.8
4 years	7.6	7.9	9.6	8.6
5 years	7.2	7.9	7.9	8.4
6 years	6.3	5.7	6.6	7.3
7 years	5.8	5.1	6.2	6.2
8 years	4.9	4.9	5.2	5.1
9 years	4.7	4.2	4.2	5.0
10 years	4.8	3.8	3.7	3.7
11 years	3.9	3.8	2.6	3.6
12 years	2.8	4.0	2.9	3.1
13 years	2.5	2.9	2.6	1.8
14 years	2.0	2.6	1.9	2.1
15 years	2.2	2.4	2.0	2.3
16 years	3.1	3.2	2.2	2.1
17 years	1.5	2.0	1.4	1.9
18 years	0.5	0.9	0.2	0.3
19 years	0.0	0.3	<.1	0.2
20 years	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.2

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.6	0.3	0.3	0.3
Asian	0.3	0.7	0.2	0.2
Black	27.7	24.4	27.7	22.1
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.3	<.1	0.0	0.2
Hispanic (of any race)	4.0	4.4	2.9	3.7
White	64.2	68.0	67.2	70.5
Two or more races	1.5	1.5	0.9	1.6
Unable to determine	1.2	0.6	0.7	1.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

¹¹ There is no federal definition for a child waiting to be adopted. The definition used in the tables on this page includes children and youth through age 17 who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parents' parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A state's own definition may differ from that used here.

¹² Children older than 17 years fall outside of the definition used to identify waiting children and are therefore excluded from this table.

¹³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

Missouri

OUTCOMES DATA

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect (NCANDS)

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children without a recurrence	96.1	97.3	96.7	97.9
Children with one or more recurrences	3.9	2.7	3.3	2.1
Number	2,586	2,482	2,625	2,751

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care (NCANDS and AFCARS Foster Care File)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.34	0.42	0.22	0.25
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.66	99.58	99.78	99.75
Number	12,419	13,442	14,404	15,391

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Foster Care File)

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	21.1	21.8	20.9	21.2
Guardianship	3.9	4.4	6.8	12.6
Reunification	60.9	59.8	59.3	54.4
Other	14.0	13.7	12.9	11.7
Missing data	<.1	0.2	<.1	0.1
Number	4,721	4,886	5,246	5,364

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	20.3	23.6	22.3	24.3
Guardianship	3.4	3.7	6.4	11.0
Reunification	53.7	48.2	48.1	43.0
Other	22.5	24.2	23.0	21.5
Missing data	<.1	0.4	0.1	0.2
Number	1,550	1,621	1,629	1,670

3.3 Exits of Children Older Than Age 12 at Entry Into Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	3.2	3.6	2.9	4.0
Guardianship	3.3	3.0	4.6	6.3
Reunification	54.4	53.9	52.6	50.7
Other	38.9	38.9	39.5	38.8
Missing data	0.2	0.6	0.3	0.2
Number	1,120	1,194	1,189	1,202

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children age 12 or younger at entry	31.3	28.7	28.4	23.5
Children older than 12 at entry	68.7	71.3	71.6	76.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	568	564	591	550

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	American Indian/Alaska Native				2009	Asian				2009	Black			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	36.8	20.0	36.4	16.0	33.3	70.0	15.4	30.0	21.7	22.0	23.8	22.7		
Guardianship	5.3	0.0	0.0	24.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.5	2.9	4.4	11.3		
Reunification	47.4	53.3	54.5	52.0	50.0	30.0	69.2	50.0	55.6	54.2	53.0	48.1		
Other	10.5	26.7	9.1	8.0	16.7	0.0	15.4	20.0	19.1	20.7	18.6	17.7		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2		
Number	19	15	11	25	12	10	13	10	1,269	1,153	1,237	1,088		

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander				2009	Hispanic (of any race)				2009	White			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	60.0	25.0	0.0	33.3	20.0	26.0	17.3	23.2	20.5	21.5	20.2	20.6		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	22.2	3.8	2.1	4.2	8.6	4.1	5.2	7.8	13.1		
Reunification	40.0	75.0	80.0	22.2	70.0	63.5	72.0	64.3	62.8	61.4	60.5	55.8		
Other	0.0	0.0	20.0	22.2	6.3	7.8	6.5	3.8	12.6	11.7	11.5	10.4		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.2	<.1	0.1		
Number	5	4	10	9	160	192	168	185	3,158	3,394	3,705	3,900		

	Unable to Determine				2009	Two or More Races				2009	Missing Data			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	29.5	13.3	15.0	18.3	24.1	21.9	21.4	26.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	2.3	4.4	8.3	8.5	5.6	4.1	7.1	17.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	54.5	60.0	71.7	56.3	66.7	67.1	66.7	52.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Other	13.6	22.2	5.0	16.9	3.7	6.8	4.8	3.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Missing data	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	44	45	60	71	54	73	42	76	0	0	0	0		

¹⁴ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Less than 12 mos.	65.1	62.9	62.7	63.6
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	24.9	27.0	28.2	27.3
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	6.4	6.3	6.2	6.2
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	2.1	2.6	1.4	1.7
48 or more mos.	1.5	1.2	1.6	1.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0
Number	2,877	2,921	3,110	2,918

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children entering care for the first time	81.2	83.3	82.0	82.7
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	7.2	6.6	6.8	5.9
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	11.6	10.1	11.2	11.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	4,844	5,447	5,613	6,059

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Foster Care File)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Less than 12 mos.	7.9	7.6	11.0	7.2
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	30.6	29.2	34.8	33.2
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	31.7	32.1	28.7	31.8
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	13.9	18.0	12.4	15.4
48 or more mos.	16.0	13.1	13.0	12.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	995	1,067	1,096	1,137

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Foster Care File)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care (%)

	In Care Less Than 12 Months				In Care at Least 12 Months but Less Than 24 Months				In Care for 24 Months or Longer				Missing Time in Care			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children with 2 or fewer placements	65.7	68.2	71.2	81.8	50.2	50.9	54.5	59.7	24.1	24.7	26.0	30.8	0.0	33.3	60.0	0.0
Children with 3 or more placements	33.4	31.1	28.1	17.0	49.7	48.9	45.3	40.2	75.7	75.2	73.9	69.0	0.0	66.7	40.0	100.0
Missing placement setting counts	0.9	0.8	0.6	1.3	<.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	<.1	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	5,646	6,330	6,683	7,075	3,021	3,498	4,092	4,371	3,752	3,611	3,624	3,944	0	3	5	1

7. Reduce Placement of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Foster Care File)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During the Fiscal Year and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Group homes	0.4	0.1	0.5	0.5
Institutions	3.4	2.7	2.0	4.3
Other settings	96.3	97.1	97.5	95.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	3,655	4,229	4,359	4,739

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews¹⁵ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score¹⁷	119.1	108.8	117.7	118.1
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	65.7	64.0	67.5	68.3
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	7.8	8.2	8.1	8.1
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	39.9	35.4	39.0	32.7
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	9.4	11.9	10.2	10.8

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	125.0	130.7	134.1	126.9
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	38.5	37.1	45.8	40.4
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	27.2	28.6	25.2	26.2
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	21.7	25.0	23.9	24.4
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year? ¹⁸	14.7	16.4	15.3	13.1
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	58.4	56.9	57.5	54.7

Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time¹⁹

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	105.8	112.1	115.5	115.6
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	26.1	29.9	29.2	31.5
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	86.0	85.7	87.7	88.6
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	56.2	51.7	46.8	46.1

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	70.8	73.5	78.5	91.3
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	64.6	67.2	70.3	82.0
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	50.4	51.0	54.7	59.8
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	24.3	24.7	26.1	30.8

¹⁵ Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the state did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

¹⁶ Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 includes a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

¹⁷ Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website (<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/resource/data-indicators-second-round-of-cfsrs>).

¹⁸ Legally free means that there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father. This calculation excludes children who, by the end of the first 6 months of the fiscal year, had discharged from foster care to reunification, living with relative, or guardianship.

¹⁹ A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

²⁰ The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

Missouri

STATE COMMENT

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The following are Missouri's comments on the state data presented in *Child Welfare Outcomes 2009–2012: Report to Congress*.

Missouri continues to be dedicated to providing the most accurate data possible through our NCANDS and AFCARS transmissions. We persist in our efforts to enhance our data systems to more thoroughly detail compliance with the mandates of ASFA and to better serve families.

Child safety is a priority for the Children's Division. Missouri experienced fewer children having recurrence of maltreatment during 2012. Missouri policy encompasses a framework for safety addressing the protective capacity of the caretaker as well as the vulnerability of the child. Legal aspects training addressing the framework for safety and Preponderance of Evidence (POE) standard of proof was provided during 2012 to agency staff and the Judiciary. Legal training was likely a contributing factor for the decrease of substantiation rates seen in 2012.

Missouri has experienced an increase in the foster care population. While Missouri has seen an increase of children entering care for the first time, there has been a decrease in children re-entering care within twelve months of a prior episode. The rate of entries is exceeding the rate of exits; however, exits have increased each year including older youth and children with diagnosed disabilities exiting to guardianship. The percent of children age 12 or older at time of entry who exited to adoption and guardianship also increased significantly in 2012. The seeming discrepancy in Section D, between the number of children awaiting adoption and the number of children having a termination of parental rights, is reflective of the practice in some Missouri courts to delay termination of parental rights until an adoptive home has been found for a specific child or sibling group. Often these courts terminate parental rights and finalize adoptions in the same court proceeding.

Despite the increased number of foster children, Missouri achieved 98% on the frequency of caseworker visits with children during 2012. Missouri has continually improved the percent of children having visits by caseworkers each year since 2008. A multi-faceted improvement effort including a poster campaign, sharing data with frontline staff regularly through performance reports, local improvement strategies and rigorous oversight have contributed to this continued improvement. Quality improvement efforts additionally address the quality of visits.

As a final step of an AFCARS improvement plan, Missouri recently resubmitted AFCARS data for 2009 through 2012. The resubmission followed the drafting of this report; therefore, the most recent outcome information for the permanency composites and placement stability measures are not reflected. Based on the latest submission, Missouri has met the incremental improvement needed in order to pass all safety and composite measures and is nearing completion of the Program Improvement Plan. Our increased performance in these areas has undoubtedly improved the lives of the children we serve.

Montana

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total children under 18 years	219,828	223,131	222,556	221,980
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
American Indian/ Alaska Native	9.5	9.4	9.4	9.4
Asian	0.9	0.6	0.6	0.7
Black	1.4	0.5	0.6	0.6
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	5.2	5.0	5.1	5.2
White	79.8	80.3	80.0	79.6
Two or more races	3.2	4.1	4.2	4.4
Child population in poverty (%)	21.4	20.1	19.7	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Child maltreatment victims	1,521	1,383	1,066	1,324
Foster care entry rate per 1,000	4.3	4.3	4.5	5.6
Children in foster care on 9/30	1,643	1,739	1,805	1,930
Children adopted	192	191	238	205

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	65
Numerator	N/A	N/A	N/A	13,496
Denominator	N/A	N/A	N/A	20,775
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	89
Numerator	N/A	N/A	N/A	11,990
Denominator	N/A	N/A	N/A	13,496

B. Child Maltreatment Data (National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System [NCANDS] Unique Counts)⁶

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2009		2010		2011		2012	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children who received a Child Protective Services response for an allegation of child maltreatment	10,893	49.6 per 1,000	10,316	46.2 per 1,000	10,413	46.8 per 1,000	10,607	47.8 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims	1,521	6.9 per 1,000	1,383	6.2 per 1,000	1,066	4.8 per 1,000	1,324	6.0 per 1,000
Child fatalities	0	0.0 per 100,000	0	0.0 per 100,000	0	0.0 per 100,000	2	0.9 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	12.1	11.1	12.8	10.6
1 year	8.3	7.7	8.0	8.0
2 years	8.0	8.0	7.8	8.2
3 years	6.9	8.2	8.3	7.2
4 years	6.8	6.4	6.5	8.2
5 years	5.1	5.9	7.0	6.4
6 years	6.7	6.4	7.0	6.0
7 years	5.2	6.1	4.9	5.6
8 years	5.5	5.7	6.1	4.9
9 years	4.5	4.6	3.9	5.4
10 years	4.7	5.1	4.4	4.0
11 years	3.7	4.0	3.1	4.5
12 years	3.9	4.6	4.2	4.2
13 years	3.6	3.7	2.6	3.4
14 years	3.8	3.0	3.0	3.3
15 years	2.5	3.5	3.0	2.2
16 years	2.9	2.2	2.6	2.6
17 years	1.4	1.2	1.5	1.1
18+ years	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1
Missing data	4.3	3.0	3.3	4.2
Number	1,521	1,383	1,066	1,324

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/ Alaska Native	18.7	21.5	21.9	18.7
Asian	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.2
Black	1.1	0.8	0.7	1.0
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	0.1	0.0	0.4
Hispanic (of any race)	4.5	5.9	5.3	5.9
White	56.1	59.9	61.1	65.3
Two or more races	4.1	4.3	4.7	3.9
Missing data	15.5	7.5	6.4	4.6
Number	1,521	1,383	1,066	1,324

¹ The source data for each table is indicated in parentheses for each section. A calendar year is the basis for data from the Census Bureau. Most of the other data on these pages are from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS) or the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) and are based on the Federal fiscal year, October 1 through September 30.

² The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau (<http://www.census.gov/popest/data/datasets.html>). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS). Child poverty data for 2012 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2010–2013 report.

³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

⁴ A child victim is defined as a child who is the subject of a maltreatment report for which the disposition is substantiated, indicated, or "alternative response victim." The rate for foster care entry is per 1,000 children in the state population. Data on child maltreatment victims are from NCANDS. Data on foster care entry rate, children in foster care on 9/30, and children adopted are from AFCARS.

⁵ As of 2012, there is a new methodology used to calculate the caseworker visits measures. Because the new methodology limits data comparisons with prior years, caseworker visits data from 2009 through 2011 are not included in this table. All states have the option of using an approved sampling procedure for the caseworker visits reporting requirement. See appendix C for more information on how these data are calculated and for a list of states using sampling methodology.

⁶ The unique count of child victims counts a child only once regardless of the number of times he or she was found to be a victim during the reporting year. This is a change from prior reports, and these data are now consistent with the reporting practice in the Child Maltreatment reports.

⁷ The rates for Child Protective Services Responses and victims are per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18.

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)⁸

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Emotional abuse	22.8	13.9	9.9	7.4
Medical neglect	1.6	2.0	1.0	0.8
Neglect	84.1	89.1	91.8	91.2
Physical abuse	13.7	12.1	12.6	14.6
Sexual abuse	6.2	6.2	5.1	5.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.3	<.1	0.5	0.4
Number	1,521	1,383	1,066	1,324

Response Time (in hours)⁹

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Mean	173.2	128.6	129.9	195.3
Median	>48 but<72	>48 but<72	>48 but<72	>72 but<96

C. Characteristics of Children in Foster Care

(Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System [AFCARS] Foster Care File)

Overview Foster Care Information

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total number	1,613	1,662	1,747	1,772	942	955	996	1,245	912	876	938	1,089	1,643	1,739	1,805	1,930
Median length of stay (months)	16.9	16.6	15.9	15.7	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	12.3	16.1	15.6	15.2	16.4	15.2	16.0	13.0

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	7.3	5.1	4.4	7.2	16.0	14.8	18.6	18.4	3.9	4.1	3.3	4.0	4.9	4.3	7.0	7.9
1 year	7.7	9.9	7.3	7.3	9.6	8.0	9.9	8.1	9.1	8.0	7.0	6.0	9.7	7.5	7.1	9.3
2 years	7.9	7.2	8.8	8.3	7.4	8.5	8.5	7.1	8.6	8.9	8.4	7.3	7.3	8.8	7.9	8.0
3 years	6.8	7.9	7.4	8.4	5.8	7.4	8.0	6.9	7.5	8.0	8.5	7.7	7.7	7.4	8.3	8.2
4 years	6.0	5.9	7.4	7.4	5.6	6.4	6.3	7.6	5.9	7.6	7.7	7.3	6.0	7.4	7.6	7.6
5 years	5.3	5.7	5.0	6.5	4.8	6.2	5.2	5.5	6.4	5.9	5.5	7.7	5.3	5.2	6.5	6.9
6 years	4.9	5.2	6.1	5.4	5.4	4.7	5.7	5.1	5.3	5.3	6.0	6.6	5.1	6.0	5.3	5.4
7 years	4.7	4.5	5.4	5.9	5.1	5.2	4.4	4.7	4.5	4.8	4.7	5.5	4.7	5.1	5.8	4.8
8 years	4.8	5.2	4.9	4.8	4.0	5.1	4.3	5.4	5.0	5.3	4.4	5.0	5.0	4.8	4.7	5.5
9 years	4.3	4.8	5.1	5.2	4.6	4.4	4.2	4.5	3.9	4.2	4.1	4.3	4.6	5.0	5.2	5.3
10 years	5.3	4.0	4.6	4.5	3.1	3.9	2.9	4.0	4.3	4.2	4.4	4.9	4.1	4.7	4.5	4.9
11 years	3.5	4.5	4.1	4.1	4.8	3.0	1.7	3.7	5.4	3.2	3.6	3.9	4.7	3.9	4.2	4.4
12 years	3.8	3.7	5.0	3.6	3.3	4.0	3.5	3.1	3.5	2.7	3.8	3.4	3.5	4.7	3.6	3.5
13 years	5.6	3.4	4.4	4.2	3.8	3.5	3.2	3.9	4.9	2.5	3.2	3.3	3.3	4.4	4.5	3.6
14 years	4.5	5.7	3.9	3.7	5.1	4.1	3.9	3.9	2.9	3.5	4.4	3.9	5.8	3.9	3.9	4.4
15 years	5.2	5.1	5.4	3.5	3.6	4.7	3.6	3.3	3.9	4.0	4.8	4.4	5.0	5.6	3.8	3.5
16 years	6.5	4.8	5.3	4.5	4.7	3.9	4.0	3.1	3.7	3.3	5.0	3.8	5.1	5.4	4.6	3.2
17 years	4.8	6.3	4.6	4.6	3.2	2.3	1.7	1.8	5.5	4.8	3.9	5.2	6.5	4.9	4.8	3.1
18 years	0.7	1.2	0.7	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.4	8.9	6.5	5.6	1.6	1.1	0.7	0.6
19 years	0.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.7	0.5	0.4	0.1	0.1	<.1	0.0
20 years	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)¹⁰

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/ Alaska Native	36.6	36.2	36.3	38.4	27.7	34.0	30.9	26.7	29.4	32.2	27.9	31.2	35.5	37.0	37.7	34.8
Asian	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Black	1.2	1.1	1.4	0.8	1.0	1.7	0.8	1.2	1.0	1.4	1.4	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.1	0.8
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.1	0.1	0.2	<.1	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.0	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.1	<.1	0.3
Hispanic (of any race)	6.4	6.3	7.2	6.8	4.9	5.0	7.6	7.1	6.5	4.9	7.9	7.4	5.5	6.3	7.1	6.7
White	47.7	47.8	47.1	45.9	56.4	51.5	54.3	58.4	54.7	52.3	54.7	52.3	48.8	47.6	47.1	50.3
Two or more races	6.1	6.9	7.3	7.4	7.2	5.5	5.0	4.9	6.0	6.4	6.7	7.2	6.8	6.4	6.3	6.0
Unable to determine	1.8	1.7	0.6	0.6	2.9	1.6	1.1	1.1	2.3	2.2	1.0	0.6	2.1	1.4	0.7	0.9
Missing data	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2

⁸ These percentages are calculated against the number of unique victims. A child may have been the victim of more than one type of maltreatment, or the same type of maltreatment more than once. As a result, the total percentages both within and across maltreatment categories may exceed 100.

⁹ Response time is defined as the time between the report of suspected maltreatment and the first face-to-face contact with the alleged victim or with another person who can provide information on the allegation.

¹⁰ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

D. Characteristics of Children Waiting for Adoption¹¹ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total waiting children	544	495	461	404
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	450	350	313	293

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	1.5	0.6	2.0	1.7
1 year	7.4	4.8	4.6	7.4
2 years	6.6	8.3	6.7	7.9
3 years	6.3	5.5	8.0	8.2
4 years	6.3	6.3	5.9	7.7
5 years	5.0	6.1	4.6	5.0
6 years	4.2	4.8	5.4	5.0
7 years	4.6	4.8	5.2	5.0
8 years	5.3	4.4	4.6	5.7
9 years	5.7	4.8	4.1	4.5
10 years	3.5	5.3	5.2	3.7
11 years	5.9	4.4	5.2	5.2
12 years	3.5	7.7	5.0	4.0
13 years	5.0	4.6	7.8	6.2
14 years	8.1	5.7	4.8	7.7
15 years	5.5	8.5	5.0	5.0
16 years	6.6	7.5	7.8	5.0
17 years	9.2	5.9	8.2	5.4

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹³

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/Alaska Native	30.0	25.7	26.9	31.9
Asian	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
Black	1.5	1.8	1.7	0.7
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.2
Hispanic (of any race)	5.7	7.5	7.6	5.2
White	53.3	54.7	54.4	53.2
Two or more races	7.5	9.1	9.3	8.2
Unable to determine	1.7	1.2	0.0	0.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total children adopted	192	191	238	205

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	1.0	2.6	0.4	2.0
1 year	15.1	8.9	6.3	7.3
2 years	12.5	14.7	11.8	10.7
3 years	9.9	13.6	13.9	12.7
4 years	10.9	13.1	10.1	9.3
5 years	10.9	4.2	8.8	9.8
6 years	2.6	7.3	7.1	8.8
7 years	6.3	6.8	5.5	4.9
8 years	5.2	4.7	4.6	4.9
9 years	3.1	7.3	4.6	5.4
10 years	4.7	3.7	5.9	4.9
11 years	3.1	3.7	4.2	4.9
12 years	2.6	1.0	4.6	3.9
13 years	4.7	2.1	2.1	2.9
14 years	0.5	2.1	2.1	1.5
15 years	2.6	1.6	3.4	1.0
16 years	1.6	1.6	3.4	1.0
17 years	2.1	1.0	1.3	3.9
18 years	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.5
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/Alaska Native	13.5	25.7	20.2	22.9
Asian	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0
Black	1.0	1.0	1.7	0.5
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	8.3	4.2	9.2	8.3
White	68.2	59.2	57.1	49.8
Two or more races	8.3	8.9	11.8	18.0
Unable to determine	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

¹¹ There is no federal definition for a child waiting to be adopted. The definition used in the tables on this page includes children and youth through age 17 who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parents' parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A state's own definition may differ from that used here.

¹² Children older than 17 years fall outside of the definition used to identify waiting children and are therefore excluded from this table.

¹³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

Montana

OUTCOMES DATA

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect (NCANDS)

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children without a recurrence	94.1	96.3	96.2	96.6
Children with one or more recurrences	5.9	3.7	3.8	3.4
Number	760	699	557	672

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care

(NCANDS and AFCARS Foster Care File)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.47	0.11	0.18	0.30
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.53	99.89	99.82	99.70
Number	2,555	2,617	2,743	3,017

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Foster Care File)

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	20.2	21.2	25.4	20.8
Guardianship	5.0	4.6	4.8	8.9
Reunification	63.6	59.9	57.9	56.0
Other	7.3	12.6	9.6	11.3
Missing data	3.8	1.7	2.3	3.0
Number	912	876	938	1,089

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	31.9	37.4	48.2	42.4
Guardianship	4.3	3.0	3.6	6.4
Reunification	42.6	32.3	30.9	32.6
Other	17.0	26.3	14.4	15.1
Missing data	4.3	1.0	2.9	3.5
Number	94	99	139	172

3.3 Exits of Children Older Than Age 12 at Entry Into Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	1.3	0.7	2.5	2.5
Guardianship	5.3	4.0	5.6	7.6
Reunification	60.0	57.3	63.8	47.0
Other	23.3	36.0	24.4	37.9
Missing data	10.0	2.0	3.8	5.1
Number	150	150	160	198

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children age 12 or younger at entry	43.1	48.4	52.1	35.8
Children older than 12 at entry	56.9	51.6	47.9	64.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	51	93	73	67

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	American Indian/Alaska Native				2009	Asian				2009	Black			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	9.3	17.7	17.6	15.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	22.2	16.7	30.8	7.7		
Guardianship	7.5	6.0	6.5	14.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	69.8	63.1	64.1	57.4	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	66.7	75.0	53.8	69.2		
Other	9.0	11.3	8.0	9.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	11.1	8.3	15.4	7.7		
Missing data	4.5	1.8	3.8	3.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	15.4		
Number	268	282	262	340	0	4	0	0	9	12	13	13		

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander				2009	Hispanic (of any race)				2009	White			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	0.0	50.0	0.0	0.0	27.1	18.6	29.7	23.5	25.3	23.4	26.9	19.6		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.5	0.0	1.4	4.9	4.0	5.0	4.3	6.8		
Reunification	0.0	50.0	66.7	0.0	55.9	67.4	62.2	56.8	60.1	57.2	56.9	58.1		
Other	0.0	0.0	33.3	0.0	8.5	11.6	4.1	14.8	6.8	12.7	10.7	12.6		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.3	2.7	0.0	3.8	1.7	1.2	2.8		
Number	0	2	3	0	59	43	74	81	499	458	513	570		

	Unable to Determine				2009	Two or More Races				2009	Missing Data			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	0.0	5.3	0.0	16.7	27.3	30.4	44.4	52.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	4.8	0.0	22.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.8	6.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	90.5	68.4	33.3	66.7	61.8	51.8	38.1	30.8	100.0	0.0	100.0	100.0		
Other	0.0	26.3	33.3	0.0	5.5	16.1	7.9	9.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Missing data	4.8	0.0	11.1	16.7	5.5	1.8	4.8	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	21	19	9	6	55	56	63	78	1	0	1	1		

¹⁴ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Less than 12 mos.	69.8	61.0	62.2	63.1
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	18.1	27.2	26.2	25.1
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	5.9	6.1	4.4	7.7
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	2.8	1.7	1.1	2.3
48 or more mos.	3.4	4.0	6.1	1.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	580	525	543	610

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children entering care for the first time	72.7	71.5	77.0	77.8
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	10.6	9.3	8.0	8.2
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	16.3	18.5	14.2	13.5
Missing data	0.3	0.6	0.8	0.6
Number	942	955	996	1,245

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Foster Care File)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Less than 12 mos.	2.7	4.8	1.3	2.2
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	29.3	18.8	25.2	20.8
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	26.6	33.9	29.8	35.0
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	25.0	18.8	22.3	23.0
48 or more mos.	16.3	23.7	21.4	19.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	184	186	238	226

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Foster Care File)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care (%)

	In Care Less Than 12 Months				In Care at Least 12 Months but Less Than 24 Months				In Care for 24 Months or Longer				Missing Time in Care			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children with 2 or fewer placements	87.1	87.0	87.2	87.8	63.9	60.7	64.9	66.1	34.9	35.7	34.6	37.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	12.9	13.0	12.8	12.2	36.1	39.3	35.1	33.9	65.1	64.3	65.4	62.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	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	0.0
Number	1,072	1,053	1,123	1,399	635	641	650	719	846	917	964	894	2	6	6	5

7. Reduce Placement of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Foster Care File)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During the Fiscal Year and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Group homes	11.2	8.8	8.3	6.3
Institutions	1.2	0.1	0.6	0.6
Other settings	87.6	91.1	91.1	93.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	749	774	827	1,043

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews¹⁵ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score¹⁷	107.5	101.4	111.0	111.5
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	68.4	60.6	67.6	70.5
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	6.9	8.3	7.2	6.2
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	36.2	32.1	41.2	35.2
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	15.0	15.1	13.3	14.3

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	119.7	92.9	106.8	123.9
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	32.1	23.8	26.5	23.1
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	30.6	32.2	34.1	32.0
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	20.8	21.0	25.0	26.7
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year? ¹⁸	19.1	12.4	13.5	10.4
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	53.7	39.8	56.1	62.0

Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time¹⁹

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	95.2	97.8	110.1	124.1
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	25.5	26.0	33.0	39.0
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	89.0	87.7	93.6	92.6
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	70.1	63.5	66.7	58.2

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	97.9	96.5	97.7	99.4
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	85.6	85.5	86.1	86.9
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	64.1	60.4	64.7	65.9
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	35.2	36.4	34.6	37.3

¹⁵ Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the state did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

¹⁶ Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 includes a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

¹⁷ Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website (<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/resource/data-indicators-second-round-of-cfsrs>).

¹⁸ Legally free means that there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father. This calculation excludes children who, by the end of the first 6 months of the fiscal year, had discharged from foster care to reunification, living with relative, or guardianship.

¹⁹ A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

²⁰ The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

Nebraska

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total children under 18 years	451,641	459,085	461,220	463,405
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
American Indian/ Alaska Native	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.1
Asian	1.9	1.9	1.9	2.0
Black	5.7	5.8	5.8	5.7
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	14.1	15.1	15.5	15.9
White	74.2	72.5	72.0	71.6
Two or more races	2.6	3.5	3.6	3.6
Child population in poverty (%)	15.2	18.2	18.1	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Child maltreatment victims	4,871	4,572	4,307	3,888
Foster care entry rate per 1,000	7.9	7.2	6.7	6.0
Children in foster care on 9/30	5,376	5,334	5,103	5,120
Children adopted	588	437	413	412

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	85
Numerator	N/A	N/A	N/A	42,570
Denominator	N/A	N/A	N/A	49,990
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	91
Numerator	N/A	N/A	N/A	38,778
Denominator	N/A	N/A	N/A	42,570

B. Child Maltreatment Data (National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System [NCANDS] Unique Counts)⁶

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2009		2010		2011		2012	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children who received a Child Protective Services response for an allegation of child maltreatment	24,268	53.7 per 1,000	24,236	52.8 per 1,000	24,856	53.9 per 1,000	23,910	51.6 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims	4,871	10.8 per 1,000	4,572	10.0 per 1,000	4,307	9.3 per 1,000	3,888	8.4 per 1,000
Child fatalities	10	2.2 per 100,000	7	1.5 per 100,000	7	1.5 per 100,000	6	1.3 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	11.1	11.6	11.7	11.0
1 year	8.8	8.4	8.0	8.0
2 years	7.8	8.2	8.8	8.2
3 years	7.9	7.5	7.4	7.9
4 years	6.9	7.4	7.6	6.6
5 years	6.7	5.9	6.3	6.6
6 years	5.2	5.7	6.2	6.9
7 years	5.5	5.8	5.7	5.7
8 years	5.3	5.4	4.9	5.3
9 years	4.7	5.1	4.8	4.9
10 years	4.2	4.4	4.6	4.8
11 years	4.4	4.3	4.0	4.2
12 years	3.8	3.9	3.9	3.7
13 years	3.5	3.7	3.5	4.2
14 years	4.0	3.6	3.1	3.5
15 years	4.1	3.5	3.8	3.4
16 years	3.5	3.1	3.1	2.6
17 years	2.0	2.1	2.2	2.0
18+ years	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3
Missing data	0.6	<.1	0.2	0.1
Number	4,871	4,572	4,307	3,888

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/ Alaska Native	6.1	5.0	4.2	4.5
Asian	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9
Black	15.4	16.6	15.6	11.7
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	0.2	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	11.1	13.0	13.5	11.7
White	58.7	56.6	58.0	61.3
Two or more races	1.4	1.7	1.8	2.3
Missing data	6.7	6.3	6.1	7.5
Number	4,871	4,572	4,307	3,888

¹ The source data for each table is indicated in parentheses for each section. A calendar year is the basis for data from the Census Bureau. Most of the other data on these pages are from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS) or the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) and are based on the Federal fiscal year, October 1 through September 30.

² The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau (<http://www.census.gov/popest/data/datasets.html>). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS). Child poverty data for 2012 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2010-2013 report.

³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

⁴ A child victim is defined as a child who is the subject of a maltreatment report for which the disposition is substantiated, indicated, or "alternative response victim." The rate for foster care entry is per 1,000 children in the state population. Data on child maltreatment victims are from NCANDS. Data on foster care entry rate, children in foster care on 9/30, and children adopted are from AFCARS.

⁵ As of 2012, there is a new methodology used to calculate the caseworker visits measures. Because the new methodology limits data comparisons with prior years, caseworker visits data from 2009 through 2011 are not included in this table. All states have the option of using an approved sampling procedure for the caseworker visits reporting requirement. See appendix C for more information on how these data are calculated and for a list of states using sampling methodology.

⁶ The unique count of child victims counts a child only once regardless of the number of times he or she was found to be a victim during the reporting year. This is a change from prior reports, and these data are now consistent with the reporting practice in the Child Maltreatment reports.

⁷ The rates for Child Protective Services Responses and victims are per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18.

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)⁸

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Emotional abuse	0.5	0.7	1.2	1.2
Medical neglect	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0
Neglect	97.4	96.5	97.6	93.6
Physical abuse	11.8	11.7	10.9	13.1
Sexual abuse	8.1	6.9	5.7	8.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	4,871	4,572	4,307	3,888

Response Time (in hours)⁹

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Mean	208.4	185.9	199.7	156.9
Median	>72 but<96	>96 but<120	>96 but<120	>72 but<96

C. Characteristics of Children in Foster Care

(Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System [AFCARS] Foster Care File)

Overview Foster Care Information

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total number	5,417	5,187	5,225	5,254	3,557	3,303	3,101	2,787	3,598	3,156	3,223	2,921	5,376	5,334	5,103	5,120
Median length of stay (months)	13.1	11.3	11.5	13.2	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	14.7	15.0	14.4	15.6	11.4	11.7	12.3	14.0

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	4.0	3.7	4.4	3.9	10.0	11.0	10.4	10.6	2.2	1.7	1.9	2.1	3.7	4.3	4.1	3.5
1 year	5.6	5.8	5.9	5.8	5.8	6.5	5.4	5.6	5.4	4.8	5.6	4.3	5.9	5.8	5.9	5.4
2 years	5.9	5.3	5.7	5.6	5.1	5.3	5.9	5.0	6.3	6.1	5.2	5.9	5.4	5.7	5.5	5.8
3 years	4.7	5.3	5.4	5.8	4.6	5.0	4.9	4.7	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.8	5.2	5.3	5.9	5.2
4 years	4.4	4.3	5.0	5.2	4.1	4.1	4.5	4.2	4.1	4.8	5.2	4.9	4.4	5.0	5.2	5.1
5 years	3.8	3.9	4.3	5.0	3.8	4.4	4.4	4.7	4.1	3.8	4.6	4.4	3.9	4.2	4.8	5.3
6 years	4.1	4.0	3.8	4.0	3.3	3.9	3.6	4.4	4.1	3.8	3.8	3.9	3.9	3.8	4.0	4.8
7 years	3.8	3.6	3.8	3.4	3.5	2.9	3.5	3.2	4.3	4.0	3.4	3.1	3.5	3.8	3.6	4.4
8 years	3.2	3.4	3.2	4.0	3.8	2.6	3.2	3.0	3.4	3.5	3.1	3.5	3.3	3.1	4.1	3.7
9 years	3.2	3.5	3.1	3.1	2.9	2.9	3.2	3.1	3.3	3.7	3.0	3.1	3.5	3.0	3.0	3.3
10 years	2.8	2.7	3.3	3.3	2.5	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.3	3.1	3.3	2.7	3.2	3.3	3.3
11 years	3.0	2.9	2.9	3.0	3.9	2.9	3.1	3.3	3.7	2.7	3.2	2.8	2.9	2.9	3.0	3.4
12 years	3.6	3.6	3.1	3.2	3.8	4.2	4.4	3.8	3.0	3.4	3.1	2.3	3.6	3.2	3.3	3.3
13 years	3.8	4.1	4.2	3.9	5.2	5.0	4.8	5.0	3.3	2.9	3.5	2.9	4.0	4.3	3.9	4.3
14 years	5.5	5.6	5.3	5.6	6.3	5.8	6.8	7.1	3.7	3.7	3.8	3.2	5.6	5.2	5.5	5.2
15 years	8.5	7.8	7.4	7.8	9.8	8.8	8.7	9.0	5.4	4.7	4.6	5.3	7.9	7.5	7.6	8.0
16 years	11.1	10.6	10.0	9.7	10.1	10.7	9.8	9.8	7.7	7.7	7.3	7.1	10.8	10.2	9.6	9.2
17 years	11.8	12.4	11.8	10.7	9.6	9.0	8.7	9.0	9.9	10.1	9.7	10.1	12.2	11.9	10.6	10.4
18 years	7.2	7.8	7.5	6.9	1.8	1.8	1.9	1.7	12.0	13.8	14.3	14.4	7.7	7.5	7.2	6.4
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.0	7.1	6.2	7.4	<.1	<.1	0.1	<.1
20 years	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	0.0
Missing data	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	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)¹⁰

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/ Alaska Native	8.8	7.5	7.1	7.9	7.3	6.6	6.4	7.8	8.9	7.7	5.8	6.9	7.7	6.8	7.5	8.4
Asian	0.5	0.6	0.9	0.8	0.9	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.3	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.6
Black	18.3	19.3	20.5	20.2	17.1	16.8	17.5	14.9	16.1	15.7	18.2	17.6	19.0	20.0	20.2	18.8
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	0.0	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	11.8	13.3	13.4	13.4	13.1	15.1	15.0	13.2	11.5	14.6	15.1	14.5	12.9	13.6	13.3	12.6
White	55.8	54.1	54.0	53.1	56.1	55.3	55.9	56.9	57.8	57.0	56.1	56.0	54.7	53.1	53.8	53.6
Two or more races	1.9	2.6	3.2	3.5	1.9	2.4	2.1	2.5	1.2	2.1	2.3	2.2	2.4	2.8	3.1	3.7
Unable to determine	2.9	2.5	0.8	1.0	3.5	3.2	1.7	3.8	4.0	2.6	1.4	1.7	2.6	2.9	1.0	2.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.7	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.0	<.1	0.4	0.1

⁸ These percentages are calculated against the number of unique victims. A child may have been the victim of more than one type of maltreatment, or the same type of maltreatment more than once. As a result, the total percentages both within and across maltreatment categories may exceed 100.

⁹ Response time is defined as the time between the report of suspected maltreatment and the first face-to-face contact with the alleged victim or with another person who can provide information on the allegation.

¹⁰ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

D. Characteristics of Children Waiting for Adoption¹¹ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total waiting children	838	773	833	907
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	544	464	488	556

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	2.3	3.0	3.1	1.4
1 year	7.6	6.5	6.0	6.1
2 years	6.9	8.0	8.4	7.6
3 years	8.4	6.5	9.8	8.0
4 years	6.2	7.5	6.8	6.9
5 years	6.8	6.1	6.4	7.5
6 years	6.1	4.8	5.3	7.2
7 years	6.1	6.2	4.7	6.1
8 years	5.7	5.2	6.6	4.6
9 years	5.4	5.2	4.7	6.0
10 years	4.2	4.8	4.1	5.2
11 years	4.9	4.8	4.8	4.1
12 years	4.9	4.7	4.3	3.9
13 years	4.3	4.7	4.2	5.3
14 years	5.1	4.4	5.6	4.2
15 years	5.3	6.2	5.4	6.3
16 years	5.6	6.0	5.9	5.2
17 years	4.3	5.7	3.8	4.5

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹³

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/Alaska Native	8.0	6.6	5.6	5.8
Asian	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.4
Black	20.2	20.4	27.1	25.8
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	15.6	15.3	9.1	11.4
White	50.1	51.7	52.2	49.6
Two or more races	3.7	2.8	5.2	5.8
Unable to determine	2.0	2.7	0.5	1.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total children adopted	588	437	413	412

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	2.2	2.1	1.9	2.7
1 year	10.5	11.7	13.3	10.0
2 years	14.5	13.5	13.1	12.4
3 years	10.4	10.3	9.7	16.5
4 years	8.2	10.5	9.0	12.1
5 years	7.7	6.6	9.0	9.0
6 years	8.3	8.2	6.5	6.6
7 years	7.7	7.3	7.0	4.4
8 years	6.6	5.3	5.8	5.3
9 years	4.3	5.3	3.9	3.6
10 years	4.9	3.7	5.1	2.4
11 years	3.9	4.6	3.6	3.9
12 years	2.9	3.7	3.1	2.9
13 years	3.4	2.5	3.4	1.7
14 years	2.2	2.1	1.9	1.7
15 years	1.7	0.7	1.5	1.7
16 years	0.5	1.1	1.0	1.5
17 years	0.0	0.7	0.5	1.7
18 years	0.2	0.2	0.7	0.0
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/Alaska Native	6.0	5.7	4.4	3.9
Asian	1.7	0.7	0.0	0.0
Black	11.7	15.8	16.0	17.5
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	10.0	17.6	15.0	12.6
White	62.2	55.6	59.8	61.7
Two or more races	3.9	3.4	2.9	3.2
Unable to determine	4.4	1.1	1.9	1.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

¹¹ There is no federal definition for a child waiting to be adopted. The definition used in the tables on this page includes children and youth through age 17 who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parents' parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A state's own definition may differ from that used here.

¹² Children older than 17 years fall outside of the definition used to identify waiting children and are therefore excluded from this table.

¹³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

Nebraska

OUTCOMES DATA

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect (NCANDS)

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children without a recurrence	90.4	92.1	92.3	92.6
Children with one or more recurrences	9.6	7.9	7.7	7.4
Number	2,364	2,035	2,026	1,913

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care (NCANDS and AFCARS Foster Care File)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.31	0.39	0.28	0.46
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.69	99.61	99.72	99.54
Number	8,974	8,490	8,326	8,041

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Foster Care File)

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	15.1	13.3	12.5	14.2
Guardianship	8.0	8.9	7.4	7.2
Reunification	64.8	64.1	67.2	64.6
Other	12.0	13.6	12.5	14.1
Missing data	0.0	<.1	0.4	0.0
Number	3,598	3,156	3,223	2,921

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	19.8	15.7	15.8	16.9
Guardianship	8.9	9.4	9.5	7.5
Reunification	51.8	55.1	56.5	53.5
Other	19.4	19.8	18.2	22.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,577	1,431	1,415	1,211

3.3 Exits of Children Older Than Age 12 at Entry Into Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	0.4	0.6	0.4	0.9
Guardianship	8.0	7.3	6.4	6.3
Reunification	66.1	66.1	68.5	66.0
Other	25.5	26.0	24.5	26.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0
Number	1,487	1,401	1,379	1,296

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children age 12 or younger at entry	11.8	12.2	11.0	11.5
Children older than 12 at entry	88.2	87.8	89.0	88.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	330	304	301	304

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	American Indian/Alaska Native				2009	Asian				2009	Black			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2010	2011	2012	2010		2011	2012		
Adoption	9.4	9.9	9.0	8.4	47.6	22.2	0.0	0.0	11.7	12.8	10.6	14.0		
Guardianship	19.1	18.9	14.9	14.4	4.8	0.0	0.0	8.3	6.0	7.9	7.2	3.1		
Reunification	58.8	59.3	49.5	60.4	33.3	44.4	89.7	54.2	68.4	60.5	66.4	66.1		
Other	12.8	10.7	20.2	16.8	14.3	33.3	10.3	37.5	13.8	18.8	15.9	16.8		
Missing data	0.0	1.2	6.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	320	243	188	202	21	9	29	24	579	494	586	513		

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander				2009	Hispanic (of any race)				2009	White			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2010	2011	2012	2010		2011	2012		
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	12.8	15.8	12.5	12.3	16.4	13.3	13.5	15.7		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.7	8.0	8.4	6.4	6.8	8.4	6.6	7.8		
Reunification	100.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	67.6	65.2	68.6	68.1	64.8	65.4	68.4	64.0		
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	9.9	11.0	10.5	13.2	12.0	12.9	11.5	12.6		
Missing data	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	1	0	4	2	413	462	488	423	2,079	1,800	1,807	1,635		

	Unable to Determine				2009	Two or More Races				2009	Missing Data			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2010	2011	2012	2010		2011	2012		
Adoption	16.8	4.9	18.2	9.8	47.6	20.9	16.4	20.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	4.2	4.9	4.5	5.9	9.5	6.0	8.2	7.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	67.8	72.8	75.0	72.5	38.1	56.7	64.4	60.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	33.3		
Other	11.2	17.3	2.3	11.8	4.8	16.4	11.0	12.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	66.7		
Missing data	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	143	81	44	51	42	67	73	65	0	0	4	6		

¹⁴ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Less than 12 mos.	55.0	52.0	52.8	48.8
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	28.8	33.8	34.8	32.7
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	10.2	9.2	8.6	13.1
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	4.4	3.0	2.6	3.2
48 or more mos.	1.5	1.9	1.2	2.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	2,332	2,022	2,167	1,886

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children entering care for the first time	77.1	76.6	76.6	79.2
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	9.6	9.4	8.7	6.4
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	13.3	14.0	14.7	14.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	3,557	3,303	3,101	2,787

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Foster Care File)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Less than 12 mos.	6.6	5.5	7.2	4.6
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	28.8	29.0	29.0	27.5
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	31.4	33.3	30.9	36.6
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	17.6	17.1	16.6	20.2
48 or more mos.	15.6	15.0	16.3	11.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	545	420	404	415

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Foster Care File)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care (%)

	In Care Less Than 12 Months				In Care at Least 12 Months but Less Than 24 Months				In Care for 24 Months or Longer				Missing Time in Care			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children with 2 or fewer placements	84.3	85.2	85.7	84.8	55.4	57.5	58.6	64.4	26.0	26.4	29.3	33.4	100.0	100.0	86.2	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	15.7	14.8	14.1	14.4	44.6	42.5	41.4	35.6	74.0	73.6	70.7	66.6	0.0	0.0	13.8	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	4,262	3,986	3,814	3,306	2,309	2,427	2,418	2,315	2,377	2,071	2,065	2,413	26	6	29	7

7. Reduce Placement of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Foster Care File)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During the Fiscal Year and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Group homes	2.2	2.3	1.6	1.4
Institutions	1.5	0.9	0.8	0.8
Other settings	96.3	96.8	96.8	97.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.0
Number	2,006	1,919	1,816	1,605

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews¹⁵ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score¹⁷	113.6	110.6	111.5	107.9
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	66.0	64.6	64.9	62.2
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	8.0	8.7	8.7	9.0
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	41.7	41.7	44.8	37.0
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	13.2	12.9	14.1	11.9

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	129.1	122.4	118.6	116.9
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	35.6	34.8	36.4	32.2
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	29.4	27.7	28.7	29.4
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	28.7	24.9	22.0	20.6
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year? ¹⁸	14.9	10.6	13.8	12.7
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	67.9	64.0	59.1	58.0

Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time¹⁹

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	160.1	148.5	153.2	150.0
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	43.6	37.7	38.2	32.5
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	98.6	95.4	97.3	96.8
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	20.1	21.2	18.5	17.4

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	89.5	91.4	93.8	97.9
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	83.7	84.9	85.4	85.2
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	56.8	58.4	59.8	65.4
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	27.3	27.6	31.5	35.4

¹⁵ Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the state did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

¹⁶ Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 includes a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

¹⁷ Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website (<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/resource/data-indicators-second-round-of-cfsrs>).

¹⁸ Legally free means that there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father. This calculation excludes children who, by the end of the first 6 months of the fiscal year, had discharged from foster care to reunification, living with relative, or guardianship.

¹⁹ A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

²⁰ The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

Nebraska

STATE COMMENT

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The following are Nebraska's comments on the state data presented in *Child Welfare Outcomes 2009–2012: Report to Congress*.

Nebraska continues to be dedicated to providing the most accurate data possible. Enhancing our SACWIS system's functionality and improving the accuracy and integrity of our data is a primary goal for Nebraska. We promote transparency and encourage review of our data for continuous evaluation and improvement to optimize the outcomes of child safety, permanency and well-being.

In 2012, Nebraska implemented a Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) process that monitors and identifies areas needing improvement at both the statewide and local levels. The CQI initiative monitors all aspects of the case-management process from the initial report through the end of ongoing services. The Federal measures are a core component of the CQI process as we continually strive to improve our ability to serve youth and families in our care.

In July 2012, Nebraska implemented Structured Decision Making statewide. Structured Decision Making is an evidence-based model used to assess safety and risk. The implementation of Structured Decision Making provides a structured approach to case-management decisions made from the initial report through the end of ongoing services.

Nebraska has been working to safely reduce the number of children in foster care as the rate of children in out-of-home care in Nebraska has historically been one of the nation's highest. Over the past 4 years, the number of youth entering foster care in Nebraska has decreased by 21%.

The AFCARS Improvement Plan required a change to Nebraska's AFCARS reporting algorithm which resulted in an increase in reported youth in care as compared to 2011. Effective with the 2012B AFCARS submission, all children placed at home on a trial-home-visit are now reported as youth in AFCARS regardless of the duration of the trial-home-visit.

Youth who are 16 to 18 years old constitute a high percentage (28%) of Nebraska's foster care population. Many of these older youth are in foster care due to delinquency because Nebraska DHHS serves child welfare and juvenile justice youth. Approximately 21% of Nebraska's state ward population are juvenile justice youth.

Nebraska is proud of our achievement in improved placement stability for children who required out-of-home care. We are also proud of our continued success in obtaining permanency for children in foster care for long periods of time. This outcome is even more remarkable because of the high percent of older youth receiving foster care services.

Nevada

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total children under 18 years	681,033	663,895	661,309	663,583
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
American Indian/ Alaska Native	1.1	0.9	0.9	0.9
Asian	4.9	5.6	5.7	5.9
Black	8.0	8.4	8.4	8.5
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6
Hispanic (of any race)	38.7	39.5	39.9	40.2
White	42.5	39.6	38.9	38.3
Two or more races	4.2	5.4	5.5	5.7
Child population in poverty (%)	17.6	22.0	22.1	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Child maltreatment victims	4,443	4,654	5,331	5,436
Foster care entry rate per 1,000	4.3	4.3	4.2	4.7
Children in foster care on 9/30	4,794	4,811	4,638	4,765
Children adopted	525	644	821	776

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	86
Numerator	N/A	N/A	N/A	44,909
Denominator	N/A	N/A	N/A	52,394
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	77
Numerator	N/A	N/A	N/A	34,430
Denominator	N/A	N/A	N/A	44,909

B. Child Maltreatment Data (National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System [NCANDS] Unique Counts)⁶

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2009		2010		2011		2012	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children who received a Child Protective Services response for an allegation of child maltreatment	21,353	31.4 per 1,000	20,881	31.5 per 1,000	23,515	35.6 per 1,000	22,070	33.3 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims	4,443	6.5 per 1,000	4,654	7.0 per 1,000	5,331	8.1 per 1,000	5,436	8.2 per 1,000
Child fatalities	29	4.3 per 100,000	15	2.3 per 100,000	19	2.9 per 100,000	18	2.7 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	16.0	16.6	16.5	16.8
1 year	8.3	7.9	8.0	8.5
2 years	8.9	8.2	7.7	7.5
3 years	6.8	7.5	7.8	7.2
4 years	6.5	6.8	7.0	6.7
5 years	5.8	6.1	6.5	6.2
6 years	5.6	5.9	5.3	6.0
7 years	5.7	5.2	5.0	5.0
8 years	4.8	5.0	4.4	5.1
9 years	4.3	4.4	4.3	4.8
10 years	3.5	4.1	4.3	4.0
11 years	3.3	3.9	3.9	3.8
12 years	3.8	3.3	3.6	3.3
13 years	4.1	3.5	3.7	3.5
14 years	4.1	3.7	3.8	3.5
15 years	3.3	3.4	3.2	3.6
16 years	3.2	2.8	3.0	2.7
17 years	2.0	1.6	1.7	1.5
18+ years	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.1
Missing data	0.2	<.1	0.2	0.2
Number	4,443	4,654	5,331	5,436

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.7
Asian	1.1	1.1	0.9	1.1
Black	21.4	18.8	18.7	20.3
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	1.1	1.2	0.5	1.2
Hispanic (of any race)	28.2	29.6	29.7	27.3
White	40.0	41.0	41.5	40.0
Two or more races	6.6	6.6	6.8	7.4
Missing data	0.7	0.9	1.1	1.9
Number	4,443	4,654	5,331	5,436

¹ The source data for each table is indicated in parentheses for each section. A calendar year is the basis for data from the Census Bureau. Most of the other data on these pages are from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS) or the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) and are based on the Federal fiscal year, October 1 through September 30.

² The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau (<http://www.census.gov/popest/data/datasets.html>). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS). Child poverty data for 2012 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2010–2013 report.

³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

⁴ A child victim is defined as a child who is the subject of a maltreatment report for which the disposition is substantiated, indicated, or "alternative response victim." The rate for foster care entry is per 1,000 children in the state population. Data on child maltreatment victims are from NCANDS. Data on foster care entry rate, children in foster care on 9/30, and children adopted are from AFCARS.

⁵ As of 2012, there is a new methodology used to calculate the caseworker visits measures. Because the new methodology limits data comparisons with prior years, caseworker visits data from 2009 through 2011 are not included in this table. All states have the option of using an approved sampling procedure for the caseworker visits reporting requirement. See appendix C for more information on how these data are calculated and for a list of states using sampling methodology.

⁶ The unique count of child victims counts a child only once regardless of the number of times he or she was found to be a victim during the reporting year. This is a change from prior reports, and these data are now consistent with the reporting practice in the Child Maltreatment reports.

⁷ The rates for Child Protective Services Responses and victims are per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18.

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)⁸

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Emotional abuse	3.1	1.7	1.7	1.7
Medical neglect	1.8	2.1	1.4	2.5
Neglect	75.8	76.2	74.5	75.7
Physical abuse	29.6	32.8	37.1	34.7
Sexual abuse	8.3	7.5	6.3	4.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	4,443	4,654	5,331	5,436

Response Time (in hours)⁹

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Mean	18.5	18.4	15.7	17.1
Median	<24	>24 but<48	>24 but<48	>24 but<48

C. Characteristics of Children in Foster Care

(Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System [AFCARS] Foster Care File)

Overview Foster Care Information

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total number	4,983	4,758	4,749	4,594	2,903	2,881	2,776	3,118	3,092	2,828	2,887	2,947	4,794	4,811	4,638	4,765
Median length of stay (months)	14.8	15.7	14.8	14.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	12.4	15.5	17.4	17.0	15.8	14.8	13.9	12.1

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	7.5	6.3	6.6	6.6	18.4	18.5	17.6	18.5	4.8	4.1	3.5	3.3	6.4	6.6	6.6	7.7
1 year	9.9	9.8	9.4	9.0	8.7	8.5	8.2	9.1	9.0	7.6	7.2	8.3	9.8	9.4	9.1	9.7
2 years	9.4	9.2	8.7	9.0	8.3	7.9	7.0	8.4	9.6	9.6	9.4	9.6	9.2	8.8	9.0	8.8
3 years	7.7	8.0	7.8	7.7	6.3	7.0	7.1	7.8	8.2	9.7	7.7	8.2	7.9	7.9	7.7	8.1
4 years	6.2	6.9	6.9	7.4	6.2	6.5	6.8	6.9	7.2	8.2	8.0	8.0	6.9	6.9	7.4	7.7
5 years	6.1	5.9	5.9	6.1	5.1	5.4	6.4	6.0	5.5	6.0	6.3	6.5	5.8	5.9	6.1	6.5
6 years	5.1	5.9	5.7	5.6	4.8	5.3	4.7	4.9	5.1	6.0	6.1	6.2	6.0	5.7	5.7	5.5
7 years	5.5	5.0	5.8	5.0	5.1	4.8	4.5	4.7	5.6	4.8	5.5	5.6	5.0	5.8	5.0	5.0
8 years	4.3	5.0	4.7	5.3	4.4	4.0	4.4	4.1	4.9	5.2	5.0	4.9	5.0	4.7	5.3	4.5
9 years	4.2	4.0	4.4	4.4	3.8	4.1	4.1	4.2	3.9	3.9	4.7	4.4	4.0	4.4	4.3	4.8
10 years	4.1	4.0	4.4	4.1	3.4	4.2	4.5	3.3	3.7	4.1	4.9	4.8	4.0	4.3	4.2	3.7
11 years	3.5	3.8	3.7	4.2	3.0	3.5	3.9	2.8	4.0	3.5	4.2	4.4	3.8	3.7	4.2	3.4
12 years	3.9	3.5	4.1	3.4	4.0	3.0	3.6	3.0	3.3	2.8	3.7	3.7	3.5	4.0	3.4	3.4
13 years	3.7	4.0	3.6	4.2	3.6	3.6	3.7	3.2	2.9	3.1	3.6	3.5	4.0	3.6	4.1	3.1
14 years	4.4	4.0	4.3	3.8	3.5	3.8	3.7	3.5	3.9	3.6	3.2	3.3	4.0	4.3	3.8	3.9
15 years	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.6	3.6	3.2	3.5	3.4	3.8	2.4	3.3	3.6	4.2	4.3	4.5	4.0
16 years	4.9	4.7	4.4	4.6	4.3	3.4	3.5	3.4	3.5	3.3	3.4	2.6	4.7	4.4	4.5	4.5
17 years	5.3	5.5	5.1	4.8	3.6	3.2	2.8	2.5	2.4	3.1	2.0	2.0	5.4	5.1	4.8	5.0
18 years	0.2	0.3	0.3	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.2	9.0	9.0	8.3	7.0	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.7
19 years	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
20 years	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1
Missing data	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	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)¹⁰

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.8	1.0	0.7	0.8	1.4	0.6	0.8	0.8	1.1	1.1	0.7	0.7	1.0	0.7	0.8	0.9
Asian	0.8	0.9	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.9	1.3	0.6	1.2	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.7	0.8	1.1
Black	23.7	25.1	23.7	23.2	24.5	21.0	22.6	22.2	22.3	23.2	23.5	20.1	25.0	23.8	23.2	24.4
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.4	0.9	0.7	0.4	1.4	1.1	0.4	1.2	0.7	1.4	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.4	0.7
Hispanic (of any race)	24.2	25.1	26.9	25.4	27.4	27.9	25.9	26.1	26.1	24.9	28.5	28.1	24.9	26.8	25.3	24.2
White	42.7	39.4	39.5	41.1	37.9	41.0	41.4	40.5	42.5	40.8	38.4	40.9	39.8	39.5	41.3	40.8
Two or more races	7.4	7.5	7.7	8.2	6.5	7.5	7.9	7.6	6.6	7.2	7.3	8.3	7.4	7.7	8.1	7.8
Unable to determine	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.4	<.1	0.2	0.1	0.3	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1
Missing data	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	0.0

⁸ These percentages are calculated against the number of unique victims. A child may have been the victim of more than one type of maltreatment, or the same type of maltreatment more than once. As a result, the total percentages both within and across maltreatment categories may exceed 100.

⁹ Response time is defined as the time between the report of suspected maltreatment and the first face-to-face contact with the alleged victim or with another person who can provide information on the allegation.

¹⁰ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

D. Characteristics of Children Waiting for Adoption¹¹ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total waiting children	2,107	2,100	1,978	1,441
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	1,306	1,297	1,241	821

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	5.4	6.0	5.6	3.3
1 year	11.5	10.9	10.6	9.9
2 years	9.8	10.1	11.0	9.2
3 years	9.4	9.1	8.6	8.6
4 years	8.0	7.5	8.0	8.4
5 years	7.2	6.6	6.4	8.1
6 years	6.9	7.0	6.3	5.6
7 years	5.7	7.0	5.9	5.3
8 years	5.7	5.7	6.6	5.5
9 years	4.7	4.9	4.8	6.6
10 years	4.3	4.7	4.4	4.6
11 years	4.7	3.9	4.4	4.2
12 years	4.3	4.0	3.2	5.0
13 years	4.4	3.4	4.1	3.5
14 years	3.3	4.1	2.9	4.1
15 years	2.5	2.8	4.1	3.2
16 years	1.4	1.4	1.9	3.3
17 years	0.7	0.9	1.0	1.6

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹³

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.9
Asian	1.0	0.6	1.0	1.2
Black	25.8	24.4	25.7	29.3
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.1	0.4	0.8	0.7
Hispanic (of any race)	24.3	26.1	25.5	21.4
White	39.7	39.5	39.3	39.6
Two or more races	7.9	8.0	7.0	6.9
Unable to determine	0.1	<.1	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total children adopted	525	644	821	776

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	0.8	1.6	1.6	2.8
1 year	9.5	7.5	8.4	11.0
2 years	18.1	16.5	12.8	15.1
3 years	13.9	14.1	11.0	11.7
4 years	8.8	12.0	10.5	9.4
5 years	7.0	7.8	8.0	5.8
6 years	7.6	7.0	7.1	6.4
7 years	6.5	5.6	7.7	7.3
8 years	6.9	4.2	5.8	6.2
9 years	3.6	4.7	5.2	3.5
10 years	2.3	3.6	4.9	4.8
11 years	3.2	3.1	3.4	4.4
12 years	2.7	3.4	3.4	2.3
13 years	3.0	3.4	2.9	2.4
14 years	1.9	2.6	2.8	3.0
15 years	2.3	1.4	1.9	2.1
16 years	1.5	1.1	1.7	1.0
17 years	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.8
18 years	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.0	0.6	0.5	1.2
Asian	0.0	1.2	0.4	0.3
Black	18.7	21.6	22.0	20.2
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	1.0	0.0	0.1	0.5
Hispanic (of any race)	23.2	25.9	30.3	26.2
White	48.8	42.1	39.6	43.9
Two or more races	8.4	8.1	7.1	7.6
Unable to determine	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

¹¹ There is no federal definition for a child waiting to be adopted. The definition used in the tables on this page includes children and youth through age 17 who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parents' parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A state's own definition may differ from that used here.

¹² Children older than 17 years fall outside of the definition used to identify waiting children and are therefore excluded from this table.

¹³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

Nevada

OUTCOMES DATA

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect (NCANDS)

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children without a recurrence	93.9	94.5	93.6	95.1
Children with one or more recurrences	6.1	5.5	6.4	4.9
Number	2,101	2,263	2,541	2,733

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care (NCANDS and AFCARS Foster Care File)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.46	0.60	0.41	0.65
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.54	99.40	99.59	99.35
Number	7,886	7,639	7,525	7,712

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Foster Care File)

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	17.2	22.8	28.2	25.8
Guardianship	3.8	2.8	3.6	3.4
Reunification	67.8	63.5	58.7	62.2
Other	11.3	10.8	9.4	8.4
Missing data	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.2
Number	3,092	2,828	2,887	2,947

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	26.2	32.1	37.3	36.3
Guardianship	2.6	2.0	3.4	4.2
Reunification	39.2	37.2	36.0	39.2
Other	32.0	28.7	23.3	20.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3
Number	541	564	644	645

3.3 Exits of Children Older Than Age 12 at Entry Into Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	1.0	0.6	2.9	2.2
Guardianship	2.5	3.4	4.4	2.8
Reunification	56.9	54.7	53.1	55.8
Other	39.7	41.1	39.4	39.0
Missing data	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.2
Number	605	530	482	464

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children age 12 or younger at entry	19.4	20.3	24.8	22.4
Children older than 12 at entry	80.6	79.7	75.2	77.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	268	251	234	201

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	American Indian/Alaska Native				2009	Asian				2009	Black			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	2.9	18.8	21.1	14.3	10.5	39.4	4.3	20.8	14.2	21.5	25.4	23.3		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.8	0.0	3.0	17.4	12.5	3.0	1.7	2.2	2.2		
Reunification	50.0	53.1	63.2	57.1	84.2	36.4	69.6	58.3	70.3	65.0	62.7	63.2		
Other	47.1	28.1	15.8	23.8	5.3	21.2	8.7	8.3	12.4	11.8	9.6	10.6		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.7		
Number	34	32	19	21	19	33	23	24	691	655	678	592		
	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander				2009	Hispanic (of any race)				2009	White			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	13.6	2.4	14.3	18.2	16.3	21.0	28.4	27.0	19.2	25.4	29.5	26.7		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	4.8	4.5	3.7	3.4	3.8	1.9	4.3	3.5	3.6	4.7		
Reunification	77.3	92.7	71.4	59.1	71.6	66.4	60.1	64.9	64.6	60.4	56.6	59.4		
Other	9.1	4.9	9.5	18.2	8.4	9.2	7.7	6.0	12.0	10.7	10.4	9.2		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0		
Number	22	41	21	22	806	705	823	829	1,315	1,154	1,110	1,206		
	Unable to Determine				2009	Two or More Races				2009	Missing Data			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	100.0	40.0	33.3	0.0	21.1	19.7	34.3	26.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	11.1	4.4	2.0	6.2	3.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	0.0	60.0	66.7	77.8	65.7	67.0	49.0	65.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	11.1	8.8	11.3	10.5	4.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Missing data	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	1	5	3	9	204	203	210	244	0	0	0	0		

¹⁴ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Less than 12 mos.	63.0	60.7	61.0	55.3
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	24.3	25.3	26.0	30.5
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	9.0	8.2	10.0	10.4
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	2.4	4.2	2.3	1.9
48 or more mos.	1.1	1.6	0.6	1.9
Missing data	0.1	<.1	0.0	0.0
Number	2,096	1,797	1,696	1,834

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children entering care for the first time	82.5	81.8	80.5	83.1
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	5.5	5.2	4.8	4.8
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	11.9	12.9	14.7	11.9
Missing data	0.1	0.1	<.1	0.2
Number	2,903	2,881	2,776	3,118

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Foster Care File)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Less than 12 mos.	0.9	2.0	1.2	2.0
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	15.4	12.4	16.8	22.9
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	33.5	34.9	34.3	41.1
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	21.8	23.3	25.2	17.5
48 or more mos.	28.2	27.3	22.5	16.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	531	644	814	760

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Foster Care File)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care (%)

	In Care Less Than 12 Months				In Care at Least 12 Months but Less Than 24 Months				In Care for 24 Months or Longer				Missing Time in Care			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children with 2 or fewer placements	83.9	83.7	81.6	82.7	58.2	62.0	61.6	57.9	27.9	31.1	31.9	30.6	0.0	80.0	100.0	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	15.7	15.1	17.7	16.7	41.2	37.8	38.1	41.9	72.1	68.6	68.0	69.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	0.5	1.2	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.2	0.4	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.2	100.0	20.0	0.0	0.0
Number	3,398	3,323	3,160	3,532	1,967	1,782	1,982	2,003	2,518	2,524	2,380	2,169	3	10	3	8

7. Reduce Placement of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Foster Care File)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During the Fiscal Year and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Group homes	4.2	0.5	0.7	0.4
Institutions	4.8	5.2	6.0	5.0
Other settings	91.0	94.3	93.2	94.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	2,337	2,361	2,275	2,594

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews¹⁵ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score¹⁷	136.0	134.4	134.3	126.9
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	70.5	69.3	72.2	66.4
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	5.6	6.4	5.9	7.2
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	41.3	43.5	34.1	38.6
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	7.4	6.8	7.3	8.3

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	86.3	108.9	114.5	134.8
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	16.4	14.6	18.1	25.0
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	36.2	36.3	35.4	30.7
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	24.3	29.5	37.8	37.0
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year? ¹⁸	14.0	21.8	16.0	18.9
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	33.9	42.6	45.3	62.6

Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time¹⁹

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	135.1	141.6	144.9	139.7
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	34.2	39.9	47.1	45.4
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	96.4	95.8	97.2	95.8
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	36.9	37.2	43.4	41.9

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	90.1	93.3	91.4	90.5
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	82.0	82.8	80.0	81.5
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	58.7	62.0	61.7	58.0
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	27.9	31.4	32.0	30.6

¹⁵ Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the state did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

¹⁶ Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 includes a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

¹⁷ Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website (<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/resource/data-indicators-second-round-of-cfsrs>).

¹⁸ Legally free means that there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father. This calculation excludes children who, by the end of the first 6 months of the fiscal year, had discharged from foster care to reunification, living with relative, or guardianship.

¹⁹ A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

²⁰ The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

New Hampshire

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total children under 18 years	289,071	286,396	280,308	274,840
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Asian	2.5	2.6	2.8	2.9
Black	2.2	1.5	1.6	1.6
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	4.6	4.8	5.0	5.1
White	88.3	87.9	87.5	87.0
Two or more races	2.2	2.9	3.0	3.1
Child population in poverty (%)	10.8	10.0	12.0	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Child maltreatment victims	924	851	876	901
Foster care entry rate per 1,000	1.7	1.7	1.8	1.9
Children in foster care on 9/30	916	833	776	795
Children adopted	135	173	143	96

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	99
Numerator	N/A	N/A	N/A	7,100
Denominator	N/A	N/A	N/A	7,146
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	99
Numerator	N/A	N/A	N/A	7,018
Denominator	N/A	N/A	N/A	7,100

B. Child Maltreatment Data (National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System [NCANDS] Unique Counts)⁶

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2009		2010		2011		2012	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children who received a Child Protective Services response for an allegation of child maltreatment	9,848	34.1 per 1,000	9,949	34.7 per 1,000	11,022	39.3 per 1,000	11,450	41.7 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims	924	3.2 per 1,000	851	3.0 per 1,000	876	3.1 per 1,000	901	3.3 per 1,000
Child fatalities	1	0.3 per 100,000	1	0.3 per 100,000	2	0.7 per 100,000	1	0.4 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	11.3	11.0	11.6	12.7
1 year	6.4	6.8	6.7	6.9
2 years	4.9	7.1	7.1	5.9
3 years	5.8	5.6	6.6	7.4
4 years	4.9	6.2	6.7	4.1
5 years	6.3	6.6	6.8	4.1
6 years	6.2	3.5	6.7	5.0
7 years	6.2	5.8	6.4	5.3
8 years	5.6	3.8	4.3	5.1
9 years	6.4	5.4	3.9	5.0
10 years	5.5	4.5	5.4	5.2
11 years	4.9	5.1	3.8	4.0
12 years	4.1	4.3	4.2	4.3
13 years	4.8	5.3	5.4	5.5
14 years	5.4	4.8	4.6	4.7
15 years	4.7	6.6	4.8	5.5
16 years	3.8	3.9	3.0	5.5
17 years	3.0	3.3	1.8	3.2
18+ years	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.4	0.1	0.4
Number	924	851	876	901

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.5	0.0	0.5	0.0
Asian	0.4	0.8	0.1	0.4
Black	2.2	2.9	3.2	3.4
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1
Hispanic (of any race)	7.8	7.3	7.1	8.0
White	78.5	79.1	77.6	78.7
Two or more races	3.0	2.2	4.1	2.1
Missing data	7.6	7.5	7.3	7.2
Number	924	851	876	901

¹ The source data for each table is indicated in parentheses for each section. A calendar year is the basis for data from the Census Bureau. Most of the other data on these pages are from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS) or the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) and are based on the Federal fiscal year, October 1 through September 30.

² The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau (<http://www.census.gov/popest/data/datasets.html>). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS). Child poverty data for 2012 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2010–2013 report.

³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

⁴ A child victim is defined as a child who is the subject of a maltreatment report for which the disposition is substantiated, indicated, or "alternative response victim." The rate for foster care entry is per 1,000 children in the state population. Data on child maltreatment victims are from NCANDS. Data on foster care entry rate, children in foster care on 9/30, and children adopted are from AFCARS.

⁵ As of 2012, there is a new methodology used to calculate the caseworker visits measures. Because the new methodology limits data comparisons with prior years, caseworker visits data from 2009 through 2011 are not included in this table. All states have the option of using an approved sampling procedure for the caseworker visits reporting requirement. See appendix C for more information on how these data are calculated and for a list of states using sampling methodology.

⁶ The unique count of child victims counts a child only once regardless of the number of times he or she was found to be a victim during the reporting year. This is a change from prior reports, and these data are now consistent with the reporting practice in the Child Maltreatment reports.

⁷ The rates for Child Protective Services Responses and victims are per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18.

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)⁸

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Emotional abuse	1.8	1.9	1.6	2.7
Medical neglect	3.2	2.8	3.4	2.4
Neglect	80.4	80.5	84.2	84.4
Physical abuse	12.0	14.3	9.5	7.4
Sexual abuse	16.1	13.7	10.8	13.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	924	851	876	901

Response Time (in hours)⁹

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Mean	19.2	17.3	14.9	13.1
Median	<24	<24	<24	<24

C. Characteristics of Children in Foster Care

(Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System [AFCARS] Foster Care File)

Overview Foster Care Information

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total number	974	865	759	660	482	497	492	533	540	529	475	398	916	833	776	795
Median length of stay (months)	17.9	19.2	15.7	12.6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	15.2	16.4	13.3	10.0	18.2	15.2	13.4	12.1

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	4.4	3.6	3.7	5.3	11.2	10.9	13.0	14.8	2.6	4.2	4.2	5.5	3.8	3.5	4.5	5.4
1 year	5.2	6.0	6.1	5.6	7.1	6.6	7.5	6.0	5.0	5.3	5.9	6.5	5.8	5.9	4.9	6.8
2 years	5.9	6.6	4.9	7.7	6.2	5.6	6.5	5.6	6.9	7.0	6.9	6.8	6.4	4.6	6.8	5.8
3 years	6.1	4.9	6.3	5.0	5.0	5.0	6.7	7.1	5.7	5.3	7.6	6.3	5.0	6.0	4.3	7.0
4 years	3.1	5.3	4.6	5.5	3.9	3.6	3.5	4.3	4.3	6.2	6.1	6.5	4.8	4.4	5.5	5.2
5 years	4.2	4.4	4.2	4.7	5.4	4.6	3.7	3.0	3.5	4.0	4.0	3.0	4.5	4.1	4.0	4.3
6 years	4.0	4.2	5.1	3.9	3.5	3.6	3.7	4.1	3.5	4.7	4.2	3.3	4.1	4.8	3.7	4.0
7 years	3.6	3.9	3.0	4.5	5.0	3.4	4.1	2.4	5.2	4.5	5.3	3.3	3.9	2.9	4.5	4.3
8 years	3.4	3.7	4.3	2.6	4.4	3.6	2.2	3.4	3.7	4.3	4.0	6.0	3.7	4.1	2.6	3.1
9 years	3.3	3.4	2.2	3.9	2.5	2.8	3.3	3.0	3.1	4.2	2.5	4.3	3.4	2.3	3.5	2.3
10 years	4.1	3.5	2.8	3.3	3.9	3.6	4.5	3.4	3.5	3.4	2.9	2.8	3.4	2.6	3.0	3.1
11 years	5.0	3.9	4.3	3.2	3.1	2.2	3.0	2.3	3.7	3.2	3.8	4.5	3.7	4.2	2.8	2.6
12 years	4.4	5.9	3.8	3.9	3.3	4.4	4.1	4.1	2.6	3.6	4.4	3.0	5.7	3.5	3.5	3.0
13 years	5.0	4.5	6.6	4.8	4.6	4.4	4.7	4.3	4.6	4.5	3.4	4.0	4.5	6.5	4.9	3.8
14 years	5.7	5.1	4.9	7.7	5.6	8.5	6.5	7.5	4.4	3.4	4.4	4.8	5.1	5.5	7.5	5.7
15 years	5.7	7.9	9.2	5.8	8.9	11.1	8.7	8.3	5.2	6.0	5.5	6.8	7.0	9.5	6.4	9.3
16 years	10.1	6.5	8.2	9.4	10.2	11.3	11.6	11.3	7.4	6.2	9.1	7.0	7.9	9.5	10.7	8.1
17 years	9.9	9.5	7.2	7.6	6.0	3.8	2.2	4.9	9.3	6.4	2.7	6.0	10.2	7.4	9.3	10.7
18 years	3.3	3.1	3.7	2.3	0.2	0.6	0.4	0.2	12.2	9.8	8.0	6.8	3.1	4.4	3.4	2.8
19 years	2.0	1.8	2.0	1.8	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.8	1.7	1.0	1.7	1.8	1.9	1.0
20 years	1.0	1.8	1.8	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.9	1.5	0.5	1.7	1.7	1.2	1.5
Missing data	0.6	0.6	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.3	0.5	0.8	1.2	0.3

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)¹⁰

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.3	0.3	0.8	0.6	0.2	0.6	0.2	0.6	0.2	0.2	0.6	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.5	0.8
Asian	0.3	0.6	1.1	0.5	0.6	1.2	0.8	0.6	0.4	0.4	1.9	0.5	0.4	1.1	0.4	0.5
Black	3.5	2.9	3.0	2.9	1.7	3.0	3.5	3.9	2.4	1.9	3.8	3.8	3.2	3.6	2.8	3.1
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.4
Hispanic (of any race)	8.1	8.8	9.0	8.6	7.3	9.7	10.0	9.2	6.3	9.5	10.9	7.0	8.7	8.9	8.4	9.8
White	77.2	79.0	77.1	76.4	82.0	74.0	74.0	75.0	78.3	78.3	73.7	77.4	79.0	76.5	77.2	75.0
Two or more races	3.3	2.9	4.6	5.6	2.9	3.6	3.5	2.8	3.7	1.5	3.2	3.0	2.8	4.2	4.8	5.0
Unable to determine	7.3	5.5	4.3	5.2	5.4	7.6	7.5	7.5	8.7	8.3	5.5	8.0	5.5	5.0	5.7	5.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1

⁸ These percentages are calculated against the number of unique victims. A child may have been the victim of more than one type of maltreatment, or the same type of maltreatment more than once. As a result, the total percentages both within and across maltreatment categories may exceed 100.

⁹ Response time is defined as the time between the report of suspected maltreatment and the first face-to-face contact with the alleged victim or with another person who can provide information on the allegation.

¹⁰ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

D. Characteristics of Children Waiting for Adoption¹¹ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total waiting children	279	232	168	183
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	96	76	26	24

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	0.0	0.4	0.6	0.5
1 year	7.2	6.9	6.0	4.4
2 years	9.7	9.1	11.3	7.7
3 years	8.2	8.2	5.4	10.4
4 years	8.2	6.0	7.7	8.2
5 years	5.0	7.8	6.0	8.2
6 years	6.5	6.9	4.2	8.7
7 years	5.7	6.0	7.1	7.7
8 years	5.4	6.9	3.0	7.1
9 years	4.7	3.9	7.7	2.2
10 years	5.0	4.3	5.4	6.0
11 years	5.7	8.6	5.4	4.9
12 years	8.2	5.2	6.0	2.2
13 years	5.4	9.1	6.0	4.9
14 years	4.7	2.6	9.5	6.6
15 years	3.6	3.9	3.0	6.6
16 years	2.9	3.4	3.6	1.6
17 years	3.9	0.9	2.4	2.2

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹³

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.4	0.0	0.0	1.6
Asian	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.0
Black	3.9	4.7	4.2	4.9
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	10.4	12.9	10.1	9.8
White	77.1	75.4	73.2	71.6
Two or more races	3.6	4.7	7.1	8.2
Unable to determine	4.3	1.7	5.4	3.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total children adopted	135	173	143	96

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	3.0	0.6	0.7	1.0
1 year	4.4	5.2	2.8	6.3
2 years	12.6	11.6	11.2	14.6
3 years	14.1	11.0	13.3	10.4
4 years	6.7	11.6	10.5	15.6
5 years	4.4	6.9	6.3	4.2
6 years	5.2	5.8	9.1	5.2
7 years	7.4	8.1	9.8	5.2
8 years	5.2	5.2	9.8	10.4
9 years	5.9	5.2	4.2	3.1
10 years	5.9	5.2	2.1	3.1
11 years	3.7	1.2	5.6	5.2
12 years	3.0	6.4	6.3	3.1
13 years	3.7	4.6	2.1	2.1
14 years	4.4	5.2	1.4	2.1
15 years	2.2	3.5	2.1	4.2
16 years	3.0	1.2	2.1	3.1
17 years	4.4	1.7	0.7	1.0
18 years	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Black	2.2	1.2	4.2	0.0
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	5.2	9.2	16.8	7.3
White	88.1	84.4	74.8	87.5
Two or more races	3.0	1.7	3.5	2.1
Unable to determine	1.5	3.5	0.7	2.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

¹¹ There is no federal definition for a child waiting to be adopted. The definition used in the tables on this page includes children and youth through age 17 who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parents' parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A state's own definition may differ from that used here.

¹² Children older than 17 years fall outside of the definition used to identify waiting children and are therefore excluded from this table.

¹³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

New Hampshire

OUTCOMES DATA

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect (NCANDS)

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children without a recurrence	92.2	97.2	95.3	98.3
Children with one or more recurrences	7.8	2.8	4.7	1.7
Number	371	352	381	403

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care (NCANDS and AFCARS Foster Care File)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.07	0.00	0.00	0.00
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.93	100.00	100.00	100.00
Number	1,456	1,362	1,251	1,193

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Foster Care File)

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	26.9	30.6	30.7	24.9
Guardianship	2.2	5.1	2.3	2.8
Reunification	50.2	47.4	49.9	58.0
Other	19.1	12.3	10.9	6.8
Missing data	1.7	4.5	6.1	7.5
Number	540	529	475	398

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	12.2	16.1	13.0	10.9
Guardianship	2.4	6.5	2.6	3.1
Reunification	50.0	40.9	37.7	60.9
Other	34.1	24.7	31.2	10.9
Missing data	1.2	11.8	15.6	14.1
Number	82	93	77	64

3.3 Exits of Children Older Than Age 12 at Entry Into Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	4.0	1.4	2.2	3.4
Guardianship	1.7	3.5	3.0	6.7
Reunification	52.5	62.5	52.2	57.1
Other	39.0	23.6	24.6	15.1
Missing data	2.8	9.0	17.9	17.6
Number	177	144	134	119

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children age 12 or younger at entry	29.4	40.8	38.0	34.6
Children older than 12 at entry	70.6	59.2	62.0	65.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	68	49	50	26

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	American Indian/Alaska Native				2009	Asian			2009	Black			2012
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	11.1	0.0	23.1	20.0	27.8	0.0	
Guardianship	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	20.0	0.0	0.0	
Reunification	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	100.0	50.0	77.8	100.0	38.5	50.0	38.9	86.7	
Other	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	50.0	11.1	0.0	38.5	10.0	11.1	6.7	
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	22.2	6.7	
Number	1	1	3	1	2	2	9	2	13	10	18	15	
	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander				2009	Hispanic (of any race)			2009	White			2012
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	26.5	34.0	40.4	32.1	28.4	31.6	31.4	26.3	
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.9	0.0	2.4	5.6	2.9	2.9	
Reunification	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	44.1	54.0	46.2	53.6	53.2	46.6	48.0	57.5	
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	29.4	10.0	5.8	0.0	14.2	11.6	12.6	6.5	
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0	5.8	14.3	1.9	4.6	5.1	6.8	
Number	0	0	1	0	34	50	52	28	423	414	350	308	
	Unable to Determine				2009	Two or More Races			2009	Missing Data			2012
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	
Adoption	8.5	18.2	11.5	12.5	45.0	50.0	40.0	33.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Guardianship	2.1	4.5	0.0	6.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Reunification	29.8	50.0	76.9	56.3	50.0	37.5	46.7	50.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Other	59.6	18.2	3.8	12.5	0.0	12.5	6.7	16.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Missing data	0.0	9.1	7.7	12.5	5.0	0.0	6.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	
Number	47	44	26	32	20	8	15	12	0	0	1	0	

¹⁴ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Less than 12 mos.	72.0	77.3	72.2	79.2
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	19.2	15.9	21.1	14.7
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	2.2	3.2	2.1	1.3
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	1.5	1.2	0.8	2.2
48 or more mos.	4.1	2.4	3.0	2.2
Missing data	1.1	0.0	0.8	0.4
Number	271	251	237	231

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children entering care for the first time	69.5	63.8	66.1	71.9
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	18.3	20.5	16.1	12.8
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	6.2	6.8	7.7	5.8
Missing data	6.0	8.9	10.2	9.6
Number	482	497	492	533

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Foster Care File)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Less than 12 mos.	2.8	1.2	4.1	4.0
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	18.6	17.3	29.5	36.4
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	36.6	48.8	31.5	36.4
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	24.8	17.9	17.8	12.1
48 or more mos.	17.2	14.8	17.1	10.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0
Number	145	162	146	99

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Foster Care File)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care (%)

	In Care Less Than 12 Months				In Care at Least 12 Months but Less Than 24 Months				In Care for 24 Months or Longer				Missing Time in Care			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children with 2 or fewer placements	86.1	83.9	82.8	82.6	63.2	63.9	63.4	71.6	42.9	38.7	35.1	30.1	100.0	0.0	100.0	66.7
Children with 3 or more placements	13.0	15.4	16.7	16.7	36.5	35.7	36.6	28.1	57.1	61.3	64.9	69.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	0.9	0.7	0.5	0.7	0.3	0.4	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	33.3
Number	563	591	563	603	315	249	295	285	573	522	390	302	5	0	3	3

7. Reduce Placement of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Foster Care File)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During the Fiscal Year and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Group homes	3.6	6.8	6.5	4.2
Institutions	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.0
Other settings	96.1	92.2	93.5	95.2
Missing data	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.6
Number	309	293	321	336

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews¹⁵ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score¹⁷	102.0	108.7	104.9	99.6
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	71.5	76.4	72.5	78.0
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	8.1	7.0	6.2	6.2
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	40.2	48.7	42.6	45.0
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	22.0	20.8	23.5	24.6

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	120.0	143.7	145.2	145.3
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	20.8	19.8	34.0	40.8
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	31.8	30.1	31.3	26.6
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	25.8	34.8	36.7	31.1
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year? ¹⁸	10.6	15.4	10.3	14.7
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	77.7	81.9	87.0	75.3

Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time¹⁹

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	117.9	115.9	129.5	122.1
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	27.1	32.3	34.8	30.8
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	97.9	99.4	98.6	100.0
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	47.2	58.5	41.4	51.1

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	101.0	97.5	93.9	97.2
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	85.8	83.6	82.0	82.4
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	62.9	64.3	63.4	71.8
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	44.1	39.1	36.2	31.1

¹⁵ Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the state did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

¹⁶ Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 includes a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

¹⁷ Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website (<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/resource/data-indicators-second-round-of-cfsrs>).

¹⁸ Legally free means that there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father. This calculation excludes children who, by the end of the first 6 months of the fiscal year, had discharged from foster care to reunification, living with relative, or guardianship.

¹⁹ A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

²⁰ The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

New Hampshire

STATE COMMENT

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The following are New Hampshire's comments on the state data presented in *Child Welfare Outcomes 2009–2012: Report to Congress*.

Our work with families, the courts, public and private agencies, faith-based organizations, elected officials, and businesses and community advocates, is part of an intentional effort to truly transform practice. In order to identify priorities, target resources, and redesign the way in which services are delivered in New Hampshire true partnership and collaboration is a must. The data reflects our on-going process and commitment to examining and improving our own capacity and performance.

New Hampshire continues to successfully focus on reducing the risk of harm to children, as evidenced by the data on repeat maltreatment and the absence of maltreatment in foster care. NCANDS Data for the Absence of Child Abuse and Neglect in Foster Care was at 100% in FY2012 and has exceeded the National Standard (99.68%) for the last 3 years.

New Hampshire has been above the national standard of 94.6% for Absence of Recurrence of Maltreatment in FY2007 and FY2008 as reported in the NCANDS data. In FY2009 the data showed New Hampshire's performance as slightly below the standard at 92.2% but once again demonstrated improvement at 97.2% in FY2010, 95.2% in FY2011 and 98.3% in FY2012.

We are proud of the work establishing cross-system relationships and activities that promote a common vision on behalf of children and their families. We have focused specific attention to permanency in an effort to assure all children have healthy permanent connections. As a result, New Hampshire continues to improve in placement stability, rating slightly below the National Standard (101.5) with a score of 93.9 in FY2011 and 97.2 in FY2012.

New Hampshire's efforts to improve its adoption practice has resulted in the most notable achievements in the numbers of adoptions as well as a decrease in median length of stay for children exiting to adoption. Based on Permanency Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions (standard: 106.4 or higher), our state score for FY2011 is 145.2 and for FY2012 is 145.3, which is well over average. New Hampshire has made significant improvements in most areas, specifically:

- The length of time to achieve adoption has decreased from 31.3 months in FY2011 to 26.6 months in FY2012.
- New Hampshire ranks 16th highest for the Permanency for Children and Youth in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time composite with a score of 122.1, the National Standard being 121.7.
- In FY2012, 75.3% of legally free children were adopted in less than 12 months compared to the national median of 45.8%.

New Jersey

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total children under 18 years	2,045,848	2,062,412	2,043,986	2,026,384
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Asian	8.2	8.6	8.8	9.0
Black	14.6	14.3	14.1	14.0
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	21.6	22.4	23.1	23.7
White	53.2	51.8	51.0	50.2
Two or more races	2.2	2.7	2.8	2.9
Child population in poverty (%)	13.5	14.5	14.7	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Child maltreatment victims	8,725	8,981	8,238	9,031
Foster care entry rate per 1,000	2.3	2.3	2.2	2.6
Children in foster care on 9/30	7,853	6,971	6,555	6,903
Children adopted	1,348	1,290	1,089	989

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	96
Numerator	N/A	N/A	N/A	73,150
Denominator	N/A	N/A	N/A	76,032
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	96
Numerator	N/A	N/A	N/A	70,474
Denominator	N/A	N/A	N/A	73,150

B. Child Maltreatment Data (National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System [NCANDS] Unique Counts)⁶

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2009		2010		2011		2012	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children who received a Child Protective Services response for an allegation of child maltreatment	70,729	34.6 per 1,000	75,607	36.7 per 1,000	71,517	35.0 per 1,000	76,164	37.6 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims	8,725	4.3 per 1,000	8,981	4.4 per 1,000	8,238	4.0 per 1,000	9,031	4.5 per 1,000
Child fatalities	24	1.2 per 100,000	18	0.9 per 100,000	22	1.1 per 100,000	16	0.8 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	15.2	13.7	15.0	14.5
1 year	6.8	7.1	6.6	6.9
2 years	6.3	6.6	6.8	6.6
3 years	6.0	6.2	6.6	6.4
4 years	5.9	5.9	6.0	6.2
5 years	5.8	5.7	5.7	6.2
6 years	5.7	5.4	5.9	5.7
7 years	5.2	5.5	5.4	5.9
8 years	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.3
9 years	5.0	4.9	4.6	4.4
10 years	4.7	5.0	4.8	4.5
11 years	4.2	4.2	4.4	4.3
12 years	4.0	4.6	4.2	4.5
13 years	4.6	4.4	3.9	4.2
14 years	4.2	4.0	4.2	4.1
15 years	4.7	4.2	4.2	3.8
16 years	3.7	4.0	3.4	3.1
17 years	2.7	3.0	3.1	2.9
18+ years	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.2
Missing data	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.3
Number	8,725	8,981	8,238	9,031

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/ Alaska Native	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Asian	1.2	1.2	1.1	0.9
Black	29.4	30.6	28.4	27.3
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1
Hispanic (of any race)	17.2	19.6	21.1	23.0
White	31.4	28.6	30.4	31.1
Two or more races	1.3	1.6	1.9	1.6
Missing data	19.4	18.1	16.9	15.9
Number	8,725	8,981	8,238	9,031

¹ The source data for each table is indicated in parentheses for each section. A calendar year is the basis for data from the Census Bureau. Most of the other data on these pages are from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS) or the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) and are based on the Federal fiscal year, October 1 through September 30.

² The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau (<http://www.census.gov/popest/data/datasets.html>). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS). Child poverty data for 2012 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2010-2013 report.

³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

⁴ A child victim is defined as a child who is the subject of a maltreatment report for which the disposition is substantiated, indicated, or "alternative response victim." The rate for foster care entry is per 1,000 children in the state population. Data on child maltreatment victims are from NCANDS. Data on foster care entry rate, children in foster care on 9/30, and children adopted are from AFCARS.

⁵ As of 2012, there is a new methodology used to calculate the caseworker visits measures. Because the new methodology limits data comparisons with prior years, caseworker visits data from 2009 through 2011 are not included in this table. All states have the option of using an approved sampling procedure for the caseworker visits reporting requirement. See appendix C for more information on how these data are calculated and for a list of states using sampling methodology.

⁶ The unique count of child victims counts a child only once regardless of the number of times he or she was found to be a victim during the reporting year. This is a change from prior reports, and these data are now consistent with the reporting practice in the Child Maltreatment reports.

⁷ The rates for Child Protective Services Responses and victims are per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18.

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)⁸

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Emotional abuse	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.8
Medical neglect	2.4	2.7	2.3	2.4
Neglect	79.1	80.9	82.6	84.8
Physical abuse	18.7	16.4	14.4	12.4
Sexual abuse	10.3	10.9	11.1	10.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	8,725	8,981	8,238	9,031

Response Time (in hours)⁹

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Mean	41.9	20.9	17.8	15.5
Median	<24	<24	<24	<24

C. Characteristics of Children in Foster Care

(Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System [AFCARS] Foster Care File)

Overview Foster Care Information

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total number	8,380	7,480	6,701	6,351	4,788	4,676	4,491	5,237	5,386	5,236	4,672	4,718	7,853	6,971	6,555	6,903
Median length of stay (months)	15.8	15.4	14.6	13.6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	14.0	13.4	13.1	10.0	15.6	14.3	13.5	12.1

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	8.1	8.9	8.9	9.2	23.6	21.7	22.2	21.3	6.1	6.1	6.4	6.8	8.7	9.0	9.2	9.3
1 year	10.1	10.3	10.6	10.7	7.3	7.8	7.5	7.9	8.7	8.5	8.2	9.0	10.1	10.5	10.8	10.7
2 years	8.3	8.5	8.9	9.3	6.4	6.3	6.9	6.7	9.0	9.3	8.9	9.5	8.4	9.0	9.3	9.3
3 years	6.3	7.2	7.0	8.0	6.1	5.6	6.5	6.5	7.9	7.3	7.9	8.0	7.0	6.9	8.1	7.5
4 years	5.0	5.5	6.0	5.8	4.9	5.3	5.1	6.2	6.1	6.2	6.6	6.5	5.5	6.0	5.7	7.1
5 years	4.7	4.6	5.1	5.4	4.4	4.5	4.5	4.9	5.1	5.5	5.1	5.4	4.3	5.1	5.4	5.4
6 years	4.1	4.6	4.1	4.6	4.1	4.2	4.9	5.0	4.4	4.8	4.9	5.2	4.4	4.1	4.5	5.3
7 years	4.2	3.7	4.1	4.3	3.7	4.0	4.4	4.4	4.1	4.3	4.5	4.7	3.7	4.1	4.2	4.4
8 years	3.7	4.0	3.8	4.0	2.8	3.8	3.5	3.7	3.9	3.8	4.0	3.9	3.9	3.7	3.9	4.0
9 years	4.0	3.2	3.4	3.7	3.6	3.3	3.5	3.5	3.6	4.0	3.7	3.9	3.1	3.3	3.7	3.7
10 years	4.0	3.9	3.1	3.2	3.0	3.6	3.4	3.0	3.9	3.6	3.3	3.4	3.7	3.1	3.1	3.4
11 years	3.6	3.8	3.8	3.4	2.5	3.5	3.0	3.1	3.0	3.8	3.2	3.1	3.6	3.8	3.4	3.1
12 years	3.9	3.5	3.7	3.6	3.3	3.4	3.2	2.8	3.5	2.9	3.1	2.9	3.4	3.6	3.6	3.2
13 years	4.0	4.0	4.0	3.7	3.3	3.8	3.3	3.6	3.5	3.6	3.3	3.3	3.7	3.9	3.7	3.7
14 years	5.1	4.2	4.1	4.0	4.5	3.7	3.9	4.1	4.0	3.1	3.6	3.5	4.1	4.1	4.0	4.0
15 years	6.4	5.4	5.0	4.7	5.0	4.8	4.8	3.9	5.0	3.8	3.7	3.6	5.3	4.9	4.7	4.3
16 years	6.9	6.8	6.4	5.6	6.0	5.8	4.7	4.9	5.4	4.2	4.4	3.9	6.7	6.5	5.6	4.9
17 years	7.1	7.3	7.7	6.3	5.3	5.0	4.7	4.6	5.6	4.9	4.5	4.2	7.2	7.7	6.6	6.2
18 years	0.7	0.7	0.3	0.4	0.2	<.1	<.1	0.0	6.7	9.4	10.5	9.2	3.0	0.6	0.5	0.2
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.6	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
20 years	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	0.0
Missing data	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	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)¹⁰

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/ Alaska Native	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Asian	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.5	0.7	0.5	0.7	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.4
Black	51.3	50.2	48.2	44.9	39.9	40.5	37.8	35.2	43.9	44.2	43.9	38.5	49.4	48.3	44.2	41.9
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	15.3	17.6	18.0	21.3	17.8	19.9	23.0	21.7	16.4	19.1	19.7	22.1	16.0	17.9	20.2	21.0
White	24.6	24.3	25.5	25.6	27.7	28.3	27.0	30.1	27.9	26.4	26.6	28.5	24.2	25.4	25.7	27.1
Two or more races	2.8	3.0	3.6	3.9	2.2	2.9	2.5	2.5	3.1	2.3	2.9	3.3	2.3	3.5	3.3	3.3
Unable to determine	5.6	4.4	4.3	3.9	11.4	7.6	9.1	9.7	7.9	7.1	6.2	7.0	7.5	4.5	6.2	6.2
Missing data	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0

⁸ These percentages are calculated against the number of unique victims. A child may have been the victim of more than one type of maltreatment, or the same type of maltreatment more than once. As a result, the total percentages both within and across maltreatment categories may exceed 100.

⁹ Response time is defined as the time between the report of suspected maltreatment and the first face-to-face contact with the alleged victim or with another person who can provide information on the allegation.

¹⁰ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

D. Characteristics of Children Waiting for Adoption¹¹ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total waiting children	2,728	2,630	2,308	2,232
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	1,095	1,639	699	766

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	3.1	4.2	2.9	2.4
1 year	12.5	13.4	14.7	14.3
2 years	11.4	13.3	12.7	13.1
3 years	9.9	9.2	10.4	10.6
4 years	7.3	7.9	7.3	8.7
5 years	5.3	6.4	7.5	5.9
6 years	5.5	4.9	5.6	6.4
7 years	4.6	4.6	5.2	4.7
8 years	5.1	4.1	4.7	4.3
9 years	4.5	4.2	3.9	4.3
10 years	5.2	3.8	3.5	3.9
11 years	4.9	4.4	4.0	3.4
12 years	4.3	4.5	3.9	3.3
13 years	4.4	3.6	3.7	4.3
14 years	3.2	3.8	3.4	3.2
15 years	4.0	3.0	3.0	2.9
16 years	3.3	2.6	2.1	2.4
17 years	1.7	2.1	1.6	1.7

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹³

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1
Asian	0.3	0.4	0.3	<.1
Black	53.9	49.7	47.7	45.8
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	14.3	17.5	18.3	19.3
White	23.2	25.7	24.6	25.5
Two or more races	3.0	4.1	4.4	5.3
Unable to determine	5.2	2.6	4.5	3.9
Missing data	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total children adopted	1,348	1,290	1,089	989

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	1.4	1.6	1.8	1.6
1 year	12.5	10.5	10.1	12.2
2 years	18.0	17.4	18.1	18.7
3 years	12.6	12.2	14.0	13.9
4 years	8.2	8.6	9.0	7.8
5 years	5.4	6.8	7.3	7.8
6 years	6.3	5.3	5.7	6.7
7 years	4.5	4.7	4.1	4.2
8 years	4.6	4.4	4.1	4.9
9 years	4.1	5.3	4.6	4.2
10 years	3.3	4.5	2.8	2.8
11 years	2.7	4.5	3.2	3.0
12 years	3.0	2.8	3.9	3.0
13 years	2.8	3.6	3.0	3.0
14 years	3.1	2.8	2.7	2.6
15 years	2.7	1.6	2.0	1.8
16 years	2.2	1.9	1.9	1.0
17 years	2.1	1.3	1.5	0.6
18 years	0.2	<.1	0.2	0.0
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Asian	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.7
Black	48.4	49.7	45.7	46.6
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.1	<.1	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	15.4	18.4	18.3	18.3
White	26.5	25.7	28.5	26.8
Two or more races	5.7	3.4	5.1	5.1
Unable to determine	3.5	2.4	2.2	2.5
Missing data	0.1	<.1	0.0	0.0

¹¹ There is no federal definition for a child waiting to be adopted. The definition used in the tables on this page includes children and youth through age 17 who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parents' parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A state's own definition may differ from that used here.

¹² Children older than 17 years fall outside of the definition used to identify waiting children and are therefore excluded from this table.

¹³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

New Jersey

OUTCOMES DATA

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect (NCANDS)

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children without a recurrence	94.4	94.3	94.8	94.9
Children with one or more recurrences	5.6	5.7	5.2	5.1
Number	4,191	4,473	3,914	4,691

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care (NCANDS and AFCARS Foster Care File)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.16	0.15	0.13	0.23
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.84	99.85	99.87	99.77
Number	13,168	12,156	11,192	11,588

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Foster Care File)

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	26.3	24.8	22.9	21.6
Guardianship	5.5	4.4	4.2	4.2
Reunification	58.6	58.6	60.5	63.7
Other	9.5	12.2	12.4	10.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	5,386	5,236	4,672	4,718

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	43.4	30.7	24.9	20.8
Guardianship	2.0	2.9	1.2	3.0
Reunification	40.3	44.5	50.3	55.4
Other	14.3	21.9	23.5	20.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	539	548	485	471

3.3 Exits of Children Older Than Age 12 at Entry Into Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	3.5	2.3	2.7	1.3
Guardianship	6.3	4.4	3.5	4.2
Reunification	59.0	52.2	52.9	58.1
Other	31.3	41.1	40.9	36.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,199	1,116	1,043	1,004

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children age 12 or younger at entry	22.8	25.9	24.2	24.7
Children older than 12 at entry	73.5	72.3	74.4	73.1
Missing data	3.8	1.8	1.4	2.2
Number	373	513	488	413

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	American Indian/Alaska Native				2009	Asian				2009	Black			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.1	11.4	9.1	21.9	29.3	28.1	23.8	26.5		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.7	4.5	6.3	6.3	4.8	4.5	4.8		
Reunification	100.0	33.3	100.0	0.0	89.3	77.1	81.8	71.9	53.1	51.4	55.8	55.5		
Other	0.0	66.7	0.0	0.0	3.6	5.7	4.5	0.0	11.2	15.7	15.9	13.3		
Missing data	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	3	3	4	0	28	35	22	32	2,366	2,314	2,053	1,816		

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander				2009	Hispanic (of any race)				2009	White			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	100.0	20.0	0.0	0.0	26.4	23.7	21.5	17.4	23.7	23.8	24.5	20.5		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.9	3.2	2.9	3.6	5.8	5.0	4.9	4.4		
Reunification	0.0	60.0	100.0	100.0	61.4	63.1	64.6	70.3	60.9	61.0	60.6	66.1		
Other	0.0	20.0	0.0	0.0	8.4	10.1	11.0	8.7	9.6	10.1	10.0	9.0		
Missing data	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	2	5	1	1	883	1,002	921	1,042	1,505	1,380	1,245	1,344		

	Unable to Determine				2009	Two or More Races				2009	Missing Data			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	11.9	8.4	8.3	7.9	47.9	37.8	39.4	32.9	20.0	14.3	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	3.5	2.4	2.8	1.2	6.6	5.0	5.8	5.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	78.7	81.9	82.0	83.8	43.7	53.8	51.1	49.7	80.0	85.7	0.0	0.0		
Other	5.9	7.3	6.9	7.0	1.8	3.4	3.6	12.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Missing data	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	427	371	289	328	167	119	137	155	5	7	0	0		

¹⁴ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Less than 12 mos.	69.6	71.8	70.3	76.7
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	18.8	19.8	20.0	15.1
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	6.1	4.1	5.0	4.5
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	2.2	1.9	2.4	1.8
48 or more mos.	1.9	1.7	1.7	1.3
Missing data	1.4	0.8	0.7	0.7
Number	3,157	3,068	2,825	3,005

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children entering care for the first time	82.0	81.8	81.8	81.8
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	7.1	8.4	8.4	8.3
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	10.7	9.8	9.8	9.9
Missing data	0.3	0.0	<.1	<.1
Number	4,788	4,676	4,491	5,237

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Foster Care File)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Less than 12 mos.	3.7	3.2	2.9	3.6
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	22.8	21.4	22.9	21.0
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	33.6	32.1	34.2	37.3
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	22.2	21.7	21.4	21.0
48 or more mos.	16.6	20.5	17.8	16.7
Missing data	1.1	1.2	0.8	0.5
Number	1,418	1,299	1,072	1,021

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Foster Care File)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care (%)

	In Care Less Than 12 Months				In Care at Least 12 Months but Less Than 24 Months				In Care for 24 Months or Longer				Missing Time in Care			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children with 2 or fewer placements	87.3	86.9	87.8	89.0	72.2	72.6	72.6	71.4	45.6	44.8	45.8	47.8	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	12.7	13.1	12.2	11.0	27.8	27.4	27.4	28.6	54.4	55.2	54.2	52.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	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	0.0
Number	5,630	5,504	5,200	5,943	3,103	2,726	2,632	2,570	4,410	3,913	3,344	3,067	25	13	16	8

7. Reduce Placement of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Foster Care File)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During the Fiscal Year and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Group homes	1.0	0.8	0.4	0.6
Institutions	1.4	1.8	1.3	1.3
Other settings	97.6	97.5	98.3	98.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	3,610	3,582	3,518	4,117

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews¹⁵ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score¹⁷	118.8	119.7	116.6	120.2
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	65.6	67.3	65.0	71.8
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	8.2	7.9	8.4	6.5
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	43.6	46.4	42.4	43.4
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	10.1	10.4	11.0	12.9

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	122.6	130.1	133.0	141.3
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	26.9	24.9	26.1	24.8
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	32.2	32.6	31.2	30.9
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	31.7	33.3	31.1	34.6
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year? ¹⁸	11.8	17.0	14.1	18.4
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	63.2	63.7	73.9	70.5

Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time¹⁹

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	143.4	136.6	138.5	143.3
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	39.5	38.4	38.0	40.5
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	99.2	97.5	97.0	97.3
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	36.8	40.3	36.7	37.6

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	105.8	105.4	106.7	107.8
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	85.9	85.4	86.2	87.5
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	72.2	72.6	72.6	71.3
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	45.6	44.9	46.0	48.0

¹⁵ Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the state did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

¹⁶ Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 includes a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

¹⁷ Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website (<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/resource/data-indicators-second-round-of-cfsrs>).

¹⁸ Legally free means that there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father. This calculation excludes children who, by the end of the first 6 months of the fiscal year, had discharged from foster care to reunification, living with relative, or guardianship.

¹⁹ A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

²⁰ The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

New Jersey

STATE COMMENT

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The following are New Jersey's comments on the state data presented in *Child Welfare Outcomes 2009–2012: Report to Congress*.

Performance

NJ's commitment toward achieving permanency for children through reunification is evident by an increase of 3.2% in exits to reunification from 60.5% in 2011 to 63.7% in 2012. Moreover, efforts toward timely reunification is also evident by a 6.4% increase from 70.3% in 2011 to 76.7% in 2010 in achieving permanency through reunification in less than 12 months.

NJ also demonstrates a strong commitment to permanency for older children in care. The number of children who entered care older than 12 years of age exiting to adoption, reunification or guardianship increased by 4.5% from 2011. In particular, exits to reunification for these children increased by 5.2% from 2011.

NJ's efforts toward achieving permanency for children in care over long periods of time reflects a 3% improvement from 2011 in the number of children in care 24 months or longer exiting to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday.

The median length of stay for children exiting care was reduced from 13.1 months in 2011 to 10 months in 2012.

NJ continues to improve placement stability for children who are in foster care less than 12 months with 89% of these children experiencing two or fewer placements in 2012.

In regard to exits by race and ethnicity from 2011 to 2012, the number of Asian children exiting to adoption increased by 12.8%, while the number of Asian children exiting to reunification decreased by 9.9%. Additionally, the number of Hispanic children (of any race) who exited to reunification reflects an increase of 5.7% from 64.6% in 2011 to 70.3% in 2012.

NJ has achieved 96% compliance in the number of monthly and in-home caseworker visits with children in foster care for 2012.

In 2012, NJ experienced a significantly higher number of unique children who were the subject of an investigated report due to maltreatment (76,164) in comparison to the prior three years (2009 – 70,729 children). NJ investigates all reports of child abuse and neglect, and substantiated findings are based on a preponderance of evidence. Similarly, NJ saw an increase in the foster care entry rate from 2.2 per 1,000 in 2011 to 2.6 per 1,000 in 2012.

For children without a recurrence of maltreatment within 6 months, in 2012 NJ once again maintains compliance with the national standard by attaining 94.9% of children without a maltreatment recurrence.

The number of child maltreatment fatalities decreased from 22 in 2011 to 16 in 2012, which is the lowest number of fatalities reported since 2009.

Finally, NJ continues to work diligently to improve "time to investigate" child protective service reports. In 2012, the average response time was 15.5 hours in comparison to 2009 (41.9 hours), 2010 (20.9 hours), and 2011 (17.8 hours).

New Mexico

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total children under 18 years	510,238	518,512	516,952	514,442
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
American Indian/ Alaska Native	10.3	10.3	10.2	10.2
Asian	1.3	1.1	1.1	1.1
Black	2.8	1.6	1.6	1.6
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	55.3	58.4	58.6	58.8
White	28.1	26.4	26.0	25.8
Two or more races	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.5
Child population in poverty (%)	25.3	30.0	30.7	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Child maltreatment victims	4,915	5,440	5,601	5,882
Foster care entry rate per 1,000	3.9	3.4	3.4	3.3
Children in foster care on 9/30	2,022	1,872	1,870	1,952
Children adopted	437	420	351	333

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	98
Numerator	N/A	N/A	N/A	20,611
Denominator	N/A	N/A	N/A	20,949
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	98
Numerator	N/A	N/A	N/A	20,256
Denominator	N/A	N/A	N/A	20,611

B. Child Maltreatment Data (National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System [NCANDS] Unique Counts)⁶

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2009		2010		2011		2012	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children who received a Child Protective Services response for an allegation of child maltreatment	19,758	38.7 per 1,000	22,314	43.0 per 1,000	22,752	44.0 per 1,000	21,899	42.6 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims	4,915	9.6 per 1,000	5,440	10.5 per 1,000	5,601	10.8 per 1,000	5,882	11.4 per 1,000
Child fatalities	10	2.0 per 100,000	19	3.7 per 100,000	15	2.9 per 100,000	16	3.1 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	11.0	10.7	10.7	11.2
1 year	7.3	7.7	7.6	7.1
2 years	7.2	7.0	7.4	6.5
3 years	6.4	6.3	7.1	6.9
4 years	6.3	6.6	7.0	6.7
5 years	6.3	6.6	7.1	6.4
6 years	6.7	6.6	6.7	7.0
7 years	6.3	6.6	6.1	5.8
8 years	5.8	5.7	6.0	5.5
9 years	5.4	5.3	5.0	5.1
10 years	4.6	4.9	4.7	5.3
11 years	4.3	4.7	4.6	5.2
12 years	4.0	4.5	4.4	4.6
13 years	4.5	4.0	3.9	4.1
14 years	3.4	4.2	4.0	3.8
15 years	3.9	3.2	2.6	3.2
16 years	3.0	3.0	2.8	3.0
17 years	1.8	1.8	1.8	2.0
18+ years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	1.9	0.5	0.5	0.6
Number	4,915	5,440	5,601	5,882

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/ Alaska Native	8.2	9.0	5.6	6.2
Asian	0.1	0.1	<.1	<.1
Black	2.7	2.5	2.7	1.8
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	57.6	57.9	60.0	62.2
White	25.4	25.2	26.7	25.1
Two or more races	2.6	2.4	2.1	1.9
Missing data	3.3	2.6	2.6	2.8
Number	4,915	5,440	5,601	5,882

¹ The source data for each table is indicated in parentheses for each section. A calendar year is the basis for data from the Census Bureau. Most of the other data on these pages are from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS) or the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) and are based on the Federal fiscal year, October 1 through September 30.

² The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau (<http://www.census.gov/popest/data/datasets.html>). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS). Child poverty data for 2012 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2010–2013 report.

³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

⁴ A child victim is defined as a child who is the subject of a maltreatment report for which the disposition is substantiated, indicated, or "alternative response victim." The rate for foster care entry is per 1,000 children in the state population. Data on child maltreatment victims are from NCANDS. Data on foster care entry rate, children in foster care on 9/30, and children adopted are from AFCARS.

⁵ As of 2012, there is a new methodology used to calculate the caseworker visits measures. Because the new methodology limits data comparisons with prior years, caseworker visits data from 2009 through 2011 are not included in this table. All states have the option of using an approved sampling procedure for the caseworker visits reporting requirement. See appendix C for more information on how these data are calculated and for a list of states using sampling methodology.

⁶ The unique count of child victims counts a child only once regardless of the number of times he or she was found to be a victim during the reporting year. This is a change from prior reports, and these data are now consistent with the reporting practice in the Child Maltreatment reports.

⁷ The rates for Child Protective Services Responses and victims are per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18.

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)⁸

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Emotional abuse	18.2	20.9	22.0	22.0
Medical neglect	2.6	1.7	2.5	2.7
Neglect	83.4	86.5	85.8	86.6
Physical abuse	14.9	13.9	13.5	13.6
Sexual abuse	4.9	3.6	3.7	3.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1
Number	4,915	5,440	5,601	5,882

Response Time (in hours)⁹

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Mean	70.8	—	—	—
Median	>48 but <72	—	—	—

C. Characteristics of Children in Foster Care

(Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System [AFCARS] Foster Care File)

Overview Foster Care Information

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total number	2,182	1,950	1,858	1,835	1,989	1,766	1,778	1,722	2,149	1,844	1,766	1,605	2,022	1,872	1,870	1,952
Median length of stay (months)	14.1	13.3	12.9	13.2	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	6.4	8.9	4.9	7.0	13.1	12.8	13.1	12.8

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	5.5	5.2	5.1	6.0	13.9	13.0	13.7	14.1	6.1	5.6	4.8	5.7	5.3	5.1	6.1	5.7
1 year	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.5	8.7	9.9	10.0	8.4	8.1	8.3	8.6	7.9	8.3	8.4	8.5	8.5
2 years	8.9	8.5	8.3	8.7	9.2	9.4	8.7	6.8	9.6	9.8	8.6	8.1	8.7	8.2	8.9	7.8
3 years	7.8	7.9	8.0	8.4	6.9	7.4	7.9	7.3	7.4	8.5	8.2	8.5	8.1	8.2	8.3	7.8
4 years	6.5	6.9	6.6	8.1	6.7	6.9	7.3	8.4	7.3	7.4	6.9	8.4	6.6	6.7	8.1	7.3
5 years	5.6	5.7	6.4	6.5	6.1	5.9	5.5	6.4	6.2	6.0	5.8	7.0	5.9	6.3	6.4	8.0
6 years	5.6	6.4	6.0	6.2	6.1	5.7	6.9	5.9	5.6	6.0	5.8	5.9	6.2	6.1	6.2	6.5
7 years	6.0	6.3	5.0	6.4	5.6	4.6	4.6	5.1	5.5	6.1	5.5	6.0	6.4	5.0	6.4	5.5
8 years	5.3	5.4	6.5	4.8	5.7	5.3	5.2	5.5	5.5	5.1	5.4	5.0	5.5	6.5	4.9	5.9
9 years	4.9	5.3	5.4	6.0	4.7	5.1	4.4	4.5	4.8	5.0	4.9	4.7	5.1	5.4	6.0	5.2
10 years	4.8	4.6	5.1	4.5	3.7	4.8	3.7	4.1	4.2	4.2	5.2	3.9	4.7	5.0	4.6	5.7
11 years	4.1	4.3	4.6	3.2	2.9	3.7	3.1	4.6	3.5	4.6	4.4	4.5	4.2	4.6	3.3	4.4
12 years	3.9	3.6	3.7	4.4	3.1	3.2	3.6	4.0	3.5	3.3	3.1	4.0	3.7	3.6	4.3	3.8
13 years	3.2	4.1	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.5	3.5	3.0	3.4	3.5	4.4	3.7	4.2	3.7	3.7	4.0
14 years	4.4	3.2	4.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	2.9	3.4	4.0	3.0	3.2	2.9	3.3	4.3	3.3	3.8
15 years	4.8	4.3	3.2	4.0	4.1	2.7	3.0	3.4	4.0	3.1	3.2	3.4	4.1	3.2	3.9	3.4
16 years	5.0	5.1	4.1	2.7	3.9	3.7	3.6	3.3	3.6	3.0	4.0	3.1	4.9	4.1	2.7	3.7
17 years	5.2	4.8	5.6	4.5	1.6	2.1	2.4	2.0	5.8	6.0	6.5	5.5	4.7	5.5	4.4	2.8
18 years	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.6	1.5	1.5	1.7	0.0	0.1	<.1	0.0
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20 years	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	0.0
Missing data	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	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)¹⁰

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/ Alaska Native	7.9	9.9	9.4	8.9	13.0	10.4	7.5	8.6	10.9	10.8	8.3	9.4	9.7	9.4	8.7	8.2
Asian	<.1	0.1	0.2	<.1	0.2	<.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	<.1	0.2	<.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	0.0
Black	4.1	3.0	3.4	3.9	2.8	3.7	4.6	1.7	3.6	3.3	4.0	3.2	3.4	3.4	4.0	2.5
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.2	<.1	0.0	0.2	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.2
Hispanic (of any race)	59.8	58.9	58.9	57.2	53.7	54.1	54.9	58.1	55.3	54.8	57.5	54.8	58.6	58.4	56.5	59.9
White	24.2	23.8	25.0	27.1	24.6	28.3	28.4	27.4	25.0	26.4	25.3	28.4	23.8	25.5	28.0	26.3
Two or more races	3.6	4.0	3.0	2.7	3.5	2.8	3.5	3.1	3.3	3.7	3.8	3.1	3.8	3.2	2.7	2.7
Unable to determine	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	1.2	0.3	0.7	0.6	1.0	0.5	0.7	0.5	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.1
Missing data	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.7	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.0	0.0	<.1

⁸ These percentages are calculated against the number of unique victims. A child may have been the victim of more than one type of maltreatment, or the same type of maltreatment more than once. As a result, the total percentages both within and across maltreatment categories may exceed 100.

⁹ Response time is defined as the time between the report of suspected maltreatment and the first face-to-face contact with the alleged victim or with another person who can provide information on the allegation.

¹⁰ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

D. Characteristics of Children Waiting for Adoption¹¹ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total waiting children	876	780	787	840
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	545	467	442	410

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	1.7	1.9	2.3	2.4
1 year	7.2	6.3	6.5	7.5
2 years	8.8	6.7	8.1	7.9
3 years	8.8	7.6	7.4	8.2
4 years	8.0	7.2	8.6	7.5
5 years	6.2	6.8	6.4	8.3
6 years	6.5	6.7	7.9	6.7
7 years	6.1	6.3	6.2	5.5
8 years	6.3	7.4	5.0	6.3
9 years	5.5	6.2	7.5	6.1
10 years	5.4	5.6	5.0	6.7
11 years	4.9	5.0	4.4	4.9
12 years	5.0	5.1	6.1	3.7
13 years	4.9	5.1	5.0	5.2
14 years	3.9	5.8	4.7	4.3
15 years	5.1	4.9	5.2	4.4
16 years	4.7	4.1	2.9	3.9
17 years	1.1	1.4	0.9	0.6

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹³

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/Alaska Native	9.7	10.9	11.2	10.6
Asian	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0
Black	3.9	2.9	4.1	3.7
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	60.6	59.2	58.7	59.2
White	22.4	22.9	22.7	23.6
Two or more races	3.2	4.0	3.2	3.0
Unable to determine	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total children adopted	437	420	351	333

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	2.1	1.9	0.6	1.2
1 year	8.2	9.5	8.5	8.4
2 years	9.2	13.8	8.5	11.1
3 years	8.9	10.7	9.7	10.2
4 years	9.4	9.5	8.8	9.9
5 years	7.3	7.6	6.6	8.7
6 years	6.9	7.1	7.7	6.0
7 years	4.6	6.7	6.3	7.8
8 years	7.8	4.8	6.3	4.8
9 years	6.4	5.2	6.3	4.8
10 years	5.5	3.3	8.0	3.6
11 years	5.3	5.5	7.1	6.6
12 years	5.0	2.9	2.3	5.1
13 years	3.9	3.3	5.1	3.6
14 years	3.0	2.9	2.6	2.1
15 years	2.1	1.7	3.1	3.0
16 years	2.5	1.9	1.7	2.1
17 years	1.8	1.4	0.9	0.9
18 years	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/Alaska Native	6.6	5.0	7.1	9.3
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3
Black	3.7	5.7	2.6	2.1
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3
Hispanic (of any race)	61.6	56.0	68.7	61.0
White	24.9	27.9	17.9	24.3
Two or more races	3.2	5.5	3.7	2.7
Unable to determine	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

¹¹ There is no federal definition for a child waiting to be adopted. The definition used in the tables on this page includes children and youth through age 17 who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parents' parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A state's own definition may differ from that used here.

¹² Children older than 17 years fall outside of the definition used to identify waiting children and are therefore excluded from this table.

¹³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

New Mexico

OUTCOMES DATA

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect (NCANDS)

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children without a recurrence	91.4	91.7	90.1	91.0
Children with one or more recurrences	8.6	8.3	9.9	9.0
Number	2,540	2,746	2,790	2,948

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care (NCANDS and AFCARS Foster Care File)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.24	0.32	0.36	0.62
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.76	99.68	99.64	99.38
Number	4,171	3,716	3,636	3,557

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Foster Care File)

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	23.1	22.8	20.1	21.7
Guardianship	1.5	0.9	2.4	1.5
Reunification	68.2	68.4	69.6	70.3
Other	7.3	7.9	7.8	6.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	2,149	1,844	1,766	1,605

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	42.2	43.1	40.6	41.9
Guardianship	2.5	1.2	3.3	1.7
Reunification	45.0	45.5	43.7	44.1
Other	10.3	10.2	12.4	12.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	669	655	572	472

3.3 Exits of Children Older Than Age 12 at Entry Into Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	6.0	3.6	4.4	3.2
Guardianship	0.8	0.4	3.1	1.2
Reunification	69.3	68.8	63.9	71.4
Other	24.0	27.2	28.7	24.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	384	279	321	252

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children age 12 or younger at entry	21.7	24.5	23.2	29.5
Children older than 12 at entry	78.3	75.5	76.8	70.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	106	94	99	78

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	American Indian/Alaska Native				2009	Asian				2009	Black			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	18.4	13.0	19.9	23.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	31.2	39.3	8.5	19.2		
Guardianship	0.9	2.0	2.7	4.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.4	0.0		
Reunification	63.2	64.5	62.3	59.6	66.7	100.0	75.0	0.0	58.4	52.5	81.7	73.1		
Other	17.5	20.5	15.1	12.6	33.3	0.0	25.0	0.0	10.4	8.2	8.5	7.7		
Missing data	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	234	200	146	151	3	1	4	1	77	61	71	52		
	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander				2009	Hispanic (of any race)				2009	White			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	24.8	24.9	23.1	23.3	21.2	20.7	15.0	19.5		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.1	1.1	2.8	1.8	0.7	0.4	2.2	0.4		
Reunification	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	67.9	68.1	66.8	69.5	71.9	72.3	76.7	74.1		
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	5.2	5.9	7.3	5.3	6.1	6.6	6.1	5.9		
Missing data	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	2	1	0	1	1,189	1,011	1,016	880	537	487	446	456		
	Unable to Determine				2009	Two or More Races				2009	Missing Data			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	28.2	25.0	26.9	14.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	85.7	90.0	100.0	100.0	60.6	64.7	61.2	72.0	93.3	100.0	100.0	100.0		
Other	14.3	10.0	0.0	0.0	9.9	10.3	11.9	14.0	6.7	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Missing data	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	21	10	12	8	71	68	67	50	15	5	4	6		

¹⁴ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Less than 12 mos.	80.3	76.0	79.5	76.4
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	14.8	18.9	17.9	20.1
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	3.5	3.9	1.7	2.9
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	1.0	0.8	0.6	0.4
48 or more mos.	0.4	0.5	0.2	0.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0
Number	1,465	1,261	1,230	1,128

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children entering care for the first time	83.3	84.0	83.6	83.4
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	8.4	7.3	6.4	6.9
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	8.2	8.7	10.0	9.3
Missing data	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.3
Number	1,989	1,766	1,778	1,722

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Foster Care File)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Less than 12 mos.	3.6	2.9	3.1	2.6
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	27.8	35.0	29.0	31.3
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	34.3	33.8	34.6	30.5
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	17.3	17.1	20.0	21.3
48 or more mos.	16.9	11.2	13.2	14.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	496	420	355	348

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Foster Care File)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care (%)

	In Care Less Than 12 Months				In Care at Least 12 Months but Less Than 24 Months				In Care for 24 Months or Longer				Missing Time in Care			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children with 2 or fewer placements	88.6	89.4	87.5	85.1	55.2	60.6	57.7	56.6	25.3	22.1	21.2	21.9	100.0	100.0	50.0	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	11.4	10.6	12.4	14.9	44.8	39.4	42.3	43.4	74.7	77.9	78.8	78.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	50.0	0.0
Number	2,195	1,920	1,927	1,857	931	929	900	905	1,039	861	807	793	6	6	2	2

7. Reduce Placement of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Foster Care File)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During the Fiscal Year and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Group homes	8.6	7.0	3.4	4.3
Institutions	1.0	0.7	0.5	0.3
Other settings	90.4	92.3	96.1	95.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,647	1,494	1,499	1,457

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews¹⁵ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score¹⁷	113.7	109.6	116.2	115.1
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	62.2	61.0	71.2	65.3
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	9.7	10.0	9.5	9.7
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	33.9	38.1	29.4	24.5
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	9.0	8.4	10.6	8.3

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	139.6	144.8	137.0	131.7
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	31.5	37.9	32.1	33.9
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	29.2	27.8	28.5	29.4
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	42.4	41.3	36.1	39.5
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year? ¹⁸	22.1	17.4	16.1	23.3
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	52.6	57.8	54.7	48.2

Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time¹⁹

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	138.0	130.2	124.2	116.5
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	45.9	42.4	40.8	42.5
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	94.8	93.0	91.2	91.6
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	45.0	47.4	46.5	51.9

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	85.8	87.6	83.7	82.1
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	80.2	82.2	79.6	76.4
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	55.1	60.6	57.5	56.4
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	25.3	22.0	21.0	21.9

¹⁵ Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the state did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

¹⁶ Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 includes a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

¹⁷ Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website (<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/resource/data-indicators-second-round-of-cfsrs>).

¹⁸ Legally free means that there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father. This calculation excludes children who, by the end of the first 6 months of the fiscal year, had discharged from foster care to reunification, living with relative, or guardianship.

¹⁹ A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

²⁰ The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

New Mexico

STATE COMMENT

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The following are New Mexico's comments on the state data presented in *Child Welfare Outcomes 2009–2012: Report to Congress*.

New Mexico is distinguished by its racial and ethnic composition. Persons of Hispanic (any race) and of American Indian origin account for more than 50% of New Mexico's estimated two million inhabitants. This is a significantly higher proportion of these minority groups than seen nationally. Thus, New Mexico's population demographics necessitate child- and family-serving agencies to meet needs specific to multicultural populations and to address unique sovereignty issues with tribal governments.

In recent years, New Mexico has been faced with many challenges related to child welfare. Increasing poverty, tougher cases, and high staff turnover rates have all had an impact on our outcomes. In response, New Mexico has developed a practice model which incorporates both Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) and Adaptive Leadership. New Mexico is currently entering Phase 3 of implementation of our Practice Model, and all counties will be implemented in summer 2014. The practice model articulates the vision, mission, values, and operating principles in a manner that inspires, empowers, and engages staff and partners, creates commitment, and provides clarity and direction in our work. The Practice Model promotes achievement of safety, permanence, and well-being outcomes and employs a strengths-based approach by building on what is working. The state has embraced the use of CQI and Adaptive Leadership to identify, describe, and analyze strengths and problems. We then test, implement, learn from, and revise solutions.

New Mexico will continue to actively incorporate CQI and Adaptive Leadership into our practice. Adaptive Leadership is the practice of mobilizing people to recognize and intervene in challenges that are hard to define and for which existing knowledge structures or processes are not sufficient to bring about the desired change. Adaptive Leadership provides a framework in which provides adequate time to identify, diagnose, and address challenges.

With such efforts, New Mexico continues to work through both data quality management and through child welfare practice refinement and analysis to assure positive outcomes for children and families statewide. We have seen changes in practice and believe that our outcomes will improve in the next year.

New York

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total children under 18 years	4,424,083	4,317,147	4,294,690	4,263,154
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3
Asian	7.0	6.9	7.0	7.2
Black	16.7	16.2	16.0	16.0
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	21.7	22.6	22.9	23.3
White	51.7	51.2	50.6	50.1
Two or more races	2.4	2.8	2.9	3.1
Child population in poverty (%)	20.0	21.2	22.6	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Child maltreatment victims	77,620	77,011	72,625	68,375
Foster care entry rate per 1,000	2.8	2.7	2.4	2.4
Children in foster care on 9/30	28,215	26,774	25,044	24,625
Children adopted	2,398	2,205	2,214	2,112

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	95
Numerator	N/A	N/A	N/A	230,326
Denominator	N/A	N/A	N/A	243,570
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	92
Numerator	N/A	N/A	N/A	211,201
Denominator	N/A	N/A	N/A	230,326

B. Child Maltreatment Data (National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System [NCANDS] Unique Counts)⁶

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2009		2010		2011		2012	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children who received a Child Protective Services response for an allegation of child maltreatment	224,541	50.8 per 1,000	224,410	52.0 per 1,000	222,195	51.7 per 1,000	217,663	51.1 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims	77,620	17.5 per 1,000	77,011	17.8 per 1,000	72,625	16.9 per 1,000	68,375	16.0 per 1,000
Child fatalities	99	2.2 per 100,000	114	2.6 per 100,000	83	1.9 per 100,000	100	2.3 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	9.4	9.4	9.5	9.8
1 year	6.0	6.5	6.4	6.2
2 years	5.6	6.0	6.2	6.1
3 years	5.2	5.7	5.9	6.0
4 years	4.9	5.2	5.4	5.6
5 years	5.3	5.3	5.5	5.7
6 years	5.7	5.8	5.6	6.0
7 years	5.7	5.6	5.6	5.7
8 years	5.2	5.4	5.4	5.2
9 years	5.1	4.9	5.0	5.0
10 years	4.9	4.9	4.8	4.8
11 years	4.7	4.6	4.7	4.6
12 years	4.8	4.6	4.7	4.8
13 years	5.4	5.0	5.0	4.9
14 years	5.9	5.6	5.3	5.2
15 years	6.5	6.0	5.8	5.5
16 years	6.2	5.9	5.7	5.4
17 years	3.4	3.3	3.4	3.1
18+ years	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Missing data	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2
Number	77,620	77,011	72,625	68,375

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4
Asian	1.3	1.5	1.4	1.7
Black	28.8	28.4	28.3	28.7
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	24.6	24.6	24.9	25.1
White	32.5	32.6	32.7	32.6
Two or more races	2.5	2.8	2.5	2.1
Missing data	10.0	9.8	9.8	9.4
Number	77,620	77,011	72,625	68,375

¹ The source data for each table is indicated in parentheses for each section. A calendar year is the basis for data from the Census Bureau. Most of the other data on these pages are from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS) or the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) and are based on the Federal fiscal year, October 1 through September 30.

² The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau (<http://www.census.gov/popest/data/datasets.html>). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS). Child poverty data for 2012 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2010–2013 report.

³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

⁴ A child victim is defined as a child who is the subject of a maltreatment report for which the disposition is substantiated, indicated, or "alternative response victim." The rate for foster care entry is per 1,000 children in the state population. Data on child maltreatment victims are from NCANDS. Data on foster care entry rate, children in foster care on 9/30, and children adopted are from AFCARS.

⁵ As of 2012, there is a new methodology used to calculate the caseworker visits measures. Because the new methodology limits data comparisons with prior years, caseworker visits data from 2009 through 2011 are not included in this table. All states have the option of using an approved sampling procedure for the caseworker visits reporting requirement. See appendix C for more information on how these data are calculated and for a list of states using sampling methodology.

⁶ The unique count of child victims counts a child only once regardless of the number of times he or she was found to be a victim during the reporting year. This is a change from prior reports, and these data are now consistent with the reporting practice in the Child Maltreatment reports.

⁷ The rates for Child Protective Services Responses and victims are per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18.

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)⁸

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Emotional abuse	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.8
Medical neglect	6.2	5.7	5.4	6.0
Neglect	107.0	106.6	107.3	108.3
Physical abuse	11.4	11.4	11.0	10.7
Sexual abuse	3.6	3.5	3.3	3.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	29.6	32.0	31.4	30.4
Number	77,620	77,011	72,625	68,375

Response Time (in hours)⁹

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Mean	4.2	3.4	3.9	5.7
Median	<24	<24	<24	<24

C. Characteristics of Children in Foster Care

(Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System [AFCARS] Foster Care File)

Overview Foster Care Information

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total number	28,846	27,495	26,305	24,530	12,177	11,782	10,468	10,149	12,808	12,503	11,729	10,054	28,215	26,774	25,044	24,625
Median length of stay (months)	22.0	22.5	22.5	22.6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	15.2	16.0	16.8	18.3	22.8	23.1	23.0	22.4

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	4.0	4.1	4.2	4.3	15.6	15.9	15.8	16.0	4.5	4.2	4.2	3.7	3.8	3.9	3.9	3.9
1 year	5.3	5.6	5.7	5.7	6.6	6.2	6.3	5.9	4.5	4.7	4.7	4.1	5.6	5.6	5.6	6.0
2 years	5.7	5.5	6.1	6.2	4.5	5.4	5.6	5.2	5.7	5.4	5.3	5.7	5.4	6.1	6.2	5.8
3 years	4.8	5.2	5.2	5.9	4.5	4.4	4.7	4.6	5.3	5.2	5.7	5.9	5.1	5.2	5.8	5.8
4 years	4.4	4.4	4.8	5.0	3.6	4.4	4.3	4.3	4.2	5.2	4.9	5.2	4.4	4.8	4.9	5.4
5 years	4.0	4.2	4.3	4.5	3.7	3.7	3.9	4.1	4.2	4.2	4.5	4.7	4.1	4.2	4.5	4.7
6 years	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.2	3.7	3.7	3.9	3.9	4.0	4.1	4.3	4.6	3.9	4.0	4.1	4.3
7 years	3.9	3.7	3.8	3.9	3.6	3.5	3.4	3.4	4.1	4.2	3.7	4.0	3.7	3.8	3.9	3.9
8 years	3.8	3.8	3.6	3.6	3.1	3.4	3.1	3.7	3.4	3.8	3.6	3.7	3.8	3.5	3.5	3.8
9 years	3.5	3.7	3.5	3.4	3.0	2.9	3.0	3.2	3.6	3.6	3.4	3.4	3.6	3.5	3.4	3.5
10 years	3.4	3.4	3.5	3.5	2.9	3.2	3.0	2.8	3.2	3.4	3.1	3.4	3.4	3.5	3.4	3.3
11 years	3.3	3.4	3.4	3.5	3.1	3.0	3.1	2.9	3.0	2.9	3.3	3.2	3.4	3.4	3.5	3.4
12 years	3.7	3.4	3.5	3.4	3.7	3.5	3.6	3.6	3.5	3.4	3.0	3.0	3.3	3.5	3.4	3.5
13 years	4.2	4.2	3.9	4.1	5.3	5.2	4.9	4.9	3.7	3.5	3.4	3.4	4.1	3.8	4.0	3.8
14 years	5.7	5.0	5.2	4.8	7.9	7.4	6.9	7.4	5.3	4.7	4.6	4.4	5.0	5.1	4.8	4.9
15 years	7.5	7.1	6.7	6.5	11.0	11.0	10.7	10.4	7.3	6.7	6.6	6.6	7.0	6.6	6.4	6.1
16 years	8.7	8.5	8.1	7.4	9.5	8.6	8.3	8.5	8.8	8.8	9.0	8.2	8.6	8.2	7.6	7.5
17 years	7.9	8.0	7.5	7.3	4.2	4.0	4.5	4.2	7.1	6.8	6.8	6.5	8.3	7.8	7.4	7.2
18 years	5.3	5.4	5.4	5.2	0.1	0.2	0.5	0.5	5.3	5.8	5.8	5.6	5.8	5.7	5.5	5.4
19 years	3.9	4.2	4.1	4.3	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.4	2.2	2.4	2.4	2.4	4.2	4.2	4.4	4.1
20 years	2.9	3.1	3.2	3.4	<.1	<.1	0.2	0.2	2.4	2.2	2.6	3.3	3.1	3.3	3.4	3.3
Missing data	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.7	5.0	5.4	4.9	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.7

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)¹⁰

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3
Asian	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.8	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.4
Black	47.7	48.7	48.0	42.6	42.7	42.6	28.2	23.6	41.7	43.9	41.2	37.2	48.3	48.3	42.9	37.0
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	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	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	21.2	21.7	21.5	18.7	21.9	21.6	13.5	10.5	20.5	21.5	19.6	16.6	21.8	21.7	19.1	16.2
White	18.5	18.5	18.7	18.3	21.0	22.4	21.8	23.7	20.9	21.7	21.7	22.4	18.4	18.7	18.5	18.9
Two or more races	2.6	2.9	3.1	3.3	3.1	3.8	3.9	3.2	2.8	3.6	3.3	3.3	2.7	3.0	3.3	3.2
Unable to determine	9.4	7.5	7.9	16.2	10.4	8.4	32.0	38.3	13.3	8.3	13.3	19.8	8.1	7.5	15.4	23.9
Missing data	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0

⁸ These percentages are calculated against the number of unique victims. A child may have been the victim of more than one type of maltreatment, or the same type of maltreatment more than once. As a result, the total percentages both within and across maltreatment categories may exceed 100.

⁹ Response time is defined as the time between the report of suspected maltreatment and the first face-to-face contact with the alleged victim or with another person who can provide information on the allegation.

¹⁰ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

D. Characteristics of Children Waiting for Adoption¹¹ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total waiting children	6,963	6,669	6,499	6,258
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	3,470	3,421	3,406	3,119

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	0.7	0.4	0.4	0.6
1 year	4.5	4.6	4.3	5.0
2 years	7.6	7.8	8.4	8.4
3 years	8.5	8.3	9.0	9.6
4 years	6.8	8.0	7.9	8.9
5 years	6.9	6.6	7.3	7.8
6 years	6.1	6.4	6.3	6.4
7 years	5.7	5.5	6.1	6.2
8 years	6.2	5.8	5.6	5.6
9 years	5.8	5.7	5.7	5.0
10 years	5.1	5.6	5.7	5.1
11 years	5.3	5.5	5.1	5.4
12 years	5.0	5.5	5.2	4.9
13 years	5.4	5.0	5.0	4.7
14 years	5.1	5.3	5.0	4.7
15 years	5.8	5.3	5.4	4.5
16 years	5.3	4.5	4.3	4.0
17 years	4.1	4.3	3.3	3.1

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹³

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.3
Asian	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Black	50.6	52.2	51.1	46.9
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	21.2	19.9	21.3	20.5
White	16.6	16.7	15.7	16.4
Two or more races	2.9	2.9	3.1	3.2
Unable to determine	8.3	7.8	8.4	12.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total children adopted	2,398	2,205	2,214	2,112

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	0.5	0.4	0.8	0.6
1 year	3.3	4.5	4.3	3.3
2 years	10.6	9.4	9.1	10.0
3 years	10.5	11.2	11.2	11.0
4 years	8.8	9.8	10.0	9.1
5 years	7.5	8.8	8.7	8.7
6 years	7.0	7.4	7.8	7.8
7 years	6.4	6.5	6.2	6.3
8 years	5.7	5.6	5.6	5.8
9 years	6.0	6.3	5.9	5.8
10 years	5.0	4.8	4.6	5.5
11 years	4.8	3.7	5.1	4.3
12 years	5.2	4.7	3.8	4.6
13 years	4.2	4.0	4.8	4.0
14 years	3.6	3.4	2.7	4.0
15 years	3.6	2.9	2.6	3.1
16 years	2.6	2.7	2.5	2.1
17 years	2.0	1.6	2.2	1.9
18 years	1.5	1.5	1.3	1.1
19 years	0.8	0.5	0.6	0.6
20 years	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.3

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/Alaska Native	<.1	0.2	<.1	<.1
Asian	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.4
Black	41.0	42.1	44.1	46.5
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	18.1	19.1	18.2	17.3
White	21.7	25.1	26.8	23.4
Two or more races	2.8	4.6	3.8	4.4
Unable to determine	16.2	8.7	6.7	8.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

¹¹ There is no federal definition for a child waiting to be adopted. The definition used in the tables on this page includes children and youth through age 17 who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parents' parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A state's own definition may differ from that used here.

¹² Children older than 17 years fall outside of the definition used to identify waiting children and are therefore excluded from this table.

¹³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

New York

OUTCOMES DATA

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect (NCANDS)

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children without a recurrence	87.8	87.7	87.8	87.6
Children with one or more recurrences	12.2	12.3	12.2	12.4
Number	41,345	41,086	39,144	37,341

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care (NCANDS and AFCARS Foster Care File)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children maltreated while in foster care	2.04	1.91	1.38	1.19
Children not maltreated while in foster care	97.96	98.09	98.62	98.81
Number	41,023	39,277	36,773	34,679

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Foster Care File)

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	18.1	17.0	18.3	21.0
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reunification	66.0	67.0	64.8	62.2
Other	15.7	14.9	15.7	15.7
Missing data	0.2	1.0	1.2	1.1
Number	12,808	12,503	11,729	10,054

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	22.7	20.9	22.6	25.5
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reunification	57.3	57.0	54.2	49.1
Other	19.9	21.9	23.1	24.4
Missing data	0.2	0.2	0.1	1.0
Number	4,075	4,529	4,640	3,600

3.3 Exits of Children Older Than Age 12 at Entry Into Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	1.4	0.9	1.5	1.3
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reunification	67.7	66.2	64.0	63.5
Other	30.7	30.3	31.6	34.0
Missing data	0.2	2.6	2.9	1.2
Number	4,495	4,366	4,229	3,434

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children age 12 or younger at entry	38.9	33.9	31.1	28.9
Children older than 12 at entry	61.1	66.1	68.9	71.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,397	1,389	1,349	1,186

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	American Indian/Alaska Native				2009	Asian				2009	Black			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	4.4	16.7	3.7	4.2	7.3	5.9	10.9	17.4	17.8	16.5	19.9	26.2		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	86.7	70.0	88.9	79.2	72.7	82.4	71.9	63.0	63.4	66.4	60.0	52.1		
Other	8.9	10.0	0.0	16.7	16.4	11.8	15.6	19.6	18.6	17.0	19.3	20.6		
Missing data	0.0	3.3	7.4	0.0	3.6	0.0	1.6	0.0	0.2	<.1	0.8	1.0		
Number	45	30	27	24	55	68	64	46	5,340	5,485	4,833	3,739		
	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander				2009	Hispanic (of any race)				2009	White			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	16.0	15.3	17.4	21.8	18.5	19.0	22.0	21.8		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	71.0	71.1	65.4	59.3	69.9	67.5	64.6	64.3		
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	12.7	13.5	16.9	18.4	11.3	12.0	11.8	12.2		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.5	0.2	1.4	1.7	1.7		
Number	0	0	0	0	2,628	2,686	2,295	1,672	2,681	2,714	2,546	2,252		
	Unable to Determine				2009	Two or More Races				2009	Missing Data			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	22.2	18.1	9.1	8.4	17.9	21.8	20.7	27.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	57.7	64.4	79.2	81.8	73.2	55.3	64.2	59.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Other	19.9	17.4	11.4	8.8	8.7	11.0	7.5	11.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Missing data	0.2	<.1	0.3	1.0	0.3	11.9	7.5	1.5	0.0	100.0	100.0	0.0		
Number	1,701	1,040	1,561	1,989	358	454	386	332	0	26	17	0		

¹⁴ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Less than 12 mos.	60.3	57.7	56.5	56.4
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	21.0	21.8	23.2	22.7
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	10.2	9.8	9.7	9.9
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	3.9	5.6	5.0	4.7
48 or more mos.	4.5	5.0	5.5	6.1
Missing data	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2
Number	8,448	8,381	7,601	6,258

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children entering care for the first time	77.0	77.4	75.8	75.7
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	11.0	11.3	12.2	12.0
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	11.5	11.2	12.0	12.3
Missing data	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	12,177	11,782	10,468	10,149

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Foster Care File)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Less than 12 mos.	1.6	1.3	2.0	1.1
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	8.6	8.9	11.0	9.1
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	23.6	19.2	20.3	19.3
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	21.0	24.9	20.6	21.6
48 or more mos.	45.2	45.8	46.1	48.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	2,317	2,127	2,152	2,107

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Foster Care File)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care (%)

	In Care Less Than 12 Months				In Care at Least 12 Months but Less Than 24 Months				In Care for 24 Months or Longer				Missing Time in Care			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children with 2 or fewer placements	89.1	90.0	90.1	90.5	72.4	71.7	72.4	72.0	43.9	43.8	44.1	45.0	73.9	68.8	76.5	78.3
Children with 3 or more placements	10.2	10.0	9.9	9.5	27.5	28.3	27.6	28.0	56.1	56.2	55.9	55.0	26.1	31.3	23.5	21.7
Missing placement setting counts	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	14,169	13,577	12,371	11,619	8,271	7,783	7,562	7,034	18,560	17,901	16,823	16,003	23	16	17	23

7. Reduce Placement of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Foster Care File)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During the Fiscal Year and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Group homes	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.8
Institutions	4.6	4.3	3.4	3.8
Other settings	94.5	94.8	95.9	95.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	7,453	7,413	6,615	6,389

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews¹⁵ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score¹⁷	95.7	97.3	96.3	94.4
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	56.6	54.7	54.1	54.1
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	10.6	10.9	11.1	11.1
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	39.0	39.8	40.9	38.0
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	16.0	14.3	14.7	14.2

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	66.5	66.4	72.0	71.2
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	10.5	10.5	13.1	10.4
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	43.6	45.6	45.5	46.4
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	17.2	16.9	17.6	18.3
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year? ¹⁸	9.9	10.4	11.1	11.5
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	46.9	45.0	49.1	49.1

Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time¹⁹

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	118.6	121.6	122.8	124.1
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	25.8	26.7	27.0	27.1
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	96.2	95.7	96.4	97.5
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	45.9	44.0	44.3	41.8

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	108.6	108.5	109.2	109.9
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	88.8	89.2	89.5	90.0
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	72.5	71.7	72.4	72.2
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	47.3	47.5	47.8	48.4

¹⁵ Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the state did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

¹⁶ Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 includes a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

¹⁷ Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website (<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/resource/data-indicators-second-round-of-cfsrs>).

¹⁸ Legally free means that there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father. This calculation excludes children who, by the end of the first 6 months of the fiscal year, had discharged from foster care to reunification, living with relative, or guardianship.

¹⁹ A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

²⁰ The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

North Carolina

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total children under 18 years	2,277,967	2,279,191	2,283,980	2,286,528
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
American Indian/ Alaska Native	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.3
Asian	2.3	2.4	2.5	2.6
Black	23.4	23.7	23.5	23.4
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	13.0	13.6	14.0	14.4
White	57.6	55.4	54.9	54.5
Two or more races	2.4	3.5	3.6	3.7
Child population in poverty (%)	22.5	24.9	25.6	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Child maltreatment victims	22,371	21,895	22,940	23,150
Foster care entry rate per 1,000	2.2	2.1	2.2	2.2
Children in foster care on 9/30	9,645	9,079	8,732	8,494
Children adopted	1,725	1,615	1,463	1,319

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	95
Numerator	N/A	N/A	N/A	88,451
Denominator	N/A	N/A	N/A	93,111
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	89
Numerator	N/A	N/A	N/A	78,604
Denominator	N/A	N/A	N/A	88,451

B. Child Maltreatment Data (National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System [NCANDS] Unique Counts)⁶

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2009		2010		2011		2012	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children who received a Child Protective Services response for an allegation of child maltreatment	118,040	51.8 per 1,000	117,166	51.4 per 1,000	123,198	53.9 per 1,000	125,062	54.7 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims	22,371	9.8 per 1,000	21,895	9.6 per 1,000	22,940	10.0 per 1,000	23,150	10.1 per 1,000
Child fatalities	0	0.0 per 100,000	17	0.7 per 100,000	19	0.8 per 100,000	24	1.0 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	12.6	12.5	11.5	11.7
1 year	8.1	8.3	8.0	7.6
2 years	7.5	7.7	7.8	7.5
3 years	6.9	7.2	7.3	7.0
4 years	6.1	6.3	6.8	7.0
5 years	6.3	6.2	6.5	6.6
6 years	5.6	5.9	5.8	5.9
7 years	5.5	5.5	5.7	5.8
8 years	5.2	5.1	5.1	5.4
9 years	5.0	4.9	4.8	4.7
10 years	4.8	4.6	4.9	4.8
11 years	4.4	4.6	4.6	4.7
12 years	4.2	4.3	4.3	4.4
13 years	4.2	4.3	4.3	4.4
14 years	4.4	4.1	4.1	4.3
15 years	4.4	3.9	3.9	3.9
16 years	3.6	3.4	3.3	3.0
17 years	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.2
18+ years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.2
Number	22,371	21,895	22,940	23,150

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/ Alaska Native	1.7	2.0	2.2	3.0
Asian	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3
Black	31.8	30.5	30.1	30.2
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1
Hispanic (of any race)	10.3	10.0	9.8	9.6
White	50.2	51.6	51.7	51.3
Two or more races	4.2	4.4	4.8	4.7
Missing data	1.2	1.0	1.0	0.9
Number	22,371	21,895	22,940	23,150

¹ The source data for each table is indicated in parentheses for each section. A calendar year is the basis for data from the Census Bureau. Most of the other data on these pages are from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS) or the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) and are based on the Federal fiscal year, October 1 through September 30.

² The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau (<http://www.census.gov/popest/data/datasets.html>). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS). Child poverty data for 2012 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2010–2013 report.

³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

⁴ A child victim is defined as a child who is the subject of a maltreatment report for which the disposition is substantiated, indicated, or "alternative response victim." The rate for foster care entry is per 1,000 children in the state population. Data on child maltreatment victims are from NCANDS. Data on foster care entry rate, children in foster care on 9/30, and children adopted are from AFCARS.

⁵ As of 2012, there is a new methodology used to calculate the caseworker visits measures. Because the new methodology limits data comparisons with prior years, caseworker visits data from 2009 through 2011 are not included in this table. All states have the option of using an approved sampling procedure for the caseworker visits reporting requirement. See appendix C for more information on how these data are calculated and for a list of states using sampling methodology.

⁶ The unique count of child victims counts a child only once regardless of the number of times he or she was found to be a victim during the reporting year. This is a change from prior reports, and these data are now consistent with the reporting practice in the Child Maltreatment reports.

⁷ The rates for Child Protective Services Responses and victims are per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18.

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)⁸

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Emotional abuse	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.5
Medical neglect	1.9	2.1	2.1	2.2
Neglect	87.4	87.0	86.5	87.0
Physical abuse	10.7	9.9	9.7	9.4
Sexual abuse	8.2	8.5	8.3	8.2
Missing data	0.4	0.7	0.9	0.8
Other	0.8	0.5	0.5	0.6
Number	22,371	21,895	22,940	23,150

Response Time (in hours)⁹

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Mean	46.8	41.7	48.8	48.0
Median	>24 but<48	>24 but<48	>24 but<48	>24 but<48

C. Characteristics of Children in Foster Care

(Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System [AFCARS] Foster Care File)

Overview Foster Care Information

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total number	9,704	9,150	8,466	8,266	4,911	4,708	5,071	4,931	4,970	4,779	4,805	4,703	9,645	9,079	8,732	8,494
Median length of stay (months)	15.4	14.5	13.6	12.6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	17.2	16.4	15.2	14.8	15.2	14.8	13.4	12.8

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	6.0	6.1	6.1	5.5	18.4	18.3	15.3	17.4	3.3	4.0	3.6	3.4	5.7	5.7	5.3	6.4
1 year	8.1	7.7	8.2	8.1	7.4	8.8	8.3	7.9	8.5	8.7	8.0	8.1	7.6	7.8	7.8	7.5
2 years	7.7	7.3	7.9	7.9	6.7	7.2	7.9	7.7	8.6	7.9	9.4	8.4	7.3	7.7	7.8	7.6
3 years	5.8	6.7	6.5	7.4	5.9	7.0	7.0	6.4	7.8	8.3	7.8	8.5	6.9	6.5	7.3	7.4
4 years	5.6	5.1	5.9	6.4	4.9	5.2	6.5	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.5	6.8	5.1	5.9	6.3	6.4
5 years	4.7	4.8	4.9	5.4	4.7	4.9	5.4	4.7	5.8	5.4	6.3	6.7	4.8	4.9	5.5	5.3
6 years	4.3	4.3	4.7	4.7	4.3	5.1	4.6	4.9	4.6	4.8	5.1	5.2	4.4	4.7	4.6	5.2
7 years	4.7	4.1	4.3	4.5	3.9	4.1	4.0	4.1	4.6	4.1	4.5	4.3	4.0	4.3	4.5	4.6
8 years	4.4	4.7	4.1	4.2	3.8	3.2	3.5	4.0	4.2	4.5	4.1	4.3	4.5	4.0	4.1	4.2
9 years	4.3	4.2	4.0	3.8	3.7	3.1	3.4	3.1	3.9	4.2	3.8	3.8	4.2	3.9	3.8	4.0
10 years	4.0	4.1	4.1	3.6	3.5	3.2	3.5	3.5	4.1	3.4	3.7	3.5	4.1	4.1	3.6	3.8
11 years	3.9	4.1	4.0	4.2	3.4	3.1	3.5	3.2	3.3	3.3	4.0	3.2	4.0	4.0	4.1	3.6
12 years	3.8	3.7	4.2	3.8	3.7	3.7	2.9	3.5	3.5	3.3	3.2	3.9	3.7	4.0	3.7	4.1
13 years	4.2	4.4	4.1	4.5	4.0	3.8	4.1	4.0	2.9	3.0	3.5	3.4	4.4	4.0	4.4	3.8
14 years	4.8	5.1	4.8	4.9	5.5	4.4	4.7	4.6	3.7	3.2	3.3	3.5	5.0	4.6	4.6	5.1
15 years	6.6	5.8	6.3	5.6	6.3	5.1	4.7	4.8	3.9	3.7	3.4	3.6	5.8	6.0	5.5	5.4
16 years	7.9	7.5	6.9	6.7	5.4	4.7	4.1	3.3	5.2	4.6	4.6	4.3	7.3	6.5	6.4	5.9
17 years	6.7	7.0	6.0	5.0	3.2	3.1	2.7	2.3	5.1	4.4	3.8	3.6	7.4	7.1	6.7	5.9
18 years	1.6	2.0	1.7	1.8	1.0	1.5	3.1	4.0	9.1	10.5	9.3	9.0	2.4	2.3	2.2	2.1
19 years	0.7	0.9	0.9	1.0	0.2	0.4	0.6	0.4	1.1	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.0	1.3	1.0	1.0
20 years	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.5	0.8	0.7	0.9	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.5
Missing data	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.3	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	<.1	0.2	0.3	0.4

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)¹⁰

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/ Alaska Native	1.3	1.3	1.6	1.9	0.9	2.1	2.1	3.0	1.0	1.4	1.6	2.1	1.2	1.6	1.9	2.4
Asian	<.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.2	<.1	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2
Black	39.9	39.8	37.8	36.7	35.1	32.3	32.8	31.2	35.6	36.2	34.6	35.1	39.7	37.9	36.7	34.3
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.3	<.1	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	7.9	8.2	8.7	8.5	9.5	9.6	8.6	8.5	9.2	9.2	8.5	9.5	8.1	8.4	8.7	8.0
White	45.3	45.3	46.3	46.7	48.8	50.2	49.3	49.9	48.3	47.7	48.8	46.8	45.5	46.5	46.7	48.4
Two or more races	4.6	4.7	4.8	5.5	4.6	4.9	6.0	6.5	4.8	4.7	5.5	5.7	4.5	4.8	5.2	6.0
Unable to determine	0.6	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.5
Missing data	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	0.0

⁸ These percentages are calculated against the number of unique victims. A child may have been the victim of more than one type of maltreatment, or the same type of maltreatment more than once. As a result, the total percentages both within and across maltreatment categories may exceed 100.

⁹ Response time is defined as the time between the report of suspected maltreatment and the first face-to-face contact with the alleged victim or with another person who can provide information on the allegation.

¹⁰ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

D. Characteristics of Children Waiting for Adoption¹¹ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total waiting children	2,747	2,473	2,266	2,087
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	1,499	1,274	1,169	1,047

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	3.5	2.7	2.7	3.2
1 year	7.5	6.9	7.3	7.3
2 years	8.5	8.9	8.2	8.1
3 years	7.7	7.0	7.0	7.3
4 years	5.2	7.1	6.0	7.0
5 years	5.5	5.4	5.9	5.5
6 years	5.0	4.7	4.7	6.0
7 years	5.2	5.0	5.4	4.9
8 years	5.6	5.4	5.0	5.5
9 years	5.3	5.3	5.7	5.1
10 years	5.4	5.4	4.9	4.3
11 years	5.4	5.5	6.1	4.5
12 years	4.9	5.9	5.6	5.9
13 years	4.7	4.5	6.1	5.2
14 years	5.6	4.5	4.5	5.8
15 years	4.7	5.9	4.6	5.4
16 years	4.9	4.7	5.9	4.3
17 years	5.4	5.1	4.2	4.7

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹³

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.9	1.1	1.3	1.1
Asian	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1
Black	40.9	37.5	35.6	34.7
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.2	0.2	0.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	7.2	8.2	10.4	8.5
White	45.0	46.5	46.4	49.4
Two or more races	5.4	6.2	5.7	5.7
Unable to determine	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total children adopted	1,725	1,615	1,463	1,319

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	3.5	3.0	2.1	2.8
1 year	11.0	10.4	8.9	8.7
2 years	12.7	11.5	13.8	12.4
3 years	11.1	12.0	10.2	11.3
4 years	8.9	8.1	9.0	8.0
5 years	7.9	6.7	9.0	8.1
6 years	6.2	6.9	6.9	6.7
7 years	5.5	5.7	5.6	4.8
8 years	5.9	6.1	5.4	6.1
9 years	5.7	5.4	4.4	5.1
10 years	4.1	4.8	4.9	4.5
11 years	3.4	3.2	4.1	4.8
12 years	3.5	4.0	3.9	4.9
13 years	2.7	3.6	3.1	3.6
14 years	2.3	2.9	2.9	2.5
15 years	2.0	2.0	1.8	1.9
16 years	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.3
17 years	1.4	1.5	1.7	1.4
18 years	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.8	1.7	1.4	2.2
Asian	0.1	<.1	<.1	0.0
Black	31.9	34.0	35.9	27.6
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	<.1	0.2	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	8.7	4.5	4.2	6.1
White	45.9	50.1	47.0	51.9
Two or more races	12.4	9.2	11.4	12.2
Unable to determine	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

¹¹ There is no federal definition for a child waiting to be adopted. The definition used in the tables on this page includes children and youth through age 17 who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parents' parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A state's own definition may differ from that used here.

¹² Children older than 17 years fall outside of the definition used to identify waiting children and are therefore excluded from this table.

¹³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

North Carolina

OUTCOMES DATA

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect (NCANDS)

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children without a recurrence	97.6	97.5	96.7	97.9
Children with one or more recurrences	2.4	2.5	3.3	2.1
Number	4,442	4,189	4,463	4,517

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care (NCANDS and AFCARS Foster Care File)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.50	0.35	0.47	0.45
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.50	99.65	99.53	99.55
Number	14,615	13,858	13,537	13,197

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Foster Care File)

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	29.2	27.3	26.5	26.0
Guardianship	12.4	12.7	14.2	15.3
Reunification	46.7	46.8	46.5	46.3
Other	11.7	13.0	12.7	12.4
Missing data	<.1	0.2	0.1	0.1
Number	4,970	4,779	4,805	4,703

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	25.5	20.5	22.7	22.1
Guardianship	12.0	10.0	10.6	13.7
Reunification	41.3	45.0	42.6	41.9
Other	21.3	24.3	24.0	22.1
Missing data	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.2
Number	550	560	538	475

3.3 Exits of Children Older Than Age 12 at Entry Into Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	3.7	2.8	3.5	3.4
Guardianship	10.4	8.3	9.1	9.1
Reunification	50.8	48.8	45.3	46.7
Other	35.2	39.8	41.7	40.5
Missing data	0.0	0.4	0.4	0.3
Number	1,177	1,119	1,106	1,077

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children age 12 or younger at entry	23.4	23.6	15.7	18.9
Children older than 12 at entry	76.6	76.4	84.3	81.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	492	552	515	507

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	American Indian/Alaska Native				2009	Asian				2009	Black			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	22.4	20.9	15.8	19.6	0.0	15.4	0.0	0.0	26.9	27.6	27.0	22.2		
Guardianship	16.3	11.9	6.6	13.4	0.0	7.7	5.3	0.0	13.5	11.7	13.7	14.7		
Reunification	51.0	55.2	75.0	57.7	50.0	69.2	84.2	87.5	43.4	42.9	44.2	47.0		
Other	10.2	11.9	2.6	9.3	50.0	7.7	10.5	12.5	16.2	17.7	15.1	16.0		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1		
Number	49	67	76	97	2	13	19	8	1,770	1,728	1,661	1,652		
	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander				2009	Hispanic (of any race)				2009	White			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	50.0	45.5	100.0	12.5	28.2	23.2	26.7	34.4	29.8	27.8	25.3	26.2		
Guardianship	31.3	18.2	0.0	12.5	11.8	9.3	10.5	9.4	12.0	14.0	15.5	17.4		
Reunification	18.8	36.4	0.0	50.0	50.1	59.2	53.8	46.3	48.4	46.7	46.8	45.2		
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	25.0	9.8	8.2	8.8	9.7	9.7	11.2	12.4	11.1		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.2	<.1	0.2	<.1	<.1		
Number	16	11	5	8	457	439	409	445	2,401	2,278	2,346	2,202		
	Unable to Determine				2009	Two or More Races				2009	Missing Data			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	22.2	33.3	28.0	18.2	43.9	29.8	38.3	36.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	11.1	5.6	4.0	4.5	7.5	14.2	15.5	13.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	63.9	55.6	60.0	68.2	44.8	48.4	35.6	43.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Other	2.8	5.6	8.0	9.1	3.8	7.1	10.6	6.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	36	18	25	22	239	225	264	269	0	0	0	0		

¹⁴ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Less than 12 mos.	52.3	54.4	55.8	54.9
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	31.7	31.8	32.5	33.3
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	9.5	8.0	6.9	8.0
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	3.7	2.9	2.2	2.3
48 or more mos.	2.8	3.0	2.6	1.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1
Number	2,320	2,235	2,233	2,176

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children entering care for the first time	96.7	96.7	96.4	95.8
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	1.8	1.7	2.3	2.9
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	1.5	1.6	1.3	1.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1
Number	4,911	4,708	5,071	4,931

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Foster Care File)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Less than 12 mos.	5.4	6.1	6.6	7.9
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	28.4	30.1	27.0	31.3
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	32.6	30.7	36.5	31.5
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	18.8	18.9	15.3	16.1
48 or more mos.	14.8	14.2	14.7	13.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,452	1,306	1,275	1,221

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Foster Care File)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care (%)

	In Care Less Than 12 Months				In Care at Least 12 Months but Less Than 24 Months				In Care for 24 Months or Longer				Missing Time in Care			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children with 2 or fewer placements	92.8	92.2	91.6	91.5	75.7	76.3	77.1	76.2	44.6	42.8	41.8	43.4	100.0	100.0	92.3	75.0
Children with 3 or more placements	7.2	7.8	8.4	8.5	24.3	23.7	22.9	23.8	55.4	57.2	58.2	56.6	0.0	0.0	7.7	25.0
Missing placement setting counts	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	0.0
Number	5,745	5,581	5,926	5,905	3,852	3,757	3,538	3,684	5,009	4,511	4,047	3,604	9	9	26	4

7. Reduce Placement of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions

(AFCARS Foster Care File)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During the Fiscal Year and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Group homes	1.4	1.2	0.9	1.0
Institutions	1.7	1.3	1.7	2.4
Other settings	93.6	94.6	94.9	94.0
Missing data	3.2	2.9	2.5	2.6
Number	3,603	3,576	3,817	3,730

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews¹⁵ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score¹⁷	117.2	119.8	123.0	120.1
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	55.8	57.7	60.3	58.1
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	10.5	10.3	9.7	10.5
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	23.3	23.6	26.1	25.2
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	1.4	2.0	2.3	3.1

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	127.4	123.9	122.8	136.3
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	33.8	36.2	33.7	39.3
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	28.5	28.5	28.5	27.6
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	27.2	26.4	29.0	29.8
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year? ¹⁸	13.9	10.7	12.7	14.1
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	64.9	64.6	59.6	70.2

Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time¹⁹

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	124.5	120.0	130.2	129.2
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	32.1	31.1	33.4	35.0
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	95.2	95.4	96.7	96.7
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	47.0	48.4	42.7	43.8

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	112.2	110.9	110.8	111.0
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	92.7	92.1	91.7	91.5
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	75.9	76.3	77.2	76.5
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	45.0	43.4	42.5	43.8

¹⁵ Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the state did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

¹⁶ Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 includes a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

¹⁷ Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website (<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/resource/data-indicators-second-round-of-cfsrs>).

¹⁸ Legally free means that there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father. This calculation excludes children who, by the end of the first 6 months of the fiscal year, had discharged from foster care to reunification, living with relative, or guardianship.

¹⁹ A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

²⁰ The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

North Dakota

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total children under 18 years	143,971	149,907	151,600	154,608
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
American Indian/ Alaska Native	9.1	8.5	8.5	8.3
Asian	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9
Black	1.8	1.8	1.9	2.1
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	3.9	3.6	3.9	4.2
White	81.5	81.7	81.2	80.7
Two or more races	2.6	3.5	3.6	3.7
Child population in poverty (%)	13.0	16.2	14.6	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Child maltreatment victims	—	1,128	1,295	1,402
Foster care entry rate per 1,000	6.5	5.3	5.1	5.5
Children in foster care on 9/30	1,283	1,131	1,105	1,173
Children adopted	142	145	119	155

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	91
Numerator	N/A	N/A	N/A	10,958
Denominator	N/A	N/A	N/A	12,096
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	81
Numerator	N/A	N/A	N/A	8,914
Denominator	N/A	N/A	N/A	10,958

B. Child Maltreatment Data (National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System [NCANDS] Unique Counts)⁶

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2009		2010		2011		2012	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children who received a Child Protective Services response for an allegation of child maltreatment	—	— per 1,000	6,350	42.4 per 1,000	6,146	40.5 per 1,000	6,172	39.9 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims	—	— per 1,000	1,128	7.5 per 1,000	1,295	8.5 per 1,000	1,402	9.1 per 1,000
Child fatalities	2	1.4 per 100,000	1	0.7 per 100,000	1	0.7 per 100,000	1	0.6 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	—	7.3	9.1	9.8
1 year	—	7.3	6.6	6.7
2 years	—	6.9	6.9	6.8
3 years	—	7.8	7.9	7.3
4 years	—	6.1	7.3	7.2
5 years	—	5.7	6.4	6.2
6 years	—	5.7	6.7	6.7
7 years	—	5.5	4.4	5.6
8 years	—	5.5	5.0	5.1
9 years	—	4.3	4.2	4.8
10 years	—	4.2	5.3	4.1
11 years	—	3.5	4.9	4.9
12 years	—	5.1	4.9	4.1
13 years	—	4.3	5.8	4.6
14 years	—	3.1	4.2	4.1
15 years	—	3.5	4.2	5.1
16 years	—	4.0	2.6	3.1
17 years	—	2.2	1.8	2.4
18+ years	—	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	—	8.2	1.6	1.4
Number	—	1,128	1,295	1,402

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/ Alaska Native	—	17.9	24.2	20.7
Asian	—	<.1	<.1	0.4
Black	—	1.2	4.0	3.2
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	—	0.3	0.3	0.6
Hispanic (of any race)	—	4.6	2.9	7.6
White	—	52.3	52.2	58.0
Two or more races	—	5.0	6.1	6.5
Missing data	—	18.6	10.2	3.1
Number	—	1,128	1,295	1,402

¹ The source data for each table is indicated in parentheses for each section. A calendar year is the basis for data from the Census Bureau. Most of the other data on these pages are from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS) or the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) and are based on the Federal fiscal year, October 1 through September 30.

² The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau (<http://www.census.gov/popest/data/datasets.html>). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS). Child poverty data for 2012 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2010–2013 report.

³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

⁴ A child victim is defined as a child who is the subject of a maltreatment report for which the disposition is substantiated, indicated, or "alternative response victim." The rate for foster care entry is per 1,000 children in the state population. Data on child maltreatment victims are from NCANDS. Data on foster care entry rate, children in foster care on 9/30, and children adopted are from AFCARS.

⁵ As of 2012, there is a new methodology used to calculate the caseworker visits measures. Because the new methodology limits data comparisons with prior years, caseworker visits data from 2009 through 2011 are not included in this table. All states have the option of using an approved sampling procedure for the caseworker visits reporting requirement. See appendix C for more information on how these data are calculated and for a list of states using sampling methodology.

⁶ The unique count of child victims counts a child only once regardless of the number of times he or she was found to be a victim during the reporting year. This is a change from prior reports, and these data are now consistent with the reporting practice in the Child Maltreatment reports.

⁷ The rates for Child Protective Services Responses and victims are per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18.

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)⁸

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Emotional abuse	—	42.8	37.1	36.7
Medical neglect	—	3.5	2.3	2.3
Neglect	—	67.5	70.3	70.8
Physical abuse	—	16.0	15.8	14.3
Sexual abuse	—	4.1	4.4	4.3
Missing data	—	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	—	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	—	1,128	1,295	1,402

Response Time (in hours)⁹

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Mean	—	53.3	33.0	37.9
Median	—	<24	<24	<24

C. Characteristics of Children in Foster Care

(Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System [AFCARS] Foster Care File)

Overview Foster Care Information

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total number	1,178	1,098	983	1,031	941	796	780	844	836	763	658	702	1,283	1,131	1,105	1,173
Median length of stay (months)	11.5	11.5	13.0	11.8	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	9.5	10.0	10.8	12.0	11.5	13.2	11.9	11.0

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	5.3	3.9	3.0	4.1	12.5	11.1	11.0	10.7	5.6	4.5	4.7	2.1	5.8	3.1	3.9	4.9
1 year	4.8	5.3	5.7	4.9	6.4	4.6	6.2	5.5	5.5	4.3	4.6	4.3	6.0	5.7	4.7	5.6
2 years	4.6	4.6	4.3	5.5	5.8	5.5	4.6	4.9	6.6	5.2	4.6	5.4	4.3	4.7	5.4	5.2
3 years	5.0	4.6	5.6	4.7	4.4	4.3	4.9	5.6	4.9	4.2	6.2	5.3	4.5	5.7	4.6	5.5
4 years	3.9	4.7	4.1	5.1	4.5	4.1	4.6	5.5	4.2	4.2	4.1	4.7	5.1	4.1	5.4	5.5
5 years	3.2	3.7	4.3	4.7	2.2	4.4	4.7	5.1	2.4	3.9	3.2	5.3	3.4	4.7	4.6	4.9
6 years	3.7	3.7	4.3	4.7	3.7	2.5	4.5	5.3	3.0	3.5	4.1	4.6	3.4	4.3	4.6	5.0
7 years	3.9	3.6	3.1	4.0	2.1	3.4	3.7	3.8	2.4	3.0	4.1	3.4	3.5	3.2	4.1	4.6
8 years	3.5	3.6	3.8	3.1	2.6	2.5	2.9	3.1	4.2	2.2	2.4	4.4	3.4	4.2	3.4	3.8
9 years	4.2	2.7	3.3	3.9	2.7	2.0	2.4	3.3	2.6	1.6	2.7	3.7	3.1	2.7	3.8	2.3
10 years	3.7	3.8	3.9	2.5	3.0	3.5	2.9	3.0	2.3	4.1	2.9	2.6	3.9	3.8	3.0	4.2
11 years	4.2	4.5	2.6	4.5	2.9	2.3	2.7	3.2	2.6	3.7	2.3	2.3	4.1	2.6	4.2	3.2
12 years	2.9	4.0	4.9	2.5	3.8	3.9	4.0	3.6	3.3	2.8	3.5	2.1	4.0	4.2	2.6	4.9
13 years	4.5	4.4	6.1	5.1	6.6	5.5	4.7	3.7	3.2	2.8	3.0	3.7	4.5	5.6	5.0	3.2
14 years	6.1	7.0	6.4	7.1	7.2	7.5	6.9	6.8	4.1	3.9	5.3	5.0	6.5	6.5	7.0	5.5
15 years	8.3	8.7	9.3	9.6	8.5	10.9	11.7	9.8	5.4	8.5	7.0	6.3	8.3	8.8	10.0	8.4
16 years	13.1	12.1	11.5	10.6	11.3	11.2	9.6	9.8	9.4	9.4	8.7	10.3	11.1	10.7	10.2	11.5
17 years	13.2	13.3	11.4	11.3	9.7	8.7	7.8	7.2	11.7	14.0	12.6	12.3	12.5	11.1	11.1	9.0
18 years	1.4	1.1	1.9	1.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	15.6	13.1	12.5	11.5	1.8	2.5	1.8	2.1
19 years	0.3	0.5	0.2	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.3	0.8	0.7	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.4
20 years	<.1	0.0	0.6	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.5	<.1	0.3
Missing data	0.3	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.2	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.8	0.5	0.0	0.3	0.9	<.1	<.1

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)¹⁰

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/ Alaska Native	25.5	25.5	28.5	29.8	22.2	23.4	27.9	24.9	21.7	22.8	25.2	26.2	25.6	25.8	30.0	28.4
Asian	1.0	1.1	0.5	0.3	1.2	0.9	0.1	0.2	1.2	0.9	0.5	0.4	1.0	1.1	0.3	0.2
Black	2.5	4.2	3.4	3.6	5.7	4.1	3.3	4.6	3.9	4.2	3.0	5.4	4.0	4.2	3.5	3.2
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	0.2	0.1	<.1	0.3	0.1	0.5	1.1	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.9	0.2	<.1	0.3	0.3
Hispanic (of any race)	6.4	6.2	5.0	4.8	5.6	4.1	4.5	5.1	7.1	5.8	5.2	3.1	5.4	5.0	4.5	6.1
White	55.0	53.5	51.4	52.4	54.4	56.4	52.7	56.2	55.9	57.5	54.0	56.3	54.0	52.8	50.8	52.8
Two or more races	9.3	9.3	10.6	7.4	10.1	7.8	6.3	4.6	10.0	7.1	9.9	5.7	9.4	9.7	8.0	6.4
Unable to determine	0.2	<.1	0.6	1.6	0.4	0.8	4.5	3.3	0.0	0.3	2.0	2.0	0.5	0.4	2.5	2.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.4	0.1	0.0	0.0	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	<.1	0.0

⁸ These percentages are calculated against the number of unique victims. A child may have been the victim of more than one type of maltreatment, or the same type of maltreatment more than once. As a result, the total percentages both within and across maltreatment categories may exceed 100.

⁹ Response time is defined as the time between the report of suspected maltreatment and the first face-to-face contact with the alleged victim or with another person who can provide information on the allegation.

¹⁰ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

D. Characteristics of Children Waiting for Adoption¹¹ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total waiting children	366	235	245	220
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	279	138	131	128

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	12.3	3.8	2.4	4.1
1 year	10.7	8.5	6.9	9.5
2 years	5.5	9.4	7.3	7.7
3 years	6.0	9.4	7.8	6.8
4 years	9.8	6.4	8.2	7.7
5 years	6.0	9.4	6.9	8.2
6 years	5.5	4.3	6.5	6.4
7 years	6.0	7.7	5.7	9.5
8 years	5.5	8.5	6.5	4.5
9 years	4.6	4.7	4.9	2.7
10 years	5.7	3.4	4.9	5.0
11 years	5.5	3.4	4.9	5.0
12 years	4.9	4.3	2.9	4.5
13 years	2.5	4.7	6.5	2.3
14 years	2.7	2.1	5.7	4.5
15 years	3.0	3.4	3.3	5.5
16 years	2.2	3.4	4.5	3.6
17 years	1.6	3.4	4.1	2.3

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹³

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/Alaska Native	22.7	24.3	35.9	30.9
Asian	3.0	3.8	0.4	0.0
Black	4.6	9.8	6.5	0.9
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5
Hispanic (of any race)	7.1	7.7	5.7	7.7
White	49.7	44.3	33.5	47.7
Two or more races	12.8	10.2	17.6	11.4
Unable to determine	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total children adopted	142	145	119	155

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	27.5	21.4	15.1	26.5
1 year	7.0	10.3	9.2	8.4
2 years	9.2	6.9	5.9	6.5
3 years	9.2	6.2	10.9	12.3
4 years	4.2	4.1	10.1	7.1
5 years	5.6	7.6	6.7	5.2
6 years	3.5	8.3	5.0	5.2
7 years	1.4	4.1	4.2	2.6
8 years	7.7	5.5	8.4	4.5
9 years	3.5	4.1	5.0	6.5
10 years	6.3	7.6	2.5	1.3
11 years	4.2	4.8	2.5	1.9
12 years	4.9	5.5	3.4	3.2
13 years	1.4	0.0	1.7	2.6
14 years	2.1	1.4	5.0	1.3
15 years	0.7	1.4	0.8	2.6
16 years	0.7	0.7	0.8	1.3
17 years	0.7	0.0	2.5	1.3
18 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/Alaska Native	16.9	9.0	12.6	18.1
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6
Black	3.5	2.8	9.2	9.7
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6
Hispanic (of any race)	10.6	9.0	7.6	4.5
White	48.6	69.7	58.0	55.5
Two or more races	20.4	9.7	12.6	11.0
Unable to determine	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

¹¹ There is no federal definition for a child waiting to be adopted. The definition used in the tables on this page includes children and youth through age 17 who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parents' parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A state's own definition may differ from that used here.

¹² Children older than 17 years fall outside of the definition used to identify waiting children and are therefore excluded from this table.

¹³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

North Dakota

OUTCOMES DATA

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect (NCANDS)

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children without a recurrence	96.8	98.6	98.6	97.4
Children with one or more recurrences	3.2	1.4	1.4	2.6
Number	593	576	703	760

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care (NCANDS and AFCARS Foster Care File)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children maltreated while in foster care	—	0.00	0.06	0.59
Children not maltreated while in foster care	—	100.00	99.94	99.41
Number	—	1,894	1,763	1,875

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Foster Care File)

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	13.0	15.6	14.9	15.4
Guardianship	0.0	4.1	0.0	0.0
Reunification	65.1	50.7	64.7	65.7
Other	20.7	12.1	20.2	18.8
Missing data	1.2	17.6	0.2	0.1
Number	836	763	658	702

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	9.7	16.9	11.5	14.6
Guardianship	0.0	2.8	0.0	0.0
Reunification	56.5	42.8	60.1	58.9
Other	33.1	15.5	28.3	26.5
Missing data	0.7	22.1	0.0	0.0
Number	269	290	321	355

3.3 Exits of Children Older Than Age 12 at Entry Into Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	0.0	0.6	2.1	1.3
Guardianship	0.0	2.8	0.0	0.0
Reunification	63.8	55.5	65.6	63.9
Other	35.4	16.9	31.9	34.4
Missing data	0.8	24.3	0.3	0.3
Number	367	362	288	302

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children age 12 or younger at entry	15.2	22.0	16.1	9.7
Children older than 12 at entry	84.8	78.0	83.9	90.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	92	50	62	62

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	American Indian/Alaska Native				2009	Asian				2009	Black			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	6.6	6.3	10.8	14.1	60.0	57.1	0.0	33.3	21.2	21.9	35.0	28.9		
Guardianship	0.0	5.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	56.9	48.9	60.8	59.8	10.0	42.9	100.0	66.7	66.7	37.5	55.0	47.4		
Other	34.3	19.0	27.7	26.1	30.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	12.1	25.0	10.0	23.7		
Missing data	2.2	20.7	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	15.6	0.0	0.0		
Number	181	174	166	184	10	7	3	3	33	32	20	38		
	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander				2009	Hispanic (of any race)				2009	White			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	23.7	29.5	23.5	18.2	10.9	16.6	14.1	12.4		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.5	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	50.0	50.0	100.0	66.7	66.1	40.9	64.7	68.2	69.6	56.3	67.0	71.9		
Other	50.0	0.0	0.0	33.3	8.5	15.9	11.8	13.6	18.4	8.9	18.9	15.4		
Missing data	0.0	50.0	0.0	0.0	1.7	9.1	0.0	0.0	1.1	15.7	0.0	0.3		
Number	2	2	2	6	59	44	34	22	467	439	355	395		
	Unable to Determine				2009	Two or More Races				2009	Missing Data			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	22.6	20.4	23.1	42.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	16.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	0.0	50.0	84.6	71.4	63.1	33.3	58.5	45.0	0.0	22.2	0.0	0.0		
Other	0.0	50.0	15.4	28.6	14.3	5.6	18.5	12.5	0.0	11.1	0.0	0.0		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	24.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	66.7	0.0	0.0		
Number	0	2	13	14	84	54	65	40	0	9	0	0		

¹⁴ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Less than 12 mos.	69.7	70.5	67.8	64.0
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	23.2	23.0	24.2	25.6
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	4.0	2.8	4.5	7.2
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	2.2	1.3	1.2	2.0
48 or more mos.	0.9	2.1	2.1	1.1
Missing data	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.2
Number	544	387	426	461

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children entering care for the first time	74.9	72.5	75.1	80.1
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	8.1	8.9	11.9	8.3
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	12.9	9.8	12.2	11.1
Missing data	4.1	8.8	0.8	0.5
Number	941	796	780	844

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Foster Care File)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Less than 12 mos.	33.9	22.7	5.1	2.8
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	22.0	23.5	26.5	27.8
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	19.3	22.7	36.7	43.5
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	14.7	22.7	24.5	11.1
48 or more mos.	9.2	8.4	7.1	14.8
Missing data	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	109	119	98	108

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Foster Care File)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care (%)

	In Care Less Than 12 Months				In Care at Least 12 Months but Less Than 24 Months				In Care for 24 Months or Longer				Missing Time in Care			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children with 2 or fewer placements	85.6	85.1	82.4	74.4	54.6	60.7	52.2	53.3	37.1	40.0	45.2	40.1	100.0	88.9	100.0	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	14.4	14.9	17.6	25.6	45.4	39.3	47.8	46.7	62.9	60.0	54.8	59.9	0.0	11.1	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	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	0.0
Number	1,152	962	902	980	463	468	416	465	493	455	442	429	11	9	3	1

7. Reduce Placement of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Foster Care File)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During the Fiscal Year and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Group homes	1.3	0.2	1.5	0.4
Institutions	5.9	4.3	6.3	7.9
Other settings	92.6	93.6	92.2	91.7
Missing data	0.2	1.9	0.0	0.0
Number	524	421	459	519

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews¹⁵ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score¹⁷	118.8	122.0	114.5	111.3
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	73.5	76.7	71.5	68.8
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	8.0	6.6	6.5	8.4
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	41.3	34.4	40.6	43.2
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	13.2	13.3	13.0	14.7

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	127.1	108.1	114.3	116.5
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	56.1	46.6	32.7	30.5
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	22.0	25.6	29.7	27.5
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	13.8	18.5	22.0	22.9
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year? ¹⁸	5.1	6.8	7.5	9.7
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	66.1	43.2	43.0	58.1

Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time¹⁹

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	132.9	131.3	138.8	140.1
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	21.0	23.8	25.7	27.4
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	96.3	97.3	96.0	96.4
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	25.0	29.3	22.1	25.5

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	92.6	96.7	92.5	84.6
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	83.6	82.9	80.9	72.2
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	53.8	61.0	52.0	53.2
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	37.7	40.9	45.3	40.8

¹⁵ Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the state did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

¹⁶ Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 includes a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

¹⁷ Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website (<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/resource/data-indicators-second-round-of-cfsrs>).

¹⁸ Legally free means that there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father. This calculation excludes children who, by the end of the first 6 months of the fiscal year, had discharged from foster care to reunification, living with relative, or guardianship.

¹⁹ A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

²⁰ The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

North Dakota

STATE COMMENT

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The following are North Dakota's comments on the state data presented in *Child Welfare Outcomes 2009–2012: Report to Congress*.

Context Data

In the “Characteristics of Children in Foster Care” section, it may be helpful for readers to be aware that ND’s foster care universe includes tribal IV-E children pursuant to North Dakota’s state/tribal IV-E agreements.

In the “Child Welfare Summary” chart (and again in Section E), we believe that the data reported in “Children Adopted” is inaccurate and unreliable due to an error discovered in the last federal fiscal year. Revisions to the mapping logic were completed this past year and applied to the 2013A submission.

Outcomes Data

Section 2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care

Institutional Child Protection Services data reside in a separate, stand-alone database. Within Institutional Child Protection Services, an individual facility staff person is not held culpable, rather, the facility itself is considered to be a perpetrator, and data is separated by facility type. Institutional Child Protection Services data do not distinguish children in foster care placements separately from non-foster care placements.

Section 3: Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care

3.1 Exits of Children from Foster Care: We believe that the data reported in the exit reasons are inaccurate due to a mapping error discovered this year. Guardianships were not being accurately captured. This error will be addressed so that reporting is accurate in future submissions.

3.4 Exits to Emancipation: Emancipation is not an option in ND. Those youth with an exit reason of emancipation would be more accurately described as youth who are living independently.

Section 6: Increase Placement Stability

6.1 Number of Placements in Time in Care: We believe these data over represent the number of placement setting some children experience while in care due to the manner in which the data information system captures data as well as how the mapping logic reports this number. This error is being addressed so that future reporting is accurate.

Composites Data

We believe performance measures for Composite 2, Composite 3 and Composite 4 scores are influenced by the reporting errors mentioned above and may not be accurately representing the performance accomplished in North Dakota. Future data submission reports, once all mapping errors are addressed, will best reflect actual performance. It is recognized that these figures are the best indicators available at the present time.

A. Context Statistics¹General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total children under 18 years	2,714,341	2,723,390	2,691,936	2,663,674
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Asian	1.7	1.7	1.8	1.9
Black	14.5	14.6	14.5	14.5
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	4.5	5.0	5.1	5.3
White	76.2	74.5	74.2	73.9
Two or more races	2.8	4.0	4.1	4.2
Child population in poverty (%)	21.9	23.3	24.2	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Child maltreatment victims	31,270	31,295	30,601	29,250
Foster care entry rate per 1,000	3.2	3.4	3.7	3.6
Children in foster care on 9/30	12,124	11,881	12,135	12,026
Children adopted	1,453	1,438	1,420	1,250

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	96
Numerator	N/A	N/A	N/A	129,764
Denominator	N/A	N/A	N/A	134,612
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	91
Numerator	N/A	N/A	N/A	117,476
Denominator	N/A	N/A	N/A	129,764

B. Child Maltreatment Data (National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System [NCANDS] Unique Counts)⁶Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2009		2010		2011		2012	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children who received a Child Protective Services response for an allegation of child maltreatment	99,813	36.8 per 1,000	91,636	33.6 per 1,000	103,554	38.5 per 1,000	102,734	38.6 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims	31,270	11.5 per 1,000	31,295	11.5 per 1,000	30,601	11.4 per 1,000	29,250	11.0 per 1,000
Child fatalities	79	2.9 per 100,000	83	3.0 per 100,000	67	2.5 per 100,000	70	2.6 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	12.0	12.1	12.4	12.8
1 year	7.1	6.9	6.5	6.1
2 years	6.8	6.9	6.8	6.8
3 years	6.5	6.6	6.8	6.6
4 years	6.0	6.4	6.4	6.6
5 years	5.9	6.2	6.0	6.3
6 years	5.6	5.6	5.9	5.8
7 years	5.3	5.4	5.5	5.4
8 years	5.1	5.1	5.0	5.0
9 years	4.6	4.6	4.9	4.7
10 years	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.6
11 years	4.1	4.4	4.3	4.2
12 years	4.2	4.4	4.3	4.3
13 years	4.6	4.4	4.4	4.4
14 years	4.7	4.6	4.6	4.8
15 years	5.0	4.7	4.5	4.6
16 years	4.0	3.8	3.8	3.6
17 years	3.1	2.8	2.8	2.9
18+ years	0.2	<.1	0.1	0.2
Missing data	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.5
Number	31,270	31,295	30,601	29,250

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/ Alaska Native	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Asian	0.1	0.1	0.2	<.1
Black	19.5	18.8	18.8	18.6
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	2.8	2.5	3.0	3.1
White	53.1	51.8	48.0	47.3
Two or more races	0.0	0.0	3.5	4.1
Missing data	24.5	26.6	26.6	26.7
Number	31,270	31,295	30,601	29,250

¹ The source data for each table is indicated in parentheses for each section. A calendar year is the basis for data from the Census Bureau. Most of the other data on these pages are from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS) or the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) and are based on the Federal fiscal year, October 1 through September 30.

² The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau (<http://www.census.gov/popest/data/datasets.html>). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS). Child poverty data for 2012 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2010–2013 report.

³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

⁴ A child victim is defined as a child who is the subject of a maltreatment report for which the disposition is substantiated, indicated, or "alternative response victim." The rate for foster care entry is per 1,000 children in the state population. Data on child maltreatment victims are from NCANDS. Data on foster care entry rate, children in foster care on 9/30, and children adopted are from AFCARS.

⁵ As of 2012, there is a new methodology used to calculate the caseworker visits measures. Because the new methodology limits data comparisons with prior years, caseworker visits data from 2009 through 2011 are not included in this table. All states have the option of using an approved sampling procedure for the caseworker visits reporting requirement. See appendix C for more information on how these data are calculated and for a list of states using sampling methodology.

⁶ The unique count of child victims counts a child only once regardless of the number of times he or she was found to be a victim during the reporting year. This is a change from prior reports, and these data are now consistent with the reporting practice in the Child Maltreatment reports.

⁷ The rates for Child Protective Services Responses and victims are per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18.

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)⁸

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Emotional abuse	6.5	6.6	7.4	6.7
Medical neglect	1.5	1.8	1.6	1.9
Neglect	47.7	47.4	50.1	48.5
Physical abuse	37.5	39.2	40.2	42.2
Sexual abuse	19.4	18.5	17.7	18.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	31,270	31,295	30,601	29,250

Response Time (in hours)⁹

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Mean	34.5	27.7	33.3	21.5
Median	>24 but<48	<24	>24 but<48	>24 but<48

C. Characteristics of Children in Foster Care

(Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System [AFCARS] Foster Care File)

Overview Foster Care Information

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total number	13,531	11,768	11,689	11,822	8,668	9,199	9,918	9,561	10,075	9,086	9,472	9,357	12,124	11,881	12,135	12,026
Median length of stay (months)	13.5	14.3	12.2	11.1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	11.3	10.6	10.2	9.8	14.1	11.9	10.9	11.6

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	7.5	7.3	7.8	7.7	18.3	18.1	16.8	17.6	6.4	6.6	6.6	6.6	7.3	7.9	7.6	7.8
1 year	8.0	8.1	8.2	8.3	7.9	7.6	7.4	6.7	8.9	8.3	8.6	8.0	8.1	8.3	8.2	8.3
2 years	6.5	7.0	7.2	7.4	6.2	6.5	6.8	6.2	7.6	7.8	8.0	8.0	7.0	7.1	7.4	7.1
3 years	4.8	5.2	6.1	6.3	4.9	5.7	5.7	5.9	5.9	6.5	6.8	6.4	5.3	6.1	6.3	6.5
4 years	4.5	4.3	5.0	5.6	4.3	5.0	5.2	5.3	5.0	5.2	5.7	5.9	4.4	5.0	5.5	5.7
5 years	4.0	4.0	4.1	4.6	3.9	4.2	4.2	4.5	4.3	4.4	4.3	5.2	4.1	4.2	4.5	4.9
6 years	4.0	3.9	3.8	4.1	3.5	3.7	3.9	3.9	3.8	3.5	4.0	4.3	3.9	3.8	4.0	4.3
7 years	3.6	3.6	3.9	3.6	3.3	3.2	3.4	3.5	3.4	3.7	4.0	3.8	3.6	3.8	3.6	3.9
8 years	3.7	3.7	3.2	3.5	3.5	3.4	2.9	3.4	3.6	3.8	3.2	3.5	3.7	3.2	3.4	3.6
9 years	3.0	3.5	3.4	3.3	3.2	3.0	3.4	3.0	3.0	3.2	3.4	3.1	3.5	3.4	3.2	3.2
10 years	3.5	3.3	3.4	3.2	3.0	3.0	2.7	3.2	2.8	3.0	2.9	3.0	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.2
11 years	3.3	3.7	3.4	3.4	3.1	3.2	3.0	2.9	2.7	3.0	2.9	2.9	3.7	3.4	3.4	3.3
12 years	3.7	3.8	4.1	3.6	3.6	3.8	3.3	3.4	2.8	3.1	2.8	3.0	3.7	4.2	3.6	3.6
13 years	4.6	4.5	4.3	4.8	4.1	4.3	4.9	4.2	3.1	3.2	3.2	3.4	4.6	4.4	4.9	4.2
14 years	5.7	5.5	5.1	5.4	5.6	5.3	5.5	6.0	4.1	3.8	3.7	4.4	5.6	5.3	5.5	5.7
15 years	7.7	7.2	6.9	6.8	7.5	6.8	6.8	6.6	5.1	4.2	4.4	4.9	7.2	7.2	7.0	6.7
16 years	9.5	9.4	8.3	8.2	7.9	7.3	7.6	7.4	6.1	6.1	5.9	5.8	9.4	8.3	8.5	8.1
17 years	10.6	10.8	10.4	9.3	6.4	5.9	6.6	6.1	6.7	6.2	6.3	6.0	10.4	10.2	9.3	9.3
18 years	1.9	1.4	1.0	0.9	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	13.3	13.5	12.9	11.8	1.1	0.8	0.6	0.4
19 years	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.4	0.9	0.5	0.3	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1
20 years	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	0.0
Missing data	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)¹⁰

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/ Alaska Native	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Asian	0.1	0.1	0.1	<.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	<.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	<.1	0.1	0.1	<.1	<.1
Black	38.5	38.0	36.1	34.8	34.2	32.4	31.2	30.2	35.7	35.2	32.5	32.8	37.7	35.8	34.8	32.7
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	3.4	3.6	3.7	4.1	3.5	3.7	4.0	5.0	3.6	3.6	3.9	4.4	3.3	3.7	3.9	4.5
White	51.6	51.0	52.0	51.6	52.1	51.5	51.0	53.6	52.7	50.3	52.2	51.6	51.0	51.9	51.0	53.2
Two or more races	4.7	6.1	6.2	7.6	4.4	5.6	6.6	7.1	3.9	5.7	6.2	7.3	5.1	6.0	6.5	7.3
Unable to determine	0.9	0.7	1.0	0.7	2.0	1.6	1.7	1.1	1.4	1.2	1.4	1.1	1.3	1.1	1.2	0.7
Missing data	0.8	0.3	0.8	1.1	3.6	5.1	5.2	2.8	2.5	3.9	3.4	2.5	1.3	1.3	2.4	1.4

⁸ These percentages are calculated against the number of unique victims. A child may have been the victim of more than one type of maltreatment, or the same type of maltreatment more than once. As a result, the total percentages both within and across maltreatment categories may exceed 100.

⁹ Response time is defined as the time between the report of suspected maltreatment and the first face-to-face contact with the alleged victim or with another person who can provide information on the allegation.

¹⁰ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

D. Characteristics of Children Waiting for Adoption¹¹ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total waiting children	3,376	3,014	3,460	2,704
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	2,960	2,688	3,327	2,327

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	3.6	3.0	5.2	4.1
1 year	8.2	7.3	8.8	7.7
2 years	8.0	7.9	8.1	8.1
3 years	6.4	6.6	6.9	7.0
4 years	4.8	5.1	5.8	6.3
5 years	5.0	4.4	5.0	5.2
6 years	5.3	4.8	4.5	5.0
7 years	4.8	4.7	4.8	4.4
8 years	4.5	4.3	4.6	4.8
9 years	4.9	5.1	3.8	4.3
10 years	4.3	4.8	4.3	4.1
11 years	4.8	4.6	4.5	4.8
12 years	5.0	5.7	4.4	5.9
13 years	5.6	5.5	5.5	4.9
14 years	5.7	6.2	5.4	6.1
15 years	6.8	6.9	6.9	6.1
16 years	6.2	7.0	5.6	6.3
17 years	6.0	6.1	6.1	4.9

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹³

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1
Asian	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.2
Black	37.0	34.5	33.0	32.1
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	3.3	3.7	4.6	4.9
White	52.3	54.0	53.8	52.8
Two or more races	6.3	6.9	7.2	9.0
Unable to determine	0.7	0.8	0.9	0.5
Missing data	0.4	<.1	0.4	0.4

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total children adopted	1,453	1,438	1,420	1,250

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	3.8	3.3	3.1	3.6
1 year	13.1	15.0	13.2	12.9
2 years	16.0	15.2	13.6	15.1
3 years	10.0	11.5	11.5	11.1
4 years	7.6	9.3	8.9	8.7
5 years	6.5	5.3	6.6	6.6
6 years	5.6	5.5	5.2	5.8
7 years	5.3	6.6	5.1	5.0
8 years	4.7	4.2	4.4	5.0
9 years	3.6	4.2	5.8	4.5
10 years	3.2	3.3	4.9	4.0
11 years	3.4	3.3	3.7	2.9
12 years	2.8	3.1	3.9	2.0
13 years	3.2	2.9	2.5	3.2
14 years	2.8	2.0	2.2	3.0
15 years	2.6	2.4	1.5	2.3
16 years	3.5	1.5	2.7	2.0
17 years	1.8	1.0	0.8	2.1
18 years	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.2
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/Alaska Native	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Black	30.7	29.8	24.2	26.1
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	4.8	4.9	5.9	5.0
White	57.5	56.4	61.1	58.7
Two or more races	6.4	8.6	8.0	9.4
Unable to determine	0.5	0.3	0.8	0.8
Missing data	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1

¹¹ There is no federal definition for a child waiting to be adopted. The definition used in the tables on this page includes children and youth through age 17 who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parents' parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A state's own definition may differ from that used here.

¹² Children older than 17 years fall outside of the definition used to identify waiting children and are therefore excluded from this table.

¹³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

Ohio

OUTCOMES DATA

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect (NCANDS)

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children without a recurrence	92.7	93.0	92.3	92.4
Children with one or more recurrences	7.3	7.0	7.7	7.6
Number	15,347	15,297	14,953	14,705

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care (NCANDS and AFCARS Foster Care File)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.41	0.39	0.39	0.50
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.59	99.61	99.61	99.50
Number	22,199	20,967	21,607	21,383

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Foster Care File)

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	14.4	15.8	15.0	13.3
Guardianship	3.7	3.5	3.4	3.7
Reunification	64.5	64.2	65.3	64.5
Other	16.1	16.2	15.6	16.6
Missing data	1.2	0.3	0.7	1.9
Number	10,075	9,086	9,472	9,357

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	30.8	22.5	30.7	19.8
Guardianship	3.9	2.0	2.6	2.7
Reunification	35.0	39.9	34.4	45.1
Other	29.1	35.4	31.7	31.4
Missing data	1.1	0.2	0.6	1.0
Number	611	556	654	1,119

3.3 Exits of Children Older Than Age 12 at Entry Into Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	1.3	1.5	1.2	1.3
Guardianship	3.8	3.1	2.4	2.9
Reunification	55.3	56.2	58.2	58.6
Other	38.2	38.8	37.2	35.7
Missing data	1.4	0.4	0.9	1.5
Number	3,195	2,776	2,868	2,830

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children age 12 or younger at entry	25.7	27.2	28.1	36.5
Children older than 12 at entry	74.3	72.8	71.9	63.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,453	1,301	1,346	1,436

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	American Indian/Alaska Native				2009	Asian				2009	Black			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	20.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	12.4	13.4	11.1	10.6	
Guardianship	0.0	14.3	7.1	25.0	26.7	15.4	8.7	0.0	2.8	2.8	3.0	3.2		
Reunification	40.0	57.1	78.6	75.0	60.0	76.9	87.0	75.0	64.4	62.0	64.5	64.6		
Other	40.0	28.6	14.3	0.0	13.3	7.7	4.3	25.0	19.0	21.4	20.8	20.3		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.4	0.5	0.6	1.3		
Number	5	7	14	4	15	13	23	8	3,595	3,194	3,081	3,071		

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander				2009	Hispanic (of any race)				2009	White			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	19.1	21.7	23.0	14.9	15.7	17.7	17.5	15.0		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.3	1.5	3.0	2.6	4.2	4.0	3.3	4.1		
Reunification	100.0	66.7	0.0	100.0	64.6	65.6	62.2	70.4	63.3	63.3	64.1	63.2		
Other	0.0	33.3	0.0	0.0	12.5	11.1	11.0	10.1	15.6	14.9	14.4	15.4		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.8	1.9	1.2	0.2	0.7	2.3		
Number	1	6	0	2	367	323	365	416	5,308	4,572	4,946	4,831		

	Unable to Determine				2009	Two or More Races				2009	Missing Data			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	5.1	4.8	8.2	9.8	23.5	24.1	19.3	17.0	0.4	0.0	0.3	0.4		
Guardianship	8.0	7.6	6.0	2.0	2.5	2.9	4.6	4.4	6.0	4.0	6.3	3.4		
Reunification	82.5	81.9	77.6	68.6	60.8	61.9	65.1	61.4	88.5	93.2	90.6	86.9		
Other	4.4	4.8	6.7	17.6	12.7	11.1	10.3	15.6	4.0	2.6	1.9	5.9		
Missing data	0.0	1.0	1.5	2.0	0.5	0.0	0.7	1.6	1.2	0.3	0.9	3.4		
Number	137	105	134	102	395	515	590	687	252	351	319	236		

¹⁴ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Less than 12 mos.	69.8	73.2	74.3	73.1
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	23.4	19.9	20.5	21.5
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	4.6	4.7	3.8	4.1
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	1.0	1.3	0.8	0.7
48 or more mos.	1.2	0.9	0.6	0.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	6,499	5,835	6,189	6,037

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children entering care for the first time	75.0	73.4	73.3	76.0
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	10.7	10.7	9.7	11.0
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	13.2	13.3	13.2	12.6
Missing data	1.1	2.6	3.8	0.5
Number	8,668	9,199	9,918	9,561

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Foster Care File)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Less than 12 mos.	6.1	4.6	5.1	5.6
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	28.1	28.4	25.6	26.9
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	29.9	32.3	28.1	32.6
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	17.8	18.6	19.1	17.6
48 or more mos.	18.1	16.1	22.0	17.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,453	1,436	1,420	1,241

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Foster Care File)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care (%)

	In Care Less Than 12 Months				In Care at Least 12 Months but Less Than 24 Months				In Care for 24 Months or Longer				Missing Time in Care			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children with 2 or fewer placements	91.1	91.2	90.9	88.7	70.4	72.4	72.4	67.5	37.0	37.6	39.7	36.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Children with 3 or more placements	8.6	8.4	8.8	10.8	29.6	27.6	27.6	32.5	63.0	62.4	60.3	63.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	10,797	10,917	11,773	11,610	5,125	4,396	4,808	5,034	6,277	5,654	5,026	4,739	0	0	0	0

7. Reduce Placement of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Foster Care File)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During the Fiscal Year and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Group homes	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3
Institutions	1.7	1.9	1.9	2.1
Other settings	97.9	97.7	97.8	97.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	5,903	6,451	6,782	6,630

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews¹⁵ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score¹⁷	121.0	123.6	119.8	119.7
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	68.5	71.4	73.1	72.0
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	7.9	6.2	6.5	7.0
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	50.7	49.5	50.5	48.1
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	12.3	13.1	14.9	14.0

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	107.2	109.2	104.8	117.8
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	34.2	33.1	31.0	32.6
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	30.1	29.8	32.2	29.4
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	20.6	22.6	25.4	23.8
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year? ¹⁸	15.3	12.9	13.3	17.7
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	45.3	45.0	46.5	47.2

Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time¹⁹

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	112.4	114.4	122.7	128.0
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	24.4	26.1	28.7	28.9
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	89.2	87.4	86.1	84.8
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	43.5	43.2	35.8	28.2

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	105.0	106.0	106.4	101.5
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	90.6	90.6	90.3	88.0
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	70.4	72.5	72.2	67.5
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	37.5	38.0	39.9	36.9

¹⁵ Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the state did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

¹⁶ Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 includes a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

¹⁷ Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website (<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/resource/data-indicators-second-round-of-cfsrs>).

¹⁸ Legally free means that there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father. This calculation excludes children who, by the end of the first 6 months of the fiscal year, had discharged from foster care to reunification, living with relative, or guardianship.

¹⁹ A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

²⁰ The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

Oklahoma

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total children under 18 years	918,849	929,615	932,634	937,363
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
American Indian/ Alaska Native	9.0	10.8	10.6	10.4
Asian	1.6	1.7	1.7	1.7
Black	9.3	8.3	8.2	8.2
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2
Hispanic (of any race)	13.1	14.3	14.7	15.0
White	60.8	55.9	55.6	55.3
Two or more races	6.0	8.8	9.0	9.3
Child population in poverty (%)	22.2	24.7	23.4	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Child maltreatment victims	7,138	7,207	7,836	9,627
Foster care entry rate per 1,000	5.1	4.6	5.1	5.7
Children in foster care on 9/30	8,780	7,848	8,262	9,212
Children adopted	1,564	1,628	1,294	1,522

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	93
Numerator	N/A	N/A	N/A	92,555
Denominator	N/A	N/A	N/A	99,743
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	94
Numerator	N/A	N/A	N/A	87,323
Denominator	N/A	N/A	N/A	92,555

B. Child Maltreatment Data (National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System [NCANDS] Unique Counts)⁶

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2009		2010		2011		2012	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children who received a Child Protective Services response for an allegation of child maltreatment	44,307	48.2 per 1,000	42,113	45.3 per 1,000	44,188	47.4 per 1,000	45,539	48.6 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims	7,138	7.8 per 1,000	7,207	7.8 per 1,000	7,836	8.4 per 1,000	9,627	10.3 per 1,000
Child fatalities	23	2.5 per 100,000	27	2.9 per 100,000	38	4.1 per 100,000	25	2.7 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	18.2	19.0	16.6	16.0
1 year	8.9	9.0	8.8	7.7
2 years	7.9	8.5	8.2	8.5
3 years	7.4	7.4	7.3	7.7
4 years	7.0	6.4	7.3	7.4
5 years	6.5	6.1	6.8	7.2
6 years	6.2	5.2	6.0	6.0
7 years	5.1	5.3	5.2	5.5
8 years	4.5	4.6	5.2	4.9
9 years	4.3	4.4	4.7	4.7
10 years	3.6	4.2	4.1	4.2
11 years	3.8	4.1	3.3	3.7
12 years	3.6	3.2	3.5	3.4
13 years	3.2	3.0	3.3	3.5
14 years	3.2	3.1	3.0	3.2
15 years	2.7	2.6	2.7	2.8
16 years	2.3	2.0	2.1	2.1
17 years	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.4
18+ years	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1
Missing data	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.2
Number	7,138	7,207	7,836	9,627

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/ Alaska Native	6.3	7.2	7.4	6.0
Asian	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3
Black	12.9	11.0	9.8	9.9
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	14.7	13.9	15.2	14.9
White	44.2	44.3	43.9	43.1
Two or more races	21.6	23.3	23.4	25.8
Missing data	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	7,138	7,207	7,836	9,627

¹ The source data for each table is indicated in parentheses for each section. A calendar year is the basis for data from the Census Bureau. Most of the other data on these pages are from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS) or the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) and are based on the Federal fiscal year, October 1 through September 30.

² The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau (<http://www.census.gov/popest/data/datasets.html>). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS). Child poverty data for 2012 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2010–2013 report.

³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

⁴ A child victim is defined as a child who is the subject of a maltreatment report for which the disposition is substantiated, indicated, or "alternative response victim." The rate for foster care entry is per 1,000 children in the state population. Data on child maltreatment victims are from NCANDS. Data on foster care entry rate, children in foster care on 9/30, and children adopted are from AFCARS.

⁵ As of 2012, there is a new methodology used to calculate the caseworker visits measures. Because the new methodology limits data comparisons with prior years, caseworker visits data from 2009 through 2011 are not included in this table. All states have the option of using an approved sampling procedure for the caseworker visits reporting requirement. See appendix C for more information on how these data are calculated and for a list of states using sampling methodology.

⁶ The unique count of child victims counts a child only once regardless of the number of times he or she was found to be a victim during the reporting year. This is a change from prior reports, and these data are now consistent with the reporting practice in the Child Maltreatment reports.

⁷ The rates for Child Protective Services Responses and victims are per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18.

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)⁸

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Emotional abuse	20.1	18.4	20.5	22.4
Medical neglect	2.5	2.2	1.9	2.0
Neglect	89.1	88.4	77.5	54.6
Physical abuse	19.5	15.4	29.7	58.1
Sexual abuse	7.7	7.7	8.1	6.3
Missing data	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	7,138	7,207	7,836	9,627

Response Time (in hours)⁹

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Mean	79.9	77.9	79.1	53.3
Median	>24 but<48	>48 but<72	>48 but<72	>24 but<48

C. Characteristics of Children in Foster Care

(Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System [AFCARS] Foster Care File)

Overview Foster Care Information

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total number	10,583	8,731	7,814	8,277	4,662	4,259	4,719	5,341	6,465	5,142	4,271	4,406	8,780	7,848	8,262	9,212
Median length of stay (months)	16.9	17.2	15.0	13.1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	18.7	19.8	18.6	18.0	17.0	15.1	13.2	12.8

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	7.0	6.9	8.3	7.4	20.1	22.4	20.0	20.0	3.3	3.7	4.4	4.2	6.8	8.3	7.5	7.7
1 year	10.1	9.5	8.9	10.1	9.6	9.5	9.3	8.1	8.8	9.3	8.3	8.9	9.5	8.9	10.1	9.3
2 years	8.6	9.7	8.8	8.7	8.0	8.5	8.2	8.3	9.7	10.7	9.5	9.9	9.6	8.8	8.8	8.5
3 years	7.7	7.5	7.8	7.9	6.9	7.1	7.4	7.8	8.6	9.5	8.8	8.3	7.6	7.9	8.0	8.5
4 years	7.4	6.8	6.8	7.1	6.2	6.2	6.8	7.5	7.8	7.2	7.9	7.5	6.9	6.9	7.2	7.5
5 years	6.7	6.7	6.4	6.6	6.2	5.5	6.4	7.0	6.8	6.0	6.0	7.0	6.8	6.4	6.6	7.2
6 years	5.9	6.1	6.0	6.4	5.5	4.6	5.4	6.0	6.4	6.0	6.4	6.6	6.1	6.0	6.4	6.4
7 years	5.1	5.4	5.4	5.5	4.5	4.6	5.1	5.2	5.8	5.4	5.7	6.0	5.4	5.4	5.5	6.0
8 years	5.2	4.5	5.1	5.2	3.7	4.3	4.4	4.5	4.5	4.6	4.9	4.8	4.6	5.1	5.2	5.2
9 years	4.4	4.9	4.6	4.5	4.2	3.6	4.3	4.2	4.6	4.5	5.1	5.1	4.9	4.5	4.5	4.8
10 years	4.0	4.2	4.2	4.0	3.6	3.6	3.2	3.4	3.9	4.0	4.2	3.5	4.3	4.3	4.0	4.1
11 years	3.7	4.0	4.1	3.8	3.7	4.0	3.3	2.9	3.6	4.0	4.2	3.7	4.1	4.2	3.7	3.6
12 years	3.1	3.7	4.0	3.6	3.3	2.9	3.0	2.9	3.2	3.4	3.9	3.5	3.7	4.1	3.6	3.6
13 years	3.7	3.4	3.5	3.9	3.3	3.0	3.2	2.9	3.0	3.1	3.0	3.2	3.5	3.5	3.9	3.4
14 years	3.6	3.7	3.6	3.6	3.3	3.2	3.3	2.9	3.0	2.7	3.0	3.0	3.8	3.6	3.5	3.6
15 years	4.1	3.7	3.9	3.7	2.8	2.8	2.9	2.9	3.0	2.7	2.8	2.6	3.7	3.9	3.7	3.4
16 years	4.3	4.2	4.0	4.0	3.2	2.7	2.0	2.0	3.4	2.6	1.9	2.7	4.2	4.1	4.0	3.6
17 years	4.5	4.4	4.0	3.7	1.9	1.7	1.6	1.5	2.7	2.7	2.3	2.5	4.4	4.0	3.7	3.4
18 years	0.8	0.8	0.6	0.4	0.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	7.2	7.2	7.4	6.7	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.7	0.5	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20 years	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	0.0
Missing data	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	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)¹⁰

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/ Alaska Native	9.2	8.3	8.4	8.0	8.0	9.1	9.0	6.9	8.9	8.3	7.8	8.8	8.7	8.7	9.1	7.0
Asian	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2	<.1	0.1	<.1	<.1
Black	17.2	17.7	15.0	12.8	16.1	11.4	11.2	10.4	15.9	16.4	14.4	12.6	17.6	15.2	13.2	11.5
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	15.0	15.5	15.7	15.3	15.3	13.9	15.1	14.6	15.1	14.7	16.7	14.5	15.1	15.2	14.8	15.3
White	36.6	35.1	35.9	37.8	39.3	43.1	41.2	42.3	39.2	38.8	36.9	40.5	36.1	37.0	38.4	39.1
Two or more races	22.0	23.2	24.8	26.1	20.8	22.3	23.2	25.4	20.6	21.6	23.9	23.3	22.4	23.7	24.4	27.0
Unable to determine	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1
Missing data	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	0.0

⁸ These percentages are calculated against the number of unique victims. A child may have been the victim of more than one type of maltreatment, or the same type of maltreatment more than once. As a result, the total percentages both within and across maltreatment categories may exceed 100.

⁹ Response time is defined as the time between the report of suspected maltreatment and the first face-to-face contact with the alleged victim or with another person who can provide information on the allegation.

¹⁰ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

D. Characteristics of Children Waiting for Adoption¹¹ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total waiting children	3,438	2,869	2,953	2,830
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	2,294	1,919	1,871	1,609

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	3.1	3.9	4.0	4.2
1 year	7.8	7.5	9.3	8.9
2 years	9.4	8.4	7.9	7.6
3 years	7.1	7.6	7.6	8.2
4 years	6.2	7.4	6.9	7.6
5 years	7.4	5.8	6.0	6.5
6 years	6.7	5.9	6.1	5.9
7 years	6.0	6.1	5.5	5.8
8 years	5.3	5.6	5.8	5.6
9 years	5.1	5.4	5.3	5.3
10 years	5.4	5.5	4.9	5.2
11 years	5.1	5.1	4.5	4.8
12 years	5.1	5.2	4.7	4.7
13 years	4.5	5.2	5.1	4.6
14 years	4.9	5.2	4.9	5.1
15 years	5.2	5.3	5.3	4.9
16 years	3.3	3.3	4.0	3.3
17 years	2.4	1.6	2.1	1.9

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹³

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/Alaska Native	7.7	7.2	7.7	5.1
Asian	0.0	0.1	0.1	<.1
Black	20.9	19.2	17.3	15.3
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	16.4	16.9	15.0	16.7
White	34.1	33.4	36.4	38.1
Two or more races	20.9	23.1	23.4	24.8
Unable to determine	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total children adopted	1,564	1,628	1,294	1,522

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	1.2	1.7	1.5	2.2
1 year	10.8	11.0	10.5	12.7
2 years	14.8	14.8	13.3	13.7
3 years	11.6	12.8	12.6	10.7
4 years	10.2	8.5	11.2	8.5
5 years	9.8	7.9	7.4	8.3
6 years	7.8	7.6	6.5	7.5
7 years	5.8	6.3	6.8	6.4
8 years	4.8	5.3	4.9	5.4
9 years	4.4	3.4	5.3	5.8
10 years	4.0	3.7	4.3	3.4
11 years	3.4	4.3	4.4	3.9
12 years	2.4	2.9	3.2	3.3
13 years	2.0	2.4	2.8	2.2
14 years	1.9	1.7	2.2	2.0
15 years	2.1	2.5	1.2	1.4
16 years	1.9	1.6	0.9	1.6
17 years	1.0	1.3	1.0	0.9
18 years	0.2	0.4	<.1	0.1
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/Alaska Native	12.1	9.6	9.7	11.0
Asian	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1
Black	13.4	17.9	13.7	13.7
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	14.3	15.9	20.3	15.2
White	41.1	37.8	36.2	39.9
Two or more races	19.1	18.8	19.9	20.1
Unable to determine	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

¹¹ There is no federal definition for a child waiting to be adopted. The definition used in the tables on this page includes children and youth through age 17 who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parents' parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A state's own definition may differ from that used here.

¹² Children older than 17 years fall outside of the definition used to identify waiting children and are therefore excluded from this table.

¹³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

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OUTCOMES DATA

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect (NCANDS)

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children without a recurrence	94.1	94.1	93.1	93.8
Children with one or more recurrences	5.9	5.9	6.9	6.2
Number	3,613	3,517	3,740	4,660

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care (NCANDS and AFCARS Foster Care File)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.57	0.79	0.48	0.89
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.43	99.21	99.52	99.11
Number	15,245	12,990	12,533	13,618

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Foster Care File)

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	23.1	30.5	28.7	33.0
Guardianship	7.6	7.7	6.7	6.2
Reunification	59.3	51.2	52.9	50.3
Other	10.0	10.7	11.7	10.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	6,465	5,142	4,271	4,406

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	21.8	31.2	31.2	37.5
Guardianship	8.6	7.1	8.2	7.8
Reunification	44.6	37.8	37.4	31.1
Other	25.0	23.9	23.2	23.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,107	1,165	1,026	1,024

3.3 Exits of Children Older Than Age 12 at Entry Into Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	4.0	6.4	2.9	4.9
Guardianship	8.4	9.6	8.6	8.1
Reunification	54.5	48.0	47.5	49.8
Other	33.1	36.0	41.0	37.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	968	669	547	596

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children age 12 or younger at entry	39.8	43.7	38.6	36.5
Children older than 12 at entry	60.2	56.3	61.4	63.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	485	380	324	304

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	American Indian/Alaska Native				2009	Asian				2009	Black			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	22.0	24.6	24.1	25.8	0.0	0.0	16.7	12.5	20.1	34.9	28.8	37.2		
Guardianship	6.8	7.3	7.5	6.2	0.0	10.0	16.7	0.0	7.0	8.2	5.5	3.6		
Reunification	51.9	47.3	42.5	42.6	100.0	90.0	66.7	75.0	61.4	46.2	55.1	49.1		
Other	19.3	20.8	25.9	25.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	12.5	11.5	10.7	10.5	10.1		
Missing data	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	576	427	332	387	17	10	6	8	1,027	842	617	556		

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander				2009	Hispanic (of any race)				2009	White			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	20.0	0.0	75.0	0.0	22.2	33.7	35.2	36.2	25.0	30.7	29.1	34.5		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.5	5.0	5.2	5.3	7.7	7.7	6.7	6.8		
Reunification	80.0	0.0	25.0	100.0	63.1	52.7	49.9	49.3	59.1	53.1	55.4	50.7		
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.2	8.6	9.7	9.2	8.2	8.5	8.9	8.1		
Missing data	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	5	0	4	3	974	754	713	639	2,535	1,996	1,577	1,786		

	Unable to Determine				2009	Two or More Races				2009	Missing Data			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	23.2	27.1	24.9	29.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.4	9.1	8.1	7.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	57.8	51.7	53.4	53.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.6	12.1	13.6	10.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Missing data	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	0	0	0	1	1,331	1,113	1,022	1,026	0	0	0	0		

¹⁴ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Less than 12 mos.	47.9	47.1	52.0	54.3
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	34.3	34.2	31.3	31.9
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	11.7	11.9	10.3	10.1
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	4.6	4.7	3.2	1.4
48 or more mos.	1.6	2.1	2.0	2.3
Missing data	0.0	0.2	1.2	0.0
Number	3,834	2,632	2,261	2,216

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children entering care for the first time	83.1	84.4	84.3	86.5
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	6.8	5.6	5.1	4.4
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	9.9	9.9	10.5	9.1
Missing data	0.2	<.1	<.1	<.1
Number	4,662	4,259	4,719	5,341

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Foster Care File)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Less than 12 mos.	2.3	3.5	3.7	5.2
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	24.1	24.7	23.9	32.8
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	31.9	30.6	29.1	30.0
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	22.2	21.7	19.1	15.5
48 or more mos.	19.5	19.5	24.2	16.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,492	1,567	1,226	1,456

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Foster Care File)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care (%)

	In Care Less Than 12 Months				In Care at Least 12 Months but Less Than 24 Months				In Care for 24 Months or Longer				Missing Time in Care			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children with 2 or fewer placements	73.7	72.2	73.9	71.6	47.3	47.1	47.7	49.7	25.3	22.8	21.8	22.9	100.0	87.5	91.2	0.0
Children with 3 or more placements	25.4	27.7	25.9	28.0	52.7	52.7	52.3	50.3	74.6	77.2	78.2	77.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	0.9	<.1	0.2	0.5	0.0	0.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	12.5	8.8	0.0
Number	5,406	4,842	5,170	5,864	4,090	3,350	3,346	3,923	5,741	4,782	3,983	3,831	8	16	34	0

7. Reduce Placement of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Foster Care File)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During the Fiscal Year and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Group homes	14.3	8.0	8.5	6.6
Institutions	2.2	2.3	2.3	3.0
Other settings	83.4	89.7	89.2	90.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	3,924	3,666	4,064	4,590

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews¹⁵ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score¹⁷	109.0	112.4	115.2	111.9
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	54.8	57.1	63.8	65.1
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	10.7	10.2	8.4	8.2
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	34.6	30.8	27.9	22.2
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	8.3	6.3	7.5	10.3

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	106.3	124.1	124.0	139.2
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	26.4	28.1	27.7	38.0
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	32.2	32.5	33.0	27.9
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	26.7	30.4	28.8	32.0
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year? ¹⁸	16.3	23.0	21.9	20.6
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	42.2	47.9	50.8	54.2

Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time¹⁹

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	109.6	111.0	110.6	119.4
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	36.3	38.4	35.6	38.2
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	86.3	88.2	87.0	89.3
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	61.2	64.6	59.5	52.2

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	73.7	72.8	74.6	75.3
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	69.6	69.5	71.7	70.3
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	47.2	47.2	47.6	49.7
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	25.5	22.8	21.9	23.1

¹⁵ Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the state did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

¹⁶ Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 includes a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

¹⁷ Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website (<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/resource/data-indicators-second-round-of-cfsrs>).

¹⁸ Legally free means that there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father. This calculation excludes children who, by the end of the first 6 months of the fiscal year, had discharged from foster care to reunification, living with relative, or guardianship.

¹⁹ A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

²⁰ The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

Oregon

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total children under 18 years	872,811	865,529	862,810	860,624
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
American Indian/ Alaska Native	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.2
Asian	3.8	3.7	3.7	3.8
Black	2.5	2.1	2.1	2.1
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.5
Hispanic (of any race)	19.8	20.9	21.2	21.4
White	68.0	66.2	65.8	65.3
Two or more races	4.3	5.4	5.5	5.7
Child population in poverty (%)	19.2	21.6	23.6	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Child maltreatment victims	—	—	—	9,576
Foster care entry rate per 1,000	5.3	5.6	5.1	4.9
Children in foster care on 9/30	8,689	9,012	9,068	8,876
Children adopted	1,101	780	664	584

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	73
Numerator	N/A	N/A	N/A	56,156
Denominator	N/A	N/A	N/A	76,984
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	65
Numerator	N/A	N/A	N/A	36,324
Denominator	N/A	N/A	N/A	56,156

B. Child Maltreatment Data (National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System [NCANDS] Unique Counts)⁶

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2009		2010		2011		2012	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children who received a Child Protective Services response for an allegation of child maltreatment	—	— per 1,000	—	— per 1,000	—	— per 1,000	33,173	38.5 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims	—	— per 1,000	—	— per 1,000	—	— per 1,000	9,576	11.1 per 1,000
Child fatalities	13	1.5 per 100,000	22	2.5 per 100,000	19	2.2 per 100,000	17	2.0 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	—	—	—	11.7
1 year	—	—	—	7.7
2 years	—	—	—	7.3
3 years	—	—	—	7.5
4 years	—	—	—	6.9
5 years	—	—	—	7.0
6 years	—	—	—	6.0
7 years	—	—	—	5.4
8 years	—	—	—	5.1
9 years	—	—	—	4.5
10 years	—	—	—	4.3
11 years	—	—	—	4.3
12 years	—	—	—	4.2
13 years	—	—	—	4.3
14 years	—	—	—	4.1
15 years	—	—	—	3.7
16 years	—	—	—	3.3
17 years	—	—	—	2.2
18+ years	—	—	—	<.1
Missing data	—	—	—	0.4
Number	—	—	—	9,576

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/ Alaska Native	—	—	—	2.4
Asian	—	—	—	0.6
Black	—	—	—	4.4
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	—	—	—	0.3
Hispanic (of any race)	—	—	—	15.9
White	—	—	—	55.3
Two or more races	—	—	—	4.0
Missing data	—	—	—	17.1
Number	—	—	—	9,576

¹ The source data for each table is indicated in parentheses for each section. A calendar year is the basis for data from the Census Bureau. Most of the other data on these pages are from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS) or the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) and are based on the Federal fiscal year, October 1 through September 30.

² The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau (<http://www.census.gov/popest/data/datasets.html>). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS). Child poverty data for 2012 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2010–2013 report.

³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

⁴ A child victim is defined as a child who is the subject of a maltreatment report for which the disposition is substantiated, indicated, or "alternative response victim." The rate for foster care entry is per 1,000 children in the state population. Data on child maltreatment victims are from NCANDS. Data on foster care entry rate, children in foster care on 9/30, and children adopted are from AFCARS.

⁵ As of 2012, there is a new methodology used to calculate the caseworker visits measures. Because the new methodology limits data comparisons with prior years, caseworker visits data from 2009 through 2011 are not included in this table. All states have the option of using an approved sampling procedure for the caseworker visits reporting requirement. See appendix C for more information on how these data are calculated and for a list of states using sampling methodology.

⁶ The unique count of child victims counts a child only once regardless of the number of times he or she was found to be a victim during the reporting year. This is a change from prior reports, and these data are now consistent with the reporting practice in the Child Maltreatment reports.

⁷ The rates for Child Protective Services Responses and victims are per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18.

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)⁸

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Emotional abuse	—	—	—	2.0
Medical neglect	—	—	—	1.6
Neglect	—	—	—	49.9
Physical abuse	—	—	—	9.4
Sexual abuse	—	—	—	7.9
Missing data	—	—	—	<.1
Other	—	—	—	55.9
Number	—	—	—	9,576

Response Time (in hours)⁹

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Mean	—	—	—	87.3
Median	—	—	—	<24

C. Characteristics of Children in Foster Care

(Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System [AFCARS] Foster Care File)

Overview Foster Care Information

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total number	8,827	8,459	9,161	8,377	4,607	4,816	4,363	4,195	4,745	4,263	4,460	3,698	8,689	9,012	9,068	8,876
Median length of stay (months)	18.2	15.4	15.3	16.7	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	16.6	15.3	14.5	17.4	15.4	14.9	17.0	17.0

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	5.9	5.3	5.1	5.1	16.7	16.2	16.8	16.6	4.1	3.7	3.7	3.9	5.4	5.3	5.0	4.8
1 year	7.7	7.7	7.1	7.2	9.1	8.9	8.9	8.7	8.4	8.0	7.1	5.8	7.8	7.4	6.9	7.4
2 years	7.6	7.1	7.5	7.3	8.1	8.7	7.3	7.6	9.4	9.3	9.3	8.8	7.1	7.8	7.0	7.5
3 years	6.3	6.8	6.7	6.8	6.7	7.8	6.8	7.9	8.7	8.3	8.6	8.2	6.7	6.8	6.6	6.9
4 years	6.1	5.7	6.4	5.9	7.0	6.9	6.1	6.7	7.7	7.4	7.9	7.8	5.8	6.5	5.7	6.5
5 years	5.3	5.3	5.1	5.7	4.8	5.8	5.7	6.1	6.0	6.9	6.7	6.7	5.4	5.2	5.5	5.4
6 years	4.9	4.6	5.1	5.0	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.6	5.9	5.2	5.9	5.8	4.6	5.2	4.8	5.7
7 years	4.6	4.7	4.3	4.9	4.7	4.5	5.2	5.0	4.6	4.9	5.2	5.4	4.8	4.4	4.8	4.9
8 years	4.2	4.6	4.5	4.4	4.5	4.0	4.1	4.1	4.8	5.3	4.8	5.0	4.6	4.6	4.3	4.7
9 years	4.6	3.9	4.0	4.3	4.3	4.2	4.4	3.7	4.7	4.1	4.2	4.2	3.9	4.0	4.3	4.2
10 years	4.5	4.2	4.2	4.0	3.6	3.7	4.3	3.1	4.5	3.5	4.4	3.7	4.2	4.1	4.0	3.8
11 years	3.8	4.4	4.2	4.2	4.1	4.0	3.5	3.6	3.8	3.6	3.4	3.8	4.4	4.2	4.3	3.9
12 years	4.3	3.9	4.6	4.3	3.7	3.7	4.1	3.5	3.6	3.6	3.7	3.2	3.8	4.5	4.3	4.2
13 years	4.4	4.6	4.5	4.7	4.0	3.7	3.7	4.6	3.4	3.0	3.1	3.5	4.6	4.4	5.0	4.4
14 years	5.1	4.7	5.0	4.6	3.9	4.5	4.1	3.8	3.4	3.3	3.1	3.5	4.7	4.8	4.8	5.1
15 years	5.5	5.4	5.4	5.3	3.8	3.5	4.3	4.0	3.1	3.5	3.2	3.4	5.4	5.1	5.5	4.8
16 years	5.1	5.9	5.5	5.5	3.8	3.1	3.4	3.3	3.0	3.4	3.4	3.8	5.8	5.3	5.7	5.4
17 years	5.4	5.3	5.2	5.3	2.0	1.5	2.0	2.0	2.9	3.3	2.8	3.7	5.3	4.9	5.6	4.8
18 years	3.0	3.3	3.0	3.2	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	5.1	5.7	5.0	5.3	3.2	2.8	3.4	3.0
19 years	1.4	1.6	1.8	1.5	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	1.6	2.1	2.4	2.1	1.7	1.7	1.6	1.8
20 years	0.6	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.7	1.2	1.3	1.5	0.9	0.9	1.0	0.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.8	0.8	1.0	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.1

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)¹⁰

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/ Alaska Native	1.4	0.8	2.9	4.1	1.5	1.3	4.0	4.1	1.6	1.0	1.9	3.5	1.3	1.0	3.9	4.4
Asian	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.7	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.6
Black	0.7	0.6	4.5	5.0	1.2	1.1	3.6	4.5	0.9	0.7	2.8	3.6	0.9	0.8	4.8	5.3
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Hispanic (of any race)	10.6	13.4	13.4	13.5	15.0	14.0	15.7	16.6	12.4	15.8	15.8	14.7	12.0	12.6	13.3	14.5
White	57.8	57.6	59.0	57.8	53.0	59.5	55.7	54.9	57.2	57.9	57.7	60.5	55.5	58.4	58.1	55.3
Two or more races	21.8	23.8	16.3	14.8	17.3	15.8	12.5	5.2	17.0	19.0	15.4	11.0	22.1	21.7	14.9	11.9
Unable to determine	7.3	3.4	3.1	3.9	11.4	7.7	7.5	13.9	10.3	5.3	5.4	6.0	7.7	4.8	4.1	7.8
Missing data	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	0.0

⁸ These percentages are calculated against the number of unique victims. A child may have been the victim of more than one type of maltreatment, or the same type of maltreatment more than once. As a result, the total percentages both within and across maltreatment categories may exceed 100.

⁹ Response time is defined as the time between the report of suspected maltreatment and the first face-to-face contact with the alleged victim or with another person who can provide information on the allegation.

¹⁰ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

D. Characteristics of Children Waiting for Adoption¹¹ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total waiting children	1,850	1,831	1,900	1,901
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	1,269	1,097	1,317	1,451

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	2.5	1.8	1.3	1.5
1 year	9.0	9.1	7.1	7.9
2 years	10.5	11.0	10.5	12.0
3 years	9.9	9.5	9.5	10.3
4 years	7.8	8.5	8.2	8.4
5 years	7.7	7.3	7.6	7.4
6 years	6.9	7.6	6.8	7.8
7 years	6.6	6.2	6.3	6.7
8 years	6.2	5.6	6.2	6.1
9 years	4.9	5.0	5.4	5.2
10 years	4.5	4.4	4.6	4.8
11 years	5.1	4.4	4.1	4.4
12 years	3.5	4.6	4.2	2.6
13 years	3.5	3.7	4.7	2.7
14 years	3.1	3.7	4.0	3.7
15 years	2.2	2.9	3.9	3.0
16 years	3.1	2.2	3.1	3.1
17 years	3.0	2.4	2.5	2.5

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹³

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.6	0.4	1.2	1.2
Asian	<.1	0.2	0.2	0.3
Black	0.6	0.7	4.7	6.1
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.3	0.6	0.5
Hispanic (of any race)	12.7	13.5	14.5	15.5
White	56.2	59.3	59.2	53.3
Two or more races	22.5	22.8	17.7	19.4
Unable to determine	7.2	2.8	1.9	3.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total children adopted	1,101	780	664	584

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.0
1 year	8.4	9.5	7.7	3.8
2 years	14.1	15.1	16.9	14.4
3 years	13.2	15.3	13.6	15.2
4 years	11.8	10.3	11.1	12.2
5 years	8.4	9.6	9.6	9.2
6 years	8.4	7.9	8.9	7.0
7 years	6.1	4.9	6.8	7.4
8 years	6.6	7.4	5.4	7.4
9 years	5.5	5.4	4.8	5.1
10 years	4.4	4.0	5.1	3.8
11 years	3.2	3.3	3.6	3.6
12 years	3.4	3.1	2.4	3.8
13 years	1.8	1.0	1.7	2.7
14 years	1.7	1.7	1.4	1.9
15 years	0.9	0.5	0.6	0.9
16 years	1.1	0.1	0.5	0.7
17 years	0.7	0.6	0.0	1.0
18 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/Alaska Native	<.1	0.3	0.5	0.5
Asian	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.2
Black	4.4	3.7	3.8	4.1
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.3	0.0	0.2	0.3
Hispanic (of any race)	20.4	21.0	16.4	10.1
White	67.2	65.9	63.7	67.8
Two or more races	7.4	9.0	14.2	14.2
Unable to determine	0.0	0.0	1.1	2.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

¹¹ There is no federal definition for a child waiting to be adopted. The definition used in the tables on this page includes children and youth through age 17 who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parents' parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A state's own definition may differ from that used here.

¹² Children older than 17 years fall outside of the definition used to identify waiting children and are therefore excluded from this table.

¹³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

Oregon

OUTCOMES DATA

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect (NCANDS)

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children without a recurrence	93.5	95.8	95.1	92.9
Children with one or more recurrences	6.5	4.2	4.9	7.1
Number	5,681	5,626	5,618	5,056

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care (NCANDS and AFCARS Foster Care File)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.41	0.48	0.57	0.84
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.59	99.52	99.43	99.16
Number	13,434	13,275	13,524	12,572

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Foster Care File)

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	23.2	18.4	14.5	18.0
Guardianship	6.1	4.7	5.5	7.7
Reunification	59.0	64.0	66.7	61.5
Other	9.4	10.8	10.9	12.8
Missing data	2.3	2.1	2.2	<.1
Number	4,745	4,263	4,460	3,698

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	29.2	23.5	26.8	24.0
Guardianship	5.4	5.8	7.8	5.3
Reunification	41.1	42.4	35.7	33.8
Other	20.4	24.5	26.0	36.8
Missing data	4.0	3.8	3.6	0.2
Number	1,025	1,003	745	438

3.3 Exits of Children Older Than Age 12 at Entry Into Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	1.3	0.7	0.4	0.6
Guardianship	5.0	3.0	4.6	5.4
Reunification	52.6	55.1	53.5	53.5
Other	35.2	35.9	38.1	40.3
Missing data	5.9	5.4	3.5	0.2
Number	707	728	722	663

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children age 12 or younger at entry	43.1	49.6	44.0	39.3
Children older than 12 at entry	56.9	50.4	55.7	60.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0
Number	255	240	291	295

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	American Indian/Alaska Native				2009	Asian				2009	Black			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	26.9	2.3	3.5	3.1	50.0	0.0	8.3	10.0	21.4	10.0	10.4	17.2		
Guardianship	15.4	14.0	16.5	9.3	0.0	0.0	8.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.0	7.5		
Reunification	52.6	79.1	64.7	68.2	20.0	85.7	83.3	70.0	64.3	73.3	64.0	51.5		
Other	3.8	2.3	11.8	19.4	20.0	0.0	0.0	20.0	7.1	16.7	18.4	23.1		
Missing data	1.3	2.3	3.5	0.0	10.0	14.3	0.0	0.0	7.1	0.0	3.2	0.7		
Number	78	43	85	129	10	7	24	10	42	30	125	134		

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander				2009	Hispanic (of any race)				2009	White			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	8.3	0.0	5.6	12.5	15.6	17.7	14.6	12.7	23.9	18.0	15.2	19.7		
Guardianship	8.3	14.3	11.1	0.0	2.5	5.0	6.5	5.9	6.1	4.7	4.5	8.0		
Reunification	50.0	57.1	77.8	56.3	74.9	69.6	70.3	71.1	57.4	63.7	65.3	59.3		
Other	25.0	14.3	5.6	31.3	5.1	5.5	6.2	10.3	10.3	11.5	12.8	13.0		
Missing data	8.3	14.3	0.0	0.0	1.9	2.2	2.4	0.0	2.3	2.1	2.3	0.0		
Number	12	7	18	16	589	674	706	543	2,716	2,468	2,572	2,238		

	Unable to Determine				2009	Two or More Races				2009	Missing Data			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	29.3	18.3	5.4	8.5	22.1	21.7	17.7	26.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	5.3	0.4	2.5	6.7	8.8	5.4	8.1	8.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	53.8	65.6	79.7	77.6	56.9	58.8	64.0	52.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Other	8.6	13.8	10.4	7.2	10.4	12.2	8.3	11.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Missing data	3.1	1.8	2.1	0.0	1.9	1.9	1.9	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	491	224	241	223	807	810	689	405	0	0	0	0		

¹⁴ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Less than 12 mos.	59.3	57.7	59.6	55.1
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	28.2	31.4	28.2	31.6
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	7.4	7.0	6.6	8.9
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	2.0	1.6	1.5	1.6
48 or more mos.	3.1	2.3	2.4	2.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	1.7	0.7
Number	2,800	2,730	2,977	2,273

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children entering care for the first time	80.5	79.8	78.0	79.1
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	7.9	8.1	8.3	7.9
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	11.6	12.1	13.1	12.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.1
Number	4,607	4,816	4,363	4,195

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Foster Care File)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Less than 12 mos.	1.2	1.0	0.6	0.3
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	16.7	20.8	17.1	12.1
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	33.6	35.8	35.6	44.5
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	25.6	23.2	23.1	26.1
48 or more mos.	23.0	19.2	23.5	16.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,099	785	648	667

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Foster Care File)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care (%)

	In Care Less Than 12 Months				In Care at Least 12 Months but Less Than 24 Months				In Care for 24 Months or Longer				Missing Time in Care			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children with 2 or fewer placements	87.4	88.0	88.1	87.0	63.7	68.1	69.7	70.3	33.4	32.8	36.3	41.5	100.0	100.0	98.6	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	12.6	12.0	11.2	12.7	36.3	31.9	29.9	29.6	66.6	67.2	63.5	58.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	1.4	0.0
Number	5,469	5,619	5,215	4,763	3,070	3,204	3,493	3,046	4,874	4,421	4,742	4,748	21	31	74	15

7. Reduce Placement of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Foster Care File)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During the Fiscal Year and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Group homes	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Institutions	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.1
Other settings	99.0	99.0	98.9	98.9
Missing data	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0
Number	3,771	3,999	3,580	3,422

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews¹⁵ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score¹⁷	125.0	116.8	134.9	137.8
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	71.4	70.6	78.9	80.3
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	6.9	6.9	3.4	2.2
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	43.5	42.9	41.0	40.3
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	10.2	13.0	11.8	12.0

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	109.1	97.9	89.0	77.8
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	17.8	21.8	17.9	12.4
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	35.5	33.0	34.5	34.3
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	26.2	20.7	17.2	18.2
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year? ¹⁸	12.3	8.7	11.9	11.4
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	61.0	56.1	49.3	35.5

Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time¹⁹

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	113.2	108.5	103.4	110.1
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	32.2	25.3	24.1	24.1
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	98.9	97.9	94.0	96.9
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	63.8	59.6	59.5	56.3

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	98.1	100.7	103.1	104.5
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	86.8	87.4	88.2	86.4
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	63.8	68.2	70.0	70.5
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	34.0	33.9	37.2	42.9

¹⁵ Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the state did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

¹⁶ Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 includes a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

¹⁷ Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website (<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/resource/data-indicators-second-round-of-cfsrs>).

¹⁸ Legally free means that there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father. This calculation excludes children who, by the end of the first 6 months of the fiscal year, had discharged from foster care to reunification, living with relative, or guardianship.

¹⁹ A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

²⁰ The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

Oregon

STATE COMMENT

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The following are Oregon's comments on the state data presented in *Child Welfare Outcomes 2009–2012: Report to Congress*.

Oregon fully implemented its new State Automated Child Welfare Information System (SACWIS) in August 2011. While Oregon successfully submitted both AFCARS and NCANDS files within months of system start using its new SACWIS system, Oregon realized there were significant data conversion issues affecting both files.

AFCARS

The original 2011 AFCARS files undercounted discharges and over-represent entries, impacting all data. The 2011 foster care AFCARS data have been resubmitted, and the data for 2011 and 2012 are correct. Data reported that uses the 2011 or 2012 adoption AFCARS are incorrect. Readers are strongly cautioned to not use the 2011 or 2012 data from the AFCARS adoption files.

There are differences in the AFCARS foster care data for 2011 and 2012 that differ from data reported from Oregon's Legacy systems. First, Oregon's Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care for FY2012 shows an increase in Native Americans and a decrease in children of Two or More Races compared to 2010 and prior years. This change is due to data conversion issues that impacted race data in the new SACWIS system. Readers should not compare race/ethnicity data from 2011 forward to prior years.

Second, Oregon's Exits with a Diagnosed Disability dropped in number after 2010. This change is due to Oregon's new SACWIS system. Readers should not compare diagnosed disability data from 2011 forward with prior years.

NCANDS

For FY2012 Oregon submitted the Agency File and Child File. However, Oregon has found errors in the 2012 NCANDS Child File. Therefore, readers should not use the 2012 CPS data reported.

The following data notes are important to understand when interpreting Oregon's valid NCANDS data for the 2009-2011 periods:

- The number of children subjects of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment is an estimate. The Oregon legacy system did not collect data at the child level on non-victims.
- Oregon's maltreatment type "threat of harm" is captured in the category of "Other."
- Victims by Race/Ethnicity show a large increase in Native Americans. This change is due to reporting according to the Summary Data instructions where a child victim is being counted and reported separately for all categories that apply. Additionally, there are data conversion issues that impacted race data in the new SACWIS system.
- In Oregon, all reports of child abuse/neglect that are referred for investigation are assigned a response time. There are two types of response times in Oregon – "within 24 hours" and "within 5 days." As reported to NCANDS via the SDC file or Agency File (for 2012), the mean time to investigate for all investigations is:
 - 2008: 89.5 hours;
 - 2009: 100.5 hours;
 - 2010: 99.3 hours.
 - 2011: not available due to data conversion issues;
 - 2012: 97.0 hours.

Oregon is committed to providing the most accurate data possible through AFCARS and NCANDS transmissions. Oregon has been diligently fixing the data conversion and programming related issues for NCANDS and will be resubmitting the 2012 data as soon as possible.

Pennsylvania

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total children under 18 years	2,775,132	2,787,112	2,764,488	2,739,386
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1
Asian	2.9	3.0	3.1	3.2
Black	13.1	13.1	13.0	13.0
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	8.7	9.4	9.7	10.1
White	72.8	71.1	70.6	70.2
Two or more races	2.3	3.2	3.4	3.4
Child population in poverty (%)	17.1	19.1	19.6	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Child maltreatment victims	3,913	3,555	3,287	3,416
Foster care entry rate per 1,000	3.8	3.6	3.6	3.7
Children in foster care on 9/30	16,618	15,201	14,715	14,862
Children adopted	2,243	2,388	2,013	1,881

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	98
Numerator	N/A	N/A	N/A	2,918
Denominator	N/A	N/A	N/A	2,967
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	99
Numerator	N/A	N/A	N/A	2,882
Denominator	N/A	N/A	N/A	2,918

B. Child Maltreatment Data (National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System [NCANDS] Unique Counts)⁶

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2009		2010		2011		2012	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children who received a Child Protective Services response for an allegation of child maltreatment	23,100	8.3 per 1,000	22,263	8.0 per 1,000	21,570	7.8 per 1,000	23,577	8.6 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims	3,913	1.4 per 1,000	3,555	1.3 per 1,000	3,287	1.2 per 1,000	3,416	1.2 per 1,000
Child fatalities	40	1.4 per 100,000	29	1.0 per 100,000	37	1.3 per 100,000	38	1.4 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	6.7	6.7	3.7	<.1
1 year	4.0	3.0	3.4	3.6
2 years	3.8	3.5	3.6	3.5
3 years	3.6	4.1	4.6	4.1
4 years	4.8	4.9	5.0	5.5
5 years	4.9	5.1	4.6	5.1
6 years	4.8	4.6	4.8	4.8
7 years	4.9	4.6	4.6	4.6
8 years	4.5	5.7	4.9	4.5
9 years	5.0	4.8	4.7	4.9
10 years	5.1	4.7	5.3	4.7
11 years	5.1	5.3	4.8	4.9
12 years	5.1	5.8	5.4	6.5
13 years	6.7	6.3	6.8	7.0
14 years	7.2	7.3	7.7	7.9
15 years	8.4	9.3	8.5	7.1
16 years	7.6	6.6	7.1	6.9
17 years	5.6	5.5	5.3	5.6
18+ years	2.3	2.2	2.2	1.9
Missing data	0.0	<.1	3.0	6.7
Number	3,913	3,555	3,287	3,416

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/ Alaska Native	—	—	—	—
Asian	—	—	—	—
Black	—	—	—	—
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	—	—	—	—
Hispanic (of any race)	—	—	—	—
White	—	—	—	—
Two or more races	—	—	—	—
Missing data	—	—	—	—
Number	3,913	3,555	3,287	3,416

¹ The source data for each table is indicated in parentheses for each section. A calendar year is the basis for data from the Census Bureau. Most of the other data on these pages are from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS) or the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) and are based on the Federal fiscal year, October 1 through September 30.

² The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau (<http://www.census.gov/popest/data/datasets.html>). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS). Child poverty data for 2012 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2010–2013 report.

³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

⁴ A child victim is defined as a child who is the subject of a maltreatment report for which the disposition is substantiated, indicated, or "alternative response victim." The rate for foster care entry is per 1,000 children in the state population. Data on child maltreatment victims are from NCANDS. Data on foster care entry rate, children in foster care on 9/30, and children adopted are from AFCARS.

⁵ As of 2012, there is a new methodology used to calculate the caseworker visits measures. Because the new methodology limits data comparisons with prior years, caseworker visits data from 2009 through 2011 are not included in this table. All states have the option of using an approved sampling procedure for the caseworker visits reporting requirement. See appendix C for more information on how these data are calculated and for a list of states using sampling methodology.

⁶ The unique count of child victims counts a child only once regardless of the number of times he or she was found to be a victim during the reporting year. This is a change from prior reports, and these data are now consistent with the reporting practice in the Child Maltreatment reports.

⁷ The rates for Child Protective Services Responses and victims are per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18.

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)⁸

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Emotional abuse	1.1	1.2	0.9	0.5
Medical neglect	2.9	2.8	2.3	3.2
Neglect	3.9	2.8	3.5	3.3
Physical abuse	34.0	33.1	32.1	32.1
Sexual abuse	64.2	65.5	65.2	66.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	3,913	3,555	3,287	3,416

Response Time (in hours)⁹

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Mean	—	—	—	—
Median	—	—	—	—

C. Characteristics of Children in Foster Care

(Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System [AFCARS] Foster Care File)

Overview Foster Care Information

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total number	18,039	15,816	14,058	13,639	10,660	9,904	9,928	10,040	12,081	10,519	9,271	8,817	16,618	15,201	14,715	14,862
Median length of stay (months)	15.6	15.6	14.6	14.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	12.7	13.5	12.4	11.9	15.5	14.3	13.4	13.0

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	4.9	4.7	5.2	5.7	13.3	13.2	13.2	13.3	3.6	3.5	3.6	3.7	4.6	5.0	5.1	5.2
1 year	6.5	6.9	6.8	7.2	5.5	5.6	5.7	5.8	5.3	5.6	6.2	6.3	6.6	6.4	6.7	7.3
2 years	5.9	6.2	6.5	6.4	4.9	5.0	5.0	5.0	6.3	6.7	6.6	6.9	6.0	6.1	6.0	6.0
3 years	5.2	5.1	5.4	5.7	3.5	4.1	4.6	4.4	5.0	5.5	5.7	5.6	4.9	5.0	5.4	5.2
4 years	4.5	4.5	4.5	5.1	3.6	3.6	4.0	4.0	4.5	4.7	5.3	5.2	4.4	4.4	4.7	4.8
5 years	4.1	4.2	4.1	4.1	3.3	3.3	3.2	3.6	3.9	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.0	3.9	3.8	4.5
6 years	3.8	3.8	3.7	3.9	2.6	3.2	3.2	3.1	3.4	3.8	4.0	3.5	3.7	3.5	3.5	3.8
7 years	3.9	3.5	3.6	3.4	2.8	2.8	2.6	2.9	3.4	3.3	3.4	3.3	3.4	3.4	3.1	3.5
8 years	3.3	3.4	3.4	3.2	2.6	2.3	2.6	2.5	3.4	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.3	3.2	3.0	3.1
9 years	3.4	3.1	3.0	2.9	2.6	2.5	2.3	2.6	2.9	3.0	3.4	2.7	3.1	2.8	2.7	3.0
10 years	3.2	3.4	3.0	2.7	2.3	2.5	2.5	2.7	2.6	3.2	2.8	2.5	3.3	2.9	2.6	2.9
11 years	3.4	3.1	3.2	3.0	2.6	2.8	2.5	2.5	2.9	2.7	2.9	2.7	3.1	3.1	2.8	2.8
12 years	3.7	3.3	3.5	3.1	3.1	3.2	3.4	3.5	2.9	2.7	2.8	2.7	3.4	3.4	3.1	3.1
13 years	4.1	4.0	3.9	4.0	5.1	4.8	5.0	5.0	3.5	3.5	3.7	3.7	4.1	3.8	4.0	3.7
14 years	6.2	5.3	5.0	5.1	7.6	7.5	7.5	7.5	5.3	4.8	4.9	4.9	5.5	5.1	5.4	5.4
15 years	8.2	7.5	6.8	6.4	11.3	10.7	10.5	9.4	7.7	6.6	6.7	6.6	7.7	7.3	6.9	7.1
16 years	9.3	10.0	8.8	8.6	12.6	12.3	12.0	11.4	10.3	9.9	8.3	8.7	10.3	9.3	9.6	8.5
17 years	9.9	10.0	10.5	9.5	9.5	9.2	8.7	9.0	10.4	10.1	8.8	9.2	9.9	11.1	10.3	9.8
18 years	3.8	4.7	4.7	5.5	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.2	9.0	8.9	8.5	9.2	5.3	5.7	6.4	5.5
19 years	1.6	2.1	2.8	2.6	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.3	1.6	1.8	2.1	2.2	2.2	2.9	2.9	3.0
20 years	1.0	1.2	1.5	1.6	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	1.2	1.4	1.9	1.7	1.1	1.5	1.8	1.7
Missing data	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.8	0.9	1.3	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.1

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)¹⁰

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2
Asian	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.4
Black	44.4	45.2	44.4	40.3	40.4	42.3	40.8	38.6	40.5	41.4	39.8	36.6	44.6	45.9	44.9	41.4
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	10.2	10.8	11.5	12.0	10.4	12.0	12.2	11.8	10.4	11.2	12.1	11.4	10.1	11.2	11.7	12.3
White	41.1	40.1	40.4	41.9	43.1	41.5	43.3	43.9	44.9	43.5	44.5	45.9	39.7	38.7	39.8	40.8
Two or more races	0.7	0.9	1.8	3.3	0.7	1.3	1.7	3.0	0.8	0.9	1.6	3.2	0.6	1.1	1.9	3.2
Unable to determine	3.1	2.5	1.2	1.8	4.7	2.0	1.1	2.1	2.8	2.2	1.2	2.2	4.4	2.4	1.1	1.7
Missing data	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	0.0

⁸ These percentages are calculated against the number of unique victims. A child may have been the victim of more than one type of maltreatment, or the same type of maltreatment more than once. As a result, the total percentages both within and across maltreatment categories may exceed 100.

⁹ Response time is defined as the time between the report of suspected maltreatment and the first face-to-face contact with the alleged victim or with another person who can provide information on the allegation.

¹⁰ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

D. Characteristics of Children Waiting for Adoption¹¹ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total waiting children	2,963	2,468	2,087	2,018
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	1,636	1,468	1,313	1,321

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	1.9	1.8	1.8	2.4
1 year	9.1	7.7	8.7	9.1
2 years	9.6	10.5	10.2	8.1
3 years	8.6	8.5	8.7	8.1
4 years	8.2	8.3	7.7	7.5
5 years	7.5	7.4	7.0	7.0
6 years	6.7	6.2	5.5	6.5
7 years	5.9	6.2	4.9	6.8
8 years	5.2	5.7	5.2	5.2
9 years	5.3	4.9	5.1	5.7
10 years	5.2	4.6	4.6	4.0
11 years	3.9	5.1	5.1	4.6
12 years	4.5	3.9	4.6	4.4
13 years	3.7	4.3	4.1	4.8
14 years	3.7	3.4	4.4	4.0
15 years	4.7	4.1	3.8	4.1
16 years	3.9	4.2	4.1	4.1
17 years	2.5	3.5	4.4	3.6

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹³

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.3	0.2	0.1	<.1
Asian	<.1	0.2	0.2	<.1
Black	39.8	38.7	37.0	34.8
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	11.2	11.5	13.2	13.7
White	42.1	45.0	45.1	45.4
Two or more races	1.1	0.9	2.5	4.8
Unable to determine	5.6	3.5	1.7	1.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total children adopted	2,243	2,388	2,013	1,881

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	1.4	0.8	1.2	1.1
1 year	10.2	11.5	12.1	12.7
2 years	15.2	14.4	15.2	16.8
3 years	12.2	12.7	11.6	11.9
4 years	9.8	9.6	10.2	10.4
5 years	9.1	8.5	8.5	8.1
6 years	6.6	7.2	7.2	6.5
7 years	7.3	6.0	6.2	5.7
8 years	5.9	5.9	4.9	5.1
9 years	4.5	4.6	5.5	4.4
10 years	4.0	4.5	3.6	3.7
11 years	3.1	3.5	3.4	3.3
12 years	3.1	2.6	2.7	2.3
13 years	2.4	2.8	2.6	2.4
14 years	1.6	2.0	1.7	1.5
15 years	1.8	1.2	1.3	1.3
16 years	1.0	1.2	1.3	1.2
17 years	0.8	0.6	0.3	0.9
18 years	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3
19 years	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.2
20 years	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.1

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.1	0.3	0.0	0.1
Asian	0.5	<.1	0.2	0.3
Black	38.7	40.6	40.1	31.8
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	10.4	13.3	12.6	13.1
White	47.8	44.1	45.2	48.1
Two or more races	1.8	1.4	1.6	4.7
Unable to determine	0.6	0.3	0.2	1.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

¹¹ There is no federal definition for a child waiting to be adopted. The definition used in the tables on this page includes children and youth through age 17 who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parents' parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A state's own definition may differ from that used here.

¹² Children older than 17 years fall outside of the definition used to identify waiting children and are therefore excluded from this table.

¹³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

Pennsylvania

OUTCOMES DATA

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect (NCANDS)

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children without a recurrence	97.4	97.4	98.0	97.4
Children with one or more recurrences	2.6	2.6	2.0	2.6
Number	1,919	1,750	1,621	1,715

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care (NCANDS and AFCARS Foster Care File)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.20	0.14	0.08	0.14
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.80	99.86	99.92	99.86
Number	28,699	25,720	23,986	23,679

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Foster Care File)

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	18.3	22.1	21.6	21.3
Guardianship	8.3	8.6	6.9	6.2
Reunification	58.4	55.8	58.8	58.6
Other	15.0	13.4	12.6	13.9
Missing data	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Number	12,081	10,519	9,271	8,817

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	21.4	24.1	21.7	20.8
Guardianship	4.6	4.5	4.6	4.8
Reunification	51.6	50.9	52.0	53.2
Other	22.4	20.6	21.7	21.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0
Number	2,351	2,116	1,690	1,535

3.3 Exits of Children Older Than Age 12 at Entry Into Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	0.7	0.8	1.2	0.9
Guardianship	3.8	4.2	3.9	3.9
Reunification	67.6	68.9	68.9	67.8
Other	27.9	26.0	26.0	27.3
Missing data	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1
Number	5,103	4,320	3,615	3,594

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children age 12 or younger at entry	23.3	18.6	17.7	20.4
Children older than 12 at entry	76.7	81.4	82.3	79.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	941	878	853	848

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	American Indian/Alaska Native				2009	Asian				2009	Black			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	15.8	30.4	0.0	15.4	16.9	0.0	8.3	17.4	17.0	20.3	21.4	17.7		
Guardianship	0.0	4.3	6.7	7.7	1.7	10.3	6.7	21.7	10.5	10.7	8.3	6.2		
Reunification	78.9	47.8	80.0	46.2	59.3	82.8	78.3	56.5	53.0	52.9	55.7	58.4		
Other	5.3	17.4	13.3	30.8	22.0	5.2	6.7	4.3	19.5	16.1	14.5	17.6		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.7	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1		
Number	19	23	15	13	59	58	60	46	4,892	4,360	3,692	3,229		

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander				2009	Hispanic (of any race)				2009	White			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	0.0	0.0	50.0	0.0	18.0	25.1	21.4	24.6	19.6	22.9	22.2	22.5		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.8	6.2	5.5	3.3	6.8	7.5	5.8	6.9		
Reunification	0.0	100.0	50.0	0.0	62.0	57.4	61.3	59.4	62.4	57.7	60.4	58.7		
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	15.0	11.3	11.8	12.8	11.1	11.9	11.6	11.9		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0		
Number	0	2	2	0	1,259	1,182	1,118	1,002	5,422	4,574	4,130	4,051		

	Unable to Determine				2009	Two or More Races				2009	Missing Data			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	8.9	23.8	15.9	28.1	41.9	37.6	24.5	28.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	17.5	7.9	15.9	2.0	0.0	2.2	8.8	5.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	59.3	61.7	56.1	60.2	51.6	50.5	61.9	56.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Other	14.2	6.6	12.1	9.7	6.5	9.7	4.8	8.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Missing data	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	337	227	107	196	93	93	147	280	0	0	0	0		

¹⁴ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Less than 12 mos.	69.2	70.6	72.1	74.3
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	20.0	19.8	17.9	17.4
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	6.2	5.3	5.2	4.8
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	2.1	2.2	1.9	1.5
48 or more mos.	2.4	1.9	2.5	1.7
Missing data	0.1	0.2	0.5	0.3
Number	7,055	5,873	5,449	5,166

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children entering care for the first time	67.1	66.8	70.6	71.8
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	23.3	23.3	20.1	19.5
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	9.6	9.9	9.2	8.6
Missing data	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Number	10,660	9,904	9,928	10,040

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Foster Care File)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Less than 12 mos.	3.5	2.8	3.9	4.0
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	22.2	27.5	29.4	32.1
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	36.1	32.0	33.3	36.2
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	20.3	21.9	18.0	14.7
48 or more mos.	17.8	15.8	15.4	13.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	2,205	2,326	2,005	1,876

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Foster Care File)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care (%)

	In Care Less Than 12 Months				In Care at Least 12 Months but Less Than 24 Months				In Care for 24 Months or Longer				Missing Time in Care			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children with 2 or fewer placements	86.9	86.3	86.2	85.4	64.3	65.0	66.1	65.7	42.5	40.5	38.6	38.6	100.0	100.0	98.3	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	13.1	13.7	13.8	14.6	35.7	35.0	33.9	34.3	57.5	59.5	61.4	61.4	0.0	0.0	1.7	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	12,624	11,486	11,269	11,404	6,571	5,904	5,572	5,636	9,462	8,289	7,086	6,612	42	41	59	27

7. Reduce Placement of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Foster Care File)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During the Fiscal Year and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Group homes	2.3	1.9	2.5	2.7
Institutions	1.8	1.8	2.1	2.3
Other settings	95.9	96.4	95.4	95.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	5,585	5,326	5,399	5,578

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews¹⁵ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score¹⁷	97.6	89.6	89.5	92.6
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	67.5	69.4	70.8	72.8
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	7.6	7.4	6.3	6.0
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	31.7	46.1	42.2	42.8
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	20.3	25.8	27.8	27.6

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	108.5	134.7	132.4	137.0
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	25.7	30.4	33.5	36.6
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	31.6	30.9	29.7	27.6
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	26.9	30.7	31.2	30.7
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year? ¹⁸	12.1	14.6	11.5	11.8
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	49.8	73.9	68.8	72.4

Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time¹⁹

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	143.3	148.5	145.4	146.7
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	36.5	39.5	37.7	36.2
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	97.6	98.7	98.3	97.8
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	30.7	28.5	29.3	26.7

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	101.5	100.7	100.3	99.6
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	85.9	85.4	85.0	84.3
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	64.3	65.0	66.2	66.0
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	44.2	42.1	40.2	40.3

¹⁵ Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the state did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

¹⁶ Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 includes a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

¹⁷ Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website (<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/resource/data-indicators-second-round-of-cfhrs>).

¹⁸ Legally free means that there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father. This calculation excludes children who, by the end of the first 6 months of the fiscal year, had discharged from foster care to reunification, living with relative, or guardianship.

¹⁹ A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

²⁰ The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

Pennsylvania

STATE COMMENT

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The following are Pennsylvania's comments on the state data presented in *Child Welfare Outcomes 2009–2012: Report to Congress*.

- Section B (Age of Child Victims)

Due to a possible information technology system issue, the percentages of child victims under one year are reported incorrectly for 2011 and 2012. These children appear to be included in the Missing Data category. The system issue will be corrected, and the NCANDS files for 2011 and 2012 will be resubmitted.

- Section B (Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims)

Data on the race/ethnicity of child maltreatment victims is not available. Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of Pennsylvania's Consolidated Statutes, Chapter 63 (Child Protective Services Law) 6336 (a) (1-13) (Relating to Information in the Statewide Central Register) only authorizes the retention of information listed, and race/ethnicity is not among the authorized information.

- Section B (Time to Investigation)

Although response time is not reported at the State level, Pennsylvania's Child Protective Services Law mandates that upon receipt of a report of suspected child abuse, the investigating agency shall immediately commence an appropriate investigation and see the child immediately if emergency protective custody is required or has been taken, or if it cannot be determined from the report whether emergency protective custody is needed, the agency must see the child within 24 hours of the receipt of the report. The county agency, which is responsible for the investigation, documents all contacts with the alleged victim.

The Office of Children, Youth and Families (OCYF) and the County Children and Youth Agencies (CCYAs) have established a locally driven continuous quality improvement process called the Quality Service Review (QSR). The QSR process is based on our practice model and standards which define quality practice. The evaluative process is driven by both internal and external quality reviews. Implementation is individualized for each county in collaboration with the regional OCYF staff and technical assistance providers/collaborators that support the county. This measure is included in that review process and CCYAs are able to identify strengths and needs and resulting action steps for necessary improvements. Additionally, as part of the State's licensing of CCYAs, timely response to reports is an area reviewed for compliance with applicable law.

- Outcome Measure C.1.4

Pennsylvania has identified composite measure C.1.4, foster care reentry, as an area needing improvement. As part of our yearly Needs-Based Plan and Budget (NBPB) process, CCYAs are provided with county-specific data packages. These include information in regard to population flow, reunification, adoption, permanency and reentry. Each indicator is described along with a brief outline of the breakdowns and data sources. A series of questions are posed to assist CCYAs in connecting the information to their planning efforts.

Puerto Rico

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total children under 18 years	963,847	896,946	872,861	849,363
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
American Indian/ Alaska Native	—	—	—	—
Asian	—	—	—	—
Black	—	—	—	—
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	—	—	—	—
Hispanic (of any race)	—	—	—	—
White	—	—	—	—
Two or more races	—	—	—	—
Child population in poverty (%)	57.1	56.3	57.5	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Child maltreatment victims	11,136	11,030	10,271	8,470
Foster care entry rate per 1,000	1.2	0.9	0.9	0.8
Children in foster care on 9/30	5,744	5,374	4,938	5,101
Children adopted	202	116	56	45

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	64
Numerator	N/A	N/A	N/A	6,524
Denominator	N/A	N/A	N/A	10,221
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	0
Numerator	N/A	N/A	N/A	—
Denominator	N/A	N/A	N/A	—

B. Child Maltreatment Data (National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System [NCANDS] Unique Counts)⁶

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2009		2010		2011		2012	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children who received a Child Protective Services response for an allegation of child maltreatment	36,479	37.8 per 1,000	28,859	32.2 per 1,000	27,108	31.1 per 1,000	22,793	26.8 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims	11,136	11.6 per 1,000	11,030	12.3 per 1,000	10,271	11.8 per 1,000	8,470	10.0 per 1,000
Child fatalities	5	0.5 per 100,000	8	0.9 per 100,000	18	2.1 per 100,000	19	2.2 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	2.1	2.5	2.7	2.1
1 year	4.4	5.5	5.7	5.7
2 years	7.1	6.8	7.0	7.3
3 years	6.6	6.3	6.5	6.3
4 years	6.5	6.1	5.8	6.1
5 years	6.3	6.3	5.8	5.8
6 years	6.0	5.7	6.0	6.3
7 years	5.9	5.6	5.6	5.6
8 years	5.7	5.6	5.3	5.2
9 years	5.3	5.8	5.1	5.0
10 years	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.0
11 years	5.0	4.9	5.4	5.2
12 years	5.0	5.2	5.3	5.0
13 years	5.8	6.2	5.4	5.4
14 years	5.9	5.9	6.2	6.4
15 years	5.8	6.2	6.2	6.5
16 years	5.6	5.1	5.4	5.1
17 years	4.1	3.8	4.0	4.3
18+ years	1.5	1.0	1.2	1.5
Missing data	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.3
Number	11,136	11,030	10,271	8,470

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Black	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
White	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Two or more races	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	11,136	11,030	10,271	8,470

¹ The source data for each table is indicated in parentheses for each section. A calendar year is the basis for data from the Census Bureau. Most of the other data on these pages are from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS) or the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) and are based on the Federal fiscal year, October 1 through September 30.

² The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau (<http://www.census.gov/popest/data/datasets.html>). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS). Child poverty data for 2012 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2010–2013 report.

³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

⁴ A child victim is defined as a child who is the subject of a maltreatment report for which the disposition is substantiated, indicated, or "alternative response victim." The rate for foster care entry is per 1,000 children in the state population. Data on child maltreatment victims are from NCANDS. Data on foster care entry rate, children in foster care on 9/30, and children adopted are from AFCARS.

⁵ As of 2012, there is a new methodology used to calculate the caseworker visits measures. Because the new methodology limits data comparisons with prior years, caseworker visits data from 2009 through 2011 are not included in this table. All states have the option of using an approved sampling procedure for the caseworker visits reporting requirement. See appendix C for more information on how these data are calculated and for a list of states using sampling methodology.

⁶ The unique count of child victims counts a child only once regardless of the number of times he or she was found to be a victim during the reporting year. This is a change from prior reports, and these data are now consistent with the reporting practice in the Child Maltreatment reports.

⁷ The rates for Child Protective Services Responses and victims are per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18.

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)⁸

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Emotional abuse	38.8	39.1	41.1	44.4
Medical neglect	6.3	5.6	5.2	6.4
Neglect	63.6	55.6	61.6	63.5
Physical abuse	21.3	24.6	22.5	22.9
Sexual abuse	2.2	2.2	2.6	2.6
Missing data	15.8	18.9	14.5	12.6
Other	0.3	0.2	0.5	1.1
Number	11,136	11,030	10,271	8,470

Response Time (in hours)⁹

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Mean	—	—	—	—
Median	—	—	—	—

C. Characteristics of Children in Foster Care

(Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System [AFCARS] Foster Care File)

Overview Foster Care Information

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total number	6,022	5,336	4,556	4,758	1,178	819	757	679	1,452	779	376	336	5,744	5,374	4,938	5,101
Median length of stay (months)	27.0	34.5	42.6	40.8	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	18.8	21.8	20.0	18.1	35.1	43.1	47.9	43.8

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	3.0	2.4	2.0	2.3	14.9	15.6	11.4	14.3	2.3	3.7	4.0	3.6	2.1	1.5	1.1	1.4
1 year	4.5	3.7	3.4	3.2	5.9	6.7	7.1	5.3	7.0	6.4	5.6	5.7	3.5	2.9	2.6	2.7
2 years	3.5	4.5	4.0	4.3	6.1	5.1	5.0	6.6	5.8	8.2	8.8	5.1	4.1	3.7	3.6	3.4
3 years	4.5	3.8	4.0	4.4	4.9	5.4	6.2	6.0	6.5	8.2	6.9	8.3	3.4	3.9	3.7	4.3
4 years	4.2	4.4	3.9	4.8	5.5	4.3	5.5	4.6	6.7	5.0	3.2	8.3	3.8	3.6	4.1	4.3
5 years	4.0	4.3	4.5	4.7	4.2	4.6	4.5	4.6	5.8	5.9	4.8	8.0	3.9	4.2	4.3	4.6
6 years	5.1	4.1	4.6	4.6	4.2	3.8	5.4	5.2	5.3	4.4	6.1	5.7	3.7	4.1	4.5	4.4
7 years	4.8	5.4	4.2	4.8	4.7	3.8	5.0	4.7	5.4	6.2	6.6	5.7	4.8	4.0	4.5	4.7
8 years	5.2	5.2	5.4	4.4	3.8	3.2	5.5	3.5	5.5	5.4	5.3	5.1	4.7	5.0	4.2	4.8
9 years	5.2	5.4	5.5	5.9	4.7	4.2	4.5	4.0	6.0	4.6	4.3	6.3	4.9	5.1	5.6	4.3
10 years	6.3	5.4	5.6	5.3	3.3	3.5	4.1	3.7	5.9	6.4	4.8	5.4	4.9	5.0	5.2	5.6
11 years	6.3	6.3	5.9	5.7	3.9	5.0	3.4	3.7	5.2	5.0	6.6	4.8	5.7	5.3	5.4	5.1
12 years	6.6	7.1	6.8	5.9	4.6	3.9	5.0	3.7	4.9	5.1	6.4	2.7	6.4	6.2	5.7	5.7
13 years	7.1	7.1	8.1	7.4	6.2	6.0	3.8	5.7	4.8	5.3	4.3	3.3	6.6	7.1	6.5	5.7
14 years	7.9	8.2	8.4	8.6	6.2	7.7	6.3	6.8	5.0	4.2	4.5	5.1	7.4	7.3	7.9	7.6
15 years	8.2	9.1	10.1	9.1	7.0	6.2	7.3	8.7	5.9	6.2	8.0	6.5	8.4	8.5	8.2	8.5
16 years	7.4	6.7	7.8	8.1	5.7	5.6	5.4	4.6	6.3	5.1	7.2	6.0	8.4	9.2	9.9	9.2
17 years	6.2	6.5	5.8	6.4	3.1	1.7	4.1	4.3	4.0	2.7	2.1	3.6	7.4	6.5	7.2	7.6
18 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.1	1.6	1.4	0.5	1.2	5.8	6.3	5.7	6.2
19 years	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	0.0
20 years	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	0.0
Missing data	0.1	0.4	<.1	<.1	1.0	3.5	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.8	<.1	<.1

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)¹⁰

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/ Alaska Native	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	0.0
Asian	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0
Black	<.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.1	<.1	<.1
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	99.1	98.8	98.5	98.5	97.4	97.7	97.9	98.4	98.7	98.8	97.6	97.6	98.8	98.6	98.5	98.6
White	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.7	0.3	0.7	1.7	0.9	0.5	0.4	0.0	1.8	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.7
Two or more races	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Unable to determine	0.3	0.5	0.9	0.7	2.1	1.3	0.4	0.7	0.8	0.6	2.1	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.7
Missing data	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	0.0

⁸ These percentages are calculated against the number of unique victims. A child may have been the victim of more than one type of maltreatment, or the same type of maltreatment more than once. As a result, the total percentages both within and across maltreatment categories may exceed 100.

⁹ Response time is defined as the time between the report of suspected maltreatment and the first face-to-face contact with the alleged victim or with another person who can provide information on the allegation.

¹⁰ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

D. Characteristics of Children Waiting for Adoption¹¹ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total waiting children	1,039	1,061	997	938
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	61	34	77	21

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	2.2	1.4	0.5	1.9
1 year	3.9	2.1	2.0	1.9
2 years	6.8	4.0	2.9	4.3
3 years	4.7	5.6	3.5	3.9
4 years	4.8	4.9	5.0	4.1
5 years	5.5	5.6	5.2	5.3
6 years	5.1	5.6	5.7	5.5
7 years	7.8	5.4	5.1	5.2
8 years	8.8	7.3	4.8	5.5
9 years	7.7	8.8	7.9	5.8
10 years	8.4	8.2	9.4	8.2
11 years	8.7	7.7	8.9	8.4
12 years	8.4	8.7	8.5	8.7
13 years	6.2	9.0	9.1	8.0
14 years	4.5	6.2	8.1	8.7
15 years	3.2	4.6	6.6	7.0
16 years	2.0	3.1	4.4	4.7
17 years	1.3	2.0	2.1	2.7

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹³

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Asian	0.0	<.1	0.1	0.0
Black	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	99.3	99.1	98.9	99.1
White	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.3
Two or more races	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Unable to determine	<.1	0.2	0.2	0.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total children adopted	202	116	56	45

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	3.0	2.6	3.6	0.0
1 year	8.4	8.6	10.7	4.4
2 years	5.9	12.9	5.4	8.9
3 years	6.9	9.5	10.7	8.9
4 years	7.4	4.3	5.4	6.7
5 years	6.9	12.9	7.1	6.7
6 years	6.4	9.5	7.1	4.4
7 years	6.9	6.0	12.5	8.9
8 years	5.4	6.0	7.1	11.1
9 years	5.9	3.4	3.6	11.1
10 years	3.0	7.8	7.1	6.7
11 years	6.9	5.2	8.9	0.0
12 years	8.4	3.4	1.8	0.0
13 years	5.9	0.9	1.8	4.4
14 years	4.0	0.0	0.0	4.4
15 years	3.0	3.4	3.6	4.4
16 years	1.0	0.0	0.0	2.2
17 years	1.5	0.0	0.0	0.0
18 years	0.5	0.9	0.0	0.0
19 years	0.0	0.9	0.0	4.4
20 years	0.5	0.0	0.0	2.2

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Asian	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0
Black	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	99.0	99.1	100.0	97.8
White	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0
Two or more races	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Unable to determine	0.0	0.9	0.0	2.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

¹¹ There is no federal definition for a child waiting to be adopted. The definition used in the tables on this page includes children and youth through age 17 who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parents' parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A state's own definition may differ from that used here.

¹² Children older than 17 years fall outside of the definition used to identify waiting children and are therefore excluded from this table.

¹³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

Puerto Rico

OUTCOMES DATA

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect (NCANDS)

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children without a recurrence	97.2	97.3	95.5	94.9
Children with one or more recurrences	2.8	2.7	4.5	5.1
Number	4,768	6,226	5,037	4,336

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care (NCANDS and AFCARS Foster Care File)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.26	0.32	0.04	0.09
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.74	99.68	99.96	99.91
Number	7,200	6,155	5,314	5,437

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Foster Care File)

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	9.2	11.7	10.6	17.0
Guardianship	0.4	0.0	0.3	0.3
Reunification	85.4	84.7	85.1	75.6
Other	2.7	2.1	1.1	3.9
Missing data	2.3	1.5	2.9	3.3
Number	1,452	779	376	336

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	9.4	17.9	2.0	11.3
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.9
Reunification	84.8	71.8	94.0	75.5
Other	2.9	6.4	2.0	7.5
Missing data	2.9	3.8	2.0	3.8
Number	171	78	50	53

3.3 Exits of Children Older Than Age 12 at Entry Into Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reunification	89.4	92.5	100.0	91.2
Other	9.3	5.7	0.0	8.8
Missing data	1.3	1.9	0.0	0.0
Number	236	106	60	57

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children age 12 or younger at entry	54.5	42.9	100.0	66.7
Children older than 12 at entry	45.5	57.1	0.0	33.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	22	7	2	9

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	American Indian/Alaska Native				2009	Asian				2009	Black			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
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	
Guardianship	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	
Reunification	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	
Other	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	
Missing data	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	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	
	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander				2009	Hispanic (of any race)				2009	White			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.3	11.8	10.9	17.1	14.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	16.7	
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Reunification	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	85.3	84.7	85.6	75.6	85.7	100.0	0.0	0.0	66.7	
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.7	2.1	1.1	4.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.3	1.4	2.2	3.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	16.7	
Number	0	0	0	0	1,433	770	367	328	7	3	0	0	6	
	Unable to Determine				2009	Two or More Races				2009	Missing Data			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
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	
Guardianship	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	
Reunification	90.9	80.0	62.5	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Other	9.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Missing data	0.0	20.0	37.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Number	11	5	8	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

¹⁴ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Less than 12 mos.	26.5	27.6	31.3	36.6
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	44.0	35.2	34.7	35.4
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	16.5	22.4	12.5	14.2
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	4.2	5.5	11.6	3.9
48 or more mos.	8.5	9.1	10.0	9.4
Missing data	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.4
Number	1,240	660	320	254

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children entering care for the first time	90.5	90.4	94.2	94.4
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	2.0	1.7	0.5	1.9
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	6.5	5.6	3.8	2.9
Missing data	1.0	2.3	1.5	0.7
Number	1,178	819	757	679

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Foster Care File)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Less than 12 mos.	0.7	3.3	2.5	0.0
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	9.0	8.8	7.5	1.8
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	16.4	23.1	7.5	8.8
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	20.9	16.5	27.5	19.3
48 or more mos.	53.0	48.4	55.0	70.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	134	91	40	57

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Foster Care File)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care (%)

	In Care Less Than 12 Months				In Care at Least 12 Months but Less Than 24 Months				In Care for 24 Months or Longer				Missing Time in Care			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children with 2 or fewer placements	99.9	99.9	100.0	99.5	99.3	99.9	100.0	99.2	99.2	99.1	99.2	99.4	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0
Children with 3 or more placements	<.1	0.1	0.0	0.5	0.6	<.1	0.0	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Missing placement setting counts	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,409	938	838	763	1,628	1,065	838	1,094	4,159	4,149	3,638	3,579	4	3	0	1

7. Reduce Placement of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Foster Care File)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During the Fiscal Year and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Group homes	1.5	1.8	1.5	1.9
Institutions	8.8	10.2	11.5	9.4
Other settings	89.7	87.9	87.1	88.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	815	547	550	466

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews¹⁵ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score¹⁷	94.7	78.6	102.9	94.5
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	39.6	35.6	39.0	42.5
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	14.9	17.0	15.5	14.5
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	20.1	11.7	12.5	10.3
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	0.8	1.4	0.4	0.0

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	42.6	55.6	16.8	50.4
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	9.7	12.1	10.0	1.8
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	49.7	46.1	53.1	53.1
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	3.5	2.2	1.1	1.8
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year? ¹⁸	0.2	<.1	<.1	<.1
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	53.5	57.1	53.3	100.0

Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time¹⁹

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	88.1	80.5	73.4	99.0
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	10.7	7.3	3.7	3.9
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	67.5	73.0	71.1	71.6

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	150.1	150.4	150.4	149.8
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	99.9	99.9	100.0	99.5
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	99.4	99.9	100.0	99.2
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	99.2	99.1	99.2	99.4

¹⁵ Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the state did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

¹⁶ Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 includes a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

¹⁷ Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website (<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/resource/data-indicators-second-round-of-cfsrs>).

¹⁸ Legally free means that there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father. This calculation excludes children who, by the end of the first 6 months of the fiscal year, had discharged from foster care to reunification, living with relative, or guardianship.

¹⁹ A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

²⁰ The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

Rhode Island

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total children under 18 years	226,825	223,573	219,848	216,474
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.5
Asian	3.2	3.1	3.2	3.2
Black	7.0	7.1	7.1	7.0
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	20.0	20.6	21.1	21.7
White	66.1	64.5	63.9	63.2
Two or more races	3.0	4.1	4.2	4.2
Child population in poverty (%)	16.9	19.0	21.9	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Child maltreatment victims	2,804	3,268	3,131	3,218
Foster care entry rate per 1,000	6.3	6.2	5.3	5.4
Children in foster care on 9/30	2,204	2,157	1,850	1,710
Children adopted	272	184	201	191

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	85
Numerator	N/A	N/A	N/A	15,746
Denominator	N/A	N/A	N/A	18,557
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	57
Numerator	N/A	N/A	N/A	9,036
Denominator	N/A	N/A	N/A	15,746

B. Child Maltreatment Data (National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System [NCANDS] Unique Counts)⁶

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2009		2010		2011		2012	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children who received a Child Protective Services response for an allegation of child maltreatment	7,813	34.4 per 1,000	8,559	38.3 per 1,000	8,263	37.6 per 1,000	8,571	39.6 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims	2,804	12.4 per 1,000	3,268	14.6 per 1,000	3,131	14.2 per 1,000	3,218	14.9 per 1,000
Child fatalities	2	0.9 per 100,000	2	0.9 per 100,000	3	1.4 per 100,000	1	0.5 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	15.4	15.1	14.6	14.9
1 year	8.1	8.1	7.1	7.1
2 years	7.9	8.5	8.4	8.1
3 years	7.0	7.5	7.5	7.0
4 years	6.1	6.6	7.0	7.1
5 years	6.7	5.7	5.7	6.2
6 years	5.7	5.6	5.6	6.1
7 years	5.0	5.8	5.6	5.4
8 years	5.1	4.5	4.9	5.3
9 years	4.6	4.1	3.9	4.4
10 years	4.7	4.1	4.5	4.9
11 years	4.4	4.8	4.2	4.4
12 years	4.0	3.9	4.2	4.0
13 years	3.2	3.8	3.9	3.4
14 years	3.1	3.4	3.5	3.4
15 years	3.6	2.8	3.6	3.5
16 years	2.6	3.2	3.2	2.7
17 years	2.2	2.4	2.1	1.5
18+ years	0.2	<.1	<.1	0.2
Missing data	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.3
Number	2,804	3,268	3,131	3,218

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.5	0.8	0.4	0.7
Asian	1.7	0.9	1.0	0.7
Black	9.5	12.0	11.2	12.1
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	23.1	23.5	22.6	25.4
White	52.9	51.2	50.8	47.5
Two or more races	5.7	6.6	6.7	6.2
Missing data	6.5	5.1	7.2	7.4
Number	2,804	3,268	3,131	3,218

¹ The source data for each table is indicated in parentheses for each section. A calendar year is the basis for data from the Census Bureau. Most of the other data on these pages are from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS) or the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) and are based on the Federal fiscal year, October 1 through September 30.

² The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau (<http://www.census.gov/popest/data/datasets.html>). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS). Child poverty data for 2012 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2010–2013 report.

³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

⁴ A child victim is defined as a child who is the subject of a maltreatment report for which the disposition is substantiated, indicated, or "alternative response victim." The rate for foster care entry is per 1,000 children in the state population. Data on child maltreatment victims are from NCANDS. Data on foster care entry rate, children in foster care on 9/30, and children adopted are from AFCARS.

⁵ As of 2012, there is a new methodology used to calculate the caseworker visits measures. Because the new methodology limits data comparisons with prior years, caseworker visits data from 2009 through 2011 are not included in this table. All states have the option of using an approved sampling procedure for the caseworker visits reporting requirement. See appendix C for more information on how these data are calculated and for a list of states using sampling methodology.

⁶ The unique count of child victims counts a child only once regardless of the number of times he or she was found to be a victim during the reporting year. This is a change from prior reports, and these data are now consistent with the reporting practice in the Child Maltreatment reports.

⁷ The rates for Child Protective Services Responses and victims are per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18.

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)⁸

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Emotional abuse	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.2
Medical neglect	1.4	1.8	2.4	2.5
Neglect	93.1	94.0	93.8	91.4
Physical abuse	14.5	13.9	14.3	13.4
Sexual abuse	4.3	4.2	4.1	5.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	1.7	0.9	1.0	1.6
Number	2,804	3,268	3,131	3,218

Response Time (in hours)⁹

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Mean	47.6	48.5	48.3	65.6
Median	>24 but<48	>24 but<48	>24 but<48	>24 but<48

C. Characteristics of Children in Foster Care

(Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System [AFCARS] Foster Care File)

Overview Foster Care Information

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total number	2,275	2,031	1,991	1,716	1,422	1,380	1,170	1,169	1,493	1,254	1,311	1,175	2,204	2,157	1,850	1,710
Median length of stay (months)	15.9	14.3	13.3	14.2	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	12.8	11.5	12.2	11.8	14.2	14.0	13.9	13.1

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	5.2	6.1	7.0	6.2	15.8	15.2	15.3	15.2	5.5	4.5	4.5	4.9	5.8	6.3	5.8	6.7
1 year	6.6	6.2	7.2	7.3	5.3	5.8	5.2	5.7	7.7	6.9	6.9	5.4	5.9	6.7	7.0	7.4
2 years	4.7	4.5	5.1	6.1	3.7	4.2	4.2	5.0	5.7	5.3	6.5	7.1	4.3	4.9	6.0	6.3
3 years	4.5	4.2	4.5	4.8	2.8	2.9	4.9	4.5	4.4	4.1	5.5	5.9	3.9	4.1	4.6	4.9
4 years	3.3	3.4	3.4	4.2	2.7	3.6	3.9	4.4	4.2	4.7	3.7	4.7	3.2	3.1	3.8	4.0
5 years	3.1	3.2	3.2	4.0	2.7	2.7	3.1	3.1	3.1	4.4	2.9	3.7	3.0	2.8	3.7	3.7
6 years	2.9	2.8	2.8	3.8	2.8	3.0	3.2	2.4	2.3	3.1	3.2	3.6	2.6	2.5	3.4	3.4
7 years	3.2	3.3	3.4	2.5	2.3	2.9	3.2	2.5	3.1	2.8	3.5	2.7	3.2	3.0	2.4	3.9
8 years	3.2	2.9	2.9	3.5	2.2	2.1	2.6	2.1	2.3	3.3	2.7	2.6	2.7	2.9	3.3	2.0
9 years	3.8	2.8	2.5	3.1	2.7	1.7	1.7	2.1	2.7	2.3	2.6	3.4	2.9	2.2	2.8	2.6
10 years	3.0	4.2	2.9	2.9	2.7	2.3	2.0	2.2	3.0	2.2	1.9	2.3	3.9	2.8	2.6	2.7
11 years	3.3	3.3	4.2	2.4	2.6	2.5	3.0	2.4	2.3	2.5	3.3	1.4	3.3	3.9	2.4	3.1
12 years	3.2	3.2	3.3	4.7	2.9	2.5	3.9	3.0	2.6	2.4	2.8	3.1	2.9	3.2	4.5	3.0
13 years	4.9	3.8	3.5	4.1	4.8	5.0	4.4	4.9	4.2	4.1	3.3	3.6	3.7	3.7	3.8	4.5
14 years	6.7	5.8	5.3	4.5	9.6	8.4	7.2	7.3	6.4	4.1	4.7	4.1	5.9	5.4	4.8	5.5
15 years	9.7	9.5	7.9	6.7	11.0	10.4	10.8	12.2	6.0	7.5	6.9	6.7	9.8	8.3	7.1	8.5
16 years	10.2	11.8	11.3	9.7	11.7	13.6	12.1	11.0	9.0	9.4	9.0	9.2	12.2	11.7	10.5	8.0
17 years	10.5	11.6	12.3	11.1	10.1	10.2	8.7	8.7	9.4	10.9	11.1	9.3	12.2	13.2	11.9	11.1
18 years	4.7	4.2	4.6	5.6	1.4	0.9	0.8	1.1	11.6	11.8	11.4	12.8	5.3	5.9	6.6	5.5
19 years	2.1	1.9	1.6	1.6	0.2	0.0	0.0	<.1	2.2	1.6	1.4	1.8	2.0	1.9	1.7	2.1
20 years	1.3	1.4	1.2	1.2	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.9	0.8	1.2	0.5	1.4	1.3	1.2	1.0
Missing data	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3	1.3	1.1	1.3	<.1	0.2	0.0	0.1

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)¹⁰

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/ Alaska Native	1.1	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.6	1.3	0.9	0.6	0.8	1.4	0.6	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.9	0.8
Asian	1.9	2.4	1.4	1.7	2.5	1.2	1.5	1.1	1.8	2.6	1.2	1.2	2.4	1.6	1.6	1.7
Black	17.6	15.6	15.8	15.0	14.4	15.7	14.5	13.9	17.7	14.1	16.3	16.2	15.5	16.5	14.6	13.5
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	23.0	24.1	26.0	24.7	25.0	27.0	25.5	27.8	23.6	25.1	27.3	26.8	23.8	25.4	24.7	25.3
White	48.0	48.1	47.1	48.9	47.6	44.9	47.2	47.0	47.4	47.3	44.9	46.7	48.1	46.5	48.8	49.1
Two or more races	6.7	7.4	7.6	7.5	7.0	6.9	7.9	7.1	6.5	7.6	8.3	6.8	7.0	7.0	7.2	7.7
Unable to determine	1.7	1.6	1.3	1.3	2.7	2.8	2.5	2.0	1.9	1.8	1.2	1.4	2.2	2.2	2.1	1.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.3

⁸ These percentages are calculated against the number of unique victims. A child may have been the victim of more than one type of maltreatment, or the same type of maltreatment more than once. As a result, the total percentages both within and across maltreatment categories may exceed 100.

⁹ Response time is defined as the time between the report of suspected maltreatment and the first face-to-face contact with the alleged victim or with another person who can provide information on the allegation.

¹⁰ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

D. Characteristics of Children Waiting for Adoption¹¹ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total waiting children	336	317	270	226
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	203	182	150	132

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	1.5	0.3	1.1	1.8
1 year	5.4	6.0	7.0	6.2
2 years	6.8	7.3	9.3	8.4
3 years	4.2	6.3	5.9	4.4
4 years	5.1	5.4	5.2	4.4
5 years	3.9	4.1	4.1	5.3
6 years	4.5	5.4	5.2	4.0
7 years	5.7	3.5	4.1	8.4
8 years	5.1	6.3	4.8	4.0
9 years	5.7	6.0	5.2	3.5
10 years	9.2	5.7	5.6	5.8
11 years	5.7	9.8	5.2	4.9
12 years	7.4	5.0	9.6	5.8
13 years	5.4	6.9	4.8	10.6
14 years	5.4	5.7	7.0	4.9
15 years	5.7	5.7	5.9	7.5
16 years	9.8	4.4	5.9	5.8
17 years	3.9	6.3	4.1	4.4

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹³

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.9	0.6	0.7	0.9
Asian	1.8	1.9	3.0	2.2
Black	16.4	15.8	13.7	13.3
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	26.5	36.9	30.4	27.4
White	43.8	35.0	43.0	44.2
Two or more races	9.5	8.8	7.8	10.2
Unable to determine	1.2	0.9	1.5	1.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total children adopted	272	184	201	191

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	3.3	3.3	3.0	3.7
1 year	19.5	19.6	16.4	13.6
2 years	16.2	15.2	19.4	22.5
3 years	9.9	10.3	12.9	8.4
4 years	8.5	7.1	8.5	5.2
5 years	5.5	9.2	4.0	5.2
6 years	4.8	2.7	2.5	5.2
7 years	5.1	3.3	3.5	4.7
8 years	4.0	5.4	3.0	2.6
9 years	4.4	2.7	6.0	5.8
10 years	3.7	3.3	2.5	5.2
11 years	4.4	3.3	5.5	3.7
12 years	2.6	3.8	4.0	1.6
13 years	2.6	4.3	3.0	4.2
14 years	1.8	1.1	2.5	3.1
15 years	1.8	2.2	1.0	1.0
16 years	1.5	2.7	1.0	2.1
17 years	0.4	0.5	1.5	2.1
18 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.7	0.5	0.0	1.0
Asian	0.4	1.6	1.0	0.5
Black	19.1	10.3	10.9	9.4
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.4	0.0	0.5	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	26.5	24.5	34.8	26.2
White	39.3	50.0	40.3	48.2
Two or more races	12.9	12.5	11.9	13.6
Unable to determine	0.7	0.5	0.5	1.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

¹¹ There is no federal definition for a child waiting to be adopted. The definition used in the tables on this page includes children and youth through age 17 who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parents' parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A state's own definition may differ from that used here.

¹² Children older than 17 years fall outside of the definition used to identify waiting children and are therefore excluded from this table.

¹³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

Rhode Island

OUTCOMES DATA

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect (NCANDS)

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children without a recurrence	93.0	92.3	91.5	93.1
Children with one or more recurrences	7.0	7.7	8.5	6.9
Number	1,397	1,556	1,700	1,670

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care (NCANDS and AFCARS Foster Care File)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children maltreated while in foster care	1.35	0.97	1.23	1.04
Children not maltreated while in foster care	98.65	99.03	98.77	98.96
Number	3,697	3,411	3,161	2,885

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Foster Care File)

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	18.7	14.6	15.3	15.7
Guardianship	5.5	7.6	9.6	11.5
Reunification	60.3	63.2	59.6	57.0
Other	15.5	14.7	15.4	15.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,493	1,254	1,311	1,175

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	23.4	16.8	17.2	16.1
Guardianship	2.3	5.3	5.4	8.2
Reunification	50.0	55.5	54.0	46.7
Other	24.3	22.4	23.4	29.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	470	416	389	366

3.3 Exits of Children Older Than Age 12 at Entry Into Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	1.0	0.4	0.7	0.4
Guardianship	1.9	3.3	3.0	3.1
Reunification	69.7	69.4	67.8	66.3
Other	27.4	27.0	28.5	30.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	628	549	569	484

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children age 12 or younger at entry	35.1	23.4	25.6	27.0
Children older than 12 at entry	64.9	76.6	74.4	73.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	151	111	129	111

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	American Indian/Alaska Native				2009	Asian				2009	Black			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	16.7	5.6	0.0	22.2	3.7	9.4	12.5	14.3	19.3	9.6	10.3	9.5		
Guardianship	8.3	11.1	37.5	11.1	0.0	12.5	0.0	21.4	3.8	4.0	14.5	8.9		
Reunification	50.0	66.7	37.5	66.7	81.5	62.5	68.8	57.1	52.3	66.7	57.9	65.3		
Other	25.0	16.7	25.0	0.0	14.8	15.6	18.8	7.1	24.6	19.8	17.3	16.3		
Missing data	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	12	18	8	9	27	32	16	14	264	177	214	190		
	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander				2009	Hispanic (of any race)				2009	White			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	50.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	20.4	14.0	19.3	14.9	15.8	15.7	13.9	15.8		
Guardianship	50.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.2	5.4	5.9	9.2	6.4	8.9	8.3	13.8		
Reunification	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	62.9	67.3	60.1	59.4	62.6	60.2	62.1	53.4		
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.5	13.3	14.8	16.5	15.3	15.2	15.6	16.9		
Missing data	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	2	0	1	0	353	315	358	315	708	593	588	549		
	Unable to Determine				2009	Two or More Races				2009	Missing Data			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	10.7	4.3	6.3	11.8	38.1	25.3	22.0	32.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	7.1	4.3	6.3	5.9	1.0	11.6	19.3	10.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	60.7	91.3	68.8	64.7	52.6	53.7	47.7	50.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0		
Other	21.4	0.0	18.8	17.6	8.2	9.5	11.0	7.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Missing data	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	28	23	16	17	97	95	109	80	2	1	1	1		

¹⁴ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Less than 12 mos.	68.1	71.2	68.4	72.5
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	19.6	19.2	21.7	19.3
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	8.1	5.7	5.1	5.4
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	2.0	2.0	3.1	1.6
48 or more mos.	2.0	1.9	1.7	1.2
Missing data	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	901	792	782	670

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children entering care for the first time	69.9	71.6	70.5	67.8
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	16.2	15.2	16.7	18.8
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	13.5	13.2	12.8	12.7
Missing data	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.7
Number	1,422	1,380	1,170	1,169

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Foster Care File)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Less than 12 mos.	8.2	6.6	7.0	9.2
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	34.4	34.4	31.8	37.0
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	39.8	26.8	29.9	23.9
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	10.0	13.7	11.9	12.0
48 or more mos.	7.5	18.6	19.4	17.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	279	183	201	184

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Foster Care File)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care (%)

	In Care Less Than 12 Months				In Care at Least 12 Months but Less Than 24 Months				In Care for 24 Months or Longer				Missing Time in Care			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children with 2 or fewer placements	88.5	86.6	87.2	87.7	61.9	65.5	62.7	64.4	34.7	34.7	34.4	33.7	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0
Children with 3 or more placements	11.5	13.4	12.8	12.3	38.1	34.5	37.3	35.6	65.3	65.3	65.6	66.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	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	0.0
Number	1,682	1,649	1,481	1,406	830	743	780	696	1,180	1,017	895	783	5	2	5	0

7. Reduce Placement of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Foster Care File)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During the Fiscal Year and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Group homes	15.7	18.4	11.8	7.4
Institutions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other settings	84.3	81.6	88.2	92.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	721	706	650	635

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews¹⁵ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score¹⁷	98.0	98.1	100.2	104.0
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	67.2	70.2	68.8	72.2
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	7.7	7.4	8.1	7.2
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	43.8	43.5	44.3	46.2
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	21.9	23.4	21.3	21.8

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	141.7	134.5	134.9	142.3
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	42.7	41.0	38.8	46.2
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	26.4	26.0	26.3	25.1
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	22.0	18.1	20.9	20.9
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year? ¹⁸	16.8	14.5	16.0	16.6
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	78.4	77.6	76.4	79.9

Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time¹⁹

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	130.2	127.9	130.6	120.2
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	25.2	24.5	28.2	26.6
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	96.9	96.4	95.0	96.4
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	30.8	32.6	33.2	44.8

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	99.2	99.6	98.9	99.2
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	88.1	86.2	86.8	87.5
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	62.3	66.3	63.2	65.4
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	35.8	36.0	36.0	34.4

¹⁵ Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the state did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

¹⁶ Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 includes a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

¹⁷ Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website (<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/resource/data-indicators-second-round-of-cfsrs>).

¹⁸ Legally free means that there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father. This calculation excludes children who, by the end of the first 6 months of the fiscal year, had discharged from foster care to reunification, living with relative, or guardianship.

¹⁹ A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

²⁰ The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

Rhode Island

STATE COMMENT

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The following are Rhode Island's comments on the state data presented in *Child Welfare Outcomes 2009–2012: Report to Congress*.

Rhode Island is dedicated to providing the most accurate data possible. We are routinely enhancing our data systems to improve and maintain data integrity. We support continuous evaluation and improvement toward the achievement of the outcomes of child safety, permanency, and well-being.

RI's data on re-entry into foster care within 12 months does not represent an accurate picture of our foster care youth. RI does not currently track 'trial home visits;' therefore, youth who re-enter foster care within the first six months of a reunification and while still under the supervision of the state child welfare agency continue to be shown as 're-entries.' RI plans to make system modifications this year to address this discrepancy.

RI continues to reduce the number of children entering foster care. The number of children who entered foster care in 2012 was 1,169. In fact, more children exited foster care than entered for three of the past four years.

RI's utilization of congregate care placements for young children shows a significant decrease from 18.4% in 2010 to 7.4% in 2012. This 60% reduction in two years was the direct result of focusing on the use of kinship placements for younger children.

South Carolina

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total children under 18 years	1,080,732	1,078,918	1,077,159	1,080,090
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
Asian	1.4	1.3	1.4	1.4
Black	31.8	32.2	31.9	31.6
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	7.5	7.6	7.9	8.1
White	56.7	55.4	55.3	55.2
Two or more races	2.2	3.1	3.2	3.3
Child population in poverty (%)	24.4	26.1	27.8	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Child maltreatment victims	12,381	11,802	11,324	11,439
Foster care entry rate per 1,000	3.4	3.1	2.7	2.6
Children in foster care on 9/30	4,978	4,488	3,841	3,132
Children adopted	513	529	588	774

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	91
Numerator	N/A	N/A	N/A	34,364
Denominator	N/A	N/A	N/A	37,646
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	79
Numerator	N/A	N/A	N/A	27,021
Denominator	N/A	N/A	N/A	34,364

B. Child Maltreatment Data (National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System [NCANDS] Unique Counts)⁶

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2009		2010		2011		2012	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children who received a Child Protective Services response for an allegation of child maltreatment	37,369	34.6 per 1,000	38,953	36.1 per 1,000	36,011	33.4 per 1,000	40,732	37.7 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims	12,381	11.5 per 1,000	11,802	10.9 per 1,000	11,324	10.5 per 1,000	11,439	10.6 per 1,000
Child fatalities	28	2.6 per 100,000	25	2.3 per 100,000	15	1.4 per 100,000	23	2.1 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	12.1	12.7	12.4	12.3
1 year	7.8	7.5	7.3	6.7
2 years	6.9	7.9	7.4	7.0
3 years	6.2	7.2	6.8	7.0
4 years	5.9	6.1	6.9	6.9
5 years	6.0	6.0	6.6	6.8
6 years	5.6	5.8	6.0	6.0
7 years	5.5	5.1	5.7	6.0
8 years	5.4	5.1	5.1	5.3
9 years	4.8	4.9	4.8	4.6
10 years	4.6	4.4	4.6	4.5
11 years	4.1	4.3	4.4	4.3
12 years	4.0	3.9	3.9	3.9
13 years	4.2	4.0	4.0	4.0
14 years	4.1	4.1	3.9	3.7
15 years	4.3	3.8	3.6	4.0
16 years	3.7	3.5	3.2	3.3
17 years	1.5	1.5	1.2	1.4
18+ years	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0
Missing data	3.1	1.9	2.0	2.1
Number	12,381	11,802	11,324	11,439

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.1
Asian	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.3
Black	38.3	36.5	35.0	35.4
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	4.5	4.2	4.2	4.1
White	50.0	51.6	52.3	52.1
Two or more races	3.9	4.2	4.6	5.1
Missing data	2.9	3.3	3.4	2.8
Number	12,381	11,802	11,324	11,439

¹ The source data for each table is indicated in parentheses for each section. A calendar year is the basis for data from the Census Bureau. Most of the other data on these pages are from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS) or the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) and are based on the Federal fiscal year, October 1 through September 30.

² The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau (<http://www.census.gov/popest/data/datasets.html>). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS). Child poverty data for 2012 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2010–2013 report.

³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

⁴ A child victim is defined as a child who is the subject of a maltreatment report for which the disposition is substantiated, indicated, or "alternative response victim." The rate for foster care entry is per 1,000 children in the state population. Data on child maltreatment victims are from NCANDS. Data on foster care entry rate, children in foster care on 9/30, and children adopted are from AFCARS.

⁵ As of 2012, there is a new methodology used to calculate the caseworker visits measures. Because the new methodology limits data comparisons with prior years, caseworker visits data from 2009 through 2011 are not included in this table. All states have the option of using an approved sampling procedure for the caseworker visits reporting requirement. See appendix C for more information on how these data are calculated and for a list of states using sampling methodology.

⁶ The unique count of child victims counts a child only once regardless of the number of times he or she was found to be a victim during the reporting year. This is a change from prior reports, and these data are now consistent with the reporting practice in the Child Maltreatment reports.

⁷ The rates for Child Protective Services Responses and victims are per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18.

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)⁸

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Emotional abuse	1.0	1.4	1.0	1.4
Medical neglect	3.8	3.9	3.5	3.8
Neglect	72.4	68.3	68.5	68.6
Physical abuse	34.3	37.1	38.4	40.2
Sexual abuse	6.5	5.5	5.6	6.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.4
Number	12,381	11,802	11,324	11,439

Response Time (in hours)⁹

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Mean	41.5	42.7	47.0	31.5
Median	<24	<24	<24	<24

C. Characteristics of Children in Foster Care

(Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System [AFCARS] Foster Care File)

Overview Foster Care Information

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total number	5,003	4,898	4,430	3,741	3,722	3,393	2,939	2,796	3,747	3,802	3,528	3,405	4,978	4,488	3,841	3,132
Median length of stay (months)	15.9	15.6	16.9	17.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	7.8	8.5	9.0	9.1	15.1	16.6	17.0	13.2

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	5.8	6.3	5.7	5.4	16.1	15.2	15.0	14.4	5.8	6.3	5.6	5.4	6.5	5.7	5.4	6.4
1 year	7.2	7.1	7.3	6.6	8.0	7.3	7.0	7.0	7.8	7.1	8.2	7.3	7.2	7.5	6.5	7.1
2 years	6.2	7.3	6.6	7.1	6.6	7.6	7.2	5.7	7.7	8.1	6.7	7.0	7.3	6.6	7.1	5.0
3 years	5.7	5.3	6.5	6.1	6.1	6.0	6.9	6.8	6.8	7.0	7.9	7.8	5.3	6.6	6.1	5.9
4 years	5.3	5.4	4.7	5.6	5.9	5.0	6.2	6.2	5.7	5.7	6.6	7.2	5.4	4.7	5.5	5.1
5 years	4.4	5.0	4.8	4.7	5.2	5.4	6.0	5.4	5.3	5.9	5.7	6.0	5.0	4.8	4.8	4.8
6 years	4.8	4.1	4.4	4.7	4.4	4.6	5.6	5.5	5.0	5.3	5.8	5.0	4.1	4.4	4.5	5.0
7 years	4.9	4.4	3.7	4.6	4.4	4.4	5.1	5.4	4.9	5.0	4.3	5.4	4.4	3.7	4.6	4.4
8 years	4.3	4.3	4.3	3.9	4.2	4.4	3.5	4.9	4.6	4.5	3.8	4.8	4.4	4.3	3.8	4.4
9 years	3.9	4.0	4.0	4.4	4.2	3.9	4.6	4.3	4.4	4.1	4.3	4.2	4.0	4.0	4.3	4.3
10 years	4.4	4.2	4.2	4.1	4.3	4.4	3.9	3.9	4.2	3.9	4.0	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.1	3.7
11 years	4.3	4.3	4.6	4.5	3.5	4.0	3.9	4.6	3.8	3.4	4.0	4.2	4.2	4.6	4.5	4.2
12 years	4.2	4.3	4.8	4.5	4.2	4.4	4.1	3.8	3.5	4.2	3.7	3.9	4.4	4.8	4.5	4.7
13 years	4.5	5.1	4.8	5.3	4.7	4.2	4.1	4.8	3.5	3.1	3.9	4.2	5.0	4.8	5.2	4.8
14 years	5.4	5.0	6.0	5.4	4.3	5.7	4.7	4.8	3.5	4.4	4.0	3.8	5.0	6.0	5.5	6.1
15 years	7.3	6.6	6.1	6.6	6.1	6.1	5.1	5.2	4.2	4.7	3.8	4.1	6.5	6.1	6.6	6.7
16 years	8.5	8.9	7.7	7.9	5.7	5.4	5.3	5.3	4.6	4.6	3.7	4.5	8.8	7.7	7.8	8.2
17 years	8.9	8.2	9.3	8.2	2.1	2.1	1.9	2.0	3.5	3.0	3.5	3.4	8.0	9.2	8.0	8.4
18 years	<.1	0.2	0.5	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	11.0	9.7	10.4	7.8	0.2	0.4	1.0	0.5
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.3
20 years	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	0.0
Missing data	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	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)¹⁰

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.5	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1
Asian	0.2	0.1	<.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	0.1	0.1
Black	45.0	44.3	42.4	40.2	42.6	38.8	39.4	37.6	43.5	41.9	42.1	38.0	44.3	42.1	40.5	40.2
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.2	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.2	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	4.0	4.3	5.3	5.3	5.7	6.9	5.1	6.2	5.4	5.3	5.5	6.3	4.3	5.4	5.0	4.9
White	44.1	44.2	44.3	45.7	44.3	45.9	47.2	48.4	44.2	45.1	44.9	46.9	44.2	44.7	45.9	46.7
Two or more races	6.4	6.8	7.1	7.9	6.2	6.2	6.0	6.6	5.6	6.2	5.8	7.3	6.9	6.9	7.4	7.4
Unable to determine	<.1	0.2	0.5	0.6	0.8	1.7	1.6	1.0	0.7	1.2	1.0	1.0	0.2	0.5	0.9	0.5
Missing data	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	0.0

⁸ These percentages are calculated against the number of unique victims. A child may have been the victim of more than one type of maltreatment, or the same type of maltreatment more than once. As a result, the total percentages both within and across maltreatment categories may exceed 100.

⁹ Response time is defined as the time between the report of suspected maltreatment and the first face-to-face contact with the alleged victim or with another person who can provide information on the allegation.

¹⁰ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

D. Characteristics of Children Waiting for Adoption¹¹ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total waiting children	1,862	1,699	1,413	1,330
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	923	857	675	586

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	3.0	3.4	2.2	3.0
1 year	8.1	7.2	6.0	6.0
2 years	9.0	7.7	6.9	4.4
3 years	6.8	7.8	7.1	6.3
4 years	6.1	5.7	6.8	4.4
5 years	5.9	6.1	5.1	4.9
6 years	5.3	5.2	5.7	4.6
7 years	6.2	5.1	5.1	4.5
8 years	5.9	5.5	5.1	4.9
9 years	5.2	5.5	5.3	3.9
10 years	4.9	5.5	5.2	4.3
11 years	5.9	4.9	6.1	4.4
12 years	6.1	5.8	5.2	5.9
13 years	5.2	6.2	6.7	4.9
14 years	5.1	5.5	6.3	8.3
15 years	5.2	5.5	6.7	8.6
16 years	4.3	4.4	5.4	8.9
17 years	1.9	2.9	3.2	7.9

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹³

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/Alaska Native	<.1	0.2	0.2	<.1
Asian	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2
Black	45.1	43.3	41.5	41.7
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	3.7	4.8	4.7	4.9
White	42.3	42.6	44.7	44.7
Two or more races	8.8	8.9	8.6	8.0
Unable to determine	0.0	<.1	0.3	0.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total children adopted	513	529	588	774

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	0.6	1.3	2.4	3.2
1 year	8.4	9.3	12.1	10.1
2 years	17.3	15.3	11.6	12.3
3 years	13.6	13.0	12.4	11.6
4 years	8.8	9.1	10.5	9.7
5 years	9.2	8.9	8.8	7.2
6 years	7.6	6.0	7.8	4.7
7 years	4.5	8.1	4.8	7.5
8 years	5.7	5.1	4.1	5.8
9 years	5.5	4.5	5.1	5.3
10 years	2.9	2.6	4.8	4.4
11 years	4.1	3.8	3.6	5.0
12 years	3.7	3.8	3.1	2.8
13 years	2.5	2.3	3.4	3.2
14 years	2.1	2.5	2.6	1.7
15 years	2.5	2.3	1.4	1.6
16 years	0.6	1.5	0.9	2.1
17 years	0.2	0.6	0.9	1.6
18 years	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.3
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Black	32.6	33.5	35.2	34.6
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	3.5	3.4	6.1	5.4
White	53.2	53.1	48.3	49.0
Two or more races	10.7	9.8	10.2	10.2
Unable to determine	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

¹¹ There is no federal definition for a child waiting to be adopted. The definition used in the tables on this page includes children and youth through age 17 who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parents' parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A state's own definition may differ from that used here.

¹² Children older than 17 years fall outside of the definition used to identify waiting children and are therefore excluded from this table.

¹³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

South Carolina

OUTCOMES DATA

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect (NCANDS)

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children without a recurrence	97.6	96.8	96.6	97.2
Children with one or more recurrences	2.4	3.2	3.4	2.8
Number	5,952	5,754	5,705	6,517

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care (NCANDS and AFCARS Foster Care File)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.11	0.43	0.41	0.43
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.89	99.57	99.59	99.57
Number	8,725	8,291	7,369	6,537

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Foster Care File)

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	14.2	14.0	16.6	22.8
Guardianship	0.9	1.6	2.0	2.2
Reunification	72.5	73.6	70.3	67.4
Other	12.5	10.8	11.1	7.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	3,747	3,803	3,528	3,405

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	12.7	17.2	16.1	32.9
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.7
Reunification	33.1	40.2	31.5	30.0
Other	54.2	42.6	51.6	36.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	142	169	124	140

3.3 Exits of Children Older Than Age 12 at Entry Into Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	0.3	0.7	0.4	1.2
Guardianship	1.5	1.3	1.7	1.9
Reunification	63.6	64.8	64.5	70.9
Other	34.6	33.2	33.5	26.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	878	856	780	688

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children age 12 or younger at entry	34.1	29.1	31.4	29.7
Children older than 12 at entry	65.9	70.9	68.6	70.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	428	385	366	246

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	American Indian/Alaska Native				2009	Asian				2009	Black			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	12.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.6	11.4	13.8	20.7		
Guardianship	0.0	25.0	18.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	1.6	1.3	2.1		
Reunification	100.0	75.0	72.7	87.5	100.0	85.7	75.0	100.0	71.5	74.2	71.0	67.0		
Other	0.0	0.0	9.1	0.0	0.0	14.3	25.0	0.0	17.1	12.9	13.9	10.2		
Missing data	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	17	4	11	8	6	7	4	3	1,630	1,594	1,484	1,295		
	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander				2009	Hispanic (of any race)				2009	White			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.9	9.4	18.6	19.4	17.3	16.6	17.9	23.8		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.5	1.5	0.9	1.1	1.6	2.5	2.4		
Reunification	0.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	84.7	83.3	72.7	73.6	71.5	71.2	70.2	67.3		
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.4	5.9	7.2	6.0	10.1	10.6	9.4	6.5		
Missing data	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	0	2	7	2	203	203	194	216	1,656	1,714	1,585	1,598		
	Unable to Determine				2009	Two or More Races				2009	Missing Data			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	0.0	2.2	2.7	15.2	26.7	20.1	29.1	31.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	8.1	6.1	0.0	0.9	1.9	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	96.0	97.8	89.2	78.8	70.0	73.9	59.7	62.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Other	4.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.3	5.1	9.2	4.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Missing data	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	25	45	37	33	210	234	206	250	0	0	0	0		

¹⁴ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Less than 12 mos.	78.6	76.9	78.0	77.1
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	15.4	16.5	15.9	15.6
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	3.9	4.2	4.4	3.6
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	0.9	1.1	1.0	1.7
48 or more mos.	1.2	1.3	0.6	2.1
Missing data	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0
Number	2,716	2,799	2,481	2,296

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children entering care for the first time	85.2	84.4	83.5	83.0
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	6.4	7.6	7.2	6.8
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	8.3	7.9	9.2	10.2
Missing data	<.1	<.1	0.2	<.1
Number	3,722	3,393	2,939	2,796

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Foster Care File)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Less than 12 mos.	1.3	2.4	3.8	4.9
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	18.0	19.1	21.2	23.7
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	32.3	31.6	28.7	26.2
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	25.0	23.6	24.9	20.9
48 or more mos.	23.3	23.2	21.5	24.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	532	534	586	775

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Foster Care File)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care (%)

	In Care Less Than 12 Months				In Care at Least 12 Months but Less Than 24 Months				In Care for 24 Months or Longer				Missing Time in Care			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children with 2 or fewer placements	78.8	79.9	81.4	83.8	46.1	45.9	48.8	52.9	25.4	25.1	26.1	23.5	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	21.2	20.1	18.6	16.0	53.9	54.1	51.1	46.9	74.6	74.9	73.9	76.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	4,307	4,072	3,589	3,361	1,766	1,633	1,388	1,242	2,646	2,558	2,380	1,933	6	28	12	1

7. Reduce Placement of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Foster Care File)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During the Fiscal Year and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Group homes	9.4	10.5	9.4	8.7
Institutions	10.1	10.4	10.8	12.6
Other settings	80.4	79.1	79.8	78.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	2,838	2,588	2,300	2,171

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews¹⁵ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score¹⁷	135.6	138.8	139.8	144.1
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	75.2	73.0	75.0	73.4
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	4.6	6.2	5.9	5.9
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	57.0	61.5	60.0	64.0
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	9.3	8.2	8.7	6.8

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	103.5	123.7	115.7	139.7
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	19.4	21.9	25.1	28.6
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	35.1	34.8	35.0	33.5
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	20.8	20.3	23.0	36.7
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year? ¹⁸	15.4	13.8	13.2	18.0
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	53.6	53.0	59.8	74.6

Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time¹⁹

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	86.8	84.1	89.6	126.3
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	24.1	26.5	27.0	40.7
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	89.6	92.5	90.6	95.3
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	55.2	52.0	57.0	52.7

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	78.8	80.0	83.5	85.9
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	76.3	77.1	79.2	82.0
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	46.2	45.9	48.9	53.0
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	25.4	25.2	26.2	23.6

¹⁵ Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the state did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

¹⁶ Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 includes a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

¹⁷ Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website (<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/resource/data-indicators-second-round-of-cfsrs>).

¹⁸ Legally free means that there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father. This calculation excludes children who, by the end of the first 6 months of the fiscal year, had discharged from foster care to reunification, living with relative, or guardianship.

¹⁹ A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

²⁰ The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

South Carolina

STATE COMMENT

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The following are South Carolina's comments on the state data presented in *Child Welfare Outcomes 2009–2012: Report to Congress*.

Safety

South Carolina Department of Social Services (SCDSS) intake staff assess all reports made to Child Protective Services (CPS). When a call to CPS alleges suspected child abuse or neglect consistent with how state law defines “abuse” or “neglect,” DSS accepts the report and assigns the case for CPS investigation by DSS staff.

When an intake does not allege suspected child abuse or neglect (high risk and/or safety issues), DSS is authorized to provide services for what state law (SC Code Section 63-7-910) refers to as “other problems of a nature which may affect the stability of family life,” (low risk and/or non-safety issues) to prevent harm to the child.

In January 2012, SCDSS implemented community-based, upfront prevention services statewide. When the intake is referred for prevention services, a contracted provider completes a needs assessment on the family and arranges/provides appropriate services to address the problems affecting the family. If risk increases or safety concerns develop, the provider of prevention services makes a new report on the family to SCDSS intake.

For NCANDS purposes, South Carolina records the intakes that are referred for prevention services (and not referred for investigation) as “Alternative Response Non-Victim” in the FY2012 NCANDS file. This accounts for the increase in the number of “children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment” (from 36,011 in FY2011 to 40,732 in FY2012). This increase in what NCANDS classifies as investigated reports, however, is misleading because, in South Carolina, it includes reports referred for prevention services that are not investigated by DSS for alleged abuse and neglect.

South Dakota

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total children under 18 years	199,616	202,866	203,234	204,169
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
American Indian/ Alaska Native	13.0	13.4	13.3	13.2
Asian	1.1	1.0	1.1	1.1
Black	1.9	1.8	1.8	2.0
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	5.2	4.6	4.8	4.9
White	75.8	75.2	74.9	74.6
Two or more races	2.9	4.0	4.1	4.2
Child population in poverty (%)	18.5	18.2	18.2	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Child maltreatment victims	1,443	1,360	1,353	1,224
Foster care entry rate per 1,000	7.2	7.2	6.9	5.7
Children in foster care on 9/30	1,490	1,493	1,404	1,381
Children adopted	167	133	168	126

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	98
Numerator	N/A	N/A	N/A	15,209
Denominator	N/A	N/A	N/A	15,504
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	96
Numerator	N/A	N/A	N/A	14,653
Denominator	N/A	N/A	N/A	15,209

B. Child Maltreatment Data (National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System [NCANDS] Unique Counts)⁶

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2009		2010		2011		2012	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children who received a Child Protective Services response for an allegation of child maltreatment	6,385	32.0 per 1,000	6,315	31.1 per 1,000	6,334	31.2 per 1,000	5,716	28.0 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims	1,443	7.2 per 1,000	1,360	6.7 per 1,000	1,353	6.7 per 1,000	1,224	6.0 per 1,000
Child fatalities	4	2.0 per 100,000	2	1.0 per 100,000	3	1.5 per 100,000	6	2.9 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	15.3	13.4	13.8	14.5
1 year	9.6	10.4	9.4	8.1
2 years	9.2	8.5	8.7	7.9
3 years	7.6	9.0	8.6	8.7
4 years	7.4	8.5	7.2	7.4
5 years	7.1	6.5	7.2	6.4
6 years	5.6	5.2	7.1	5.7
7 years	5.4	5.4	5.4	6.0
8 years	4.1	4.9	5.3	5.1
9 years	4.4	5.1	4.9	5.2
10 years	3.4	3.8	3.5	4.2
11 years	3.6	2.9	3.7	3.3
12 years	3.1	3.6	3.3	3.8
13 years	2.8	2.9	3.1	3.3
14 years	3.0	3.1	2.7	4.0
15 years	3.5	2.6	2.2	2.2
16 years	2.3	2.4	1.8	2.4
17 years	1.7	0.9	1.3	1.1
18+ years	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.6
Number	1,443	1,360	1,353	1,224

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/ Alaska Native	47.8	46.8	44.8	46.4
Asian	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.2
Black	2.5	3.2	3.3	3.2
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.2	0.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	5.1	6.4	7.3	6.0
White	34.4	33.3	34.1	34.2
Two or more races	6.7	7.6	8.7	7.7
Missing data	3.2	2.2	1.2	2.2
Number	1,443	1,360	1,353	1,224

¹ The source data for each table is indicated in parentheses for each section. A calendar year is the basis for data from the Census Bureau. Most of the other data on these pages are from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS) or the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) and are based on the Federal fiscal year, October 1 through September 30.

² The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau (<http://www.census.gov/popest/data/datasets.html>). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS). Child poverty data for 2012 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2010–2013 report.

³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

⁴ A child victim is defined as a child who is the subject of a maltreatment report for which the disposition is substantiated, indicated, or "alternative response victim." The rate for foster care entry is per 1,000 children in the state population. Data on child maltreatment victims are from NCANDS. Data on foster care entry rate, children in foster care on 9/30, and children adopted are from AFCARS.

⁵ As of 2012, there is a new methodology used to calculate the caseworker visits measures. Because the new methodology limits data comparisons with prior years, caseworker visits data from 2009 through 2011 are not included in this table. All states have the option of using an approved sampling procedure for the caseworker visits reporting requirement. See appendix C for more information on how these data are calculated and for a list of states using sampling methodology.

⁶ The unique count of child victims counts a child only once regardless of the number of times he or she was found to be a victim during the reporting year. This is a change from prior reports, and these data are now consistent with the reporting practice in the Child Maltreatment reports.

⁷ The rates for Child Protective Services Responses and victims are per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18.

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)⁸

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Emotional abuse	3.1	2.0	1.0	1.4
Medical neglect	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Neglect	93.6	95.8	94.2	94.8
Physical abuse	12.5	9.3	12.6	10.9
Sexual abuse	4.9	3.9	4.7	4.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,443	1,360	1,353	1,224

Response Time (in hours)⁹

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Mean	119.4	139.3	116.8	108.0
Median	>72 but<96	>96 but<120	>72 but<96	>72 but<96

C. Characteristics of Children in Foster Care

(Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System [AFCARS] Foster Care File)

Overview Foster Care Information

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total number	1,420	1,435	1,436	1,357	1,444	1,455	1,396	1,162	1,374	1,397	1,428	1,138	1,490	1,493	1,404	1,381
Median length of stay (months)	14.1	11.8	13.6	13.6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	5.5	3.5	3.7	7.1	11.7	13.3	13.7	13.6

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	5.5	5.9	4.2	5.2	16.1	12.6	13.5	14.2	8.7	7.3	6.8	6.3	6.0	4.2	4.8	4.6
1 year	8.7	7.7	7.1	6.7	10.2	9.4	9.4	8.3	9.7	8.2	8.1	7.3	7.9	7.1	6.7	8.4
2 years	7.5	8.2	8.8	7.3	10.7	8.2	9.7	8.3	11.6	9.3	10.3	9.3	8.2	8.8	7.1	5.9
3 years	7.3	6.8	7.5	8.5	7.3	9.0	9.2	8.9	8.4	8.9	9.1	9.4	7.0	7.6	8.3	7.0
4 years	6.3	6.4	6.3	6.9	7.5	6.7	6.8	7.6	7.9	7.1	7.7	8.0	6.2	6.5	7.5	7.7
5 years	5.0	6.3	6.9	5.6	6.7	6.3	7.5	6.2	6.3	6.2	7.1	7.9	6.5	6.9	5.6	6.3
6 years	3.9	5.2	5.6	6.4	5.3	5.1	7.1	5.4	5.3	5.4	7.8	6.6	5.1	5.8	6.5	4.8
7 years	5.6	4.1	5.2	5.3	4.9	6.0	4.7	5.3	4.7	5.2	5.7	6.9	4.4	5.1	5.6	5.2
8 years	4.2	5.4	4.7	3.8	4.4	5.1	4.4	4.9	4.1	4.9	4.9	3.4	5.6	4.5	3.8	5.3
9 years	4.4	4.0	5.3	4.7	3.5	4.3	4.2	5.6	3.4	4.1	4.7	4.7	3.8	5.4	4.7	4.7
10 years	4.0	4.3	4.7	4.9	2.8	3.8	3.4	4.0	3.5	3.9	4.3	4.3	4.2	4.6	4.8	4.7
11 years	4.4	4.1	4.2	4.0	3.3	3.6	3.7	3.4	3.2	3.5	3.8	3.5	4.0	4.2	3.8	5.3
12 years	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.1	3.3	3.6	3.3	4.0	3.5	4.1	2.9	3.6	4.4	4.2	4.3	3.4
13 years	4.4	4.5	4.1	4.5	3.5	4.3	3.0	4.0	3.4	3.9	2.7	3.3	4.3	4.2	4.3	4.7
14 years	4.7	4.5	4.9	5.2	2.7	3.8	2.9	3.4	2.5	3.0	2.3	2.8	4.5	5.0	5.2	5.3
15 years	7.0	4.6	4.5	5.3	3.2	3.4	2.9	2.7	3.4	3.4	2.2	2.4	4.5	4.6	5.3	5.6
16 years	6.3	6.2	4.7	5.3	3.0	2.7	2.4	2.0	3.6	2.6	2.2	2.1	6.2	4.6	5.1	5.4
17 years	5.5	6.3	5.7	4.9	1.6	2.1	1.7	1.5	1.5	3.1	1.8	2.1	6.0	5.5	4.9	4.7
18 years	0.7	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	5.1	5.4	5.0	5.5	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.7
19 years	0.0	<.1	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.4	0.4	0.4	<.1	0.2	0.4	0.1
20 years	0.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)¹⁰

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/ Alaska Native	52.8	52.6	51.5	51.3	48.5	48.9	48.6	50.3	48.3	49.1	48.1	51.5	52.8	52.2	52.0	50.3
Asian	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.8	0.3	0.5	0.7	0.0	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.2	0.3	0.8	0.4
Black	2.5	2.6	2.4	3.1	4.3	5.4	5.4	3.2	4.1	5.7	4.6	3.4	2.8	2.4	3.2	2.9
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.2	0.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.0	0.2	<.1	0.2	0.0	<.1	0.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	7.3	6.7	6.9	6.6	7.2	6.5	8.5	6.8	8.0	6.9	9.1	6.7	6.6	6.2	6.2	6.7
White	29.8	29.8	30.4	28.0	31.4	30.7	27.9	28.8	31.9	30.1	30.0	26.1	29.5	30.3	28.2	30.3
Two or more races	7.0	8.0	8.4	10.1	7.9	7.8	8.7	10.2	6.7	7.5	7.6	11.2	8.1	8.3	9.5	9.3
Unable to determine	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	0.3	<.1	0.1	<.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	<.1	0.0	0.5	0.1	<.1	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1

⁸ These percentages are calculated against the number of unique victims. A child may have been the victim of more than one type of maltreatment, or the same type of maltreatment more than once. As a result, the total percentages both within and across maltreatment categories may exceed 100.

⁹ Response time is defined as the time between the report of suspected maltreatment and the first face-to-face contact with the alleged victim or with another person who can provide information on the allegation.

¹⁰ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

D. Characteristics of Children Waiting for Adoption¹¹ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total waiting children	388	436	388	407
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	319	358	327	331

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	3.4	0.9	1.0	0.7
1 year	3.9	5.7	4.4	5.4
2 years	7.7	9.6	7.2	5.4
3 years	8.8	5.7	7.2	7.4
4 years	6.2	7.8	7.2	7.6
5 years	6.4	5.7	6.4	7.6
6 years	4.9	6.4	5.4	5.9
7 years	3.6	4.6	6.7	5.7
8 years	7.5	3.9	4.4	4.7
9 years	5.4	6.4	5.2	4.4
10 years	5.2	5.3	7.7	5.9
11 years	5.2	6.9	3.9	7.1
12 years	5.7	4.8	7.0	3.4
13 years	3.9	4.8	4.6	5.2
14 years	4.4	4.8	5.7	4.4
15 years	5.2	5.5	5.4	6.6
16 years	7.2	5.3	5.4	6.4
17 years	5.7	5.7	5.2	6.1

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹³

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/Alaska Native	45.9	48.4	48.5	42.5
Asian	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.0
Black	2.3	2.3	2.6	4.7
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.2
Hispanic (of any race)	10.3	8.5	7.2	7.6
White	30.4	29.1	29.9	33.7
Two or more races	10.6	11.2	11.6	11.1
Unable to determine	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total children adopted	167	133	168	126

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	2.4	0.8	0.6	0.8
1 year	6.6	5.3	8.3	5.6
2 years	18.0	17.3	14.9	12.7
3 years	8.4	11.3	10.7	14.3
4 years	15.6	15.8	14.3	10.3
5 years	7.8	8.3	9.5	11.9
6 years	4.8	9.0	6.5	9.5
7 years	7.8	3.0	6.5	8.7
8 years	3.6	2.3	4.2	4.0
9 years	3.6	10.5	4.2	6.3
10 years	3.6	1.5	6.0	5.6
11 years	4.2	3.0	4.2	2.4
12 years	4.2	5.3	2.4	4.8
13 years	0.6	3.0	2.4	2.4
14 years	3.0	0.8	1.2	0.0
15 years	3.0	2.3	0.6	0.0
16 years	2.4	0.8	1.8	0.0
17 years	0.6	0.0	1.8	0.8
18 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/Alaska Native	38.9	44.4	44.6	36.5
Asian	0.0	0.0	1.2	0.8
Black	5.4	2.3	1.2	0.8
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	5.4	9.0	8.9	7.1
White	41.3	36.8	30.4	37.3
Two or more races	9.0	7.5	13.7	17.5
Unable to determine	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

¹¹ There is no federal definition for a child waiting to be adopted. The definition used in the tables on this page includes children and youth through age 17 who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parents' parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A state's own definition may differ from that used here.

¹² Children older than 17 years fall outside of the definition used to identify waiting children and are therefore excluded from this table.

¹³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

South Dakota

OUTCOMES DATA

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect (NCANDS)

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children without a recurrence	94.3	95.4	94.4	94.4
Children with one or more recurrences	5.7	4.6	5.6	5.6
Number	706	680	643	663

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care (NCANDS and AFCARS Foster Care File)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.28	0.10	0.00	0.00
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.72	99.90	100.00	100.00
Number	2,864	2,890	2,832	2,519

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Foster Care File)

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	12.1	9.4	11.7	11.1
Guardianship	5.4	5.7	7.9	9.0
Reunification	60.7	60.5	57.9	54.0
Other	21.8	24.3	22.5	26.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,374	1,397	1,428	1,138

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	31.8	26.9	23.8	25.2
Guardianship	7.0	11.2	8.9	14.6
Reunification	34.5	27.3	34.5	32.0
Other	26.7	34.5	32.8	28.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	258	249	235	206

3.3 Exits of Children Older Than Age 12 at Entry Into Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	2.6	1.2	2.3	0.6
Guardianship	3.1	6.5	8.0	7.6
Reunification	59.9	57.5	53.4	50.3
Other	34.4	34.8	36.2	41.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	192	247	174	157

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children age 12 or younger at entry	40.3	32.1	41.0	37.9
Children older than 12 at entry	59.7	67.9	59.0	62.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	72	81	78	66

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	American Indian/Alaska Native				2009	Asian				2009	Black			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2010	2011	2012	2009		2010	2011	2012	
Adoption	9.9	8.7	10.9	7.8	0.0	0.0	25.0	16.7	15.8	3.8	3.1	2.6		
Guardianship	6.8	6.4	8.2	8.2	0.0	40.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.1	1.5	2.6		
Reunification	50.5	48.8	48.3	47.8	100.0	60.0	75.0	83.3	77.2	82.3	93.8	82.1		
Other	32.8	36.0	32.6	36.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.0	8.9	1.5	12.8		
Missing data	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	664	686	687	586	7	5	4	6	57	79	65	39		
	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander				2009	Hispanic (of any race)				2009	White			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.3	12.4	11.5	11.8	15.8	11.2	11.9	15.8		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	33.3	0.0	5.5	6.2	7.7	19.7	3.4	5.2	9.8	9.4		
Reunification	100.0	100.0	33.3	0.0	68.2	64.9	48.5	38.2	71.2	72.2	70.4	65.7		
Other	0.0	0.0	33.3	0.0	19.1	16.5	32.3	30.3	9.6	11.4	7.9	9.1		
Missing data	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	3	1	3	0	110	97	130	76	438	421	429	297		
	Unable to Determine				2009	Two or More Races				2009	Missing Data			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	15.2	9.5	21.1	17.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.7	1.9	2.8	7.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	59.8	67.6	58.7	54.3	100.0	100.0	0.0	40.0		
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	16.3	21.0	17.4	20.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	60.0		
Missing data	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	1	2	1	2	92	105	109	127	2	1	0	5		

¹⁴ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Less than 12 mos.	81.8	81.4	82.7	75.6
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	14.7	13.8	14.9	21.7
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	2.4	2.5	1.2	1.5
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	0.4	1.1	0.8	0.5
48 or more mos.	0.7	1.2	0.4	0.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	834	845	827	614

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children entering care for the first time	73.7	72.5	73.3	70.2
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	12.0	11.5	11.7	13.7
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	14.1	15.1	15.0	15.5
Missing data	0.1	0.8	<.1	0.6
Number	1,444	1,455	1,396	1,162

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Foster Care File)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Less than 12 mos.	4.2	2.3	1.8	3.2
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	27.1	30.3	32.9	28.6
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	34.9	34.1	31.1	34.9
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	16.9	22.0	18.6	26.2
48 or more mos.	16.9	11.4	15.6	7.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	166	132	167	126

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Foster Care File)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care (%)

	In Care Less Than 12 Months				In Care at Least 12 Months but Less Than 24 Months				In Care for 24 Months or Longer				Missing Time in Care			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children with 2 or fewer placements	87.1	88.4	86.7	87.0	55.7	57.1	60.3	51.8	19.0	21.0	18.7	24.6	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0
Children with 3 or more placements	12.9	11.6	13.3	13.0	44.3	42.9	39.7	48.2	81.0	79.0	81.3	75.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	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	0.0
Number	1,694	1,661	1,598	1,338	467	585	569	546	695	638	657	635	8	6	8	0

7. Reduce Placement of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Foster Care File)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During the Fiscal Year and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Group homes	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Institutions	13.2	11.2	15.0	10.8
Other settings	86.8	88.8	85.0	89.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,236	1,216	1,209	997

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews¹⁵ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score¹⁷	133.3	125.3	129.9	128.0
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	80.5	80.6	84.4	75.2
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	4.1	3.0	2.5	4.7
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	59.2	47.0	41.5	47.1
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	14.7	16.8	15.9	14.6

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	49.4	59.7	77.3	88.2
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	31.3	32.6	34.7	31.7
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	30.5	29.1	29.3	29.4
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	21.0	19.2	22.3	19.7
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year? ¹⁸	3.8	11.6	7.6	6.1
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	34.3	35.0	35.4	32.7

Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time¹⁹

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	74.4	94.9	66.3	78.0
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	25.3	24.3	24.6	23.6
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	84.2	84.2	88.9	87.3
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	59.3	54.0	59.5	54.5

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	84.9	87.4	85.2	87.0
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	84.2	86.1	83.4	84.5
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	55.7	56.6	60.3	51.7
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	19.3	21.2	19.2	24.5

¹⁵ Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the state did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

¹⁶ Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 includes a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

¹⁷ Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website (<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/resource/data-indicators-second-round-of-cfsrs>).

¹⁸ Legally free means that there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father. This calculation excludes children who, by the end of the first 6 months of the fiscal year, had discharged from foster care to reunification, living with relative, or guardianship.

¹⁹ A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

²⁰ The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

Tennessee

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total children under 18 years	1,493,252	1,494,687	1,493,623	1,494,016
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Asian	1.5	1.6	1.6	1.7
Black	20.0	20.0	19.9	19.8
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	7.2	7.3	7.6	8.0
White	68.7	67.8	67.5	67.1
Two or more races	2.3	3.0	3.1	3.2
Child population in poverty (%)	23.9	25.7	26.3	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Child maltreatment victims	8,822	8,760	9,243	10,069
Foster care entry rate per 1,000	4.0	4.2	4.4	4.4
Children in foster care on 9/30	6,691	6,644	7,696	8,042
Children adopted	1,001	972	772	813

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	92
Numerator	N/A	N/A	N/A	81,180
Denominator	N/A	N/A	N/A	87,924
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	68
Numerator	N/A	N/A	N/A	55,567
Denominator	N/A	N/A	N/A	81,180

B. Child Maltreatment Data (National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System [NCANDS] Unique Counts)⁶

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2009		2010		2011		2012	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children who received a Child Protective Services response for an allegation of child maltreatment	75,570	50.6 per 1,000	80,125	53.6 per 1,000	80,005	53.6 per 1,000	85,180	57.0 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims	8,822	5.9 per 1,000	8,760	5.9 per 1,000	9,243	6.2 per 1,000	10,069	6.7 per 1,000
Child fatalities	46	3.1 per 100,000	38	2.5 per 100,000	29	1.9 per 100,000	31	2.1 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	17.7	16.4	16.1	16.6
1 year	5.7	5.7	5.9	5.4
2 years	5.4	5.6	5.7	5.0
3 years	5.5	5.6	6.2	6.2
4 years	5.8	5.7	6.1	5.9
5 years	5.6	5.2	5.8	6.1
6 years	5.3	5.3	5.0	5.2
7 years	4.9	4.4	4.7	5.2
8 years	4.5	5.0	4.6	4.8
9 years	4.8	4.3	4.3	4.8
10 years	4.7	4.4	4.7	4.4
11 years	4.4	4.2	4.2	4.4
12 years	4.8	5.7	5.3	5.0
13 years	4.2	4.6	4.7	4.6
14 years	4.5	4.6	4.3	4.4
15 years	4.4	4.9	4.0	4.0
16 years	4.6	4.4	4.1	3.7
17 years	3.2	3.5	2.9	2.9
18+ years	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Missing data	<.1	0.4	1.6	1.5
Number	8,822	8,760	9,243	10,069

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/ Alaska Native	<.1	0.2	<.1	<.1
Asian	<.1	0.3	<.1	<.1
Black	22.7	25.9	12.2	10.1
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	3.3	4.1	2.8	2.7
White	47.4	62.8	46.5	40.7
Two or more races	0.0	0.0	1.4	1.8
Missing data	26.4	6.7	36.9	44.5
Number	8,822	8,760	9,243	10,069

¹ The source data for each table is indicated in parentheses for each section. A calendar year is the basis for data from the Census Bureau. Most of the other data on these pages are from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS) or the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) and are based on the Federal fiscal year, October 1 through September 30.

² The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau (<http://www.census.gov/popest/data/datasets.html>). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS). Child poverty data for 2012 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2010-2013 report.

³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

⁴ A child victim is defined as a child who is the subject of a maltreatment report for which the disposition is substantiated, indicated, or "alternative response victim." The rate for foster care entry is per 1,000 children in the state population. Data on child maltreatment victims are from NCANDS. Data on foster care entry rate, children in foster care on 9/30, and children adopted are from AFCARS.

⁵ As of 2012, there is a new methodology used to calculate the caseworker visits measures. Because the new methodology limits data comparisons with prior years, caseworker visits data from 2009 through 2011 are not included in this table. All states have the option of using an approved sampling procedure for the caseworker visits reporting requirement. See appendix C for more information on how these data are calculated and for a list of states using sampling methodology.

⁶ The unique count of child victims counts a child only once regardless of the number of times he or she was found to be a victim during the reporting year. This is a change from prior reports, and these data are now consistent with the reporting practice in the Child Maltreatment reports.

⁷ The rates for Child Protective Services Responses and victims are per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18.

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)⁸

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Emotional abuse	2.4	2.5	2.9	2.9
Medical neglect	2.9	1.3	1.9	1.9
Neglect	59.0	57.2	63.6	63.2
Physical abuse	15.3	17.3	14.5	13.6
Sexual abuse	31.2	30.1	28.1	29.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	8,822	8,760	9,243	10,069

Response Time (in hours)⁹

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Mean	5.0	0.0	76.2	97.0
Median	<24	<24	>48 but <72	>48 but <72

C. Characteristics of Children in Foster Care

(Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System [AFCARS] Foster Care File)

Overview Foster Care Information

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total number	7,008	6,511	6,535	7,429	5,901	6,221	6,525	6,596	6,218	6,088	5,364	5,983	6,691	6,644	7,696	8,042
Median length of stay (months)	10.3	8.9	8.5	8.3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	10.4	8.8	9.7	9.9	8.8	8.4	8.5	9.6

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	4.6	4.5	5.8	6.5	11.5	12.1	12.6	11.8	4.8	4.8	4.7	4.0	4.5	5.7	6.4	5.7
1 year	5.8	6.1	6.2	6.5	4.9	5.6	6.0	5.4	5.2	6.0	6.1	6.2	5.9	6.1	6.4	6.8
2 years	4.9	5.5	5.0	6.0	4.7	5.1	5.1	5.1	5.0	5.6	5.3	5.9	5.4	5.0	5.9	6.1
3 years	4.8	4.4	5.0	4.9	3.5	4.0	4.9	4.6	4.2	4.6	5.0	4.6	4.3	5.0	4.9	5.2
4 years	3.9	4.1	3.9	5.1	3.3	3.6	4.6	4.5	3.9	4.3	4.4	4.9	4.1	3.9	5.0	5.1
5 years	3.7	4.0	3.7	4.4	3.4	3.7	4.1	4.2	3.5	4.1	4.0	4.0	3.9	3.7	4.3	4.9
6 years	3.2	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.0	3.0	3.5	3.9	3.2	3.5	3.5	3.7	3.5	3.5	3.5	4.2
7 years	3.1	2.9	3.4	3.4	2.6	2.9	3.2	3.7	3.0	2.5	3.1	3.2	2.9	3.4	3.4	4.0
8 years	3.5	2.9	3.4	3.4	2.5	3.1	2.9	3.3	2.9	2.8	3.1	3.1	2.9	3.3	3.4	3.6
9 years	2.7	3.1	3.4	3.2	2.5	3.2	3.0	2.7	2.6	2.8	3.1	2.8	3.0	3.4	3.1	3.3
10 years	3.0	2.9	3.4	3.4	2.5	2.8	2.9	3.2	2.3	2.3	3.2	2.7	2.9	3.4	3.4	3.1
11 years	3.3	3.2	3.4	3.2	2.6	2.8	2.9	3.0	2.4	2.3	2.5	3.1	3.2	3.4	3.2	3.6
12 years	3.2	3.1	3.6	3.9	2.8	3.6	3.2	3.4	2.6	3.0	2.6	3.1	3.2	3.6	3.8	3.5
13 years	4.2	3.9	4.5	4.1	4.1	5.1	4.2	4.8	2.9	3.1	3.2	3.3	3.9	4.6	4.1	4.4
14 years	5.9	6.1	5.1	5.4	7.0	6.0	6.1	6.1	4.0	3.6	4.2	4.1	6.3	5.2	5.5	5.3
15 years	9.0	8.2	8.5	7.3	10.3	9.4	8.4	8.4	6.4	6.2	5.1	6.3	8.6	8.9	7.4	7.0
16 years	12.9	12.7	11.0	10.8	15.2	11.6	10.8	11.3	10.0	8.7	8.1	8.5	12.9	11.3	10.6	9.1
17 years	15.8	15.9	14.3	12.3	13.2	12.0	11.2	10.2	13.9	12.7	11.0	11.7	15.7	14.0	12.3	12.0
18 years	2.5	2.7	3.0	2.6	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.3	16.2	16.3	16.7	13.8	2.6	2.6	3.1	2.8
19 years	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.9	0.6	1.1	0.7	<.1	<.1	0.2	0.2
20 years	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1
Missing data	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)¹⁰

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/ Alaska Native	<.1	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	<.1	0.2	0.1	<.1	0.2	0.2	<.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Asian	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.2	<.1	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	<.1
Black	27.6	29.2	26.5	24.0	30.6	27.8	22.2	21.6	29.5	31.1	25.2	23.9	28.5	26.2	23.8	22.1
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1
Hispanic (of any race)	4.2	5.7	5.2	5.0	5.8	5.1	4.4	5.3	4.3	5.7	4.5	4.9	5.6	5.2	4.9	5.3
White	62.7	61.1	64.3	63.1	58.1	61.4	57.8	55.7	60.7	58.2	61.1	59.7	60.5	64.1	61.0	59.6
Two or more races	2.9	0.9	0.0	0.0	2.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	2.5	1.2	0.0	0.0	2.6	<.1	0.0	0.0
Unable to determine	2.2	2.5	3.5	7.5	2.8	4.8	15.2	17.1	2.5	3.3	8.6	11.1	2.4	4.0	9.9	12.6
Missing data	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	0.0

⁸ These percentages are calculated against the number of unique victims. A child may have been the victim of more than one type of maltreatment, or the same type of maltreatment more than once. As a result, the total percentages both within and across maltreatment categories may exceed 100.

⁹ Response time is defined as the time between the report of suspected maltreatment and the first face-to-face contact with the alleged victim or with another person who can provide information on the allegation.

¹⁰ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

D. Characteristics of Children Waiting for Adoption¹¹ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total waiting children	1,351	1,692	2,014	2,524
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	793	562	485	640

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	1.5	3.5	5.6	5.7
1 year	5.1	6.0	8.2	8.2
2 years	4.9	6.9	7.3	8.0
3 years	4.7	6.7	6.4	6.9
4 years	5.6	5.3	6.9	6.4
5 years	4.5	4.7	5.5	6.4
6 years	3.7	5.0	4.0	6.1
7 years	3.8	4.5	4.1	4.2
8 years	3.6	3.6	4.3	4.4
9 years	5.0	3.9	4.5	4.1
10 years	4.1	4.8	3.8	4.0
11 years	5.0	4.3	4.8	4.3
12 years	4.9	4.3	4.5	4.2
13 years	5.1	4.7	4.8	5.0
14 years	6.5	5.4	5.1	4.7
15 years	8.4	7.4	5.9	5.5
16 years	11.0	9.4	7.6	5.7
17 years	12.6	9.5	6.9	6.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹³

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/Alaska Native	<.1	0.4	0.2	0.2
Asian	0.2	0.1	0.0	<.1
Black	26.5	22.8	18.1	15.7
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	4.5	5.7	6.2	7.1
White	63.1	68.1	69.4	65.5
Two or more races	3.9	0.0	0.0	0.0
Unable to determine	1.7	2.9	6.1	11.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total children adopted	1,001	972	772	813

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	2.5	2.3	3.6	3.7
1 year	10.5	11.2	11.5	14.0
2 years	10.7	9.8	11.1	12.5
3 years	9.1	7.3	8.4	8.0
4 years	8.0	8.5	7.9	7.7
5 years	7.2	7.6	7.5	5.9
6 years	6.6	5.8	5.2	5.0
7 years	6.7	3.8	5.7	4.6
8 years	4.6	4.7	3.2	4.4
9 years	5.3	5.6	4.9	5.3
10 years	4.6	4.9	4.1	3.1
11 years	4.4	3.4	3.4	4.1
12 years	3.7	4.3	3.1	5.2
13 years	2.9	4.9	3.8	3.3
14 years	3.0	3.1	3.8	2.8
15 years	2.6	4.3	3.5	4.1
16 years	2.9	3.9	4.7	3.2
17 years	4.3	4.1	3.9	3.0
18 years	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.1
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.0
Asian	<.1	0.2	0.1	0.0
Black	21.8	17.8	16.7	11.7
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	5.4	6.5	6.0	6.0
White	66.2	70.0	70.3	76.1
Two or more races	3.3	4.2	4.1	3.9
Unable to determine	2.9	1.1	2.6	2.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

¹¹ There is no federal definition for a child waiting to be adopted. The definition used in the tables on this page includes children and youth through age 17 who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parents' parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A state's own definition may differ from that used here.

¹² Children older than 17 years fall outside of the definition used to identify waiting children and are therefore excluded from this table.

¹³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

Tennessee

OUTCOMES DATA

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect (NCANDS)

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children without a recurrence	96.8	96.7	97.0	97.3
Children with one or more recurrences	3.2	3.3	3.0	2.7
Number	4,388	4,430	4,566	4,681

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care (NCANDS and AFCARS Foster Care File)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.42	0.04	0.11	0.07
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.58	99.96	99.89	99.93
Number	12,909	12,732	13,060	14,025

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Foster Care File)

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	16.1	16.0	14.5	13.7
Guardianship	2.3	1.6	2.9	4.7
Reunification	70.2	71.6	70.2	71.9
Other	11.4	10.8	12.0	9.7
Missing data	0.0	<.1	0.4	<.1
Number	6,218	6,088	5,364	5,983

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	26.4	13.3	16.7	14.4
Guardianship	3.6	2.6	2.5	2.3
Reunification	40.9	62.2	55.7	59.2
Other	29.0	21.7	24.6	23.9
Missing data	0.0	0.2	0.4	0.2
Number	276	608	711	568

3.3 Exits of Children Older Than Age 12 at Entry Into Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	2.8	3.0	3.0	2.5
Guardianship	1.6	0.7	1.4	1.8
Reunification	75.1	75.0	71.0	74.9
Other	20.5	21.2	24.3	20.6
Missing data	0.0	<.1	0.3	0.2
Number	3,062	2,854	2,421	2,663

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children age 12 or younger at entry	10.2	6.3	5.3	3.0
Children older than 12 at entry	89.8	93.7	94.7	97.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	587	556	508	472

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	American Indian/Alaska Native				2009	Asian				2009	Black			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	50.0	8.3	25.0	0.0	7.7	12.5	7.7	0.0	11.9	9.8	10.5	7.2		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	16.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.7	0.0	3.3	1.6	4.4	5.0		
Reunification	33.3	83.3	50.0	60.0	69.2	75.0	76.9	100.0	71.4	76.8	68.9	75.6		
Other	16.7	8.3	8.3	40.0	23.1	12.5	7.7	0.0	13.4	11.8	15.7	12.0		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.5	0.2		
Number	6	12	12	5	13	16	13	10	1,834	1,896	1,352	1,431		

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander				2009	Hispanic (of any race)				2009	White			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	0.0	20.0	0.0	0.0	20.2	18.3	18.9	16.6	17.6	19.3	17.0	18.0		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	2.0	1.2	3.0	2.1	1.6	2.7	5.1		
Reunification	100.0	80.0	75.0	100.0	70.4	70.1	69.3	70.6	69.4	68.4	68.5	67.6		
Other	0.0	0.0	25.0	0.0	8.2	9.3	10.7	9.8	11.0	10.7	11.4	9.3		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	<.1		
Number	6	5	4	4	267	344	244	296	3,777	3,543	3,276	3,570		

	Unable to Determine				2009	Two or More Races				2009	Missing Data			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	18.5	5.5	6.0	4.0	20.9	33.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	0.6	1.0	1.1	2.8	1.3	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	75.8	83.0	86.4	86.4	69.6	61.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Other	5.1	10.5	6.5	6.6	8.2	4.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	157	200	463	667	158	72	0	0	0	0	0	0		

¹⁴ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Less than 12 mos.	70.8	76.7	74.4	72.4
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	22.1	17.4	19.1	21.5
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	4.4	4.0	4.4	4.4
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	1.2	1.2	1.6	1.0
48 or more mos.	1.5	0.7	0.6	0.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	4,364	4,358	3,763	4,299

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children entering care for the first time	80.2	81.7	83.4	82.5
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	10.5	9.3	7.8	8.1
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	9.2	9.0	8.7	9.3
Missing data	0.0	<.1	0.1	<.1
Number	5,901	6,221	6,525	6,596

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Foster Care File)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Less than 12 mos.	8.0	6.3	6.7	7.8
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	33.1	38.2	40.5	42.9
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	33.2	30.1	29.9	28.7
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	12.3	16.3	12.8	12.2
48 or more mos.	13.5	9.2	10.2	8.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,001	972	776	820

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Foster Care File)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care (%)

	In Care Less Than 12 Months				In Care at Least 12 Months but Less Than 24 Months				In Care for 24 Months or Longer				Missing Time in Care			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children with 2 or fewer placements	79.8	77.2	82.4	79.5	54.7	52.1	59.1	61.6	35.8	34.0	33.4	37.5	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0
Children with 3 or more placements	19.7	22.6	17.2	20.3	45.3	47.9	40.9	38.4	64.2	66.0	66.6	62.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	0.5	0.2	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	7,382	7,711	7,881	8,205	3,108	2,885	3,128	3,616	2,419	2,131	2,051	2,204	0	5	0	0

7. Reduce Placement of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Foster Care File)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During the Fiscal Year and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Group homes	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.6
Institutions	2.0	1.0	1.4	1.3
Other settings	97.8	98.7	98.0	98.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1
Number	2,905	3,429	3,807	3,834

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews¹⁵ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score¹⁷	123.5	128.2	129.4	125.6
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	72.6	78.2	77.0	76.3
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	7.4	6.5	6.8	7.4
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	55.2	56.4	49.5	47.4
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	13.0	13.5	11.8	12.9

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	155.9	157.3	146.4	151.5
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	41.1	44.4	47.3	50.7
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	26.7	25.3	24.6	24.0
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	36.0	37.1	31.8	30.0
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year? ¹⁸	23.3	20.9	12.9	13.6
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	71.4	73.3	77.2	74.5

Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time¹⁹

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	157.3	161.2	152.6	159.3
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	44.1	45.1	38.1	38.8
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	91.5	91.1	91.7	94.8
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	15.0	13.5	12.2	10.6

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	89.3	84.4	92.2	92.3
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	79.1	75.8	81.7	78.7
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	55.7	52.9	59.8	62.3
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	36.8	34.6	34.0	38.2

¹⁵ Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the state did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

¹⁶ Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 includes a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

¹⁷ Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website (<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/resource/data-indicators-second-round-of-cfsrs>).

¹⁸ Legally free means that there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father. This calculation excludes children who, by the end of the first 6 months of the fiscal year, had discharged from foster care to reunification, living with relative, or guardianship.

¹⁹ A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

²⁰ The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

Texas

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total children under 18 years	6,895,969	6,875,476	6,928,953	6,985,639
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Asian	3.2	3.4	3.5	3.6
Black	11.4	11.8	11.8	11.7
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	47.1	48.5	48.7	49.0
White	36.0	33.9	33.5	33.1
Two or more races	1.9	2.0	2.1	2.2
Child population in poverty (%)	24.4	25.7	26.6	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Child maltreatment victims	66,359	64,937	63,474	62,551
Foster care entry rate per 1,000	1.8	2.3	2.4	2.4
Children in foster care on 9/30	26,503	28,860	30,007	29,644
Children adopted	4,976	4,709	4,718	4,956

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	94
Numerator	N/A	N/A	N/A	315,926
Denominator	N/A	N/A	N/A	336,974
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	81
Numerator	N/A	N/A	N/A	255,388
Denominator	N/A	N/A	N/A	315,926

B. Child Maltreatment Data (National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System [NCANDS] Unique Counts)⁶

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2009		2010		2011		2012	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children who received a Child Protective Services response for an allegation of child maltreatment	260,486	37.8 per 1,000	267,823	39.0 per 1,000	272,553	39.3 per 1,000	250,623	35.9 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims	66,359	9.6 per 1,000	64,937	9.4 per 1,000	63,474	9.2 per 1,000	62,551	9.0 per 1,000
Child fatalities	279	4.0 per 100,000	222	3.2 per 100,000	246	3.6 per 100,000	215	3.1 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	13.8	14.2	14.8	14.8
1 year	9.0	8.6	8.6	8.1
2 years	8.5	8.5	8.2	8.1
3 years	7.6	7.8	7.9	8.1
4 years	7.3	7.2	7.5	7.4
5 years	6.7	6.8	6.7	7.1
6 years	6.2	6.1	6.0	6.2
7 years	5.7	5.5	5.4	5.5
8 years	5.3	5.0	5.0	5.1
9 years	4.7	4.9	4.6	4.5
10 years	4.1	4.3	4.2	4.1
11 years	3.8	3.8	3.8	4.0
12 years	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.7
13 years	3.4	3.3	3.4	3.4
14 years	3.3	3.1	3.2	3.1
15 years	3.0	3.0	2.9	2.8
16 years	2.5	2.7	2.5	2.3
17 years	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.2
18+ years	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Missing data	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.5
Number	66,359	64,937	63,474	62,551

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Asian	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.4
Black	17.2	16.5	16.2	16.1
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	45.8	46.1	47.2	46.6
White	31.0	31.4	30.4	31.2
Two or more races	2.8	3.2	3.1	3.2
Missing data	2.5	2.3	2.5	2.5
Number	66,359	64,937	63,474	62,551

¹ The source data for each table is indicated in parentheses for each section. A calendar year is the basis for data from the Census Bureau. Most of the other data on these pages are from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS) or the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) and are based on the Federal fiscal year, October 1 through September 30.

² The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau (<http://www.census.gov/popest/data/datasets.html>). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS). Child poverty data for 2012 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2010–2013 report.

³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

⁴ A child victim is defined as a child who is the subject of a maltreatment report for which the disposition is substantiated, indicated, or "alternative response victim." The rate for foster care entry is per 1,000 children in the state population. Data on child maltreatment victims are from NCANDS. Data on foster care entry rate, children in foster care on 9/30, and children adopted are from AFCARS.

⁵ As of 2012, there is a new methodology used to calculate the caseworker visits measures. Because the new methodology limits data comparisons with prior years, caseworker visits data from 2009 through 2011 are not included in this table. All states have the option of using an approved sampling procedure for the caseworker visits reporting requirement. See appendix C for more information on how these data are calculated and for a list of states using sampling methodology.

⁶ The unique count of child victims counts a child only once regardless of the number of times he or she was found to be a victim during the reporting year. This is a change from prior reports, and these data are now consistent with the reporting practice in the Child Maltreatment reports.

⁷ The rates for Child Protective Services Responses and victims are per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18.

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)⁸

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Emotional abuse	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.8
Medical neglect	3.3	2.9	2.7	2.6
Neglect	81.8	82.5	83.0	83.2
Physical abuse	21.4	21.0	19.8	19.0
Sexual abuse	9.5	9.3	9.8	9.5
Missing data	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	66,359	64,937	63,474	62,551

Response Time (in hours)⁹

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Mean	57.6	69.9	76.8	65.2
Median	>48 but<72	>48 but<72	>48 but<72	>48 but<72

C. Characteristics of Children in Foster Care

(Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System [AFCARS] Foster Care File)

Overview Foster Care Information

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total number	28,091	26,591	28,954	29,963	12,574	15,888	16,770	16,462	14,162	13,619	15,717	16,781	26,503	28,860	30,007	29,644
Median length of stay (months)	15.6	15.0	12.0	12.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	17.6	17.6	16.0	15.9	15.1	12.0	12.1	12.3

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	7.1	7.0	7.2	7.2	21.8	20.8	20.4	20.0	3.2	3.3	3.1	2.9	6.9	7.2	7.2	7.1
1 year	9.4	9.3	9.8	9.4	10.2	10.4	10.1	9.3	11.2	10.6	11.2	10.5	9.2	9.9	9.4	9.3
2 years	8.0	8.2	8.6	8.7	9.0	9.3	8.5	8.8	11.6	11.1	10.9	11.2	8.2	8.6	8.7	8.3
3 years	6.6	6.8	7.5	7.8	7.0	7.9	8.0	7.6	8.6	9.1	9.3	9.4	6.8	7.6	7.8	7.7
4 years	6.3	5.9	6.5	6.8	6.2	6.7	7.0	6.7	7.6	6.7	7.9	8.0	5.9	6.5	6.9	6.9
5 years	5.5	5.7	5.8	6.2	5.4	5.7	6.1	6.5	6.2	6.3	6.6	7.2	5.7	5.8	6.2	6.2
6 years	5.6	5.0	5.3	5.5	5.3	5.2	5.2	5.5	6.1	5.8	5.7	6.4	5.0	5.3	5.6	5.8
7 years	5.0	5.2	4.8	4.9	4.7	4.6	4.6	4.9	5.3	5.4	5.2	5.5	5.2	4.8	4.9	5.2
8 years	4.7	4.5	4.7	4.5	3.9	4.0	4.3	4.3	4.9	4.6	4.8	4.7	4.5	4.7	4.5	4.7
9 years	4.4	4.5	4.4	4.5	3.7	3.8	4.1	3.9	4.1	4.0	4.4	4.1	4.6	4.3	4.5	4.3
10 years	4.3	4.1	4.3	4.0	3.4	3.4	3.5	3.4	3.9	3.5	4.0	4.1	4.1	4.3	4.0	4.2
11 years	4.2	4.3	3.9	4.0	3.2	3.0	3.1	3.4	3.3	3.5	3.4	3.6	4.3	3.9	4.0	3.9
12 years	3.9	4.2	4.1	3.8	2.9	2.9	3.1	3.2	2.5	3.0	3.2	3.3	4.2	4.1	3.7	3.8
13 years	4.1	4.1	4.0	4.0	2.8	2.8	2.8	3.0	2.3	2.7	2.9	2.8	4.1	4.1	4.0	3.9
14 years	4.5	4.7	4.1	4.1	3.5	2.7	3.0	3.1	2.2	2.4	2.4	2.4	4.7	4.1	4.1	4.2
15 years	5.0	5.1	4.7	4.4	3.1	2.7	2.8	2.8	2.2	2.4	2.2	2.4	5.2	4.7	4.4	4.4
16 years	5.6	5.4	5.0	4.9	2.7	2.7	2.4	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.2	5.4	5.0	4.9	4.6
17 years	5.6	5.9	5.1	4.7	1.1	1.2	0.9	1.2	2.0	2.1	2.0	1.9	5.9	5.1	4.7	4.7
18 years	<.1	<.1	0.2	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.5	11.0	8.4	7.2	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.6
19 years	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.2
20 years	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1
Missing data	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)¹⁰

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1
Asian	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2
Black	24.2	25.0	24.4	23.8	22.7	21.6	19.9	19.3	21.6	22.7	20.8	20.7	24.9	24.3	23.8	23.0
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	41.2	41.1	41.0	42.4	40.0	40.2	44.2	43.2	40.4	41.2	42.3	43.3	41.1	40.6	42.1	42.3
White	29.0	28.5	29.0	28.1	31.4	31.9	29.6	31.0	31.9	30.3	31.1	29.9	28.6	29.5	28.3	28.7
Two or more races	4.2	4.1	4.2	4.3	4.0	3.9	4.3	4.2	4.3	4.1	4.3	4.3	4.0	4.0	4.3	4.3
Unable to determine	1.0	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.4	1.8	1.5	1.9	1.4	1.2	1.1	1.3	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.3
Missing data	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

⁸ These percentages are calculated against the number of unique victims. A child may have been the victim of more than one type of maltreatment, or the same type of maltreatment more than once. As a result, the total percentages both within and across maltreatment categories may exceed 100.

⁹ Response time is defined as the time between the report of suspected maltreatment and the first face-to-face contact with the alleged victim or with another person who can provide information on the allegation.

¹⁰ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

D. Characteristics of Children Waiting for Adoption¹¹ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total waiting children	14,019	13,178	14,919	13,267
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	11,743	9,098	12,068	9,445

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	5.3	4.9	6.2	4.7
1 year	9.7	9.6	10.0	9.8
2 years	8.5	8.4	9.2	8.4
3 years	7.1	7.6	7.7	7.8
4 years	6.1	6.2	7.0	7.0
5 years	6.1	5.8	6.0	6.2
6 years	5.4	5.7	5.5	5.9
7 years	5.6	5.0	5.1	5.1
8 years	5.0	5.1	4.6	5.1
9 years	5.4	5.0	4.9	4.6
10 years	4.9	5.3	4.5	4.6
11 years	5.0	4.7	4.5	4.5
12 years	4.9	4.9	4.4	4.3
13 years	4.8	5.0	4.7	4.7
14 years	5.2	4.8	4.9	5.1
15 years	5.2	5.4	4.7	5.4
16 years	3.5	4.2	3.7	4.2
17 years	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.6

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹³

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1
Asian	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2
Black	27.6	28.5	27.9	27.0
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	0.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	40.8	39.4	40.3	41.0
White	26.2	26.5	26.0	26.1
Two or more races	4.1	4.1	4.3	4.4
Unable to determine	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total children adopted	4,976	4,709	4,718	4,956

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	1.8	1.5	1.4	1.3
1 year	12.0	10.8	12.5	12.4
2 years	16.8	16.1	15.0	16.1
3 years	11.0	11.5	11.4	11.6
4 years	9.1	8.2	9.3	9.3
5 years	7.6	7.8	7.0	8.3
6 years	7.2	7.0	6.2	6.7
7 years	6.3	6.6	5.4	5.9
8 years	5.8	5.5	5.3	4.7
9 years	4.2	4.6	4.5	4.3
10 years	4.2	3.9	5.0	4.2
11 years	3.7	3.9	3.5	3.5
12 years	2.7	3.1	3.3	3.3
13 years	2.3	2.8	3.0	2.1
14 years	2.0	2.3	1.8	2.3
15 years	1.3	1.8	1.5	1.3
16 years	1.4	1.4	2.1	1.6
17 years	0.7	1.0	1.4	1.2
18 years	0.1	<.1	0.1	0.1
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.3
Asian	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.3
Black	22.8	22.5	21.3	22.2
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.1
Hispanic (of any race)	40.3	42.2	45.2	42.9
White	29.7	28.4	26.9	28.2
Two or more races	5.4	5.4	5.3	4.8
Unable to determine	1.6	1.1	1.0	1.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

¹¹ There is no federal definition for a child waiting to be adopted. The definition used in the tables on this page includes children and youth through age 17 who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parents' parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A state's own definition may differ from that used here.

¹² Children older than 17 years fall outside of the definition used to identify waiting children and are therefore excluded from this table.

¹³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

Texas

OUTCOMES DATA

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect (NCANDS)

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children without a recurrence	96.3	97.2	97.1	97.1
Children with one or more recurrences	3.7	2.8	2.9	2.9
Number	32,296	32,674	29,816	30,362

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care (NCANDS and AFCARS Foster Care File)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.20	0.10	0.19	0.27
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.80	99.90	99.81	99.73
Number	40,665	42,479	45,724	46,425

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Foster Care File)

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	35.0	34.3	29.9	29.8
Guardianship	2.3	1.9	1.9	2.1
Reunification	50.6	51.3	58.5	59.9
Other	12.1	12.5	9.6	8.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	14,162	13,619	15,717	16,781

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	38.3	37.7	40.0	38.1
Guardianship	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.8
Reunification	36.2	37.5	35.9	37.7
Other	23.6	23.0	22.3	22.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	4,201	3,922	3,466	3,180

3.3 Exits of Children Older Than Age 12 at Entry Into Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	5.1	5.2	6.2	6.2
Guardianship	2.1	1.3	1.6	2.9
Reunification	36.9	38.5	45.0	47.6
Other	55.8	55.0	47.3	43.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,771	1,837	1,904	1,939

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children age 12 or younger at entry	41.5	40.3	39.5	39.2
Children older than 12 at entry	58.5	59.7	60.5	60.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,522	1,533	1,351	1,255

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	American Indian/Alaska Native				2009	Asian				2009	Black			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	33.3	55.0	36.8	45.8	16.7	12.8	17.0	33.3	37.1	33.8	30.7	31.8		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	5.3	8.3	6.7	0.0	1.9	0.0	2.9	2.3	2.0	2.4		
Reunification	46.7	30.0	42.1	41.7	56.7	69.2	69.8	57.6	45.4	48.5	55.2	54.1		
Other	20.0	15.0	15.8	4.2	20.0	17.9	11.3	9.1	14.6	15.4	12.1	11.8		
Missing data	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	15	20	19	24	30	39	53	33	3,061	3,085	3,264	3,480		

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander				2009	Hispanic (of any race)				2009	White			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	25.0	0.0	25.0	35.3	34.9	35.1	32.0	29.5	32.6	32.3	25.9	27.9		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.9	1.6	1.7	1.9	2.3	2.0	2.1	2.2		
Reunification	75.0	71.4	75.0	52.9	52.4	51.9	57.9	61.9	52.4	53.0	62.0	61.7		
Other	0.0	28.6	0.0	11.8	10.8	11.4	8.4	6.7	12.7	12.7	9.9	8.2		
Missing data	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	8	7	8	17	5,721	5,614	6,645	7,273	4,524	4,124	4,884	5,010		

	Unable to Determine				2009	Two or More Races				2009	Missing Data			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	39.5	32.1	27.6	29.4	44.4	44.6	37.0	35.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	2.5	3.0	2.9	2.3	3.2	1.4	2.4	3.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	52.5	60.6	67.2	66.5	45.2	46.5	51.8	54.5	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Other	5.5	4.2	2.3	1.8	7.3	7.4	8.8	7.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Missing data	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	200	165	174	218	602	565	670	726	1	0	0	0		

¹⁴ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Less than 12 mos.	48.9	53.0	50.9	50.9
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	43.2	37.8	43.9	41.0
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	4.4	4.2	2.4	5.2
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	1.9	2.7	1.4	1.4
48 or more mos.	1.5	2.2	1.3	1.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1
Number	7,169	6,993	9,193	10,050

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children entering care for the first time	90.3	90.5	85.6	89.5
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	2.9	2.9	2.8	3.3
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	5.9	6.0	6.2	6.5
Missing data	0.9	0.7	5.4	0.7
Number	12,574	15,888	16,770	16,462

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Foster Care File)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Less than 12 mos.	3.4	2.9	3.5	3.5
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	36.6	35.3	42.6	45.8
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	35.4	34.5	28.7	29.8
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	14.4	13.5	12.1	10.0
48 or more mos.	10.3	13.8	13.1	10.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	4,961	4,669	4,707	4,997

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Foster Care File)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care (%)

	In Care Less Than 12 Months				In Care at Least 12 Months but Less Than 24 Months				In Care for 24 Months or Longer				Missing Time in Care			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children with 2 or fewer placements	82.0	84.5	83.2	83.6	54.4	56.6	56.6	57.8	22.0	21.1	21.2	22.6	0.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	18.0	15.5	16.8	16.4	45.6	43.4	43.4	42.2	78.0	78.9	78.8	77.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	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	0.0
Number	15,449	18,557	20,133	20,271	11,153	11,086	13,691	14,145	14,063	12,834	11,895	12,007	0	2	5	2

7. Reduce Placement of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Foster Care File)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During the Fiscal Year and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Group homes	3.2	3.1	3.7	3.4
Institutions	4.5	4.4	4.0	4.3
Other settings	90.1	92.3	92.2	92.3
Missing data	2.1	0.3	0.2	<.1
Number	10,848	13,893	14,673	14,326

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews¹⁵ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score¹⁷	115.5	114.3	116.2	115.1
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	59.2	62.0	61.8	60.3
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	11.2	10.8	11.0	11.2
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	37.8	30.0	32.6	34.6
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	4.0	5.2	5.9	5.4

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	104.1	112.3	113.5	122.7
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	39.9	38.3	46.2	49.5
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	26.5	26.9	25.0	24.1
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	26.2	28.1	27.6	29.0
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year? ¹⁸	7.7	8.7	8.4	9.4
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	41.0	44.4	43.7	48.1

Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time¹⁹

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	95.7	97.2	102.2	108.1
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	25.4	27.9	26.8	29.2
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	89.5	88.1	90.0	91.0
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	67.1	65.8	60.9	57.9

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	85.0	87.5	86.6	88.2
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	81.5	84.0	82.8	83.4
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	54.3	56.7	56.4	57.8
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	22.0	21.0	21.3	22.6

¹⁵ Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the state did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

¹⁶ Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 includes a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

¹⁷ Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website (<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/resource/data-indicators-second-round-of-cfsrs>).

¹⁸ Legally free means that there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father. This calculation excludes children who, by the end of the first 6 months of the fiscal year, had discharged from foster care to reunification, living with relative, or guardianship.

¹⁹ A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

²⁰ The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total children under 18 years	868,824	872,542	880,290	887,972
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
American Indian/ Alaska Native	1.3	1.0	1.0	1.0
Asian	1.7	1.5	1.5	1.6
Black	1.5	1.1	1.1	1.1
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.9	1.1	1.1	1.1
Hispanic (of any race)	16.3	16.6	16.8	16.9
White	75.5	75.7	75.4	75.1
Two or more races	2.8	3.1	3.2	3.3
Child population in poverty (%)	12.2	15.7	15.9	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Child maltreatment victims	12,692	12,854	10,586	9,419
Foster care entry rate per 1,000	2.4	2.5	2.3	2.5
Children in foster care on 9/30	2,754	2,885	2,711	2,770
Children adopted	502	574	577	560

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	96
Numerator	N/A	N/A	N/A	28,596
Denominator	N/A	N/A	N/A	29,674
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	100
Numerator	N/A	N/A	N/A	28,522
Denominator	N/A	N/A	N/A	28,596

B. Child Maltreatment Data (National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System [NCANDS] Unique Counts)⁶

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2009		2010		2011		2012	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children who received a Child Protective Services response for an allegation of child maltreatment	27,732	31.9 per 1,000	27,827	31.9 per 1,000	25,571	29.0 per 1,000	24,500	27.6 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims	12,692	14.6 per 1,000	12,854	14.7 per 1,000	10,586	12.0 per 1,000	9,419	10.6 per 1,000
Child fatalities	8	0.9 per 100,000	13	1.5 per 100,000	11	1.2 per 100,000	12	1.4 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	8.7	8.8	7.7	7.9
1 year	7.1	7.1	7.0	5.6
2 years	6.8	6.9	7.0	5.9
3 years	6.6	7.1	6.8	6.4
4 years	6.2	6.3	6.6	6.6
5 years	6.1	6.2	5.9	6.4
6 years	6.0	5.9	6.1	5.9
7 years	5.6	5.8	5.6	6.0
8 years	5.2	5.4	4.9	5.2
9 years	5.1	5.0	5.1	5.3
10 years	4.9	4.7	5.1	4.6
11 years	4.3	4.5	4.6	4.9
12 years	4.6	4.2	4.5	4.6
13 years	4.9	5.0	5.7	5.6
14 years	5.3	5.2	5.4	5.5
15 years	5.0	4.8	4.6	5.8
16 years	4.4	4.1	4.2	4.3
17 years	2.9	3.0	3.0	3.2
18+ years	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Missing data	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.1
Number	12,692	12,854	10,586	9,419

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/ Alaska Native	2.0	1.9	1.6	1.7
Asian	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.7
Black	2.8	3.0	2.7	2.7
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	1.4	1.7	1.7	1.1
Hispanic (of any race)	23.3	23.1	22.7	20.8
White	67.1	67.8	68.0	71.0
Two or more races	1.8	1.5	1.7	1.4
Missing data	0.9	0.4	1.0	0.6
Number	12,692	12,854	10,586	9,419

¹ The source data for each table is indicated in parentheses for each section. A calendar year is the basis for data from the Census Bureau. Most of the other data on these pages are from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS) or the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) and are based on the Federal fiscal year, October 1 through September 30.

² The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau (<http://www.census.gov/popest/data/datasets.html>). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS). Child poverty data for 2012 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2010–2013 report.

³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

⁴ A child victim is defined as a child who is the subject of a maltreatment report for which the disposition is substantiated, indicated, or "alternative response victim." The rate for foster care entry is per 1,000 children in the state population. Data on child maltreatment victims are from NCANDS. Data on foster care entry rate, children in foster care on 9/30, and children adopted are from AFCARS.

⁵ As of 2012, there is a new methodology used to calculate the caseworker visits measures. Because the new methodology limits data comparisons with prior years, caseworker visits data from 2009 through 2011 are not included in this table. All states have the option of using an approved sampling procedure for the caseworker visits reporting requirement. See appendix C for more information on how these data are calculated and for a list of states using sampling methodology.

⁶ The unique count of child victims counts a child only once regardless of the number of times he or she was found to be a victim during the reporting year. This is a change from prior reports, and these data are now consistent with the reporting practice in the Child Maltreatment reports.

⁷ The rates for Child Protective Services Responses and victims are per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18.

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)⁸

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Emotional abuse	51.5	51.5	47.1	28.4
Medical neglect	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2
Neglect	21.1	21.5	22.4	26.8
Physical abuse	13.1	13.3	14.6	41.7
Sexual abuse	17.8	15.9	15.4	21.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	22.1	23.7	26.4	7.3
Number	12,692	12,854	10,586	9,419

Response Time (in hours)⁹

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Mean	98.2	95.8	98.9	81.7
Median	>72 but<96	>72 but<96	>72 but<96	>72 but<96

C. Characteristics of Children in Foster Care

(Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System [AFCARS] Foster Care File)

Overview Foster Care Information

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total number	2,669	2,705	2,830	2,637	2,047	2,211	2,021	2,202	1,962	2,031	2,139	2,069	2,754	2,885	2,711	2,770
Median length of stay (months)	10.1	10.4	9.7	10.4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	11.0	11.3	11.5	11.1	10.5	9.7	10.4	9.7

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	5.6	5.0	5.6	4.7	13.1	14.2	11.9	12.9	5.8	6.0	5.8	6.2	5.0	5.6	4.7	5.1
1 year	5.1	6.5	5.9	4.6	7.6	8.1	6.8	6.4	8.7	9.3	8.8	7.0	6.4	5.9	4.9	4.8
2 years	4.6	4.6	5.1	4.7	6.8	7.5	6.9	6.5	7.0	7.5	7.4	7.2	4.5	5.2	4.6	4.1
3 years	3.4	4.0	4.8	4.8	5.9	6.4	6.9	6.5	6.2	6.9	7.5	6.8	4.1	4.8	4.9	4.7
4 years	4.0	3.5	4.2	4.5	4.7	5.4	5.9	6.7	5.6	5.4	5.9	6.7	3.4	4.3	4.5	5.1
5 years	4.0	3.1	3.6	3.9	4.0	4.7	4.2	5.4	5.2	5.4	4.8	5.4	3.2	3.5	3.9	4.5
6 years	4.2	3.0	3.1	3.1	4.1	4.2	4.5	4.1	5.1	3.4	3.4	4.3	3.0	3.1	3.2	3.7
7 years	3.4	3.0	3.4	3.3	3.9	4.2	4.1	4.8	4.7	3.9	3.9	4.4	2.9	3.4	3.4	3.5
8 years	3.1	3.5	3.3	3.3	3.6	3.5	3.4	3.2	3.6	3.9	4.1	3.3	3.6	3.2	3.4	3.4
9 years	3.2	3.3	3.1	3.1	3.8	2.8	3.4	3.5	2.9	3.2	3.3	3.0	3.2	3.1	3.1	3.0
10 years	2.9	3.5	3.6	2.8	2.4	3.4	2.9	3.5	2.9	3.2	3.5	3.2	3.5	3.6	2.9	3.6
11 years	3.4	3.3	3.3	3.6	3.1	3.2	3.5	3.5	2.4	3.1	2.9	2.1	3.2	3.3	3.5	3.6
12 years	4.3	3.7	3.3	4.0	4.3	3.5	3.9	3.6	3.1	2.5	2.8	2.7	3.7	3.3	4.0	4.2
13 years	4.8	5.4	4.6	4.9	4.8	3.7	5.7	3.7	3.0	2.7	2.8	2.9	5.3	4.8	4.9	4.7
14 years	7.2	6.0	6.6	7.3	5.9	6.3	6.2	5.5	3.6	3.2	3.6	4.5	6.1	6.4	7.3	5.6
15 years	8.8	9.1	8.6	7.8	7.2	7.7	6.9	7.4	4.8	5.1	5.1	4.8	9.2	8.6	7.7	8.7
16 years	10.8	10.2	10.1	10.3	8.5	6.5	7.1	6.4	5.8	5.5	5.2	4.9	10.5	10.2	10.3	9.2
17 years	10.8	11.3	9.8	11.3	5.9	4.6	5.6	5.9	6.5	5.6	5.0	6.6	11.1	9.7	11.3	10.9
18 years	5.4	6.5	5.8	5.7	0.3	0.2	<.1	0.3	10.2	10.8	10.8	10.0	6.4	5.7	5.5	5.8
19 years	0.8	1.5	1.8	1.5	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	2.2	3.1	2.6	2.7	1.5	1.8	1.5	1.2
20 years	0.3	0.1	0.4	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.5	1.0	1.0	0.1	0.4	0.5	0.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)¹⁰

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/ Alaska Native	4.0	3.9	3.3	3.6	3.7	2.3	3.2	2.2	3.9	2.7	2.9	2.7	3.8	3.5	3.6	3.2
Asian	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.9	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.9	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.5
Black	5.0	5.1	5.3	5.1	4.6	4.6	2.7	3.3	4.8	4.3	3.3	4.2	4.9	5.2	4.9	4.3
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.5	0.7	0.9	1.0	0.7	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.6	0.6	0.8	1.5	0.6	0.9	1.0	0.5
Hispanic (of any race)	23.7	23.3	24.2	22.8	25.4	26.6	24.4	24.0	25.4	25.8	26.7	23.3	23.7	24.2	22.4	23.4
White	62.4	63.9	62.8	64.9	62.3	62.9	66.2	65.5	61.3	63.8	62.4	64.9	63.1	63.2	65.6	65.4
Two or more races	2.7	2.6	2.9	2.0	2.4	2.3	2.0	2.9	2.6	2.3	3.3	2.5	2.6	2.5	1.9	2.3
Unable to determine	1.2	<.1	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.4	1.0	<.1	0.2	<.1	0.8	0.2	0.1	0.4
Missing data	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	0.0

⁸ These percentages are calculated against the number of unique victims. A child may have been the victim of more than one type of maltreatment, or the same type of maltreatment more than once. As a result, the total percentages both within and across maltreatment categories may exceed 100.

⁹ Response time is defined as the time between the report of suspected maltreatment and the first face-to-face contact with the alleged victim or with another person who can provide information on the allegation.

¹⁰ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

D. Characteristics of Children Waiting for Adoption¹¹ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total waiting children	564	555	566	567
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	338	311	339	307

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	6.7	6.5	6.4	5.5
1 year	9.4	7.2	6.0	6.5
2 years	5.5	5.9	6.0	4.2
3 years	5.3	5.2	4.4	5.8
4 years	5.5	5.2	6.2	6.3
5 years	4.4	5.6	5.8	5.3
6 years	5.7	3.8	4.6	5.3
7 years	3.4	6.1	4.9	5.5
8 years	6.6	4.3	6.0	4.6
9 years	6.4	5.0	4.2	6.7
10 years	5.0	6.1	4.2	5.3
11 years	5.3	5.4	6.2	4.1
12 years	5.3	6.1	5.7	6.2
13 years	5.9	5.2	5.3	6.2
14 years	5.5	5.2	6.2	6.0
15 years	6.0	6.8	6.7	6.2
16 years	4.4	5.9	6.2	4.9
17 years	3.7	4.1	4.9	5.5

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹³

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.4	3.1	2.3	3.2
Asian	0.7	0.7	1.6	0.7
Black	5.0	5.8	6.9	4.1
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.7	1.1	1.1	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	25.2	27.0	22.6	26.5
White	65.4	59.1	62.9	62.1
Two or more races	2.7	3.1	2.7	3.0
Unable to determine	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total children adopted	502	574	577	560

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	7.2	8.7	10.7	8.8
1 year	17.9	18.8	16.6	12.9
2 years	12.4	12.5	11.1	10.2
3 years	10.8	10.5	12.0	11.6
4 years	10.8	7.7	9.2	9.8
5 years	7.0	7.8	7.5	8.9
6 years	6.0	4.9	4.2	7.5
7 years	7.6	6.3	5.2	4.5
8 years	4.6	4.5	5.2	4.5
9 years	3.2	4.4	2.9	3.8
10 years	3.0	3.5	4.2	3.4
11 years	1.8	2.1	2.9	3.0
12 years	2.4	1.4	1.9	2.1
13 years	1.4	2.1	1.9	2.9
14 years	1.0	1.2	0.9	2.0
15 years	1.2	0.9	1.0	0.9
16 years	0.2	1.4	1.4	1.6
17 years	1.0	1.0	0.7	1.4
18 years	0.8	0.3	0.5	0.2
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/Alaska Native	1.6	0.3	2.9	0.9
Asian	0.2	0.7	0.5	1.1
Black	3.4	3.0	3.5	3.8
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	1.0	0.0	0.5	1.6
Hispanic (of any race)	30.9	24.6	29.5	23.9
White	60.0	68.5	58.9	66.8
Two or more races	3.0	3.0	4.0	2.0
Unable to determine	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

¹¹ There is no federal definition for a child waiting to be adopted. The definition used in the tables on this page includes children and youth through age 17 who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parents' parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A state's own definition may differ from that used here.

¹² Children older than 17 years fall outside of the definition used to identify waiting children and are therefore excluded from this table.

¹³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect (NCANDS)

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children without a recurrence	92.3	93.1	94.4	95.4
Children with one or more recurrences	7.7	6.9	5.6	4.6
Number	6,635	6,421	5,761	4,856

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care (NCANDS and AFCARS Foster Care File)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.55	0.55	0.39	0.08
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.45	99.45	99.61	99.92
Number	4,716	4,916	4,851	4,839

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Foster Care File)

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	24.2	27.0	24.8	25.5
Guardianship	8.8	8.4	8.2	8.4
Reunification	52.2	49.3	51.1	50.8
Other	14.8	15.2	15.7	15.0
Missing data	0.0	<.1	0.3	0.3
Number	1,962	2,031	2,140	2,069

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	24.7	25.3	23.4	24.8
Guardianship	9.5	9.6	8.2	8.4
Reunification	43.9	41.0	43.5	43.4
Other	22.0	24.1	24.9	23.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,174	1,172	1,207	1,155

3.3 Exits of Children Older Than Age 12 at Entry Into Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	1.3	1.9	1.9	2.8
Guardianship	9.3	9.7	6.2	8.2
Reunification	49.1	46.1	48.3	49.2
Other	40.3	42.3	43.3	39.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.3
Number	615	620	646	638

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children age 12 or younger at entry	13.0	14.7	14.4	17.0
Children older than 12 at entry	87.0	85.3	85.6	83.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	193	204	215	194

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	American Indian/Alaska Native				2009	Asian				2009	Black			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2010	2011	2012	2010		2011	2012		
Adoption	11.7	3.6	26.2	8.9	11.1	40.0	33.3	33.3	16.0	15.9	27.1	22.1		
Guardianship	14.3	18.2	8.2	7.1	11.1	0.0	0.0	33.3	8.5	3.4	17.1	11.6		
Reunification	49.4	54.5	39.3	55.4	55.6	40.0	44.4	22.2	67.0	53.4	34.3	41.9		
Other	24.7	23.6	26.2	28.6	22.2	20.0	22.2	11.1	8.5	25.0	21.4	24.4		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.3	0.0	0.0		
Number	77	55	61	56	9	10	9	18	94	88	70	86		

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander				2009	Hispanic (of any race)				2009	White			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2010	2011	2012	2010		2011	2012		
Adoption	27.3	0.0	17.6	29.0	29.7	26.6	27.6	27.0	23.5	28.8	23.1	26.2		
Guardianship	9.1	8.3	11.8	9.7	9.4	11.5	6.5	8.1	8.0	7.3	8.1	8.0		
Reunification	45.5	66.7	35.3	58.1	47.8	48.4	50.5	49.2	53.7	48.8	53.4	51.8		
Other	18.2	25.0	35.3	3.2	13.1	13.6	15.4	15.6	14.7	15.1	15.0	13.7		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.4		
Number	11	12	17	31	498	523	572	482	1,202	1,295	1,336	1,342		

	Unable to Determine				2009	Two or More Races				2009	Missing Data			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2010	2011	2012	2010		2011	2012		
Adoption	0.0	0.0	25.0	0.0	29.4	34.0	29.6	15.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	25.0	0.0	25.0	0.0	7.8	6.4	14.1	7.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	30.0	100.0	25.0	50.0	47.1	55.3	43.7	55.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Other	45.0	0.0	25.0	50.0	15.7	4.3	9.9	21.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	20	1	4	2	51	47	71	52	0	0	0	0		

¹⁴ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Less than 12 mos.	74.7	74.2	69.4	74.6
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	20.5	21.1	26.1	20.2
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	2.3	3.0	2.2	2.5
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	0.9	0.7	1.5	1.5
48 or more mos.	1.6	1.0	0.8	1.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0
Number	1,025	1,001	1,093	1,051

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children entering care for the first time	83.1	87.2	83.5	85.1
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	7.3	5.7	6.7	5.9
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	9.1	7.0	9.3	8.8
Missing data	0.4	<.1	0.5	0.2
Number	2,047	2,211	2,021	2,202

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Foster Care File)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Less than 12 mos.	28.3	32.5	38.5	33.5
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	52.1	53.6	46.8	50.9
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	15.4	7.8	9.2	6.6
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	2.1	3.8	1.5	5.1
48 or more mos.	2.1	2.2	4.0	3.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	474	548	530	528

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Foster Care File)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care (%)

	In Care Less Than 12 Months				In Care at Least 12 Months but Less Than 24 Months				In Care for 24 Months or Longer				Missing Time in Care			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children with 2 or fewer placements	77.2	79.9	80.0	79.1	41.4	44.7	50.4	50.0	17.0	13.5	12.1	13.5	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0
Children with 3 or more placements	21.4	17.7	17.8	20.2	58.6	54.7	49.1	49.7	83.0	86.5	87.9	86.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	1.4	2.4	2.3	0.7	0.0	0.6	0.5	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	2,603	2,747	2,658	2,755	1,128	1,184	1,193	1,141	983	983	995	943	2	2	5	0

7. Reduce Placement of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Foster Care File)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During the Fiscal Year and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Group homes	0.4	0.5	1.0	0.6
Institutions	2.4	1.5	1.4	1.1
Other settings	97.2	98.0	97.7	98.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,361	1,550	1,368	1,539

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews¹⁵ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score¹⁷	118.5	123.1	123.5	125.3
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	76.4	77.7	77.1	76.4
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	7.6	7.5	8.6	7.4
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	41.4	35.6	40.8	37.7
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	14.4	11.7	11.4	10.9

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	147.6	155.8	149.8	153.6
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	80.5	86.1	85.6	84.6
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	16.2	14.4	14.3	14.2
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	15.0	14.9	13.1	16.5
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year? ¹⁸	3.8	3.2	2.4	1.0
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	80.7	82.3	80.7	83.2

Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time¹⁹

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	115.7	119.9	118.9	121.4
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	13.7	13.5	14.0	18.7
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	96.9	98.7	97.8	98.2
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	34.4	32.3	32.4	33.9

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	74.2	77.9	79.4	78.2
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	77.0	80.9	81.0	78.5
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	41.8	45.3	51.1	50.7
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	17.2	14.9	12.7	14.2

¹⁵ Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the state did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

¹⁶ Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 includes a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

¹⁷ Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website (<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/resource/data-indicators-second-round-of-cfsrs>).

¹⁸ Legally free means that there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father. This calculation excludes children who, by the end of the first 6 months of the fiscal year, had discharged from foster care to reunification, living with relative, or guardianship.

¹⁹ A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

²⁰ The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

Utah

STATE COMMENT

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The following are Utah's comments on the state data presented in *Child Welfare Outcomes 2009–2012: Report to Congress*.

Utah utilizes SACWIS system data and Case Reviews regularly to evaluate performance outcomes and services to children and families. For more information on Utah's Child and Family Services, as well as our performance and regular reports please visit our website at www.hsdcsf.utah.gov. Below is some information to help in understanding our data.

Utah has a law that defines some domestic violence as a type of child abuse. This allegation type is mapped to emotional abuse in NCANDS and accounts for the large percentage of emotional abuse allegations in Utah. Additionally, Utah may have a broader definition of abuse and neglect than is found in some states, which results in investigations of incidents that would be unaccepted in other states. These include investigations where the perpetrator is out of the home or unrelated and the child is not currently at risk, dirty houses, alleged juvenile perpetrators, and domestic violence related child abuse. The consequence of Utah's possibly broader legal definitions of abuse is a seemingly higher victimization rate per capita although some changes in the definitions in 2010 have resulted in some reductions which can be seen in the most recent two years data.

In Utah, time to investigation is calculated as the time to the initial face-to-face visit with the alleged child victim.

When children have to be placed in protective custody, judges may order custody with DCFS or may order temporary custody with a kinship provider with DCFS supervision and provision of in-home services while working towards reunification. We serve a large number kinship cases through this less intensive service that are not reflected in our AFCARS data. Utah is dedicated to keeping family connections and placing with kinship providers whenever a child cannot remain with their parents. People interested in Utah's utilization of kinship providers will need to contact the state for more information since AFCARS information does not reflect all kinship placements in Utah, thus it is incomplete. If reunification efforts are unsuccessful, children may be adopted by kin providers from these in-home services. Adoptions from in-home services are reflected in our AFCARS adoption file numbers but not in the numbers of children adopted from foster care.

Vermont

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total children under 18 years	126,275	128,790	126,358	123,951
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Asian	1.6	1.6	1.7	1.7
Black	1.7	1.6	1.7	1.7
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.3
White	91.9	91.1	90.9	90.6
Two or more races	2.3	3.1	3.2	3.3
Child population in poverty (%)	13.3	16.7	14.9	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Child maltreatment victims	696	658	630	649
Foster care entry rate per 1,000	4.3	4.3	5.2	4.9
Children in foster care on 9/30	1,078	953	1,027	988
Children adopted	156	161	134	172

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	91
Numerator	N/A	N/A	N/A	10,427
Denominator	N/A	N/A	N/A	11,469
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	56
Numerator	N/A	N/A	N/A	5,857
Denominator	N/A	N/A	N/A	10,427

B. Child Maltreatment Data (National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System [NCANDS] Unique Counts)⁶

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2009		2010		2011		2012	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children who received a Child Protective Services response for an allegation of child maltreatment	3,508	27.8 per 1,000	4,117	32.0 per 1,000	3,716	29.4 per 1,000	3,879	31.3 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims	696	5.5 per 1,000	658	5.1 per 1,000	630	5.0 per 1,000	649	5.2 per 1,000
Child fatalities	3	2.4 per 100,000	4	3.1 per 100,000	2	1.6 per 100,000	0	0.0 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	6.6	4.1	5.2	5.4
1 year	5.2	4.3	6.3	5.4
2 years	4.2	2.4	4.0	5.5
3 years	5.5	4.7	6.7	5.4
4 years	6.2	3.5	6.5	4.9
5 years	4.6	4.3	4.4	4.2
6 years	5.6	6.1	3.8	5.5
7 years	5.9	4.4	5.1	6.3
8 years	3.7	6.7	3.7	2.8
9 years	5.6	6.5	5.7	5.5
10 years	5.0	5.0	5.4	4.0
11 years	4.9	5.8	4.1	4.0
12 years	5.9	4.6	5.6	6.9
13 years	6.6	6.7	5.6	7.2
14 years	8.6	10.6	7.0	8.2
15 years	9.2	8.4	9.5	7.6
16 years	3.6	6.7	5.9	7.1
17 years	2.9	5.3	5.4	4.0
18+ years	0.3	0.0	0.2	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	696	658	630	649

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Asian	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.9
Black	0.6	1.8	1.0	0.9
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	0.4	0.8	0.6	0.5
White	96.3	94.1	95.6	94.9
Two or more races	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.5
Missing data	1.9	2.7	2.1	2.3
Number	696	658	630	649

¹ The source data for each table is indicated in parentheses for each section. A calendar year is the basis for data from the Census Bureau. Most of the other data on these pages are from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS) or the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) and are based on the Federal fiscal year, October 1 through September 30.

² The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau (<http://www.census.gov/popest/data/datasets.html>). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS). Child poverty data for 2012 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2010-2013 report.

³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

⁴ A child victim is defined as a child who is the subject of a maltreatment report for which the disposition is substantiated, indicated, or "alternative response victim." The rate for foster care entry is per 1,000 children in the state population. Data on child maltreatment victims are from NCANDS. Data on foster care entry rate, children in foster care on 9/30, and children adopted are from AFCARS.

⁵ As of 2012, there is a new methodology used to calculate the caseworker visits measures. Because the new methodology limits data comparisons with prior years, caseworker visits data from 2009 through 2011 are not included in this table. All states have the option of using an approved sampling procedure for the caseworker visits reporting requirement. See appendix C for more information on how these data are calculated and for a list of states using sampling methodology.

⁶ The unique count of child victims counts a child only once regardless of the number of times he or she was found to be a victim during the reporting year. This is a change from prior reports, and these data are now consistent with the reporting practice in the Child Maltreatment reports.

⁷ The rates for Child Protective Services Responses and victims are per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18.

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)⁸

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Emotional abuse	1.4	1.2	1.0	0.9
Medical neglect	2.0	2.9	3.0	2.5
Neglect	4.0	2.3	5.2	3.1
Physical abuse	52.3	37.1	46.0	44.4
Sexual abuse	52.9	67.0	56.5	62.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	696	658	630	649

Response Time (in hours)⁹

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Mean	104.4	115.9	79.1	105.4
Median	>24 but<48	>24 but<48	>24 but<48	>24 but<48

C. Characteristics of Children in Foster Care

(Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System [AFCARS] Foster Care File)

Overview Foster Care Information

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total number	1,171	1,047	900	974	549	552	661	605	644	653	540	596	1,078	953	1,027	988
Median length of stay (months)	17.0	16.8	16.5	12.6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	18.5	17.8	15.9	15.4	16.7	16.8	13.1	13.3

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	3.2	3.8	4.1	4.3	13.5	13.6	11.3	14.4	2.5	4.4	4.4	3.9	3.8	4.0	4.1	5.2
1 year	4.1	4.9	5.8	5.6	5.8	7.1	6.8	5.3	5.6	6.6	5.9	7.7	4.7	5.8	5.6	5.6
2 years	3.1	4.0	4.0	5.3	6.0	4.7	7.7	5.3	6.2	5.7	9.3	6.5	3.9	3.9	5.2	4.1
3 years	3.2	3.5	3.7	4.6	4.9	4.0	5.7	3.5	4.5	3.8	4.8	4.9	3.4	3.7	4.4	4.0
4 years	3.8	3.2	3.0	4.3	5.5	4.9	4.5	5.3	4.3	5.7	4.1	5.0	3.1	2.7	4.3	4.5
5 years	2.7	3.3	3.2	2.4	5.3	3.4	3.0	4.1	6.1	3.4	4.6	3.9	3.6	3.1	2.3	4.0
6 years	2.9	2.8	3.7	2.6	2.4	5.1	2.0	4.1	3.9	4.3	2.6	3.0	2.7	3.7	2.6	2.3
7 years	2.6	2.6	3.0	3.5	4.0	2.4	3.6	3.8	2.3	2.9	3.3	2.9	2.6	2.7	3.8	3.9
8 years	3.7	2.7	2.4	2.6	2.2	3.4	1.8	3.3	3.0	2.8	2.8	3.5	2.5	2.3	2.3	3.7
9 years	2.8	3.6	3.3	2.9	3.1	3.4	3.6	3.1	2.8	2.9	3.0	2.9	3.4	3.3	2.9	2.6
10 years	3.2	2.8	3.9	3.4	1.5	2.4	2.6	3.8	2.3	2.0	2.0	2.9	2.9	3.9	3.3	3.3
11 years	3.4	3.2	3.0	4.3	3.5	2.9	3.0	3.5	2.6	2.5	2.4	4.5	3.1	3.0	4.0	3.0
12 years	4.0	4.3	3.9	4.0	2.7	4.0	5.4	4.1	2.0	3.1	2.4	3.2	4.4	3.6	4.1	4.5
13 years	4.2	4.4	5.0	5.9	4.7	6.2	5.9	6.9	3.6	3.7	4.1	4.4	4.4	5.0	5.5	4.4
14 years	7.3	6.1	7.0	6.0	9.5	10.1	8.2	6.8	2.3	4.3	5.7	4.0	6.1	6.7	5.7	7.8
15 years	11.7	11.6	11.0	9.2	12.4	12.3	11.5	10.7	7.1	6.7	6.9	5.2	11.4	10.9	9.3	9.2
16 years	16.3	13.6	13.6	13.6	8.0	6.0	8.9	6.8	7.9	6.3	8.3	7.2	13.8	12.8	13.0	10.0
17 years	15.9	16.0	13.4	12.5	4.9	3.6	4.1	4.5	11.8	9.3	7.0	8.6	15.3	13.2	12.1	13.5
18 years	1.9	3.7	3.0	3.1	0.2	0.5	0.2	0.7	18.3	18.8	15.7	14.9	4.4	4.1	4.1	3.4
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.9	0.6	1.0	0.6	1.6	1.3	0.8
20 years	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	0.0
Missing data	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	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)¹⁰

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/ Alaska Native	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	0.0
Asian	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.8	0.5	0.2	0.5	0.2	0.5	<.1	0.2	0.6	0.6
Black	2.1	2.0	2.2	1.5	2.4	2.5	2.1	2.6	3.0	2.1	3.1	2.3	1.8	2.2	1.8	1.7
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	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	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	1.1	1.0	1.1	1.0	0.4	1.8	0.9	1.3	0.9	1.2	1.1	1.3	0.8	1.3	1.0	1.0
White	95.7	95.9	95.6	95.8	96.4	94.2	95.2	94.0	95.0	94.9	94.6	94.6	96.5	95.6	95.7	95.4
Two or more races	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4
Unable to determine	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.2	0.5	1.1	0.5	0.3	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.6	0.5	0.8	0.4
Missing data	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.0	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.4

⁸ These percentages are calculated against the number of unique victims. A child may have been the victim of more than one type of maltreatment, or the same type of maltreatment more than once. As a result, the total percentages both within and across maltreatment categories may exceed 100.

⁹ Response time is defined as the time between the report of suspected maltreatment and the first face-to-face contact with the alleged victim or with another person who can provide information on the allegation.

¹⁰ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

D. Characteristics of Children Waiting for Adoption¹¹ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total waiting children	235	179	196	231
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	188	151	154	175

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	3.8	4.5	1.0	2.6
1 year	7.7	10.1	7.7	7.8
2 years	4.3	5.0	6.6	6.1
3 years	3.4	5.0	9.2	6.1
4 years	5.1	3.4	3.6	5.6
5 years	4.3	4.5	5.6	10.4
6 years	4.3	3.9	1.5	4.3
7 years	4.3	3.4	3.6	4.3
8 years	4.3	3.9	2.6	4.8
9 years	6.8	3.4	3.6	3.5
10 years	5.5	7.3	5.6	2.6
11 years	5.5	4.5	8.7	4.8
12 years	5.5	5.0	6.1	7.8
13 years	5.1	5.6	7.1	5.2
14 years	6.4	6.7	5.6	9.5
15 years	8.9	6.7	7.1	5.6
16 years	6.8	10.1	5.6	5.2
17 years	8.1	7.3	9.2	3.9

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹³

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Asian	0.0	0.6	0.5	0.4
Black	1.7	2.2	2.0	0.4
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	1.7	1.1	2.6	0.9
White	95.7	95.5	94.9	97.0
Two or more races	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4
Unable to determine	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.9
Missing data	0.4	0.6	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total children adopted	156	161	134	172

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	1.3	3.1	5.2	1.7
1 year	10.3	13.0	13.4	14.5
2 years	13.5	10.6	14.2	14.5
3 years	9.0	8.7	6.0	10.5
4 years	7.1	8.1	7.5	7.6
5 years	9.6	8.1	8.2	5.2
6 years	7.7	6.8	5.2	3.5
7 years	3.2	6.2	7.5	5.2
8 years	6.4	1.9	5.2	4.7
9 years	5.1	8.1	3.0	5.2
10 years	5.1	1.9	4.5	2.9
11 years	3.2	5.6	6.0	7.0
12 years	3.8	3.7	0.7	3.5
13 years	3.8	3.1	2.2	4.7
14 years	1.9	2.5	2.2	1.7
15 years	4.5	2.5	2.2	1.7
16 years	1.3	3.1	2.2	1.7
17 years	3.2	3.1	4.5	4.1
18 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Black	1.3	0.6	6.0	0.6
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	1.9	0.6	1.5	2.9
White	91.7	96.3	88.8	88.4
Two or more races	5.1	2.5	3.7	8.1
Unable to determine	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

¹¹ There is no federal definition for a child waiting to be adopted. The definition used in the tables on this page includes children and youth through age 17 who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parents' parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A state's own definition may differ from that used here.

¹² Children older than 17 years fall outside of the definition used to identify waiting children and are therefore excluded from this table.

¹³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

Vermont

OUTCOMES DATA

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect (NCANDS)

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children without a recurrence	96.2	98.4	95.2	93.7
Children with one or more recurrences	3.8	1.6	4.8	6.3
Number	373	304	310	303

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care

(NCANDS and AFCARS Foster Care File)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.06	0.06	0.19	0.00
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.94	99.94	99.81	100.00
Number	1,720	1,599	1,561	1,579

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Foster Care File)

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	23.8	24.2	24.6	28.7
Guardianship	2.8	2.8	3.9	4.0
Reunification	57.0	56.7	58.0	54.0
Other	16.1	16.4	13.3	13.1
Missing data	0.3	0.0	0.2	0.2
Number	644	653	540	596

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	16.2	11.6	23.5	17.6
Guardianship	5.9	2.3	0.0	8.8
Reunification	35.3	37.2	23.5	38.2
Other	42.6	48.8	52.9	35.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	68	43	34	34

3.3 Exits of Children Older Than Age 12 at Entry Into Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	2.6	2.3	3.0	2.8
Guardianship	2.2	3.1	3.0	5.6
Reunification	62.8	62.9	68.5	63.1
Other	32.3	31.6	25.0	28.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.5
Number	269	256	200	214

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children age 12 or younger at entry	17.0	21.6	28.3	20.6
Children older than 12 at entry	83.0	78.4	71.7	79.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	88	97	60	68

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	American Indian/Alaska Native				2009	Asian				2009	Black			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	15.8	7.1	47.1	21.4	
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.3	0.0	0.0	7.1	
Reunification	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	66.7	100.0	66.7	68.4	42.9	35.3	57.1		
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	33.3	0.0	33.3	10.5	50.0	17.6	14.3		
Missing data	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	0	0	0	0	1	3	1	3	19	14	17	14		
	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander				2009	Hispanic (of any race)				2009	White			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	50.0	12.5	33.3	62.5	24.0	24.7	23.9	28.9		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	16.7	0.0	2.8	2.9	3.9	4.1		
Reunification	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	33.3	62.5	16.7	37.5	56.9	56.8	58.9	54.6		
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	16.7	25.0	33.3	0.0	16.0	15.6	13.1	12.4		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.2	0.0		
Number	0	0	0	0	6	8	6	8	612	620	511	564		
	Unable to Determine				2009	Two or More Races				2009	Missing Data			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	0.0	50.0	25.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	25.0	0.0	0.0	
Guardianship	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	
Reunification	50.0	50.0	75.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	50.0	75.0	100.0	0.0		
Other	50.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	50.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0		
Number	2	4	4	5	0	0	0	1	4	4	1	1		

¹⁴ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Less than 12 mos.	59.4	55.9	64.2	67.1
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	18.8	21.9	18.8	18.9
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	9.3	10.8	8.0	7.8
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	5.4	5.4	3.5	1.9
48 or more mos.	6.5	4.1	3.8	3.1
Missing data	0.5	1.9	1.6	1.2
Number	367	370	313	322

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children entering care for the first time	76.7	76.8	78.8	78.0
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	13.7	10.7	10.9	11.9
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	9.7	12.5	10.3	10.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	549	552	661	605

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Foster Care File)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Less than 12 mos.	2.6	10.8	12.0	7.0
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	39.2	42.4	31.6	54.4
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	32.7	31.0	31.6	19.3
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	13.7	6.3	16.5	13.5
48 or more mos.	11.8	9.5	8.3	5.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	153	158	133	171

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Foster Care File)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care (%)

	In Care Less Than 12 Months				In Care at Least 12 Months but Less Than 24 Months				In Care for 24 Months or Longer				Missing Time in Care			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children with 2 or fewer placements	72.2	73.6	71.5	72.2	43.9	45.1	45.5	45.1	18.5	20.9	24.6	23.6	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0
Children with 3 or more placements	27.8	26.4	28.5	27.8	56.1	54.9	54.5	54.9	81.5	79.1	75.4	76.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	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	0.0
Number	633	622	712	695	449	401	374	461	637	574	472	423	1	2	3	0

7. Reduce Placement of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Foster Care File)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During the Fiscal Year and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Group homes	3.4	5.4	5.5	6.5
Institutions	0.9	0.9	1.0	0.8
Other settings	95.7	93.7	93.5	92.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	328	334	402	382

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews¹⁵ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score¹⁷	95.7	89.9	104.0	96.8
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	60.5	54.6	61.4	65.5
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	9.1	10.1	7.4	6.8
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	35.6	35.9	27.8	37.3
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	18.2	18.4	15.3	19.4

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	120.5	133.2	142.4	164.1
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	41.8	53.2	43.6	61.4
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	27.1	23.5	26.7	21.7
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	21.7	18.9	21.9	24.7
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year? ¹⁸	9.7	8.5	13.5	18.4
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	68.4	76.5	83.9	83.4

Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time¹⁹

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	106.5	115.1	111.4	123.2
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	27.8	28.9	28.9	26.7
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	93.9	95.8	93.7	97.2
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	57.7	46.9	50.8	45.3

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	69.5	72.0	71.0	72.6
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	68.2	69.7	67.0	68.7
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	43.8	45.3	45.2	45.1
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	18.8	21.6	25.1	24.3

¹⁵ Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the state did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

¹⁶ Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 includes a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

¹⁷ Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website (<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/resource/data-indicators-second-round-of-cfsrs>).

¹⁸ Legally free means that there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father. This calculation excludes children who, by the end of the first 6 months of the fiscal year, had discharged from foster care to reunification, living with relative, or guardianship.

¹⁹ A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

²⁰ The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

Virginia

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total children under 18 years	1,847,182	1,853,725	1,854,930	1,856,737
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2
Asian	5.0	5.6	5.8	6.0
Black	21.6	21.1	20.8	20.7
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	10.7	11.1	11.5	11.9
White	58.9	57.0	56.5	56.0
Two or more races	3.4	4.8	5.0	5.1
Child population in poverty (%)	13.9	14.5	15.3	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Child maltreatment victims	5,951	6,449	5,964	5,826
Foster care entry rate per 1,000	1.3	1.4	1.3	1.3
Children in foster care on 9/30	6,034	5,499	4,861	4,564
Children adopted	663	735	747	639

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	93
Numerator	N/A	N/A	N/A	48,356
Denominator	N/A	N/A	N/A	52,036
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	74
Numerator	N/A	N/A	N/A	35,578
Denominator	N/A	N/A	N/A	48,356

B. Child Maltreatment Data (National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System [NCANDS] Unique Counts)⁶

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2009		2010		2011		2012	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children who received a Child Protective Services response for an allegation of child maltreatment	58,599	31.7 per 1,000	64,849	35.0 per 1,000	61,602	33.2 per 1,000	62,805	33.8 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims	5,951	3.2 per 1,000	6,449	3.5 per 1,000	5,964	3.2 per 1,000	5,826	3.1 per 1,000
Child fatalities	28	1.5 per 100,000	38	2.0 per 100,000	36	1.9 per 100,000	33	1.8 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	11.6	10.8	10.2	11.0
1 year	7.2	7.3	6.8	7.1
2 years	7.1	7.4	7.6	7.4
3 years	6.9	6.9	7.3	7.1
4 years	6.1	6.5	6.7	6.5
5 years	5.9	6.2	5.8	6.0
6 years	5.8	5.6	5.5	6.1
7 years	5.8	5.3	5.3	5.1
8 years	5.0	5.0	5.0	4.9
9 years	5.0	4.3	4.8	4.6
10 years	4.5	4.7	5.1	4.8
11 years	3.7	4.3	4.5	4.2
12 years	4.0	4.0	4.3	3.9
13 years	4.5	4.6	4.6	4.1
14 years	4.8	4.5	4.1	4.7
15 years	4.0	4.3	4.2	4.3
16 years	3.7	3.8	3.7	3.4
17 years	2.8	2.9	2.9	2.7
18+ years	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0
Missing data	1.5	1.7	1.4	2.2
Number	5,951	6,449	5,964	5,826

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/ Alaska Native	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Asian	0.7	1.0	0.8	0.7
Black	30.4	27.9	27.1	27.2
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4
Hispanic (of any race)	10.2	10.7	11.0	10.6
White	50.5	51.4	52.7	52.9
Two or more races	4.4	4.4	4.8	5.5
Missing data	3.6	4.4	3.2	2.8
Number	5,951	6,449	5,964	5,826

¹ The source data for each table is indicated in parentheses for each section. A calendar year is the basis for data from the Census Bureau. Most of the other data on these pages are from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS) or the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) and are based on the Federal fiscal year, October 1 through September 30.

² The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau (<http://www.census.gov/popest/data/datasets.html>). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS). Child poverty data for 2012 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2010–2013 report.

³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

⁴ A child victim is defined as a child who is the subject of a maltreatment report for which the disposition is substantiated, indicated, or "alternative response victim." The rate for foster care entry is per 1,000 children in the state population. Data on child maltreatment victims are from NCANDS. Data on foster care entry rate, children in foster care on 9/30, and children adopted are from AFCARS.

⁵ As of 2012, there is a new methodology used to calculate the caseworker visits measures. Because the new methodology limits data comparisons with prior years, caseworker visits data from 2009 through 2011 are not included in this table. All states have the option of using an approved sampling procedure for the caseworker visits reporting requirement. See appendix C for more information on how these data are calculated and for a list of states using sampling methodology.

⁶ The unique count of child victims counts a child only once regardless of the number of times he or she was found to be a victim during the reporting year. This is a change from prior reports, and these data are now consistent with the reporting practice in the Child Maltreatment reports.

⁷ The rates for Child Protective Services Responses and victims are per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18.

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)⁸

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Emotional abuse	1.2	1.2	1.5	1.1
Medical neglect	2.7	2.4	2.0	1.6
Neglect	63.1	64.5	62.3	64.9
Physical abuse	27.9	28.9	29.6	28.5
Sexual abuse	15.8	14.7	15.3	15.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0
Number	5,951	6,449	5,964	5,826

Response Time (in hours)⁹

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Mean	175.6	190.3	154.6	154.7
Median	>48 but<72	>48 but<72	>48 but<72	>48 but<72

C. Characteristics of Children in Foster Care

(Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System [AFCARS] Foster Care File)

Overview Foster Care Information

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total number	6,716	5,778	5,232	4,861	2,477	2,677	2,416	2,502	3,159	2,956	2,788	2,799	6,034	5,499	4,861	4,564
Median length of stay (months)	18.4	18.8	17.4	15.6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	19.7	19.1	19.1	17.2	19.8	17.9	16.6	15.0

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	3.6	3.8	3.7	4.1	14.7	13.6	12.9	13.7	3.3	4.4	3.7	3.4	3.4	3.5	3.8	4.2
1 year	5.1	5.1	5.4	4.9	6.7	7.4	7.2	6.1	5.4	6.3	5.7	5.6	5.0	5.3	4.9	5.7
2 years	4.7	5.1	5.2	5.6	5.0	6.6	5.4	5.9	6.2	6.4	6.0	6.2	5.2	5.2	5.4	5.3
3 years	4.0	4.2	4.8	4.9	5.0	5.0	4.9	5.9	5.0	5.0	6.3	5.8	4.3	4.9	4.8	5.2
4 years	4.1	3.7	4.3	4.3	4.5	4.8	4.9	4.9	4.7	4.6	4.9	5.0	3.8	4.3	4.4	4.6
5 years	3.2	3.9	3.7	4.4	4.0	4.5	4.4	4.5	4.2	4.4	4.2	4.3	3.9	3.8	4.3	4.2
6 years	3.7	3.3	3.9	3.8	3.8	4.1	3.9	4.0	3.7	3.6	3.5	4.0	3.3	3.9	3.8	4.8
7 years	3.9	3.7	3.6	4.2	3.9	3.5	3.8	4.0	3.8	3.4	3.9	4.2	3.7	3.6	4.0	3.6
8 years	3.7	3.9	3.4	3.6	3.7	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.0	4.0	3.2	3.6	4.0	3.4	3.6	4.2
9 years	3.8	4.1	3.8	3.2	3.5	3.8	3.3	3.2	3.0	3.7	3.7	3.2	4.2	3.8	3.1	3.5
10 years	3.7	3.9	4.5	4.2	3.3	4.0	4.3	4.5	3.1	3.2	3.8	3.4	3.9	4.4	4.1	3.6
11 years	3.8	4.0	3.9	4.3	3.3	3.9	3.9	3.0	2.6	3.5	3.8	3.3	3.9	4.1	4.4	4.2
12 years	3.7	4.3	4.3	4.5	3.7	4.0	4.1	4.4	2.6	3.1	3.3	3.6	4.1	4.2	4.5	4.3
13 years	5.3	4.8	5.1	4.9	5.2	4.6	5.1	5.3	3.0	2.7	3.4	3.8	4.5	5.2	4.9	5.5
14 years	6.4	6.7	6.0	6.2	6.6	6.3	5.8	6.2	3.3	2.5	3.3	3.2	6.6	6.0	6.1	6.0
15 years	9.3	8.2	8.4	7.5	7.4	6.3	8.4	7.3	3.9	3.8	4.6	4.0	8.2	8.4	7.5	8.0
16 years	11.3	11.9	10.4	10.8	9.5	8.0	8.2	7.4	4.9	4.7	4.3	4.6	11.8	10.2	10.8	9.8
17 years	14.7	13.7	13.5	12.9	6.3	6.2	6.0	6.2	4.0	4.0	3.3	4.9	13.4	13.2	12.7	12.0
18 years	1.8	1.9	2.1	1.7	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	26.7	23.6	21.8	21.1	2.8	2.7	2.9	1.3
19 years	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	3.5	3.0	3.3	2.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20 years	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	0.0
Missing data	<.1	0.0	<.1	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

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)¹⁰

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/ Alaska Native	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1
Asian	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.3	0.4	0.7	0.2	0.8	0.8	0.6	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.3	0.4
Black	40.1	36.9	36.0	32.9	31.0	31.7	29.4	28.4	38.3	34.2	34.5	31.7	37.3	35.8	33.5	31.2
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.1	<.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.1
Hispanic (of any race)	8.3	9.6	10.1	9.4	11.4	9.2	7.7	8.9	8.5	8.8	8.8	8.9	9.4	9.9	9.7	9.4
White	43.9	45.8	46.7	49.8	51.0	52.2	54.7	53.5	45.4	49.4	48.6	51.4	46.1	47.0	49.6	50.8
Two or more races	6.2	6.3	5.9	6.9	5.2	5.5	7.0	7.6	6.0	6.2	6.2	6.7	5.9	6.0	6.3	7.4
Unable to determine	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.6	0.9	0.5	0.8	0.7	1.0	0.7	1.2	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.6	0.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

⁸ These percentages are calculated against the number of unique victims. A child may have been the victim of more than one type of maltreatment, or the same type of maltreatment more than once. As a result, the total percentages both within and across maltreatment categories may exceed 100.

⁹ Response time is defined as the time between the report of suspected maltreatment and the first face-to-face contact with the alleged victim or with another person who can provide information on the allegation.

¹⁰ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

D. Characteristics of Children Waiting for Adoption¹¹ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total waiting children	1,646	1,623	1,413	1,553
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	1,098	1,327	1,007	1,140

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	2.1	1.4	1.6	2.0
1 year	6.2	5.9	5.0	6.4
2 years	8.2	6.0	8.0	6.1
3 years	5.6	6.7	6.5	7.3
4 years	6.1	5.4	5.3	5.8
5 years	5.5	4.9	5.5	5.3
6 years	5.3	5.5	5.2	5.9
7 years	5.3	4.7	5.4	4.8
8 years	5.7	5.1	4.5	5.2
9 years	6.3	5.8	3.9	4.4
10 years	6.1	6.3	5.6	4.2
11 years	6.0	5.8	5.9	5.4
12 years	5.7	5.4	5.2	5.4
13 years	5.1	6.8	5.6	5.5
14 years	7.2	5.8	6.7	6.0
15 years	5.7	7.9	6.9	6.3
16 years	5.2	6.2	7.4	7.3
17 years	2.8	4.2	5.7	6.6

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹³

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Asian	0.4	0.6	0.3	0.3
Black	38.9	35.9	34.4	29.1
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3
Hispanic (of any race)	9.2	10.7	10.8	11.0
White	42.7	44.2	47.3	50.7
Two or more races	7.7	7.7	6.6	7.9
Unable to determine	1.1	0.9	0.6	0.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total children adopted	663	735	747	639

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	0.9	1.5	0.7	0.8
1 year	8.0	7.6	9.0	8.1
2 years	11.9	11.4	9.0	11.4
3 years	8.6	9.0	9.6	9.4
4 years	7.8	8.8	7.9	7.7
5 years	8.1	7.3	7.9	6.3
6 years	7.5	7.1	5.2	5.6
7 years	6.6	6.0	5.6	6.1
8 years	5.9	6.1	5.8	5.8
9 years	5.7	6.0	6.3	4.7
10 years	6.2	5.3	5.0	5.3
11 years	4.5	5.7	5.5	4.5
12 years	4.8	4.4	4.3	5.2
13 years	3.2	3.9	4.6	3.8
14 years	3.6	2.4	3.5	3.3
15 years	2.6	3.1	3.7	3.6
16 years	1.4	2.0	3.9	4.4
17 years	2.4	1.8	2.0	3.0
18 years	0.2	0.4	0.5	1.1
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0
Asian	0.6	0.0	0.9	0.2
Black	35.0	33.3	32.4	31.5
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.3
Hispanic (of any race)	7.5	10.3	8.2	11.7
White	47.5	48.0	48.1	49.1
Two or more races	9.0	7.9	10.2	7.0
Unable to determine	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

¹¹ There is no federal definition for a child waiting to be adopted. The definition used in the tables on this page includes children and youth through age 17 who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parents' parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A state's own definition may differ from that used here.

¹² Children older than 17 years fall outside of the definition used to identify waiting children and are therefore excluded from this table.

¹³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

Virginia

OUTCOMES DATA

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect (NCANDS)

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children without a recurrence	98.0	97.6	97.7	97.3
Children with one or more recurrences	2.0	2.4	2.3	2.7
Number	2,720	2,807	2,696	2,852

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care

(NCANDS and AFCARS Foster Care File)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.25	0.18	0.26	0.16
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.75	99.82	99.74	99.84
Number	9,193	8,455	7,648	7,363

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Foster Care File)

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	20.9	23.4	27.0	23.4
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reunification	46.9	47.0	45.9	44.1
Other	32.3	29.0	27.0	28.4
Missing data	0.0	0.7	0.2	4.1
Number	3,159	2,956	2,788	2,799

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	27.2	35.2	37.5	34.5
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reunification	23.5	16.8	19.3	20.2
Other	49.3	46.3	43.2	41.9
Missing data	0.0	1.6	0.0	3.5
Number	349	315	285	258

3.3 Exits of Children Older Than Age 12 at Entry Into Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	1.0	1.6	2.7	3.3
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reunification	32.5	31.8	35.3	31.2
Other	66.5	65.8	61.8	62.8
Missing data	0.0	0.8	0.1	2.8
Number	1,166	1,005	875	921

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children age 12 or younger at entry	22.4	20.7	25.4	21.2
Children older than 12 at entry	77.6	79.3	74.6	78.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	952	783	678	665

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	American Indian/Alaska Native				2009	Asian				2009	Black			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2010	2011	2012	2010		2011	2012		
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	20.8	5.6	36.8	0.0	17.5	21.1	25.0	22.5		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	33.3	0.0	0.0	100.0	70.8	66.7	42.1	78.6	45.7	41.9	40.6	39.5		
Other	66.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.3	27.8	21.1	21.4	36.8	36.0	34.2	33.8		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.2	4.2		
Number	3	0	0	1	24	18	19	14	1,211	1,011	963	887		

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander				2009	Hispanic (of any race)				2009	White			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2010	2011	2012	2010		2011	2012		
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	25.0	21.3	32.3	24.2	30.1	21.3	22.3	27.5	22.6		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	0.0	66.7	0.0	75.0	48.7	41.2	51.2	43.0	47.5	50.8	48.5	46.5		
Other	100.0	33.3	0.0	0.0	30.0	25.0	24.6	26.5	31.2	26.6	23.7	26.0		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.5	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.3	0.2	4.9		
Number	1	3	0	4	267	260	244	249	1,433	1,460	1,354	1,439		

	Unable to Determine				2009	Two or More Races				2009	Missing Data			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2010	2011	2012	2010		2011	2012		
Adoption	19.4	61.9	27.3	11.1	39.7	29.5	36.2	27.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	58.1	28.6	57.6	33.3	42.3	52.5	44.8	47.1	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0		
Other	22.6	4.8	15.2	38.9	18.0	17.5	19.0	24.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Missing data	0.0	4.8	0.0	16.7	0.0	0.5	0.0	1.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	31	21	33	18	189	183	174	187	0	0	1	0		

¹⁴ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Less than 12 mos.	56.6	58.1	59.9	60.6
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	29.9	29.2	28.5	27.4
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	9.3	8.4	7.3	8.1
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	2.4	3.0	2.4	2.0
48 or more mos.	1.8	1.4	1.7	1.8
Missing data	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0
Number	1,480	1,388	1,279	1,235

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children entering care for the first time	87.0	87.6	88.6	89.8
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	4.4	4.0	5.0	4.5
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	4.9	5.6	5.8	5.0
Missing data	3.6	2.8	0.6	0.8
Number	2,477	2,677	2,416	2,502

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Foster Care File)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Less than 12 mos.	2.6	3.5	2.7	2.9
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	21.5	22.3	24.5	29.2
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	38.2	29.1	32.7	34.7
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	18.0	27.2	18.8	13.9
48 or more mos.	19.7	17.9	21.4	19.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	660	691	752	654

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Foster Care File)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care (%)

	In Care Less Than 12 Months				In Care at Least 12 Months but Less Than 24 Months				In Care for 24 Months or Longer				Missing Time in Care			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children with 2 or fewer placements	87.6	89.0	88.6	88.3	69.1	71.5	67.2	64.7	38.4	38.8	36.4	35.5	33.3	50.0	100.0	50.0
Children with 3 or more placements	11.7	10.4	11.2	11.5	30.4	27.9	32.5	35.2	61.1	60.8	63.3	64.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	0.7	0.6	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.6	0.4	0.1	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.1	66.7	50.0	0.0	50.0
Number	2,936	3,049	2,801	2,941	2,340	1,974	1,941	1,926	3,914	3,430	2,905	2,494	3	2	1	2

7. Reduce Placement of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Foster Care File)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During the Fiscal Year and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Group homes	0.4	0.5	0.8	0.2
Institutions	3.5	2.4	3.0	3.7
Other settings	95.6	96.9	96.1	96.1
Missing data	0.5	0.2	<.1	<.1
Number	1,580	1,802	1,597	1,675

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews¹⁵ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score¹⁷	110.2	120.2	123.0	110.7
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	55.8	58.7	61.4	58.8
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	10.1	8.5	8.5	9.9
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	31.0	28.7	32.5	30.4
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	6.2	3.2	4.1	8.1

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	73.5	83.7	93.5	108.0
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	24.1	25.8	27.1	32.2
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	32.1	33.0	31.4	30.2
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	16.0	19.1	23.6	23.2
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year? ¹⁸	4.7	7.8	8.6	12.0
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	37.1	40.6	46.3	48.1

Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time¹⁹

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	107.9	108.4	111.0	114.1
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	20.1	21.5	25.3	25.4
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	90.0	90.8	91.5	88.4
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	45.8	44.1	49.1	42.9

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	103.1	104.9	101.3	99.3
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	87.7	88.9	88.2	87.9
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	69.4	72.0	67.4	64.8
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	39.0	39.6	36.7	36.2

¹⁵ Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the state did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

¹⁶ Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 includes a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

¹⁷ Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website (<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/resource/data-indicators-second-round-of-cfsrs>).

¹⁸ Legally free means that there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father. This calculation excludes children who, by the end of the first 6 months of the fiscal year, had discharged from foster care to reunification, living with relative, or guardianship.

¹⁹ A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

²⁰ The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

Washington

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total children under 18 years	1,569,592	1,580,896	1,580,315	1,584,967
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
American Indian/ Alaska Native	1.7	1.5	1.5	1.5
Asian	6.5	6.5	6.7	6.9
Black	4.3	3.9	3.9	3.9
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.5	0.8	0.8	0.8
Hispanic (of any race)	17.6	19.0	19.4	19.8
White	64.0	60.8	60.1	59.5
Two or more races	5.5	7.4	7.5	7.6
Child population in poverty (%)	16.2	18.2	18.3	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Child maltreatment victims	6,070	6,593	6,541	6,546
Foster care entry rate per 1,000	3.7	4.0	3.5	3.3
Children in foster care on 9/30	11,824	10,886	9,857	9,911
Children adopted	1,634	1,633	1,583	1,192

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	96
Numerator	N/A	N/A	N/A	84,107
Denominator	N/A	N/A	N/A	87,640
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	89
Numerator	N/A	N/A	N/A	74,854
Denominator	N/A	N/A	N/A	84,107

B. Child Maltreatment Data (National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System [NCANDS] Unique Counts)⁶

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2009		2010		2011		2012	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children who received a Child Protective Services response for an allegation of child maltreatment	37,596	24.0 per 1,000	41,713	26.4 per 1,000	42,554	26.9 per 1,000	43,730	27.6 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims	6,070	3.9 per 1,000	6,593	4.2 per 1,000	6,541	4.1 per 1,000	6,546	4.1 per 1,000
Child fatalities	21	1.3 per 100,000	12	0.8 per 100,000	20	1.3 per 100,000	21	1.3 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	12.0	11.1	10.5	10.0
1 year	7.5	8.6	7.8	7.6
2 years	7.6	7.9	7.9	7.8
3 years	6.8	7.6	7.7	7.8
4 years	6.2	6.3	6.3	7.3
5 years	5.8	6.0	6.4	7.1
6 years	5.9	6.2	6.1	6.2
7 years	5.6	5.5	5.9	5.4
8 years	5.5	4.9	5.5	5.7
9 years	5.0	4.6	4.8	4.9
10 years	4.3	4.4	4.7	4.4
11 years	4.7	4.1	3.9	4.1
12 years	4.1	4.0	4.4	4.0
13 years	3.6	4.6	4.6	4.2
14 years	4.4	4.3	3.9	4.0
15 years	4.1	3.8	3.9	3.9
16 years	3.7	3.6	3.3	3.6
17 years	2.3	2.1	2.3	1.8
18+ years	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Missing data	0.8	0.3	0.2	0.1
Number	6,070	6,593	6,541	6,546

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/ Alaska Native	6.5	5.7	5.0	5.7
Asian	1.8	1.7	1.4	1.5
Black	7.0	7.0	7.0	6.9
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.9	1.0	0.8	0.8
Hispanic (of any race)	15.5	15.3	15.7	15.0
White	52.9	54.4	54.4	55.8
Two or more races	8.8	8.3	9.2	9.0
Missing data	6.7	6.6	6.4	5.4
Number	6,070	6,593	6,541	6,546

¹ The source data for each table is indicated in parentheses for each section. A calendar year is the basis for data from the Census Bureau. Most of the other data on these pages are from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS) or the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) and are based on the Federal fiscal year, October 1 through September 30.

² The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau (<http://www.census.gov/popest/data/datasets.html>). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS). Child poverty data for 2012 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2010–2013 report.

³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

⁴ A child victim is defined as a child who is the subject of a maltreatment report for which the disposition is substantiated, indicated, or "alternative response victim." The rate for foster care entry is per 1,000 children in the state population. Data on child maltreatment victims are from NCANDS. Data on foster care entry rate, children in foster care on 9/30, and children adopted are from AFCARS.

⁵ As of 2012, there is a new methodology used to calculate the caseworker visits measures. Because the new methodology limits data comparisons with prior years, caseworker visits data from 2009 through 2011 are not included in this table. All states have the option of using an approved sampling procedure for the caseworker visits reporting requirement. See appendix C for more information on how these data are calculated and for a list of states using sampling methodology.

⁶ The unique count of child victims counts a child only once regardless of the number of times he or she was found to be a victim during the reporting year. This is a change from prior reports, and these data are now consistent with the reporting practice in the Child Maltreatment reports.

⁷ The rates for Child Protective Services Responses and victims are per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18.

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)⁸

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Emotional abuse	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Medical neglect	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Neglect	82.7	83.2	86.3	87.6
Physical abuse	24.7	23.3	20.9	21.3
Sexual abuse	7.4	7.2	7.3	6.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	6,070	6,593	6,541	6,546

Response Time (in hours)⁹

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Mean	59.9	53.9	44.5	44.0
Median	>24 but<48	>24 but<48	>24 but<48	>24 but<48

C. Characteristics of Children in Foster Care

(Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System [AFCARS] Foster Care File)

Overview Foster Care Information

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total number	11,529	9,847	9,460	9,406	5,880	6,254	5,589	5,247	5,585	5,215	5,192	4,742	11,824	10,886	9,857	9,911
Median length of stay (months)	19.2	17.9	14.9	14.8	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	17.2	17.9	17.1	17.5	19.1	15.9	15.0	15.5

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	6.6	7.1	8.3	8.7	20.4	21.1	21.7	22.0	5.0	4.6	4.7	4.5	6.4	7.7	8.7	7.9
1 year	9.2	9.4	10.1	9.7	8.3	8.7	8.2	8.4	7.3	8.1	8.5	9.3	8.7	9.5	9.4	10.4
2 years	8.1	8.8	9.2	9.2	6.4	8.3	7.5	6.8	9.5	9.8	9.1	9.6	8.5	9.0	9.2	8.4
3 years	7.2	7.0	8.1	8.2	6.0	7.3	6.4	7.3	8.4	8.0	9.3	9.2	6.7	8.1	8.2	7.7
4 years	5.6	6.1	6.3	6.7	4.8	5.2	5.5	6.0	7.0	6.5	7.0	7.1	5.9	6.3	6.7	7.4
5 years	5.7	5.0	5.3	5.6	4.1	5.1	5.3	5.8	5.4	6.1	6.0	7.5	4.8	5.4	5.6	5.9
6 years	4.9	5.3	4.7	4.9	4.6	4.6	4.9	5.1	5.2	5.4	5.8	5.4	5.1	4.7	4.8	5.4
7 years	4.8	4.8	4.6	4.4	4.0	4.1	4.3	4.2	5.1	5.0	5.0	4.8	4.6	4.6	4.4	4.5
8 years	4.9	4.4	4.1	4.3	4.0	3.1	3.8	4.0	4.7	4.2	4.3	4.3	4.4	4.2	4.3	4.2
9 years	4.3	4.5	3.6	4.0	3.4	3.3	3.8	3.6	4.0	4.4	3.6	3.8	4.5	3.8	3.9	4.2
10 years	4.0	4.0	3.9	3.6	2.9	3.4	3.3	3.1	3.5	3.9	3.5	3.6	4.0	4.0	3.6	3.7
11 years	4.0	3.9	3.4	3.6	3.5	3.3	2.8	3.3	3.5	3.9	3.2	3.5	3.9	3.6	3.5	3.5
12 years	4.1	4.1	3.7	3.5	3.6	3.1	3.3	2.6	3.5	2.9	3.4	3.3	3.9	3.7	3.5	3.3
13 years	3.7	4.2	4.1	3.7	4.1	3.9	4.2	3.8	3.8	3.4	3.9	3.7	4.1	4.2	3.8	3.2
14 years	4.1	4.3	4.5	4.2	5.1	4.0	3.9	4.0	4.4	3.8	3.5	3.7	4.1	4.3	4.3	3.9
15 years	4.7	4.5	4.5	4.7	5.1	4.5	4.5	3.8	4.0	3.9	4.2	3.4	4.5	4.4	4.8	4.5
16 years	5.0	5.5	5.0	4.7	5.6	4.0	4.0	4.1	4.5	3.5	3.5	3.9	5.3	4.9	4.6	4.8
17 years	5.3	5.5	5.4	4.9	4.0	3.1	2.6	2.0	4.2	4.2	3.6	2.6	5.3	5.3	4.9	4.6
18 years	1.2	1.2	0.8	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.6	7.2	7.3	6.5	2.3	1.5	1.3	1.7
19 years	0.6	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.6	0.3	0.2	0.7	0.6	0.3	0.6
20 years	0.4	0.2	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.3	<.1	<.1	0.5	<.1	0.1	0.2
Missing data	1.7	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.2	<.1	0.1	1.9	0.1	0.0	<.1

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)¹⁰

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/ Alaska Native	8.3	8.3	7.4	7.2	7.0	6.4	5.3	5.4	6.4	5.5	4.7	6.2	8.5	8.5	7.7	6.7
Asian	0.8	0.8	1.0	0.8	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.4	1.2	1.3	1.5	1.3	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9
Black	9.3	9.5	9.0	8.7	8.9	8.8	9.1	7.7	8.8	9.8	9.5	8.9	9.3	9.0	8.8	8.1
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7	1.1	0.8	0.9	0.6	0.9	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.4	0.6	0.7	0.6
Hispanic (of any race)	16.2	15.8	16.9	17.4	15.1	16.8	17.6	16.6	16.2	15.5	18.4	17.3	15.6	16.5	16.5	17.0
White	52.5	51.6	52.2	52.1	53.0	54.3	52.3	56.7	54.2	54.9	52.4	54.6	52.0	51.6	52.1	53.4
Two or more races	12.1	13.0	12.4	12.8	10.2	10.1	11.3	10.8	10.5	11.2	11.7	10.6	11.9	12.2	12.1	12.8
Unable to determine	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.3	2.7	1.0	0.6	0.2	1.5	1.0	0.6	0.4	1.1	0.6	0.5	0.2
Missing data	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.6	0.3	1.6	0.6	0.2	0.2	0.4	<.1	0.2	<.1	0.7	0.3

⁸ These percentages are calculated against the number of unique victims. A child may have been the victim of more than one type of maltreatment, or the same type of maltreatment more than once. As a result, the total percentages both within and across maltreatment categories may exceed 100.

⁹ Response time is defined as the time between the report of suspected maltreatment and the first face-to-face contact with the alleged victim or with another person who can provide information on the allegation.

¹⁰ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

D. Characteristics of Children Waiting for Adoption¹¹ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total waiting children	3,287	3,149	2,813	2,884
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	2,139	1,784	1,360	1,337

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	2.4	3.2	2.7	2.7
1 year	9.6	10.5	11.2	12.0
2 years	10.3	10.8	11.0	10.5
3 years	8.2	10.2	9.8	9.5
4 years	7.9	6.8	8.1	8.1
5 years	5.9	6.8	5.7	6.3
6 years	5.9	5.1	5.6	5.7
7 years	5.6	4.8	4.3	4.6
8 years	5.0	4.8	4.7	4.9
9 years	5.7	4.3	4.4	4.8
10 years	5.1	4.7	3.8	5.0
11 years	4.9	3.9	4.4	3.8
12 years	4.5	4.0	3.9	3.9
13 years	4.3	4.3	3.8	3.7
14 years	3.8	4.2	4.4	4.3
15 years	3.6	3.7	4.1	4.8
16 years	3.7	4.0	4.1	3.3
17 years	3.5	3.8	3.9	2.2

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹³

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/Alaska Native	5.2	4.7	5.4	4.6
Asian	0.5	0.6	0.4	0.8
Black	9.9	10.0	9.6	8.0
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.3	0.5	0.6	0.3
Hispanic (of any race)	17.2	17.1	18.3	18.4
White	54.1	53.3	53.8	55.6
Two or more races	12.3	13.1	11.5	12.0
Unable to determine	0.4	0.6	0.5	0.2
Missing data	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total children adopted	1,634	1,633	1,583	1,192

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	0.2	1.0	0.9	1.3
1 year	9.7	11.6	13.3	17.2
2 years	17.3	16.2	14.7	15.9
3 years	13.5	10.7	14.2	14.3
4 years	10.6	9.7	10.5	9.8
5 years	8.0	8.9	7.8	8.0
6 years	7.9	6.3	7.5	5.7
7 years	6.9	6.3	5.3	3.8
8 years	7.1	5.3	4.6	3.8
9 years	4.3	5.3	3.8	3.8
10 years	4.5	4.8	3.5	2.8
11 years	2.8	3.9	3.5	3.1
12 years	2.4	2.6	2.6	2.6
13 years	1.8	2.3	2.0	2.2
14 years	1.0	1.8	2.1	1.6
15 years	0.7	1.6	1.5	1.6
16 years	0.7	0.7	0.9	1.5
17 years	0.4	0.6	0.9	1.2
18 years	0.2	0.4	0.3	<.1
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/Alaska Native	3.9	4.0	2.6	3.4
Asian	0.6	0.6	0.9	0.3
Black	8.4	8.1	7.6	8.1
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.6	0.2	0.6	0.5
Hispanic (of any race)	18.1	16.4	14.7	18.5
White	55.4	55.0	54.6	56.0
Two or more races	12.5	15.7	18.6	12.9
Unable to determine	0.4	<.1	0.3	0.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

¹¹ There is no federal definition for a child waiting to be adopted. The definition used in the tables on this page includes children and youth through age 17 who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parents' parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A state's own definition may differ from that used here.

¹² Children older than 17 years fall outside of the definition used to identify waiting children and are therefore excluded from this table.

¹³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

Washington

OUTCOMES DATA

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect (NCANDS)

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children without a recurrence	93.7	93.7	94.2	92.5
Children with one or more recurrences	6.3	6.3	5.8	7.5
Number	3,204	3,061	3,097	3,022

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care (NCANDS and AFCARS Foster Care File)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.18	0.20	0.19	0.33
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.82	99.80	99.81	99.67
Number	17,409	16,101	15,049	14,653

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Foster Care File)

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	27.6	30.2	30.2	25.4
Guardianship	8.8	10.0	7.4	8.4
Reunification	54.3	50.3	53.4	58.7
Other	9.3	9.3	8.6	7.3
Missing data	<.1	0.3	0.3	0.3
Number	5,585	5,215	5,192	4,742

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	28.4	31.5	40.8	32.5
Guardianship	11.1	9.2	9.3	7.3
Reunification	34.9	35.2	32.0	44.7
Other	25.7	23.6	17.9	15.0
Missing data	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.4
Number	416	466	547	492

3.3 Exits of Children Older Than Age 12 at Entry Into Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	1.4	1.9	1.8	2.0
Guardianship	3.5	6.0	5.3	6.6
Reunification	67.9	60.1	62.5	62.3
Other	27.0	31.8	30.1	28.5
Missing data	<.1	0.3	0.2	0.5
Number	1,188	1,057	992	831

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children age 12 or younger at entry	32.6	26.4	27.8	25.4
Children older than 12 at entry	67.4	73.6	72.2	74.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	454	444	407	311

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	American Indian/Alaska Native				2009	Asian				2009	Black			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	18.1	27.7	20.3	17.6	14.7	11.9	17.7	3.3	25.9	26.6	26.9	23.3		
Guardianship	15.0	18.3	10.6	18.9	10.3	6.0	5.1	1.7	10.3	12.7	4.1	10.0		
Reunification	49.4	35.3	52.8	52.0	70.6	71.6	68.4	86.7	50.4	51.7	57.4	57.2		
Other	17.2	15.6	11.0	9.5	4.4	10.4	8.9	8.3	13.4	9.0	11.6	9.3		
Missing data	0.3	3.1	5.3	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2		
Number	360	289	246	296	68	67	79	60	494	511	491	421		
	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander				2009	Hispanic (of any race)				2009	White			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	11.5	15.6	30.6	16.7	30.8	31.1	24.3	26.8	28.9	30.9	32.1	26.4		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	5.6	6.7	10.2	9.1	8.4	8.0	7.5	8.5	7.7	7.2		
Reunification	86.5	84.4	63.9	66.7	51.2	51.4	57.7	58.2	55.0	50.7	51.9	59.6		
Other	1.9	0.0	0.0	10.0	7.9	8.4	9.5	6.5	8.6	9.9	8.3	6.7		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.5	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1		
Number	52	32	36	30	903	806	957	821	3,027	2,861	2,723	2,589		
	Unable to Determine				2009	Two or More Races				2009	Missing Data			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	10.8	7.8	34.4	29.4	28.5	35.2	40.1	27.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	3.6	0.0	3.1	0.0	9.8	14.0	6.6	8.5	0.0	0.0	9.1	0.0		
Reunification	79.5	86.3	56.3	58.8	52.5	44.4	46.9	55.6	88.9	100.0	72.7	100.0		
Other	6.0	5.9	6.3	11.8	9.2	6.0	6.1	7.9	11.1	0.0	13.6	0.0		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.3	0.6	0.0	0.0	4.5	0.0		
Number	83	51	32	17	589	586	606	504	9	12	22	4		

¹⁴ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Less than 12 mos.	70.9	71.2	68.3	57.2
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	16.9	15.9	17.5	27.9
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	7.2	6.9	8.9	10.6
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	3.0	3.7	3.1	2.7
48 or more mos.	2.0	2.3	2.2	1.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1
Number	3,030	2,622	2,772	2,783

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children entering care for the first time	77.3	82.0	83.0	83.9
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	10.4	7.8	5.9	5.9
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	11.2	9.9	11.0	10.0
Missing data	1.1	0.4	0.2	0.2
Number	5,880	6,254	5,589	5,247

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Foster Care File)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Less than 12 mos.	1.4	2.3	2.4	2.8
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	17.1	21.7	26.8	34.9
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	37.9	36.3	32.3	30.4
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	25.1	22.4	19.8	16.8
48 or more mos.	18.5	17.3	18.7	15.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,539	1,573	1,569	1,203

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Foster Care File)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care (%)

	In Care Less Than 12 Months				In Care at Least 12 Months but Less Than 24 Months				In Care for 24 Months or Longer				Missing Time in Care			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children with 2 or fewer placements	87.6	87.6	86.4	86.8	65.1	67.5	67.8	67.8	41.1	39.3	37.4	39.6	78.6	100.0	100.0	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	12.4	12.4	13.6	13.1	34.9	32.5	32.2	32.2	58.9	60.7	62.6	60.4	21.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	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	6,471	6,629	6,154	5,701	3,803	3,683	4,066	4,276	7,121	5,763	4,807	4,671	14	26	22	5

7. Reduce Placement of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Foster Care File)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During the Fiscal Year and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Group homes	1.3	0.9	1.1	2.0
Institutions	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Other settings	98.6	99.0	98.8	97.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1
Number	4,467	5,019	4,501	4,304

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews¹⁵ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score¹⁷	120.1	122.4	119.0	113.4
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	69.6	72.3	70.4	64.0
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	4.4	2.4	5.1	8.3
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	32.7	30.6	31.7	21.2
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	14.3	15.5	13.8	10.1

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	100.0	116.1	126.5	140.6
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	18.4	24.2	29.3	38.2
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	33.4	32.6	31.5	27.5
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	25.0	27.9	31.4	26.7
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year? ¹⁸	12.8	14.5	14.6	14.9
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	46.6	60.2	64.7	78.7

Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time¹⁹

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	124.3	123.4	127.6	123.8
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	32.9	35.7	40.5	35.4
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	95.0	97.0	95.7	96.6
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	47.5	52.7	54.1	51.6

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	100.6	100.9	98.3	100.5
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	85.3	85.5	83.2	84.8
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	65.3	67.4	67.5	67.7
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	41.2	39.3	37.4	39.8

¹⁵ Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the state did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

¹⁶ Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 includes a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

¹⁷ Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website (<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/resource/data-indicators-second-round-of-cfsrs>).

¹⁸ Legally free means that there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father. This calculation excludes children who, by the end of the first 6 months of the fiscal year, had discharged from foster care to reunification, living with relative, or guardianship.

¹⁹ A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

²⁰ The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

Washington

STATE COMMENT

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The following are Washington's comments on the state data presented in *Child Welfare Outcomes 2009–2012: Report to Congress*.

Child safety is at the forefront of all of the work of the Washington State child welfare system. We endeavor to:

- Safely maintain children in their own homes, preventing out-of-home placement
- Safely serve and support children in temporary out-of-home care
- Safely return children home as quickly as possible
- Safely support children in the homes of fit and willing relatives
- Safely secure permanent families for children who cannot return home
- Safely decrease the over-representation of children of color involved in the child welfare system

Washington State exceeded two of the six national standards in Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2012 with strong performance in Timeliness of Adoptions and Permanency for Children and Youth in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time. Improvement was shown in Placement Stability over the prior reporting period.

Washington State is taking active steps to continue to improve timely permanency outcomes for children and youth in care including:

- Focused attention on youth in care over 6 months to ensure timely identification and implementation of appropriate permanency plans
- Statewide implementation of Permanency Round Tables
- Juvenile court improvement projects

In 2012, performance for Recurrence of Maltreatment decreased to 92.6%. The economy (reduction in services, budget and severity of abuse) and effects of war and deployments (severity of abuse likely contributed to the decline. Washington is responding to the increase in repeat maltreatment through:

- Implementation of a differential response system
- Close monitoring of timeliness of initial face-to-face contact with alleged child victims
- Implementation of Child Safety Framework QA/CQI plan

The Governor and Washington State Legislature are committed to management accountability and performance measurement. Children's Administration tracks performance and reports publicly on safety, permanency, and well-being outcomes and uses data for decision-making.

While we support the federal effort to evaluate state performance compared to federal standards, some unique characteristics of Washington State's child welfare system make this comparison difficult. Because the scope of this report does not permit clarification of laws and policies that may influence the data, some of the results presented may be misleading without policy context.

We support the federal government's efforts to explore state differences which may impact comparability of the data. This work will assist the federal government and states in using accurate data to support and guide continued improvement of child welfare practice for all children and their families.

West Virginia

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total children under 18 years	386,449	386,618	385,372	384,041
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1
Asian	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
Black	4.9	3.7	3.7	3.7
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	2.0	1.9	2.0	2.1
White	90.0	90.3	90.1	89.8
Two or more races	2.2	3.3	3.4	3.5
Child population in poverty (%)	23.6	25.5	25.8	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Child maltreatment victims	4,978	3,961	4,000	4,591
Foster care entry rate per 1,000	7.4	7.3	8.5	8.6
Children in foster care on 9/30	4,226	4,104	4,377	4,825
Children adopted	541	662	698	632

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	95
Numerator	N/A	N/A	N/A	45,163
Denominator	N/A	N/A	N/A	47,553
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	77
Numerator	N/A	N/A	N/A	34,729
Denominator	N/A	N/A	N/A	45,163

B. Child Maltreatment Data (National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System [NCANDS] Unique Counts)⁶

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2009		2010		2011		2012	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children who received a Child Protective Services response for an allegation of child maltreatment	40,811	105.6 per 1,000	34,073	88.1 per 1,000	33,816	87.7 per 1,000	37,082	96.6 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims	4,978	12.9 per 1,000	3,961	10.2 per 1,000	4,000	10.4 per 1,000	4,591	12.0 per 1,000
Child fatalities	6	1.6 per 100,000	8	2.1 per 100,000	16	4.2 per 100,000	5	1.3 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	11.3	12.2	13.0	11.3
1 year	6.9	7.2	7.7	7.0
2 years	6.7	6.9	7.5	6.7
3 years	6.6	6.8	7.0	6.6
4 years	6.6	7.1	7.1	6.9
5 years	6.5	6.2	6.1	7.0
6 years	6.1	5.7	6.0	5.6
7 years	6.0	5.6	5.6	6.0
8 years	5.3	5.5	5.1	5.2
9 years	5.4	5.0	4.6	4.9
10 years	4.1	5.1	4.7	4.6
11 years	3.7	4.3	4.6	5.0
12 years	4.2	4.0	3.7	4.1
13 years	3.6	3.9	3.4	4.7
14 years	4.6	3.8	3.7	3.7
15 years	4.2	3.4	3.9	3.1
16 years	3.4	3.2	2.7	2.7
17 years	2.2	2.2	1.5	1.9
18+ years	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1
Missing data	2.6	1.7	2.1	2.8
Number	4,978	3,961	4,000	4,591

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0
Asian	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Black	2.5	2.8	2.3	2.6
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	1.1	1.6	1.2	1.4
White	85.9	86.6	87.2	86.3
Two or more races	4.5	4.3	5.1	5.5
Missing data	5.9	4.7	4.2	4.1
Number	4,978	3,961	4,000	4,591

¹ The source data for each table is indicated in parentheses for each section. A calendar year is the basis for data from the Census Bureau. Most of the other data on these pages are from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS) or the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) and are based on the Federal fiscal year, October 1 through September 30.

² The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau (<http://www.census.gov/popest/data/datasets.html>). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS). Child poverty data for 2012 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2010-2013 report.

³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

⁴ A child victim is defined as a child who is the subject of a maltreatment report for which the disposition is substantiated, indicated, or "alternative response victim." The rate for foster care entry is per 1,000 children in the state population. Data on child maltreatment victims are from NCANDS. Data on foster care entry rate, children in foster care on 9/30, and children adopted are from AFCARS.

⁵ As of 2012, there is a new methodology used to calculate the caseworker visits measures. Because the new methodology limits data comparisons with prior years, caseworker visits data from 2009 through 2011 are not included in this table. All states have the option of using an approved sampling procedure for the caseworker visits reporting requirement. See appendix C for more information on how these data are calculated and for a list of states using sampling methodology.

⁶ The unique count of child victims counts a child only once regardless of the number of times he or she was found to be a victim during the reporting year. This is a change from prior reports, and these data are now consistent with the reporting practice in the Child Maltreatment reports.

⁷ The rates for Child Protective Services Responses and victims are per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18.

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)⁸

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Emotional abuse	32.4	30.1	29.7	28.8
Medical neglect	1.2	1.6	1.5	1.4
Neglect	56.2	53.6	53.4	54.1
Physical abuse	30.4	30.1	34.3	34.1
Sexual abuse	4.9	5.5	4.4	5.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	12.1	9.8	10.9	11.9
Number	4,978	3,961	4,000	4,591

Response Time (in hours)⁹

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Mean	—	—	356.9	395.9
Median	—	—	>48 but <72	>72 but <96

C. Characteristics of Children in Foster Care

(Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System [AFCARS] Foster Care File)

Overview Foster Care Information

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total number	4,285	4,136	3,999	4,178	2,869	2,841	3,277	3,300	2,928	2,873	2,899	2,653	4,226	4,104	4,377	4,825
Median length of stay (months)	11.0	11.6	10.7	9.6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	11.8	13.0	12.4	12.4	11.9	10.9	9.8	10.5

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	6.4	5.0	5.8	6.2	11.8	12.3	11.7	11.6	3.0	2.8	2.2	2.6	4.9	5.5	6.0	5.1
1 year	7.0	7.3	6.6	7.2	5.0	5.3	6.0	6.2	6.0	4.9	5.8	5.8	7.2	6.6	6.9	6.9
2 years	6.0	6.6	7.0	6.7	4.9	5.0	5.5	5.3	5.7	7.1	6.0	6.1	6.5	6.6	6.8	7.3
3 years	5.6	5.7	5.6	6.2	4.0	4.2	5.5	4.3	4.9	5.0	4.9	5.4	5.4	5.4	6.2	6.0
4 years	4.6	5.0	5.2	5.7	3.2	3.8	5.1	4.6	3.5	5.3	5.5	5.4	5.0	5.0	5.7	5.4
5 years	4.4	4.7	4.2	4.8	3.8	3.5	4.1	4.6	3.8	4.1	4.4	4.7	4.6	4.1	4.8	5.1
6 years	4.4	4.1	4.3	4.5	3.0	3.4	3.7	3.6	3.7	4.1	3.7	3.9	4.0	4.4	4.4	4.7
7 years	4.2	4.3	4.5	4.3	2.9	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.3	3.4	3.9	3.8	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.5
8 years	3.6	4.2	3.8	3.9	2.6	2.7	2.6	3.4	2.6	3.5	3.3	3.3	4.2	3.8	3.8	3.8
9 years	3.5	3.3	3.9	3.3	2.8	2.4	2.3	2.7	3.2	2.8	2.8	3.1	3.1	3.8	3.3	3.7
10 years	3.8	3.6	3.1	3.7	2.5	2.5	3.0	2.8	3.1	2.9	2.5	2.6	3.5	3.0	3.7	3.2
11 years	3.0	3.8	3.3	3.4	2.5	2.7	3.0	3.1	2.0	3.1	2.8	3.4	3.7	3.2	3.4	3.5
12 years	3.8	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.3	3.0	4.1	3.3	2.2	2.8	2.7	2.6	3.5	3.6	3.7	3.8
13 years	4.6	4.5	5.0	4.6	4.7	5.4	5.1	5.3	3.1	3.1	3.8	3.8	4.5	4.9	4.6	4.0
14 years	5.8	6.0	6.3	5.7	8.1	8.1	6.8	7.0	5.1	4.5	5.2	5.2	6.3	6.3	6.1	5.7
15 years	7.9	7.6	8.0	7.1	11.6	10.2	9.0	9.2	7.9	6.1	7.5	6.7	8.0	8.4	7.2	7.5
16 years	9.0	9.8	9.1	9.2	13.1	11.4	10.9	10.4	10.5	10.1	9.2	9.0	10.3	9.5	9.4	8.7
17 years	10.1	9.5	9.7	9.0	9.1	9.4	7.2	8.3	11.3	12.0	10.3	10.3	9.7	9.9	9.0	9.5
18 years	2.2	1.4	1.1	0.9	0.8	1.1	0.7	0.5	14.7	12.1	13.1	12.1	1.2	1.8	0.7	1.7
19 years	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1
20 years	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)¹⁰

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/ Alaska Native	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1
Asian	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Black	5.6	5.2	5.1	4.7	5.7	5.0	4.5	4.5	6.3	4.6	5.0	4.7	5.2	5.5	4.7	4.5
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	1.8	1.8	2.0	1.5	1.8	1.7	1.2	1.5	1.7	1.7	1.8	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.5	1.3
White	85.0	85.3	84.9	85.5	85.2	85.7	86.3	85.3	85.1	86.5	85.4	85.7	85.1	84.7	85.6	85.2
Two or more races	7.2	7.3	7.6	7.4	6.2	6.3	6.6	7.7	6.4	6.4	7.2	6.8	7.1	7.3	7.2	7.9
Unable to determine	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.1	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.4
Missing data	<.1	<.1	0.2	0.5	0.3	1.0	0.9	0.5	<.1	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.5	0.6	0.5

⁸ These percentages are calculated against the number of unique victims. A child may have been the victim of more than one type of maltreatment, or the same type of maltreatment more than once. As a result, the total percentages both within and across maltreatment categories may exceed 100.

⁹ Response time is defined as the time between the report of suspected maltreatment and the first face-to-face contact with the alleged victim or with another person who can provide information on the allegation.

¹⁰ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

D. Characteristics of Children Waiting for Adoption¹¹ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total waiting children	1,240	1,235	1,392	1,487
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	1,087	1,030	1,127	1,143

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	2.4	3.9	5.5	3.6
1 year	9.7	7.9	9.3	8.7
2 years	8.8	9.4	8.8	10.0
3 years	7.4	8.1	8.5	8.1
4 years	8.0	7.3	6.8	7.7
5 years	5.6	5.7	6.0	6.7
6 years	5.2	5.7	5.7	6.3
7 years	4.8	5.1	5.7	5.4
8 years	5.8	4.7	5.5	5.4
9 years	3.9	5.8	4.5	4.8
10 years	4.9	4.2	4.5	3.8
11 years	5.4	4.5	4.4	4.5
12 years	4.1	4.8	3.8	4.5
13 years	5.1	4.0	3.9	3.4
14 years	4.4	5.0	4.2	4.1
15 years	5.5	5.3	5.5	4.2
16 years	5.0	4.7	4.7	4.8
17 years	3.9	4.0	2.7	4.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹³

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Asian	0.2	0.2	0.1	<.1
Black	4.5	5.3	4.1	4.1
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	2.2	2.0	1.9	0.9
White	86.7	82.8	85.8	84.5
Two or more races	5.8	9.3	7.6	9.7
Unable to determine	0.6	0.2	0.1	0.2
Missing data	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.4

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total children adopted	541	662	698	632

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	0.2	0.5	0.6	1.7
1 year	12.4	7.4	12.2	11.6
2 years	13.3	15.4	14.2	12.3
3 years	11.5	9.8	10.5	10.3
4 years	7.9	11.8	11.2	9.8
5 years	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.4
6 years	6.1	7.3	6.2	6.8
7 years	7.4	5.6	5.7	7.1
8 years	4.4	6.2	5.3	6.2
9 years	7.4	5.3	5.2	4.4
10 years	5.2	3.6	3.2	4.7
11 years	2.8	5.1	4.2	3.8
12 years	3.9	3.3	3.0	2.8
13 years	3.9	3.8	2.9	2.5
14 years	2.0	2.0	2.1	3.0
15 years	0.9	1.4	1.9	1.3
16 years	0.7	1.8	1.9	1.4
17 years	1.1	0.8	1.4	1.6
18 years	0.4	0.5	0.1	0.2
19 years	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.2
Black	3.5	2.6	2.1	2.7
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	0.9	2.0	2.6	2.7
White	86.3	89.1	85.0	88.1
Two or more races	8.5	5.9	10.0	6.2
Unable to determine	0.6	0.5	0.1	0.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

¹¹ There is no federal definition for a child waiting to be adopted. The definition used in the tables on this page includes children and youth through age 17 who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parents' parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A state's own definition may differ from that used here.

¹² Children older than 17 years fall outside of the definition used to identify waiting children and are therefore excluded from this table.

¹³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

West Virginia

OUTCOMES DATA

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect (NCANDS)

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children without a recurrence	91.5	95.6	97.6	97.6
Children with one or more recurrences	8.5	4.4	2.4	2.4
Number	2,507	2,068	1,971	2,305

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care (NCANDS and AFCARS Foster Care File)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.25	0.30	0.19	0.20
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.75	99.70	99.81	99.80
Number	7,154	6,977	7,276	7,478

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Foster Care File)

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	17.9	22.4	22.9	23.7
Guardianship	5.2	5.3	5.8	5.2
Reunification	71.6	67.6	66.7	67.2
Other	5.1	4.5	4.1	3.4
Missing data	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.5
Number	2,928	2,873	2,899	2,653

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	17.8	18.2	16.7	17.8
Guardianship	2.5	2.2	3.9	2.9
Reunification	70.9	72.8	71.2	72.2
Other	8.6	6.8	8.0	7.0
Missing data	0.1	0.0	0.3	0.1
Number	914	1,108	1,157	962

3.3 Exits of Children Older Than Age 12 at Entry Into Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	0.5	1.1	1.5	1.5
Guardianship	3.3	2.9	3.3	2.7
Reunification	87.1	86.6	86.7	88.4
Other	8.9	9.3	8.3	7.0
Missing data	0.1	<.1	0.2	0.3
Number	1,354	1,202	1,260	1,098

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children age 12 or younger at entry	20.8	14.1	11.3	20.6
Children older than 12 at entry	79.2	85.9	88.7	79.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	72	64	53	34

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	American Indian/Alaska Native				2009	Asian				2009	Black			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	100.0	10.3	12.0	10.3	11.9		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.9	8.3	6.8	2.4		
Reunification	100.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	80.0	71.4	76.7	73.8		
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.9	8.3	6.2	11.9		
Missing data	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	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	185	133	146	126		
	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander				2009	Hispanic (of any race)				2009	White			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.0	26.0	28.8	34.0	18.2	23.0	22.8	24.3		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.0	2.0	1.9	6.0	5.2	5.3	5.9	5.1		
Reunification	0.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	60.0	62.0	65.4	58.0	71.5	67.3	66.6	67.2		
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	20.0	10.0	3.8	2.0	4.9	4.3	4.2	3.0		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.4		
Number	0	1	1	2	50	50	52	50	2,492	2,485	2,475	2,274		
	Unable to Determine				2009	Two or More Races				2009	Missing Data			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	18.2	23.1	33.3	9.1	24.1	21.9	32.1	22.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	0.0	7.7	0.0	9.1	4.3	3.8	5.7	7.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	81.8	61.5	66.7	81.8	67.4	69.4	59.3	63.3	100.0	85.7	100.0	100.0		
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.7	3.8	2.9	3.9	0.0	14.3	0.0	0.0		
Missing data	0.0	7.7	0.0	0.0	0.5	1.1	0.0	2.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	11	13	3	11	187	183	209	180	1	7	12	8		

¹⁴ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Less than 12 mos.	63.8	62.3	65.7	65.3
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	23.8	25.8	25.2	26.7
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	5.9	5.8	4.9	4.1
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	1.9	1.9	1.7	1.1
48 or more mos.	4.4	4.2	2.4	2.7
Missing data	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1
Number	2,097	1,941	1,934	1,783

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children entering care for the first time	77.7	78.7	81.4	80.9
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	13.3	12.1	10.3	10.8
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	8.2	8.8	7.8	7.9
Missing data	0.8	0.4	0.5	0.4
Number	2,869	2,841	3,277	3,300

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Foster Care File)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Less than 12 mos.	2.7	1.4	2.9	5.4
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	34.9	32.3	33.8	40.4
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	35.9	38.1	39.1	34.2
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	17.6	17.6	14.8	12.6
48 or more mos.	9.0	10.6	9.5	7.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	524	643	663	628

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Foster Care File)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care (%)

	In Care Less Than 12 Months				In Care at Least 12 Months but Less Than 24 Months				In Care for 24 Months or Longer				Missing Time in Care			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children with 2 or fewer placements	86.7	87.8	86.8	87.4	66.2	65.5	65.2	65.3	36.2	39.1	37.7	37.5	84.6	93.3	100.0	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	13.3	12.2	13.2	12.6	33.8	34.5	34.8	34.7	63.8	60.9	62.3	62.5	15.4	6.7	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	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	0.0
Number	3,602	3,507	3,929	3,933	1,880	1,779	1,825	2,141	1,659	1,676	1,508	1,402	13	15	14	2

7. Reduce Placement of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Foster Care File)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During the Fiscal Year and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Group homes	3.6	3.1	2.9	3.4
Institutions	1.3	1.3	0.9	0.6
Other settings	95.0	95.5	96.0	96.0
Missing data	<.1	<.1	0.2	<.1
Number	1,484	1,533	1,945	1,935

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews¹⁵ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score¹⁷	111.3	110.4	115.1	110.3
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	68.8	67.0	67.9	68.2
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	8.4	8.9	8.3	8.9
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	47.4	48.5	42.8	38.3
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	15.4	15.3	13.9	15.3

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	101.4	110.8	122.6	119.0
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	37.7	34.1	36.7	46.1
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	27.3	28.2	28.0	24.6
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	29.4	37.7	41.1	34.6
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year? ¹⁸	12.2	15.5	16.9	15.5
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	25.0	25.5	28.8	18.7

Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time¹⁹

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	134.2	157.8	168.7	155.6
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	32.0	44.8	52.1	38.8
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	89.2	95.5	97.9	95.0
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	29.0	24.6	22.0	21.0

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	99.5	100.2	99.5	100.3
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	86.4	87.4	86.3	86.9
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	66.3	65.3	65.4	65.2
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	36.4	39.4	37.7	37.6

¹⁵ Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the state did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

¹⁶ Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 includes a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

¹⁷ Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website (<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/resource/data-indicators-second-round-of-cfsrs>).

¹⁸ Legally free means that there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father. This calculation excludes children who, by the end of the first 6 months of the fiscal year, had discharged from foster care to reunification, living with relative, or guardianship.

¹⁹ A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

²⁰ The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

Wisconsin

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total children under 18 years	1,310,250	1,337,031	1,327,528	1,317,557
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
American Indian/ Alaska Native	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Asian	3.1	3.1	3.2	3.2
Black	8.6	8.7	8.7	8.6
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	9.0	10.2	10.5	10.8
White	75.5	73.6	73.1	72.8
Two or more races	2.6	3.3	3.4	3.5
Child population in poverty (%)	16.7	19.1	18.2	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Child maltreatment victims	4,654	4,569	4,750	4,645
Foster care entry rate per 1,000	3.5	3.4	3.3	3.3
Children in foster care on 9/30	6,919	6,702	6,637	6,515
Children adopted	769	755	717	707

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	97
Numerator	N/A	N/A	N/A	70,367
Denominator	N/A	N/A	N/A	72,733
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	89
Numerator	N/A	N/A	N/A	62,470
Denominator	N/A	N/A	N/A	70,367

B. Child Maltreatment Data (National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System [NCANDS] Unique Counts)⁶

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2009		2010		2011		2012	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children who received a Child Protective Services response for an allegation of child maltreatment	31,338	23.9 per 1,000	32,947	24.6 per 1,000	33,333	25.1 per 1,000	33,643	25.5 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims	4,654	3.6 per 1,000	4,569	3.4 per 1,000	4,750	3.6 per 1,000	4,645	3.5 per 1,000
Child fatalities	24	1.8 per 100,000	21	1.6 per 100,000	24	1.8 per 100,000	31	2.4 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	10.2	9.6	9.4	9.8
1 year	6.1	6.8	6.9	6.5
2 years	6.4	7.0	7.1	6.6
3 years	6.1	6.9	6.6	6.5
4 years	6.2	6.4	6.6	7.2
5 years	6.4	6.2	7.0	6.5
6 years	5.6	6.0	6.2	6.1
7 years	5.3	6.0	5.8	5.2
8 years	5.1	4.9	5.2	5.5
9 years	5.1	5.1	5.2	4.7
10 years	5.1	4.7	4.5	5.2
11 years	4.3	4.7	4.3	4.5
12 years	4.0	4.8	4.5	4.6
13 years	5.7	3.9	4.5	4.6
14 years	5.4	5.4	4.8	5.1
15 years	5.3	4.1	4.7	4.8
16 years	4.2	4.1	3.6	3.4
17 years	2.6	2.7	2.6	2.5
18+ years	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Missing data	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.7
Number	4,654	4,569	4,750	4,645

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/ Alaska Native	3.4	3.4	4.1	4.4
Asian	1.2	1.6	1.1	1.4
Black	20.0	21.2	21.3	20.0
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.1
Hispanic (of any race)	7.9	8.7	9.6	9.8
White	53.4	52.6	50.8	51.3
Two or more races	2.6	3.0	3.0	3.5
Missing data	11.4	9.5	10.0	9.4
Number	4,654	4,569	4,750	4,645

¹ The source data for each table is indicated in parentheses for each section. A calendar year is the basis for data from the Census Bureau. Most of the other data on these pages are from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS) or the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) and are based on the Federal fiscal year, October 1 through September 30.

² The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau (<http://www.census.gov/popest/data/datasets.html>). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS). Child poverty data for 2012 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2010–2013 report.

³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

⁴ A child victim is defined as a child who is the subject of a maltreatment report for which the disposition is substantiated, indicated, or "alternative response victim." The rate for foster care entry is per 1,000 children in the state population. Data on child maltreatment victims are from NCANDS. Data on foster care entry rate, children in foster care on 9/30, and children adopted are from AFCARS.

⁵ As of 2012, there is a new methodology used to calculate the caseworker visits measures. Because the new methodology limits data comparisons with prior years, caseworker visits data from 2009 through 2011 are not included in this table. All states have the option of using an approved sampling procedure for the caseworker visits reporting requirement. See appendix C for more information on how these data are calculated and for a list of states using sampling methodology.

⁶ The unique count of child victims counts a child only once regardless of the number of times he or she was found to be a victim during the reporting year. This is a change from prior reports, and these data are now consistent with the reporting practice in the Child Maltreatment reports.

⁷ The rates for Child Protective Services Responses and victims are per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18.

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)⁸

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Emotional abuse	1.2	1.0	1.0	1.1
Medical neglect	1.5	1.3	<.1	0.0
Neglect	55.4	57.0	56.4	58.9
Physical abuse	22.2	20.9	22.1	21.6
Sexual abuse	29.9	30.2	30.2	28.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	4,654	4,569	4,750	4,645

Response Time (in hours)⁹

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Mean	168.5	151.0	131.4	112.9
Median	>72 but<96	>72 but<96	>72 but<96	>72 but<96

C. Characteristics of Children in Foster Care

(Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System [AFCARS] Foster Care File)

Overview Foster Care Information

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total number	7,166	6,521	6,397	6,363	4,524	4,493	4,413	4,405	4,772	4,317	4,179	4,255	6,919	6,702	6,637	6,515
Median length of stay (months)	14.7	15.4	14.1	14.1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	11.2	11.9	11.2	11.8	15.0	13.8	13.8	13.2

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	5.0	5.4	5.1	5.5	15.0	13.7	14.1	14.2	4.7	4.4	4.3	4.4	5.4	5.1	5.2	5.5
1 year	7.0	6.9	6.9	7.0	6.8	6.7	7.6	7.0	6.6	6.0	6.5	6.3	6.8	6.9	7.0	6.9
2 years	6.5	6.8	7.0	7.3	5.9	6.6	6.6	6.0	6.1	6.9	7.0	7.1	6.7	6.9	7.4	6.4
3 years	6.0	6.1	6.2	6.3	5.5	5.9	5.8	5.7	5.9	6.7	6.5	6.2	6.1	6.2	6.2	7.2
4 years	5.6	5.9	5.8	5.9	4.3	5.0	4.9	5.3	5.2	5.9	5.6	5.9	5.7	5.7	5.9	6.0
5 years	4.7	5.0	5.4	5.2	3.7	4.4	4.4	5.4	4.9	5.0	5.5	5.0	4.9	5.3	5.2	5.3
6 years	4.2	4.1	4.6	4.9	3.8	3.7	4.0	5.0	4.3	4.2	4.3	5.3	4.0	4.5	4.9	5.5
7 years	3.8	4.2	4.1	4.5	4.0	3.8	4.0	4.4	3.5	4.0	3.8	4.6	4.1	4.0	4.5	4.9
8 years	3.8	4.0	4.0	4.0	3.4	3.0	3.9	3.5	3.4	3.6	4.5	4.1	3.9	4.0	3.9	4.2
9 years	3.6	3.8	3.8	3.7	3.6	3.2	3.6	3.6	3.8	3.4	3.7	4.0	3.8	3.8	3.7	3.7
10 years	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.7	3.4	3.0	3.0	3.5	3.4	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.6	3.5	3.7	3.7
11 years	3.7	3.4	3.4	3.4	2.9	3.0	2.9	3.3	3.4	3.2	3.0	3.2	3.5	3.4	3.4	3.6
12 years	3.7	3.6	3.8	3.6	3.2	3.9	3.8	4.0	3.0	2.8	3.3	3.0	3.7	3.8	3.5	3.8
13 years	4.4	4.1	4.5	4.6	5.0	4.7	5.3	4.8	3.9	3.5	3.4	3.6	4.1	4.5	4.6	4.3
14 years	6.2	5.1	5.0	5.2	7.0	6.5	6.2	5.6	4.4	4.5	4.4	4.6	5.2	5.1	5.5	5.2
15 years	8.1	8.1	6.7	6.4	9.0	8.9	7.7	8.1	6.5	6.0	5.8	5.1	8.3	6.9	6.4	6.6
16 years	9.7	9.0	9.3	7.9	9.4	9.3	8.4	7.4	9.3	8.2	7.5	7.6	9.2	9.3	7.9	7.5
17 years	8.3	8.6	8.3	8.4	4.0	4.3	3.6	3.1	9.9	10.4	9.2	8.8	8.4	8.2	8.2	6.9
18 years	1.7	1.7	2.0	1.8	<.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	7.0	7.2	7.5	7.1	2.0	2.1	1.9	1.9
19 years	0.2	0.2	0.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1
20 years	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.2	<.1
Missing data	0.1	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.7

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)¹⁰

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/ Alaska Native	3.5	4.1	4.0	4.0	4.7	4.7	4.3	5.4	3.9	4.5	4.3	4.8	4.0	4.2	4.1	4.4
Asian	0.8	0.8	0.6	0.6	1.2	1.3	0.9	1.1	1.2	1.6	1.0	0.6	0.8	0.6	0.5	0.8
Black	37.0	37.1	35.9	35.0	27.7	27.2	30.8	27.8	29.2	29.5	31.9	30.6	36.2	35.3	35.0	33.1
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1
Hispanic (of any race)	9.2	9.2	9.5	9.7	10.0	10.0	11.1	11.1	10.2	10.0	10.9	10.7	8.9	9.3	9.6	10.1
White	43.9	43.1	44.2	44.4	49.2	50.2	45.6	47.4	49.3	48.8	45.9	47.0	43.6	44.3	44.0	44.7
Two or more races	4.5	4.7	4.7	4.9	4.1	4.2	4.6	4.9	4.2	4.3	4.3	4.6	4.5	4.6	4.9	5.1
Unable to determine	0.7	0.7	0.9	1.0	1.6	1.6	1.5	1.4	1.2	1.0	1.1	1.2	0.9	1.1	1.2	1.2
Missing data	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.3	1.5	0.8	1.1	0.7	0.6	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.9	0.6	0.7	0.5

⁸ These percentages are calculated against the number of unique victims. A child may have been the victim of more than one type of maltreatment, or the same type of maltreatment more than once. As a result, the total percentages both within and across maltreatment categories may exceed 100.

⁹ Response time is defined as the time between the report of suspected maltreatment and the first face-to-face contact with the alleged victim or with another person who can provide information on the allegation.

¹⁰ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

D. Characteristics of Children Waiting for Adoption¹¹ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total waiting children	1,281	1,167	1,179	1,151
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	641	565	654	629

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	2.8	3.3	2.9	3.2
1 year	6.7	6.6	5.9	6.3
2 years	10.3	9.0	10.1	8.2
3 years	9.1	9.6	10.5	10.6
4 years	8.1	8.1	8.7	9.0
5 years	7.5	8.3	6.9	7.5
6 years	6.2	7.4	6.7	7.1
7 years	6.9	6.2	6.8	6.5
8 years	5.5	6.1	4.7	6.5
9 years	5.5	5.1	4.8	4.6
10 years	5.0	4.1	4.7	4.4
11 years	5.1	3.9	4.0	4.2
12 years	3.4	3.8	4.0	3.8
13 years	3.8	3.8	4.4	4.0
14 years	2.8	3.9	3.9	4.5
15 years	4.8	3.2	3.1	3.6
16 years	3.7	5.1	3.3	3.3
17 years	2.8	2.7	4.7	2.5

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹³

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/Alaska Native	3.4	3.1	2.4	3.6
Asian	0.9	0.6	0.4	0.4
Black	44.3	42.7	42.5	38.6
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	10.9	11.6	10.9	10.9
White	34.6	35.3	37.5	40.1
Two or more races	4.8	5.6	5.3	5.0
Unable to determine	0.5	0.8	0.6	1.2
Missing data	0.5	0.4	0.3	<.1

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total children adopted	769	755	717	707

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	6.6	6.2	7.3	5.0
1 year	12.1	8.2	10.9	7.9
2 years	11.7	13.5	12.3	11.6
3 years	11.2	10.3	9.8	12.7
4 years	10.3	11.1	8.6	10.7
5 years	7.4	8.2	8.8	8.1
6 years	8.2	7.2	7.4	7.4
7 years	4.0	6.1	6.3	5.1
8 years	3.8	4.6	6.4	5.1
9 years	5.9	5.0	4.2	5.0
10 years	3.8	4.6	4.2	3.5
11 years	3.4	4.6	4.5	4.1
12 years	4.4	2.9	2.2	4.0
13 years	2.2	2.5	1.8	2.0
14 years	1.6	1.1	1.8	2.7
15 years	1.3	0.9	1.3	1.1
16 years	1.2	1.3	1.0	1.8
17 years	1.0	1.5	1.1	1.8
18 years	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.4
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/Alaska Native	3.6	3.4	4.2	3.3
Asian	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.3
Black	31.7	32.6	31.4	34.1
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	9.9	10.7	11.4	12.7
White	46.8	46.1	44.1	42.6
Two or more races	6.6	5.8	7.1	6.2
Unable to determine	0.5	0.4	1.3	0.8
Missing data	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0

¹¹ There is no federal definition for a child waiting to be adopted. The definition used in the tables on this page includes children and youth through age 17 who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parents' parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A state's own definition may differ from that used here.

¹² Children older than 17 years fall outside of the definition used to identify waiting children and are therefore excluded from this table.

¹³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

Wisconsin

OUTCOMES DATA

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect (NCANDS)

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children without a recurrence	95.4	94.4	95.4	95.6
Children with one or more recurrences	4.6	5.6	4.6	4.4
Number	2,226	2,178	2,208	2,169

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care (NCANDS and AFCARS Foster Care File)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.24	0.35	0.34	0.12
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.76	99.65	99.66	99.88
Number	11,690	11,014	10,810	10,768

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Foster Care File)

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	14.5	16.1	15.6	16.6
Guardianship	5.0	8.7	9.2	10.5
Reunification	67.8	62.2	62.4	60.7
Other	12.2	12.9	12.8	12.2
Missing data	0.4	<.1	<.1	0.0
Number	4,772	4,317	4,179	4,255

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	30.3	31.9	33.1	37.0
Guardianship	3.2	3.8	4.6	4.4
Reunification	47.2	45.1	42.2	39.4
Other	19.0	19.2	20.2	19.2
Missing data	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	937	998	965	1,009

3.3 Exits of Children Older Than Age 12 at Entry Into Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	0.5	0.8	0.8	1.7
Guardianship	2.7	3.7	3.3	3.9
Reunification	70.3	66.7	65.2	63.6
Other	25.8	28.7	30.6	30.8
Missing data	0.7	0.0	<.1	0.0
Number	1,604	1,452	1,344	1,286

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children age 12 or younger at entry	28.6	22.7	21.9	22.6
Children older than 12 at entry	71.4	77.1	78.1	77.2
Missing data	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.2
Number	472	449	448	443

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	American Indian/Alaska Native				2009	Asian				2009	Black			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2010	2011	2012	2010		2011	2012		
Adoption	12.0	10.8	15.2	12.7	8.5	7.0	7.3	7.4	16.4	18.8	16.0	19.0		
Guardianship	3.3	6.2	2.8	11.2	0.0	5.6	2.4	25.9	5.5	11.7	11.4	10.4		
Reunification	77.2	70.1	71.9	65.4	76.3	77.5	87.8	59.3	62.3	53.9	56.3	55.2		
Other	7.6	12.9	10.1	10.7	15.3	9.9	2.4	7.4	14.8	15.6	16.3	15.4		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.0	<.1	0.0		
Number	184	194	178	205	59	71	41	27	1,395	1,273	1,335	1,301		

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander				2009	Hispanic (of any race)				2009	White			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2010	2011	2012	2010		2011	2012		
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	13.5	17.2	15.5	19.8	13.6	15.0	14.6	14.6		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	50.0	33.3	2.9	9.3	10.7	12.1	5.5	7.3	8.2	10.2		
Reunification	60.0	100.0	25.0	66.7	76.3	64.0	66.3	61.0	68.5	65.2	64.6	62.5		
Other	40.0	0.0	25.0	0.0	6.7	9.5	7.4	7.0	12.4	12.4	12.6	12.7		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	<.1	0.0	0.0		
Number	5	2	4	3	489	430	457	454	2,353	2,105	1,919	1,998		

	Unable to Determine				2009	Two or More Races				2009	Missing Data			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2010	2011	2012	2010		2011	2012		
Adoption	7.3	7.0	17.4	11.3	23.9	21.0	26.8	21.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	1.8	7.0	2.2	9.4	4.5	7.5	9.5	8.2	3.2	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	81.8	76.7	71.7	69.8	60.2	61.3	52.5	66.8	90.3	92.3	100.0	100.0		
Other	9.1	9.3	8.7	9.4	10.9	10.2	11.2	3.1	3.2	7.7	0.0	0.0		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.2	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	55	43	46	53	201	186	179	196	31	13	20	18		

¹⁴ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Less than 12 mos.	67.9	70.5	74.4	71.6
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	20.3	19.0	16.6	19.3
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	7.2	5.3	4.6	5.0
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	2.3	2.5	2.1	2.2
48 or more mos.	2.3	2.6	2.1	1.8
Missing data	<.1	<.1	0.2	<.1
Number	3,237	2,685	2,606	2,582

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children entering care for the first time	74.9	74.4	76.3	75.3
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	14.1	15.4	13.0	13.9
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	11.0	10.1	10.7	10.8
Missing data	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Number	4,524	4,493	4,413	4,405

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Foster Care File)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Less than 12 mos.	9.8	8.5	7.4	7.4
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	24.5	18.2	22.9	22.2
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	28.3	35.7	28.4	27.5
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	22.4	23.7	21.0	21.2
48 or more mos.	15.0	13.6	20.3	21.2
Missing data	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.4
Number	693	697	651	706

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Foster Care File)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care (%)

	In Care Less Than 12 Months				In Care at Least 12 Months but Less Than 24 Months				In Care for 24 Months or Longer				Missing Time in Care			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children with 2 or fewer placements	86.8	87.3	87.5	85.0	64.5	68.1	66.7	67.7	40.7	42.5	44.7	45.3	100.0	95.7	75.0	75.0
Children with 3 or more placements	13.2	12.7	12.5	15.0	35.5	31.9	33.3	32.3	59.3	57.5	55.3	54.7	0.0	4.3	25.0	25.0
Missing placement setting counts	<.1	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	5,371	5,192	5,236	5,197	2,652	2,379	2,398	2,458	3,657	3,420	3,168	3,105	10	23	8	8

7. Reduce Placement of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Foster Care File)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During the Fiscal Year and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Group homes	2.3	1.9	1.3	1.6
Institutions	2.1	2.7	2.0	2.4
Other settings	95.5	95.5	96.7	95.9
Missing data	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	2,955	2,952	3,024	3,105

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews¹⁵ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score¹⁷	101.8	106.1	103.8	102.5
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	65.3	67.4	72.2	68.7
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	7.6	7.1	7.1	7.9
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	47.8	46.1	47.2	43.4
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	18.8	17.9	21.0	18.9

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	118.5	117.2	119.5	124.8
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	34.3	26.6	30.4	29.9
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	29.9	31.8	32.1	32.7
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	18.3	21.2	20.5	23.3
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year? ¹⁸	8.2	10.5	13.0	12.4
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	71.3	75.4	74.8	74.0

Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time¹⁹

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	119.8	128.9	128.1	124.2
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	29.8	31.7	31.4	33.1
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	94.5	96.7	96.4	95.9
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	46.6	39.9	38.0	47.3

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	100.6	103.7	103.9	102.8
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	85.4	86.3	86.6	83.9
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	64.7	68.1	66.7	68.0
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	41.2	43.4	45.4	46.0

¹⁵ Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the state did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

¹⁶ Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 includes a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

¹⁷ Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website (<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/resource/data-indicators-second-round-of-cfsrs>).

¹⁸ Legally free means that there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father. This calculation excludes children who, by the end of the first 6 months of the fiscal year, had discharged from foster care to reunification, living with relative, or guardianship.

¹⁹ A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

²⁰ The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

Wisconsin

STATE COMMENT

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The following are Wisconsin's comments on the state data presented in *Child Welfare Outcomes 2009–2012: Report to Congress*.

The child welfare system in Wisconsin is state-supervised and county-administered in 71 counties and state-administered in Milwaukee County through the Bureau of Milwaukee Child Welfare (BMCW). Wisconsin's current focus areas are:

- **Re-balancing the Child Welfare System:** Because we know that removal of a child from his family is a traumatic experience, we are seeking to serve more families with intensive in-home services, rather than out-of-home care, whenever possible. We are training staff to think carefully and systematically about safety and how in-home supports and services can be used to maintain a child safely in his own home.
- **Preserving Connections to Family and Least Restrictive Settings:** When a child is placed in out-of-home care, we seek a familiar, familial setting with a relative whenever possible. We also recognize the importance of placing children in the least restrictive and natural setting. As a result of our efforts, 33% of Wisconsin children in out-of-home care live with relatives and 85% of Wisconsin children are placed in a family setting with a relative or foster parent.
- **Achieving Timely Permanence:** Wisconsin is applying a heightened urgency and creativity to achieving permanency for children in out-of-home care. We have implemented national best practices, including permanency roundtables, subsidized guardianship, and trial reunifications that are designed to help achieve permanency more quickly and successfully.
- **Strengthening Families:** Children in Wisconsin re-enter out-of-home care at a rate that far exceeds the federal standard; we are committed to reducing this rate. Through a newly approved Title IV-E waiver, we are implementing a post-reunification supports program to provide services to children and families in the initial 12 months following reunification to help families stay stable, reduce the recurrence of maltreatment and re-entry, and improve the well-being of these families.
- **Applying Trauma-Informed Principles:** We are incorporating trauma-informed principles into our child welfare system and other systems that serve children and families. Research has shown that abuse, neglect, or other traumatic experiences in childhood impair a child's social, emotional, and cognitive development and health. Utilizing trauma-informed approaches can help the children in our child welfare system heal and live healthy, fulfilling lives.
- **Strengthening Health and Education Outcomes:** Wisconsin is engaged in cutting-edge data exchange and programmatic collaborations with the educational and health systems to increase understanding of the educational and health outcomes of the children in the child welfare system and to develop effective strategies to improve the educational success and health status of these children.
- **Supporting Youth Transition to Adulthood:** Youth who age out of foster care face significant challenges, including high rates of unemployment and homelessness, low rates of high school graduation and post-secondary education, and a high probability of incarceration. Wisconsin has created a new Office of Youth Services in the Department of Children and Families to provide a stronger, more holistic focus on services and supports for at-risk youth.

Through these efforts, we expect to enhance the safety, stability, healthy, and quality of life for the children, families, and communities in our state.

Wyoming

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total children under 18 years	132,025	135,188	134,746	135,490
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
American Indian/ Alaska Native	3.3	3.0	3.0	3.0
Asian	0.9	0.6	0.6	0.7
Black	2.0	0.8	0.9	1.0
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	12.5	13.5	13.7	14.0
White	78.6	79.3	78.9	78.3
Two or more races	2.7	2.7	2.9	3.0
Child population in poverty (%)	12.6	14.3	15.6	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Child maltreatment victims	707	725	703	705
Foster care entry rate per 1,000	8.6	7.3	7.4	7.2
Children in foster care on 9/30	1,083	961	886	969
Children adopted	76	75	73	80

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	98
Numerator	N/A	N/A	N/A	9,544
Denominator	N/A	N/A	N/A	9,709
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	70
Numerator	N/A	N/A	N/A	6,649
Denominator	N/A	N/A	N/A	9,544

B. Child Maltreatment Data (National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System [NCANDS] Unique Counts)⁶

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2009		2010		2011		2012	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children who received a Child Protective Services response for an allegation of child maltreatment	4,749	36.0 per 1,000	5,719	42.3 per 1,000	5,393	40.0 per 1,000	5,628	41.5 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims	707	5.4 per 1,000	725	5.4 per 1,000	703	5.2 per 1,000	705	5.2 per 1,000
Child fatalities	0	0.0 per 100,000	1	0.7 per 100,000	1	0.7 per 100,000	2	1.5 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	14.1	10.5	11.7	10.9
1 year	8.8	7.9	7.8	6.2
2 years	9.1	7.2	7.1	7.8
3 years	6.1	9.0	8.4	8.5
4 years	6.9	9.4	6.8	7.8
5 years	5.5	7.4	7.1	7.4
6 years	4.8	6.8	4.4	5.2
7 years	6.8	5.2	5.8	6.8
8 years	3.8	5.2	5.3	4.5
9 years	3.8	5.5	6.8	5.5
10 years	5.8	4.4	5.0	4.0
11 years	4.1	4.3	5.8	4.4
12 years	5.2	2.8	4.3	4.0
13 years	4.1	3.2	3.1	4.0
14 years	4.0	2.9	3.0	4.3
15 years	2.5	2.9	2.1	4.4
16 years	3.0	3.3	2.8	3.0
17 years	1.3	1.9	2.1	1.3
18+ years	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.0
Missing data	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0
Number	707	725	703	705

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/ Alaska Native	1.6	0.8	1.8	1.1
Asian	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.6
Black	2.8	1.8	3.6	2.7
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	11.0	12.8	13.4	13.6
White	72.8	74.9	74.3	75.7
Two or more races	0.1	0.1	0.4	1.1
Missing data	11.5	9.4	6.4	5.1
Number	707	725	703	705

¹ The source data for each table is indicated in parentheses for each section. A calendar year is the basis for data from the Census Bureau. Most of the other data on these pages are from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS) or the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) and are based on the Federal fiscal year, October 1 through September 30.

² The total child population and data on race/ethnicity represent estimates from the Census Bureau (<http://www.census.gov/popest/data/datasets.html>). Child poverty data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS). Child poverty data for 2012 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2010-2013 report.

³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

⁴ A child victim is defined as a child who is the subject of a maltreatment report for which the disposition is substantiated, indicated, or "alternative response victim." The rate for foster care entry is per 1,000 children in the state population. Data on child maltreatment victims are from NCANDS. Data on foster care entry rate, children in foster care on 9/30, and children adopted are from AFCARS.

⁵ As of 2012, there is a new methodology used to calculate the caseworker visits measures. Because the new methodology limits data comparisons with prior years, caseworker visits data from 2009 through 2011 are not included in this table. All states have the option of using an approved sampling procedure for the caseworker visits reporting requirement. See appendix C for more information on how these data are calculated and for a list of states using sampling methodology.

⁶ The unique count of child victims counts a child only once regardless of the number of times he or she was found to be a victim during the reporting year. This is a change from prior reports, and these data are now consistent with the reporting practice in the Child Maltreatment reports.

⁷ The rates for Child Protective Services Responses and victims are per 1,000 children under age 18; for fatalities, the rate is per 100,000 children under age 18.

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS) Continued

Maltreatment Types of Child Victims (%)⁸

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Emotional abuse	13.0	19.0	18.3	21.4
Medical neglect	1.3	0.7	0.7	0.6
Neglect	70.7	70.6	75.1	73.3
Physical abuse	8.1	6.6	4.8	2.6
Sexual abuse	12.6	9.2	10.0	10.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	3.8	3.6	1.3	1.6
Number	707	725	703	705

Response Time (in hours)⁹

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Mean	17.5	15.0	21.4	14.9
Median	<24	<24	<24	<24

C. Characteristics of Children in Foster Care

(Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System [AFCARS] Foster Care File)

Overview Foster Care Information

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total number	1,047	1,011	904	850	1,131	986	996	978	1,095	1,036	1,014	859	1,083	961	886	969
Median length of stay (months)	8.7	8.3	9.4	9.4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	8.0	7.9	6.8	7.3	8.3	9.1	9.3	7.8

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	4.0	3.2	4.3	4.0	7.6	7.2	7.8	8.3	3.4	2.6	3.5	2.7	3.0	4.1	3.8	4.1
1 year	4.4	5.7	4.4	5.2	5.9	5.7	4.3	4.6	5.0	4.4	4.1	4.9	5.8	4.3	5.3	5.8
2 years	4.4	5.4	7.2	5.1	5.8	5.3	4.2	4.8	5.5	5.7	4.3	4.9	5.1	7.0	4.9	4.9
3 years	5.2	4.6	4.4	5.8	5.2	4.1	5.5	4.9	4.6	5.0	6.3	5.2	4.5	4.3	5.6	4.9
4 years	4.6	5.6	5.3	4.1	4.6	4.9	3.4	4.9	5.0	4.2	3.8	4.9	5.4	5.4	4.2	5.5
5 years	3.3	4.6	5.4	4.8	3.8	3.8	4.6	4.5	3.7	4.3	5.0	4.8	4.4	5.2	4.6	3.6
6 years	3.4	3.6	4.1	4.5	2.7	3.2	2.5	4.1	3.6	2.8	4.2	4.2	3.5	4.2	4.4	5.2
7 years	2.8	4.0	3.8	3.6	3.8	3.1	3.8	4.0	2.1	3.2	3.5	3.5	3.8	3.9	3.6	4.3
8 years	3.2	3.3	3.9	3.5	2.2	3.3	2.4	3.8	2.6	3.7	3.6	3.1	3.1	3.6	3.4	4.5
9 years	3.3	3.2	3.3	4.4	2.3	3.1	4.6	3.0	2.3	2.5	3.4	3.6	3.1	3.1	4.2	2.7
10 years	2.8	3.6	4.1	4.0	3.3	3.8	2.5	2.9	3.1	3.3	2.5	2.4	3.7	3.9	3.8	4.9
11 years	2.8	3.5	4.2	4.0	3.0	2.1	2.4	1.7	1.9	2.2	2.8	2.7	3.1	4.1	3.8	3.6
12 years	3.3	4.5	3.5	4.7	3.3	3.7	4.8	4.6	1.7	3.3	3.6	2.3	4.3	3.4	4.6	4.1
13 years	4.5	4.9	5.4	5.1	5.8	5.1	5.8	5.5	3.3	3.8	4.2	5.0	5.0	5.5	4.9	5.7
14 years	7.9	7.1	4.4	7.5	7.5	7.8	8.8	8.2	6.4	6.3	5.8	7.5	7.5	5.0	7.7	6.0
15 years	10.9	8.0	10.8	8.7	11.3	10.8	11.0	9.9	9.9	8.2	8.0	7.0	8.6	11.2	9.9	8.7
16 years	13.4	10.8	9.5	10.0	14.4	13.5	12.0	12.3	14.4	11.7	13.0	13.2	11.3	10.0	10.6	10.1
17 years	11.3	10.2	8.4	7.2	6.6	8.3	8.4	7.7	13.2	13.3	11.9	11.3	10.3	8.5	6.9	8.7
18 years	3.4	2.9	2.1	2.4	0.6	1.1	0.5	0.3	6.6	7.9	5.3	5.2	2.9	2.1	2.3	2.2
19 years	0.6	1.1	1.1	0.6	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.1	1.3	0.9	0.8	0.8	1.1	1.1	0.6	0.4
20 years	0.6	0.2	0.2	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.9	0.2
Missing data	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.3	<.1	0.6	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.1

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)¹⁰

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/ Alaska Native	1.1	2.3	2.8	1.8	2.7	1.9	1.5	1.7	1.7	1.4	2.5	1.6	2.1	2.8	1.7	1.9
Asian	0.3	<.1	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.5	0.0	0.5	0.4	0.5	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.1	0.0	0.5
Black	4.4	5.1	4.5	4.6	4.2	2.7	3.4	2.8	3.7	3.6	3.5	3.0	5.0	4.4	4.5	4.1
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	<.1	0.0	0.2	0.3	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1
Hispanic (of any race)	12.5	11.4	13.2	15.2	14.1	13.2	14.0	14.7	14.5	11.2	12.3	16.2	12.2	13.4	15.0	13.8
White	77.7	76.1	74.4	76.4	72.1	76.4	76.8	77.4	74.3	77.7	75.3	77.1	75.3	74.6	76.1	76.8
Two or more races	1.2	1.7	1.2	1.3	0.8	0.7	1.0	1.1	0.5	1.3	0.8	0.9	1.6	1.1	1.5	1.4
Unable to determine	2.8	3.4	3.8	0.7	5.7	4.6	3.1	1.4	4.8	4.3	5.4	0.8	3.8	3.5	1.1	1.3
Missing data	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	0.0

⁸ These percentages are calculated against the number of unique victims. A child may have been the victim of more than one type of maltreatment, or the same type of maltreatment more than once. As a result, the total percentages both within and across maltreatment categories may exceed 100.

⁹ Response time is defined as the time between the report of suspected maltreatment and the first face-to-face contact with the alleged victim or with another person who can provide information on the allegation.

¹⁰ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

D. Characteristics of Children Waiting for Adoption¹¹ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total waiting children	98	106	127	107
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	58	47	46	26

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	3.1	1.9	0.0	1.9
1 year	6.1	3.8	5.5	4.7
2 years	6.1	5.7	3.9	6.5
3 years	7.1	3.8	11.8	5.6
4 years	2.0	6.6	9.4	8.4
5 years	4.1	5.7	6.3	5.6
6 years	6.1	6.6	4.7	3.7
7 years	5.1	5.7	3.1	4.7
8 years	7.1	4.7	3.9	2.8
9 years	8.2	3.8	7.9	3.7
10 years	6.1	9.4	3.1	9.3
11 years	4.1	6.6	7.1	3.7
12 years	7.1	3.8	5.5	7.5
13 years	8.2	6.6	3.1	6.5
14 years	6.1	7.5	7.1	3.7
15 years	6.1	6.6	7.1	7.5
16 years	3.1	7.5	6.3	8.4
17 years	4.1	3.8	3.9	5.6

Race/Ethnicity of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹³

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/Alaska Native	1.0	0.9	1.6	0.9
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Black	9.2	19.8	11.8	10.3
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	5.1	3.8	9.4	12.1
White	79.6	69.8	75.6	75.7
Two or more races	1.0	2.8	0.8	0.0
Unable to determine	4.1	2.8	0.8	0.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total children adopted	76	75	73	80

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 year	2.6	0.0	2.7	0.0
1 year	7.9	9.3	12.3	6.3
2 years	7.9	14.7	6.8	11.3
3 years	14.5	18.7	8.2	10.0
4 years	13.2	4.0	8.2	12.5
5 years	7.9	9.3	9.6	12.5
6 years	10.5	5.3	11.0	11.3
7 years	1.3	8.0	9.6	5.0
8 years	9.2	5.3	4.1	6.3
9 years	5.3	6.7	8.2	5.0
10 years	5.3	2.7	1.4	2.5
11 years	3.9	2.7	4.1	5.0
12 years	0.0	1.3	6.8	2.5
13 years	1.3	2.7	4.1	2.5
14 years	3.9	5.3	0.0	2.5
15 years	0.0	1.3	1.4	0.0
16 years	1.3	1.3	0.0	1.3
17 years	2.6	1.3	1.4	1.3
18 years	1.3	0.0	0.0	2.5
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian/Alaska Native	2.6	0.0	1.4	3.8
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Black	3.9	5.3	9.6	5.0
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	13.2	5.3	2.7	15.0
White	80.3	85.3	78.1	73.8
Two or more races	0.0	1.3	2.7	1.3
Unable to determine	0.0	2.7	5.5	1.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

¹¹ There is no federal definition for a child waiting to be adopted. The definition used in the tables on this page includes children and youth through age 17 who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' parental rights have been terminated. It excludes children 16 years old and older whose parents' parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation. A state's own definition may differ from that used here.

¹² Children older than 17 years fall outside of the definition used to identify waiting children and are therefore excluded from this table.

¹³ For race/ethnicity tables, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) provides alternative race/ethnicity breakdowns in which race and ethnicity are treated as two separate categories.

Wyoming

OUTCOMES DATA

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect (NCANDS)

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children without a recurrence	97.1	98.0	99.0	98.6
Children with one or more recurrences	2.9	2.0	1.0	1.4
Number	340	356	311	361

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care (NCANDS and AFCARS Foster Care File)

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.14	0.00	0.05	0.00
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.86	100.00	99.95	100.00
Number	2,178	1,997	1,900	1,828

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Foster Care File)

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	6.6	7.1	7.3	9.1
Guardianship	4.9	5.4	7.7	5.9
Reunification	80.4	75.7	73.7	74.7
Other	8.1	11.8	11.3	10.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,095	1,036	1,014	859

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	12.9	15.1	14.9	21.3
Guardianship	6.8	4.8	6.9	9.4
Reunification	68.2	60.3	66.3	53.5
Other	12.1	19.8	12.0	15.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	132	126	175	127

3.3 Exits of Children Older Than Age 12 at Entry Into Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	0.5	0.4	0.2	0.8
Guardianship	2.3	2.2	3.5	3.1
Reunification	84.9	80.0	74.2	76.5
Other	12.3	17.4	22.1	19.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	568	499	461	391

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children age 12 or younger at entry	9.8	10.3	8.3	15.8
Children older than 12 at entry	90.2	89.7	91.7	84.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	41	39	24	19

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	American Indian/Alaska Native				2009	Asian				2009	Black			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	10.5	0.0	4.0	21.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.5	10.8	20.0	15.4		
Guardianship	0.0	6.7	24.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.5	5.4	5.7	3.8		
Reunification	73.7	86.7	52.0	64.3	100.0	80.0	100.0	0.0	82.5	73.0	60.0	65.4		
Other	15.8	6.7	20.0	14.3	0.0	20.0	0.0	0.0	7.5	10.8	14.3	15.4		
Missing data	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	19	15	25	14	4	5	1	0	40	37	35	26		

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander				2009	Hispanic (of any race)				2009	White			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.3	2.6	2.4	7.9	7.0	8.0	7.5	8.8		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.7	9.5	12.0	8.6	5.2	5.2	6.5	5.6		
Reunification	100.0	0.0	100.0	100.0	80.5	75.0	73.6	77.7	80.0	75.2	74.9	74.6		
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.5	12.9	12.0	5.8	7.9	11.7	11.1	11.0		
Missing data	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	1	0	1	3	159	116	125	139	814	805	764	662		

	Unable to Determine				2009	Two or More Races				2009	Missing Data			
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012		2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoption	0.0	4.4	7.3	14.3	0.0	7.7	25.0	12.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	1.9	0.0	7.3	0.0	20.0	0.0	12.5	12.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	84.9	80.0	78.2	71.4	80.0	92.3	50.0	75.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Other	13.2	15.6	7.3	14.3	0.0	0.0	12.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Missing data	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	53	45	55	7	5	13	8	8	0	0	0	0		

¹⁴ All races exclude children of Hispanic origin.

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Less than 12 mos.	73.1	75.4	78.3	75.9
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	21.1	19.3	15.9	19.8
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	3.2	3.2	3.6	3.4
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	0.8	0.8	1.5	0.6
48 or more mos.	1.8	1.4	0.7	0.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	880	784	747	642

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children entering care for the first time	72.0	71.0	69.6	70.7
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	12.4	14.2	14.3	13.7
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	10.0	10.1	13.4	13.1
Missing data	5.7	4.7	2.8	2.6
Number	1,131	986	996	978

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Foster Care File)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Less than 12 mos.	9.7	4.1	10.8	9.0
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	27.8	29.7	32.4	21.8
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	25.0	29.7	31.1	39.7
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	16.7	16.2	14.9	20.5
48 or more mos.	20.8	20.3	10.8	9.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	72	74	74	78

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Foster Care File)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care (%)

	In Care Less Than 12 Months				In Care at Least 12 Months but Less Than 24 Months				In Care for 24 Months or Longer				Missing Time in Care			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children with 2 or fewer placements	83.5	86.8	86.5	91.0	59.3	55.9	58.7	63.9	37.0	35.2	32.5	35.3	100.0	66.7	100.0	0.0
Children with 3 or more placements	14.6	11.4	12.1	8.1	40.7	43.4	41.3	36.1	63.0	64.8	67.5	64.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	1.9	1.8	1.5	0.8	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	33.3	0.0	0.0
Number	1,372	1,228	1,236	1,182	482	442	368	374	322	324	295	272	2	3	1	0

7. Reduce Placement of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Foster Care File)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During the Fiscal Year and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement (%)

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Group homes	3.0	2.5	3.3	3.5
Institutions	3.7	3.5	2.3	2.8
Other settings	93.3	93.9	94.4	93.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	596	512	518	542

Composite and Individual Measures Established for the Federal Child and Family Services Reviews¹⁵ (AFCARS Foster Care File)

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score¹⁷	122.2	128.9	127.9	130.0
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	72.8	75.3	76.4	75.7
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	7.3	6.6	6.1	6.8
C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)	60.8	59.2	56.9	63.6
C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	15.2	13.4	13.3	13.1

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	127.0	128.6	136.4	147.6
C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?	37.5	33.8	43.2	30.8
C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from the home to the date of discharge to adoption?	31.1	29.6	25.3	29.6
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?	23.9	25.5	22.2	30.6
C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year? ¹⁸	11.4	12.8	11.0	14.5
C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?	77.6	78.9	73.1	82.2

Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time¹⁹

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	159.5	162.0	152.7	157.6
C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?	39.9	47.1	32.2	36.9
C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?	98.6	93.2	98.5	96.7
C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	15.9	16.3	21.5	13.7

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Composite Score	94.8	95.4	96.0	102.6
C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	83.5	86.8	86.5	91.0
C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	59.7	56.9	58.6	63.4
C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?	38.3	36.7	34.4	37.3

¹⁵ Individual measure performance is shown under each composite unless the state did not provide the data necessary to calculate those measures.

¹⁶ Calculation of measures C1.1, C1.2, and C1.3 includes a trial home visit adjustment. For these measures, if a child was reunified with a final placement type of "trial home visit," any length of time in the trial home visit beyond 30 days is excluded from the length of stay calculation done by ACF. In addition, only children in care for at least 8 days are included in these measures.

¹⁷ Detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the Federal Register Announcement published by the Department of Health and Human Services on the Children's Bureau website (<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/resource/data-indicators-second-round-of-cfsrs>).

¹⁸ Legally free means that there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father. This calculation excludes children who, by the end of the first 6 months of the fiscal year, had discharged from foster care to reunification, living with relative, or guardianship.

¹⁹ A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

²⁰ The "served" population refers to all children who were in the public foster care system during the year. This number is the sum of two mutually exclusive groups of children: the children who are already in care on the first day of the fiscal year (as of October 1) and the children who enter foster care during the year. An individual child is counted only once for each year.

Appendix A

Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997 (Public Law 105-89)

SEC. 203. Performance of States in Protecting Children.

(a) ANNUAL REPORT ON STATE PERFORMANCE.—Part E of title IV of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 670 et seq.) is amended by addition at the end of the following:

SEC. 479A. Annual Report.

The Secretary, in consultation with Governors, state legislatures, state and local public officials responsible for administering child welfare programs, and child welfare advocates, shall:

- (1) develop a set of outcome measures (including length of stay in foster care, number of foster care placements, and number of adoptions) that can be used to assess the performance of states in operating child protection and child welfare programs pursuant to parts B and E to ensure the safety of children;
- (2) to the maximum extent possible, the outcome measures should be developed from data available from the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System;
- (3) develop a system for rating the performance of states with respect to the outcome measures and provide to the states an explanation of the rating system and how scores are determined under the rating system;
- (4) prescribe such regulations as may be necessary to ensure that states provide to the Secretary the data necessary to determine state performance with respect to each outcome measure, as a condition of the state receiving funds under this part; and
- (5) on May 1, 1999, and annually thereafter, prepare and submit to the Congress a report on the performance of each state on each outcome measure, which shall examine the reasons for high performance and low performance and, where possible, make recommendations as to how state performance could be improved.

Appendix B

Child Welfare Outcomes Report: Outcomes and Measures

The 12 Original Outcome Measures for the Child Welfare Outcomes Report

Outcome 1: Reduce recurrence of child abuse and/or neglect

Measure 1.1: Of all children who were victims of substantiated or indicated child abuse and/or neglect during the first 6 months of the year, what percentage had another substantiated or indicated report within a 6-month period?¹

Outcome 2: Reduce the incidence of child abuse and/or neglect in foster care

Measure 2.1: Of all children who were in foster care during the year, what percentage were the subject of substantiated or indicated maltreatment by a foster parent or facility staff?

Outcome 3: Increase permanency for children in foster care

Measure 3.1: Of all children who exited foster care during the year, what percentage left either to reunification, adoption, or legal guardianship?

Measure 3.2: Of all children who exited foster care during the year and were identified as having a diagnosed disability, what percentage left either to reunification, adoption, or legal guardianship?

Measure 3.3: Of all children who exited foster care during the year and were older than age 12 at the time of their most recent entry into care, what percentage left either to reunification, adoption, or legal guardianship?

Measure 3.4: Of all children exiting foster care during the year to emancipation, what percentage were age 12 or younger at the time of entry into care?

Measure 3.5: Of all children who exited foster care during the year, what percentage by racial/ethnic category left either to reunification, adoption, or legal guardianship?

Outcome 4: Reduce time in foster care to reunification without increasing reentry

Measure 4.1: Of all children reunified with their parents or caretakers at the time of discharge from foster care during the year, what percentage were reunified in the following time periods?

- (a) Less than 12 months from the time of latest removal from home
- (b) At least 12 months but less than 24 months
- (c) At least 24 months but less than 36 months
- (d) At least 36 months but less than 48 months
- (e) 48 or more months

Measure 4.2: Of all children who entered foster care during the year, what percentage reentered care:

- (a) Within 12 months of a prior foster care episode?
- (b) More than 12 months after a prior foster care episode?

Outcome 5: Reduce time in foster care to adoption

Measure 5.1: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year to a finalized adoption, what percentage exited care in the following time periods?

- (a) Less than 12 months from the time of latest removal from home
- (b) At least 12 months but less than 24 months
- (c) At least 24 months but less than 36 months

¹ In this report, all references to "year" indicate a federal fiscal year (October 1 through September 30). Although alternate years are never used in the Child Welfare Outcomes Reports, the Child and Family Services Reviews (CFSRs) sometimes use alternate 12-month time periods in order to track progress over time.

- (d) At least 36 months but less than 48 months
- (e) 48 or more months

Outcome 6: Increase placement stability

Measure 6.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who had been in care for the time periods listed below, what percentage had no more than two placement settings during that time period?

- (a) Less than 12 months from the time of latest removal from home
- (b) At least 12 months but less than 24 months
- (c) At least 24 months but less than 36 months
- (d) At least 36 months but less than 48 months
- (e) 48 or more months

Outcome 7: Reduce placements of young children in group homes or institutions

Measure 7.1: Of all children who entered foster care during the year and were age 12 or younger at the time of their most recent placement, what percentage were placed in a group home or an institution?

The 15 Outcome Measures Developed for the Second Round of the Child and Family Services Reviews (CFSRs)

Although some of the 15 CFSR measures are similar to the original outcome measures developed for the Child Welfare Outcomes Report, an important difference is that the calculation for all CFSR measures excludes children who were age 18 or older on the first day of the year. The calculation for the original measures does not exclude this population. A key reason for the exclusion of these children in the CFSR measures is to ensure greater consistency across states. States vary considerably with regard to their reporting of children age 18 or older to the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS). Some states do not report these children, some states report all children in foster care regardless of age, and some states report only some of the children age 18 or older in foster care.

The 15 CFSR measures included in the Child Welfare Outcomes Report are incorporated into four separate data composites. The measures subsumed under each composite are presented below. The detailed information on how the individual measures are combined to form the composites is provided in the *Federal Register* announcement published by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (the Department) on the Children’s Bureau website:

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/resource/data-indicators-second-round-of-cfsrs>

Permanency Composite 1: Timeliness and permanency of reunifications

This composite addresses issues relevant to Outcome 4: Reduce time in foster care to reunification without increasing reentry. The Department considers children as discharged from foster care to reunification if the reason for discharge reported to AFCARS is either “reunification with parent or primary caretaker” or “living with other relative.” It is important to note that the discharge reason of living with other relatives only applies to children discharged from foster care to the care of a relative. It does not apply to children in the foster care system in out-of-home placements with relatives, and it does not apply to children discharged from foster care to a legal guardian, even if the legal guardian is a relative.

The calculation of three of the measures included in permanency composite 1 (C1) excludes children who were discharged from foster care in less than 8 days and incorporates a “trial home visit” adjustment, when relevant. These are explained below.

Exclusions of children discharged from foster care in less than 8 days. The calculation of some of the CFSR measures excludes children who were discharged from foster care in less than 8 days from the time of entry. This exclusion was not part of the calculation of any of the original child welfare outcomes measures. When the exclusion is incorporated, it is stated explicitly in the wording of the measure. The decision to exclude these children from the calculation of some of the measures, particularly the timeliness of reunification measures, was based on two factors: (1) the extensive variation across states in the percentages of children discharged from foster care after having been in foster care for very short periods of time (i.e., less than 8 days); and (2) the fact that the kinds of case practices and agency efforts necessary to achieve a timely reunification for a child who has been removed from home and placed in foster care usually are not applicable for these very short-term placements.

The Department believes that the exclusion of these very short-term placements from measures of timeliness of reunification and placement stability provides a more accurate portrait of state performance in these areas.

The trial home visit adjustment. The CFSR timeliness of reunification measures incorporate a trial home visit adjustment. The use of this adjustment is stated explicitly in all measures to which it applies. The trial home visit adjustment addresses the variation across states with regard to the practice of returning children in foster care to their families without discharging them from foster care for a period of time in order to provide continued monitoring and/or services. This practice often is referred to as “physical reunification” and may be required in state statute, written into agency policy, or simply reflect standard case practice in a state. To allow for greater uniformity across states in measuring length of stay in foster care, the Department developed the trial home visit adjustment as a proxy for physical reunification.

The adjustment works in the following way: When a child is discharged from foster care to reunification, if the child’s current placement setting is a trial home visit, any trial home visit in excess of 30 days is excluded when calculating length of stay in foster care.² An important feature of this adjustment, however, is that the child must have been discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification or living with other relatives before the trial home visit adjustment is considered.

The individual measures included in permanency composite 1 (C1) are as follows:

Individual Measure C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)

Individual Measure C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)

Individual Measure C1.3: Of all children who entered foster care for the first time in the 6-month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, what percentage were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment)

Individual Measure C1.4: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percentage reentered care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?

Because this longitudinal measure of reentry into foster care is a more direct measure than the original reentry measure, it now replaces the original measure as the assessment of reentry.

Permanency Composite 2: Timeliness of adoptions

This composite addresses Outcome 5: Reduce time in foster care to adoption. The following measures are included in permanency composite 2 (C2):

Individual Measure C2.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what percentage were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?

Individual Measure C2.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in care (in months) from the date of latest removal from home to the date of discharge to adoption?

Individual Measure C2.3: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year, were not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of reunification, living with relative, or guardianship), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?

Individual Measure C2.4: Of all children in foster care on the first day of the year who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, and who were not legally free for adoption prior to that day (i.e., there was not a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year?

Similar to the entry cohort measure of reunification and the CFSR measure of reentry, individual measures C2.3 and C2.4 capture state performance in achieving timely adoptions from a longitudinal perspective, rather than from the point of discharge from foster care. The measures reflect the statutory requirement of the Adoption and Safe Families Act (ASFA) of 1997 that states pursue adoption as a permanency goal for any child who has been in foster care for 15 of

² More information on this adjustment is provided in the *Federal Register* notices on November 9, 2005, and June 7, 2006, and on the Children’s Bureau website.

the most recent 22 months, unless the agency documents a compelling reason why such action would not be in the best interests of the child.³

Individual Measure C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12-month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months from the date of becoming legally free?

This is another longitudinal measure that became possible when states began reporting unique encrypted identifiers for children that permitted tracking them over time.

Permanency Composite 3: Achieving permanency for children in foster care for long periods of time

This composite addresses issues relevant to Outcome 3: Increase permanency for children in foster care. The following measures are included in permanency composite 3 (C3):

Individual Measure C3.1: Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the year?⁴

Individual Measure C3.2: Of all children discharged from foster care during the year and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percentage were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?

This measure reflects the concern of professionals in the field that, by pursuing termination of parental rights for children who have been in foster care for 15 of the most recent 22 months, child welfare agencies may be creating “legal orphans”; that is, children who, at the time of discharge from foster care, have no legal parents and no permanent home.

Individual Measure C3.3: Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percentage were in foster care for 3 years or longer?

This measure and the original measure 3.4 in the Child Welfare Outcomes Reports are both intended to assess whether children are spending large parts of their childhoods in foster care without ever being discharged to permanent homes.

Permanency Composite 4: Placement stability

Permanency composite 4 (C4) is consistent with the objectives of Outcome 6: Increase placement stability. The three individual measures included in this composite are similar to the original measure 6.1 in the Child Welfare Outcomes Reports. As previously noted, however, one difference is that the measures included in this composite exclude children who were age 18 or older on the first day of the fiscal year. Measure 6.1 does not exclude these children. In addition, measure C4.1 excludes children who were not in foster care for at least 8 days. (See C1 for an explanation of the 8-day exclusion.)

Individual Measure C4.1: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?

Individual Measure C4.2: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?

Individual Measure C4.3: Of all children served in foster care during the year who were in care for at least 24 months, what percentage had two or fewer placement settings?

³ ASFA requires state child welfare agencies to file a petition to terminate parental rights and pursue adoption for a child who has been in foster care for 15 of the most recent 22 months, unless the agency documents a compelling reason why such action would not be in the best interests of the child. A 17-month rather than a 15-month timeframe was chosen for the measure because, in accordance with ASFA, a child is considered to have “entered foster care” (for purposes of starting the clock for the 15 of 22 months) on the earlier of (1) the first judicial finding that the child has been subjected to abuse and neglect, or (2) the date that is 60 days after the date on which the child is removed from the home.

The 17-month timeframe is used in the measure because AFCARS does not collect information pertaining to the date of the first judicial finding.

⁴ The 24-month period was chosen because nationally about 50 percent of the children in foster care on any given day have been in foster care for approximately 2 years or longer.

Appendix C

Caseworker Visits

States have been required to submit data on monthly caseworker visits since the passage of the Child and Family Services Improvement Act of 2006 (P.L. 109-288), which amended title IV-B of the Social Security Act (the Act). This amendment included new funding to partially support monthly caseworker visits with children who are in state foster care. Under section 424(e)(1) and (2) of the Act, states were required to collect and report data on caseworker visits for federal fiscal years (FYs) 2007 through 2011.¹ The Child and Family Services Improvement and Innovation Act of 2011 (P.L. 112-34) extended the requirements for states to collect and report information on monthly caseworker visits through 2016. However, starting with 2012 data, states must use a new data reporting methodology required by P.L. 112-34.

While the calculation methodology of the measures has changed for the monthly caseworker visits data, the same data are collected, and both the old and new calculation methodologies seek to assess the adequacy of caseworker visits to children in foster care. The measures still assess the frequency of the visits and whether or not the visits were conducted in the child's residence.

Reporting Population

The reporting population subject to the caseworker visits requirements includes all children under age 18 for at least the first day of the FY who have been in foster care for at least one full calendar month during the FY. Additional reporting population clarifications can be found in the Program Instruction ACYF-CB-PI-12-01. This reporting population remains unchanged between the old and new requirements.

Changes Between FY 2007–2011 and FY 2012–2016 Calculations

Due to a change in calculation methodology, comparisons cannot be made between the FY 2007–2011 data and the FY 2012–2016 data. The focus of the old methodology was on individual children, and it counted each child as having been properly served only if visits were made in each full month the child was in foster care during the FY. If a state missed one monthly visit, no credit was given for having visited the child during the other 11 months of the year. The new calculation takes a broader view, examining the entire reporting population of children in foster care for a state to determine the adequacy of the visiting pattern as a whole.

Over the entire foster care reporting population, the first of the two measures (Monthly Caseworker Visits, or MCV) considers the percentage of visits to children in foster care that were made on a monthly basis. Then, a calculation is made of the percentage of those monthly visits that occurred in the residence of the child (Visits in the Home, or VIH). Due to the change in the calculation, Child Welfare Outcomes 2009–2012 will only report on 2012 caseworker visits data. Data from prior years can be found on the Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>). More details on the reporting approach are shown below, and references are given for the reader who desires additional information.

Data Reporting Methodology

This section will focus on the methodology for the new monthly caseworker visits calculations. Note that there are Program Instructions for both the old (2007–2011) and new (2012–2016) requirements that provide more detailed information.

2007–2011: For detailed information on the collection and reporting of caseworker visits data for 2007–2011, please see Program Instruction ACYF-CB-PI-08-03, issued April 18, 2008:

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/cb/pi0803.pdf>

2012–2016: For detailed information on the collection and reporting of caseworker visits data for 2012–2016, please see Program Instruction ACYF-CB-PI-12-01, issued January 6, 2012:

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/cb/pi1201.pdf>

¹ The FY is the 12-month period beginning October 1 and ending September 30.

Calculation of Monthly Caseworker Visits (MCV)²

To calculate the percentage of required visits to children in foster care that were made on a monthly basis, the following data are required:

Denominator: the number of complete calendar months all children in the reporting population spent in care. This denominator, expressed in “visit months,” is aggregated over all children and refers to the number of months in which visits should have occurred.

Numerator: the aggregate number of monthly caseworker visits made to the children in the reporting population. If a child is visited more than once in a month, only one visit is counted.

For example, if a state has 1,000 children in its foster care caseworker visits reporting population, and if these children were in care the entire 12-month period, then each child should have been visited each month he or she was in care. Therefore, the aggregate number of “visit months” those 1,000 children should have been visited would be 12,000 for the year. That would be the MCV denominator.

In this example, the numerator would be the aggregate number of required visit months where at least one actual caseworker visit was made to each of those children. Assume that a total of 10,000 visits occurred (not the expected 12,000) during the year for the 1,000 children in the reporting population. To calculate the correct numerator for MCV, a further assessment must be made to count only one visit for each month for each visited child. Thus, if 100 of these children were visited twice in six of the months of the year, a deduction of 600 (100x6) must be made to exclude multiple visits during the same month. Therefore, the total for the numerator is 9,400 (10,000–600) actual “visit months” for the year.

The MCV percentage is calculated by dividing the numerator by the denominator and multiplying that product by 100 [(numerator / denominator) x 100]. This calculation is expressed as a percentage and rounded to the nearest whole number.

Calculation of Children Receiving Visits in the Home (VIH)

To calculate the percentage of monthly visits that occur in the home, the following data are required:

Denominator: the number of monthly caseworker visits made to children in the reporting population (this will be the same number as the numerator for the MCV calculation). Note that the number in this denominator is expressed as the number of “visit months,” aggregated over all the children (but limited to counting only one visit per child per month).

Numerator: the number of monthly visits made to children in the reporting population that occurred in the child’s home.³ Note that the numerator is expressed as “visit months,” and it is aggregated over all the visits to all the children in the foster care reporting population (but limited to only counting one visit per child per month).

The VIH percentage is calculated by dividing the numerator by the denominator and multiplying that product by 100 [(numerator / denominator) x 100]. This calculation is expressed as a percentage and rounded to the nearest whole number.

Data Collection Methodology

States may choose to report caseworker visits data based on their total foster care population or based on sample data. States that choose to submit sample data must use a sampling methodology that has been approved by the Children’s Bureau Regional Office in consultation with the Administration for Children, Youth and Families’ Office of Data, Analysis, Research and Evaluation. The following states elected to submit sample data for 2012: Alabama, Hawaii, Idaho, Michigan, and Pennsylvania.

² Note that even though a state may keep some youth in foster care beyond age 17, only children and youth under age 18 on the first day of the FY are included in this calculation.

³ A child’s home is defined as the home where the child is residing, whether in-state or out-of-state, and can include the foster placement setting.

Appendix D

Child Welfare Outcomes Report: Data Sources and Elements

CONTEXT INFORMATION

ITEMS	DATA SOURCES AND ELEMENTS
<i>Section A. Context Statistics</i>	
Total children under 18 years	U.S. Department of Commerce, Census Bureau
Race/ethnicity (%)	U.S. Department of Commerce, Census Bureau
Child population in poverty (%)	U.S. Department of Commerce, Census Bureau
Caseworker visits for children in foster care	States submit data in conjunction with Child and Family Services Plans and Annual Progress and Services Reports
<i>Section B. Child Maltreatment Data (National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System)</i>	
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, ACF/ACYF, Children's Bureau, National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS) Two possible data sources: (1) NCANDS Child File: Elements 27, 29, 31, 33, Maltreatment Disposition Level (2) NCANDS SDC: Item 3.1, Children Subject of a CPS Investigation or Assessment by Disposition
Total child maltreatment victims	Two possible data sources: (1) NCANDS Child File: Elements 27, 29, 31, 33, Maltreatment Disposition Level (2) NCANDS SDC: Sum of Item 3.1A, Children for Whom the Allegation of Maltreatment Was Substantiated; 3.1B, Children for Whom the Allegation of Maltreatment Was Indicated; and 3.1C, Children for Whom the Allegation of Maltreatment Was Given an Alternative Response That Identified Child Victim(s)
Child fatalities	Three possible data sources: (1) NCANDS Child File: Element 34, Maltreatment Death (2) NCANDS Agency File: Element 4.1 (3) NCANDS SDC: Item 5.1, Child Victims Who Died as a Result of Maltreatment
Age of child victims	Two possible data sources: (1) NCANDS Child File: Element 12, Child Age at Report, or a combination of Element 6, Report Date and Element 13, Child Date of Birth (2) NCANDS SDC: Item 4.2, Child Victims By Age
Race/ethnicity of child victims	Two possible data sources: (1) NCANDS Child File: Elements 15 through 20, Child Race; and Element 21, Child Ethnicity (2) NCANDS SDC: Item 4.4, Child Victims by Hispanic or Latino Ethnicity; and Item 4.5, Child Victims by Race
Maltreatment types of child victims	Two possible data sources: (1) NCANDS Child File: Elements 26 through 33, Maltreatment Type, Maltreatment Disposition Level (2) NCANDS SDC: Item 4.1, Child Victims by Type of Maltreatment
Response time	Mean response time in hours is computed from the Child File records using the Report Date, Field 6; and the Investigation Start Date, Field 7. The result is converted to hours by multiplying by 24. Median response time in hours is computed from the NCANDS Child File records using the Report Date, Field 6; and the Investigation Start Date, Field 7. The result is converted to hours by multiplying by 24.
<i>Section C. Characteristics of Children in Foster Care (Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System)</i>	
Total number (for each FY) • In care on 10/1 • Entered care • Exited care • In care on 9/30	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, ACF/ACYF, Children's Bureau, Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) AFCARS Foster Care File: Element 21, Date of Latest Removal; Element 56, Date of Discharge From Foster Care
Median length of stay (for each FY) • In care on 10/1 • Exited care • In care on 9/30	AFCARS Foster Care File: Element 21, Date of Latest Removal; Element 56, Date of Discharge From Foster Care
Age of children (for each FY) • In care on 10/1 • Entered care • Exited care • In care on 9/30	AFCARS Foster Care File: Element 6, Date of Birth; Element 21, Date of Latest Removal; Element 56, Date of Discharge From Foster Care
Race/ethnicity of children (for each FY) • In care on 10/1 • Entered care • Exited care • In care on 9/30	AFCARS Foster Care File: Element 8, Race; and Element 9, Hispanic Origin

ITEMS	DATA SOURCES AND ELEMENTS
<i>Section D. Characteristics of Children Waiting for Adoption on 9/30 (AFCARS)</i>	
Total waiting children	AFCARS Foster Care File: Element 35, Death of Parent; Element 43, Most Recent Case Plan Goal; Element 47, Date of Mother's Termination of Parental Rights; and Element 48, Date of Father's Termination of Parental Rights
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	AFCARS Foster Care File: Element 35, Death of Parent; Element 47, Date of Mother's Termination of Parental Rights; and Element 48, Date of Father's Termination of Parental Rights
Age of children waiting for adoption	AFCARS Foster Care File: Element 6, Date of Birth; Element 35, Death of Parent; Element 43, Most Recent Case Plan Goal; Element 47, Date of Mother's Termination of Parental Rights; Element 48, Date of Father's Termination of Parental Rights
Race/ethnicity of children waiting for adoption	AFCARS Foster Care File: Element 8, Race; Element 9, Hispanic Origin; Element 6, Date of Birth; Element 35, Death of Parent; Element 43, Most Recent Case Plan Goal; Element 47, Date of Mother's Termination of Parental Rights; Element 48, Date of Father's Termination of Parental Rights
<i>Section E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS)</i>	
Total children adopted	AFCARS Adoption File: Element 21, Date Adoption Legalized
Age of children adopted	AFCARS Adoption File: Element 4, State Involvement; Element 5, Child's Date of Birth; and Element 21, Date Adoption Legalized
Race/ethnicity of children adopted	AFCARS Adoption File: Element 4, State Involvement; Element 7, Race; and Element 8, Hispanic Origin

OUTCOME INFORMATION

OUTCOME MEASURES	DATA SOURCES AND ELEMENTS
<i>Outcome 1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect (NCANDS)</i>	
1.1 Recurrence of maltreatment within 6 months	NCANDS Child File: Field 4, Child ID; Field 6, Report Date; Fields 27, 29, 31, and 33, Maltreatment Disposition Level(s); and Field 34, Maltreatment Death
<i>Outcome 2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care (NCANDS and AFCARS)</i>	
2.1 Maltreatment in foster care	AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database: Element 21, Date of Latest Removal; and Element 56, Date of Discharge From Foster Care NCANDS Child File: Field 4, Child ID; Field 6, Report Date; Fields 27, 29, 31, and 33, Maltreatment Disposition Level(s); Field 34, Maltreatment Death; and Fields 89,108, 127, Perpetrator Relationship
<i>Outcome 3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care (AFCARS)</i>	
3.1 Exits of children from foster care	AFCARS Foster Care File: Element 56, Date of Discharge From Foster Care; and Element 58, Reasons for Discharge
3.2 Exits of children with a diagnosed disability	AFCARS Foster Care File: Element 10, Child Diagnosed With Disabilities; Element 56, Date of Discharge From Foster Care; and Element 58, Reasons for Discharge
3.3 Exits of children older than age 12 at entry	AFCARS Foster Care File: Element 6, Date of Birth; Element 21, Date of Latest Removal; Element 56, Date of Discharge From Foster Care; and Element 58, Reasons for Discharge
3.4 Exits to emancipation	AFCARS Foster Care File: Element 56, Date of Discharge From Foster Care; and Element 58, Reasons for Discharge
3.5 Exits by race/ethnicity	AFCARS Foster Care File: Element 8, Race; Element 9, Hispanic Origin; Element 56, Date of Discharge From Foster Care; and Element 58, Reasons for Discharge
<i>Outcome 4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS)</i>	
4.1 Time to reunification	AFCARS Foster Care File: Element 21, Date of Latest Removal; Element 56, Date of Discharge From Foster Care; and Element 58, Reasons for Discharge
4.2 Children reentering foster care	AFCARS Foster Care File: Element 19, Total Number of Removals; Element 20, Date of Discharge From Last Foster Care Episode; and Element 21, Date of Latest Removal
<i>Outcome 5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS)</i>	
5.1 Time to adoption	AFCARS Foster Care File: Element 21, Date of Latest Removal; Element 56, Date of Discharge From Foster Care; and Element 58, Reasons for Discharge
<i>Outcome 6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS)</i>	
6.1 Number of placements by time in care	AFCARS Foster Care File: Element 21, Date of Latest Removal; Element 23, Date of Placement in Current Placement Setting; Element 24, Number of Previous Settings in Episode; and Element 56, Date of Discharge From Foster Care
<i>Outcome 7. Reduce Placement of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS)</i>	
7.1 Most recent placement settings of children age 12 or younger who entered care during FY	AFCARS Foster Care File: Element 6, Date of Birth; Element 21, Date of Latest Removal; Element 23, Date of Placement in Current Placement Setting; Element 41, Current Placement Setting

OUTCOME MEASURES	DATA SOURCES AND ELEMENTS
<i>Composite 1. Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification</i>	
<i>Please note: Construction of the source file for calculating ALL Composite 1 measures must have Element 3, FIPS code; Element 4, Record Number; and Element 6, Date of Birth. For each individual measure under Composite 1, other elements needed for the calculations are shown next to the applicable measure.</i>	
C1.1 Reunification in less than 12 months	AFCARS Foster Care File: Element 56, Date of Discharge; Element 58, Reason for Discharge; Element 21, Date of Latest Removal; Element 41, Current Placement Setting; Element 23, Date of Placement in Current Placement Setting
C1.2 Median length of stay to reunification	AFCARS Foster Care File: Element 56, Date of Discharge; Element 58, Reason for Discharge; Element 21, Date of Latest Removal; Element 41, Current Placement Setting; Element 23, Date of Placement in Current Placement Setting
C1.3 Entry cohort reunification	AFCARS Foster Care File: Element 18, Date of First Removal From Home; Element 19, Total Number of Removals; Element 56, Date of Discharge; Element 21, Date of Latest Removal; Element 58, Reason for Discharge; Element 20, Date Child was Discharged From Last Foster Care Episode; Element 41, Current Placement Setting; Element 23, Date of Placement in Current Placement Setting
C1.4 Reentry of children exiting	AFCARS Foster Care File: Element 56, Date of Discharge; Element 58, Reason for Discharge; Element 21, Date of Latest Removal; Element 20, Date Child was Discharged From Last Foster Care Episode; Element 19, Total Number of Removals
<i>Composite 2. Timeliness of Adoptions</i>	
<i>Please note: Construction of the source file for calculating ALL Composite 2 measures must have Element 3, FIPS code; Element 4, Record Number; and Element 6, Date of Birth. For each individual measure under Composite 2, other elements needed for the calculations are shown next to the applicable measure.</i>	
C2.1 Adoptions in less than 24 months	AFCARS Foster Care File: Element 56, Date of Discharge; Element 58, Reason for Discharge; Element 21, Date of Latest Removal
C2.2 Median length of stay to adoption	AFCARS Foster Care File: Element 56, Date of Discharge; Element 58, Reason for Discharge; Element 21, Date of Latest Removal
C2.3 Adoption of children in care for 17 months or longer	AFCARS Foster Care File: Element 56, Date of Discharge; Element 58, Reason for Discharge; Element 21, Date of Latest Removal
C2.4 Achieving legal freedom of children in care for 17 months or longer	AFCARS Foster Care File: Element 56, Date of Discharge; Element 58, Reason for Discharge; Element 21, Date of Latest Removal; Element 47, Date of Termination of Parental Rights for Mother; Element 48, Date of Termination of Parental Rights for Father
C2.5 Adoption of children who are legally free	AFCARS Foster Care File: Element 56, Date of Discharge; Element 58, Reason for Discharge; Element 47, Date of Termination of Parental Rights for Mother; Element 48, Date of Termination of Parental Rights for Father
<i>Composite 3. Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time</i>	
<i>Please note: Construction of the source file for calculating ALL Composite 3 measures must have Element 3, FIPS code; Element 4, Record Number; and Element 6, Date of Birth. For each individual measure under Composite 3, other elements needed for the calculations are shown next to the applicable measure.</i>	
C3.1 Permanency for children in foster care for 24+ months	AFCARS Foster Care File: Element 6, Date of Birth; Element 56, Date of Discharge; Element 58, Reason for Discharge; Element 21, Date of Latest Removal
C3.2 Permanency for children who are legally free	AFCARS Foster Care File: Element 6, Date of Birth; Element 56, Date of Discharge; Element 58, Reason for Discharge; Element 47, Date of Termination of Parental Rights for Mother; Element 48, Date of Termination of Parental Rights for Father
C3.3 Children emancipated or 18 years old in foster care for 3 years or longer	AFCARS Foster Care File: Element 6, Date of Birth; Element 56, Date of Discharge; Element 58, Reason for Discharge; Element 21, Date of Latest Removal; Element 19, Total Number of Removals; Element 20, Date Child was Discharged From Last Foster Care Episode; Element 18, Date of First Removal From Home
<i>Composite 4. Placement Stability While in Foster Care</i>	
<i>Please note: Construction of the source file for calculating ALL Composite 4 measures must have Element 3, FIPS code; Element 4, Record Number; and Element 6, Date of Birth. For each individual measure under Composite 4, other elements needed for the calculations are shown next to the applicable measure.</i>	
C4.1 Placement stability for children in care for less than 12 months	AFCARS Foster Care File: Element 56, Date of Discharge; Element 21, Date of Latest Removal; Element 23, Date of Placement in Current Placement Setting; Element 24, Number of Previous Placement Settings During This Removal Episode
C4.2 Placement stability for children in care for 12 to 24 months	AFCARS Foster Care File: Element 56, Date of Discharge; Element 21, Date of Latest Removal; Element 23, Date of Placement in Current Placement Setting; Element 24, Number of Previous Placement Settings During This Removal Episode
C4.3 Placement stability for children in care for 24+ months	AFCARS Foster Care File: Element 56, Date of Discharge; Element 21, Date of Latest Removal; Element 23, Date of Placement in Current Placement Setting; Element 24, Number of Previous Placement Settings During This Removal Episode

Appendix E

Child Maltreatment 2012: Summary of Key Findings

The following are key findings from *Child Maltreatment 2012*. The statistics in the Child Maltreatment series of reports are based on data submitted to the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS).

The full *Child Maltreatment 2012* report is available on the Children's Bureau website:

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/resource/child-maltreatment-2012>

What is NCANDS?

NCANDS is a federally sponsored effort that collects and analyzes annual data on child abuse and neglect. The 1988 Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA) directed the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (the Department) to establish a national data collection and analysis program. The Children's Bureau in the Administration on Children, Youth and Families, Administration for Children and Families within the Department collects and analyzes the data.

The data are submitted voluntarily by the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. The first report from NCANDS was based on data for 1990; this report for federal fiscal year (FY) 2012 data is the 23rd issuance of this annual report.

How are the data used?

NCANDS data are used for the Child Maltreatment report. In addition, data collected by NCANDS are a critical source of information for many publications, reports, and activities of the federal government and other groups. Data from NCANDS are used in the Child and Family Services Reviews (CFSRs), in the Child Welfare Outcomes Reports, and to measure the performance of several federal programs.

What data are collected?

Once an allegation (called a referral) of abuse and neglect is received by a child protective services (CPS) agency, it is either screened in for further attention by CPS or it is screened out. A screened-in referral is called a report. CPS agencies respond to all reports. In most states, the majority of reports receive investigations, which determine if a child was maltreated or is at risk of maltreatment and establish whether an intervention is needed. Some reports receive alternative responses, which focus primarily upon the needs of the family and do not determine if a child was maltreated or is at risk of maltreatment.

NCANDS collects case-level data on all children who received a CPS agency response in the form of an investigation response or an alternative response. Case-level data include information about the characteristics of screened-in referrals (reports) of abuse and neglect that are made to CPS agencies, the children involved, the types of maltreatment they suffered, the dispositions of the CPS responses, the risk factors of the child and the caregivers, the services that are provided, and the perpetrators.

Where are the data available?

The Child Maltreatment reports are available on the Children's Bureau website:

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/research-data-technology/statistics-research/child-maltreatment>

Restricted use files of the NCANDS data are archived at the National Data Archive on Child Abuse and Neglect (NDACAN) at Cornell University. Researchers who are interested in using these data for statistical analyses may contact NDACAN at ndacan@cornell.edu.

How many allegations of maltreatment were reported and received an investigation or assessment for abuse and neglect?

During 2012, CPS agencies received an estimated 3.4 million referrals involving approximately 6.3 million children. Among the 46 states that reported both screened-in and screened-out referrals, 62.0 percent of referrals were screened in, and 38.0 percent were screened out.

For 2012, 2.1 million reports were screened in, had a CPS response, and received a disposition. The national rate of reports that received a disposition was 28.3 per 1,000 children in the national population. An analysis of 5 years' worth of data on reports that received a response and resulted in a disposition reveals a relatively stable number of reports, with a slight and gradual increase in the rate of these reports, owing in part to a decrease in the child population.

Who reported child maltreatment?

For 2012, professionals made three-fifths (58.7 percent) of reports of alleged child abuse and neglect. The term “professional” means that the person had contact with the alleged child maltreatment victim as part of his or her job. This term includes teachers, police officers, lawyers, and social services staff. Nonprofessionals—including friends, neighbors, and relatives—submitted one-fifth of reports (18.0 percent). Unclassified sources submitted the remainder of reports (23.3 percent). Unclassified includes anonymous, “other,” and unknown report sources. States use the code “other” for any report source that does not have an NCANDS-designated code.

The three largest percentages of report sources were from such professionals as legal and law enforcement personnel (16.7 percent), education personnel (16.6 percent), and social services personnel (11.1 percent).

Who were the child victims?

Fifty-one states submitted data to NCANDS about the dispositions of children who received one or more CPS responses. For 2012, approximately 3.8 million children (duplicate count) were the subjects of at least one report. The duplicate count of child victims tallies a child each time he or she was found to be a victim. Approximately one-fifth of these children were found to be victims with dispositions of substantiated (17.7 percent), “indicated/reason to suspect” (0.9 percent), and “alternative response victim” (0.5 percent). The remaining four-fifths of the children were determined to be nonvictims of maltreatment.

For 2012, 51 states reported 678,810 (unique count) victims of child abuse and neglect. The unique count of child victims tallies a child only once, regardless of the number of times he or she was found to be a victim during the reporting year. The unique victim rate was 9.2 victims per 1,000 children in the population. Using this rate, the national estimate of unique victims for 2012 was 686,000. Victim demographics include:

- Victims in their first year of life had the highest rate of victimization, at 21.9 per 1,000 children of the same age in the national population.
- Boys accounted for 48.7 percent, and girls accounted for 50.9 percent of victims. Less than 1.0 percent of victims were of unknown sex.
- The majority of victims were comprised of three races or ethnicities—White (44.0 percent), Hispanic (21.8 percent), and African-American (21.0 percent).

What were the most common types of maltreatment?

As in prior years, the greatest percentage of children suffered from neglect. A child may have suffered from multiple forms of maltreatment and was counted once for each maltreatment type. CPS investigations or assessments determined that for unique victims:

- More than 75 percent (78.3 percent) suffered neglect.
- More than 15 percent (18.3 percent) suffered physical abuse.
- Less than 10 percent (9.3 percent) suffered sexual abuse.

How many children died from abuse or neglect?

Child fatalities are the most tragic consequence of maltreatment. For 2012, 49 states reported 1,593 fatalities. Based on these data, a nationally estimated 1,640 children died from abuse and neglect. Analyses were performed on the number of child fatalities for whom case-level data were obtained:

- The national rate of child fatalities was 2.20 deaths per 100,000 children.
- Nearly three-quarters (70.3 percent) of all child fatalities were younger than 3 years old.
- Boys had a higher child fatality rate than girls, at 2.54 boys per 100,000 boys in the population. Girls died of abuse and neglect at a rate of 1.94 per 100,000 girls in the population.
- Nearly 90 percent (85.5 percent) of child fatalities were comprised of White (38.3 percent), African-American (31.9 percent), and Hispanic (15.3 percent) victims.
- Four-fifths (80.0 percent) of child fatalities were caused by one or both parents.

Who abused and neglected children?

A perpetrator is the person who is responsible for the abuse or neglect of a child. Fifty states reported 512,040 unique perpetrators. The unique count tallies a perpetrator only once, regardless of the number of times the perpetrator is associated with maltreating a child. The following analyses were conducted using a unique count of perpetrators:

- Four-fifths (82.2 percent) of perpetrators were between the ages of 18 and 44 years.
- More than one-half (53.5 percent) of perpetrators were women, 45.3 percent of perpetrators were men, and 1.1 percent were of unknown sex.

Using a duplicate count of perpetrators, meaning a perpetrator is counted each time the same perpetrator is associated with maltreating a child, the total duplicate count of perpetrators was 893,659. For 2012:

- Four-fifths (80.3 percent) of duplicate perpetrators were parents.
- Of the duplicate perpetrators who were parents, 88.5 percent were the biological parents.

Who received services?

CPS agencies provide services to children and their families, both in their homes and in foster care. Reasons for the provision of services may include (1) preventing future instances of child maltreatment, and (2) remedying conditions that brought the children and their family to the attention of the agency. During 2012, for the duplicate count of children:

- Forty-five states reported approximately 3.2 million children received prevention services.
- Based on data from 48 states, 1,192,635 children received postresponse services from a CPS agency.
- Three-fifths (60.9 percent) of victims and 29.6 percent of nonvictims received postresponse services.

Appendix F

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The AFCARS Report

Preliminary FY¹ 2012 Estimates as of November 2013 • No. 20

SOURCE: Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) FY 2012 data²

Numbers at a Glance					
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Number in foster care on September 30 of the FY	463,792	420,415	405,330	397,885	397,122
Number that entered foster care during the FY	280,423	255,027	255,278	251,388	251,764
Number that exited foster care during the FY	288,778	278,252	257,431	246,424	240,923
Number waiting to be adopted on September 30 of the FY	125,712	114,711	109,544	106,350	101,666
Number waiting to be adopted whose parental rights (for all living parents) were terminated during the FY	79,392	71,429	65,753	62,769	58,625
Number adopted with public child welfare agency involvement during the FY	55,236	57,185	53,525	50,906	52,039

Children in Foster Care on September 30, 2012 • N=397,122

Age as of September 30			Sex		
Mean Age	9.1		Male	52%	207,947
Median Age	8.5		Female	48%	189,113
Less than 1 Year	6%	24,977			
1 Year	8%	30,248			
2 Years	7%	27,405			
3 Years	6%	25,343			
4 Years	6%	23,569			
5 Years	5%	21,109			
6 Years	5%	19,322			
7 Years	4%	17,561			
8 Years	4%	16,018			
9 Years	4%	15,002			
10 Years	4%	14,239			
11 Years	4%	14,169			
12 Years	4%	14,770			
13 Years	4%	16,268			
14 Years	5%	19,450			
15 Years	6%	23,475			
16 Years	7%	27,300			
17 Years	7%	29,288			
18 Years	3%	11,280			
19 Years	1%	3,588			
20 Years	1%	2,448			
			Most Recent Placement Settings		
			Pre-Adoptive Home	4%	14,269
			Foster Family Home (Relative)	28%	108,841
			Foster Family Home (Non-Relative)	47%	184,379
			Group Home	6%	23,822
			Institution	9%	34,179
			Supervised Independent Living	1%	4,114
			Runaway	1%	4,969
			Trial Home Visit	5%	21,261
			Case Plan Goals		
			Reunify with Parent(s) or Principal Caretaker(s)	53%	202,894
			Live with Other Relative(s)	3%	13,126
			Adoption	24%	93,094
			Long Term Foster Care	5%	20,047
			Emancipation	5%	20,305
			Guardianship	4%	14,798
			Case Plan Goal Not Yet Established	5%	18,048

¹ "FY" refers to the Federal fiscal year, October 1 through September 30.

² Data from both the regular and revised AFCARS file submissions received by November 1, 2013, are included in this report. Missing data are excluded from each table. Therefore, the totals within each distribution may not equal the total provided for that subpopulation (e.g., number in care on September 30 may not match the sum across ages for that group).

Race/Ethnicity		
American Indian/Alaskan Native	2%	8,266
Asian	1%	2,287
Black or African American	26%	101,915
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0%	779
Hispanic (of any race)	21%	84,186
White	42%	164,990
Unknown/Unable to Determine	3%	11,155
Two or more Races	6%	22,883

NOTE: All races exclude children of Hispanic origin. Children of Hispanic ethnicity may be any race.

Time in Care		
Mean Months	22.7	
Median Months	13.1	
Less than 1 Month	5%	20,308
1 - 5 Months	22%	87,302
6 - 11 Months	20%	78,599
12 - 17 Months	14%	57,347
18 - 23 Months	9%	37,247
24 - 29 Months	7%	27,466
30 - 35 Months	5%	17,897
3 - 4 Years	9%	36,560
5 Years or More	9%	34,389

Children Entering Foster Care During FY 2012 • N=251,764

Age at Entry		
Mean Age	7.6	
Median Age	6.5	
Less than 1 Year	16%	41,235
1 Year	7%	18,162
2 Years	7%	16,654
3 Years	6%	15,384
4 Years	6%	14,454
5 Years	5%	13,180
6 Years	5%	11,927
7 Years	4%	10,458
8 Years	4%	9,714
9 Years	4%	8,813
10 Years	3%	8,358
11 Years	3%	8,297
12 Years	4%	8,813
13 Years	4%	10,726
14 Years	5%	12,759
15 Years	6%	15,260
16 Years	6%	15,539
17 Years	4%	10,916
18 Years	0%	804
19 Years	0%	177
20 Years	0%	122

Race/Ethnicity		
American Indian/Alaskan Native	2%	5,373
Asian	1%	1,730
Black or African American	22%	55,464
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0%	606
Hispanic (of any race)	21%	51,481
White	45%	113,504
Unknown/Unable to Determine	4%	9,112
Two or more Races	6%	13,709

NOTE: All races exclude children of Hispanic origin. Children of Hispanic ethnicity may be any race.

Children Exiting Foster Care During FY 2012 • N=240,923

Age at Exit		
Mean Age	9.1	
Median Age	8.2	
Less than 1 Year	4%	10,380
1 Year	8%	18,229
2 Years	8%	19,167
3 Years	7%	17,246
4 Years	7%	15,590
5 Years	6%	13,817
6 Years	5%	12,101
7 Years	5%	11,035
8 Years	4%	9,972
9 Years	4%	9,219
10 Years	4%	8,487
11 Years	3%	8,168
12 Years	3%	7,693
13 Years	3%	8,235
14 Years	4%	8,967
15 Years	5%	10,677
16 Years	5%	12,437
17 Years	5%	12,804
18 Years	8%	20,208
19 Years	2%	3,885
20 Years	0%	928

Time in Care		
Mean Months	20.4	
Median Months	13.4	
Less than 1 Month	12%	27,712
1 - 5 Months	15%	36,143
6 - 11 Months	20%	47,059
12 - 17 Months	16%	37,605
18 - 23 Months	11%	26,804
24 - 29 Months	8%	18,163
30 - 35 Months	5%	11,789
3 - 4 Years	9%	21,496
5 Years or More	6%	13,997

Race/Ethnicity		
American Indian/Alaskan Native	2%	4,800
Asian	1%	1,629
Black or African American	25%	59,253
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0%	543
Hispanic (of any race)	20%	48,723
White	44%	106,515
Unknown/Unable to Determine	2%	5,549
Two or more Races	6%	13,381

NOTE: All races exclude children of Hispanic origin. Children of Hispanic ethnicity may be any race.

Reasons for Discharge		
Reunification with Parent(s) or Primary Caretaker(s)	51%	122,173
Living with Other Relative(s)	8%	19,663
Adoption	22%	51,225
Emancipation	10%	23,396
Guardianship	7%	16,418
Transfer to Another Agency	2%	4,229
Runaway	1%	1,209
Death of Child	0%	327

Children Waiting to Be Adopted³ on September 30, 2012 • N=101,666

Age as of September 30		
Mean Age	7.8	
Median Age	6.9	
Less than 1 Year	4%	3,991
1 Year	9%	9,159
2 Years	9%	9,148
3 Years	8%	8,412
4 Years	7%	7,572
5 Years	7%	6,645
6 Years	6%	6,060
7 Years	5%	5,429
8 Years	5%	5,163
9 Years	5%	4,766
10 Years	5%	4,600
11 Years	5%	4,597
12 Years	5%	4,567
13 Years	5%	4,559
14 Years	5%	4,646
15 Years	5%	4,818
16 Years	4%	4,261
17 Years	3%	3,273

Age at Entry Into Foster Care		
Mean Age	4.9	
Median Age	4.0	
Less than 1 Year	25%	25,548
1 Year	9%	9,274
2 Years	8%	8,248
3 Years	7%	7,369
4 Years	7%	6,965
5 Years	6%	6,551
6 Years	6%	6,095
7 Years	6%	5,565
8 Years	5%	5,099
9 Years	5%	4,621
10 Years	4%	4,021
11 Years	3%	3,558
12 Years	3%	2,956
13 Years	2%	2,443
14 Years	2%	1,711
15 Years	1%	1,112
16 Years	0%	448
17 Years	0%	79

Placement Type		
Pre-Adoptive Home	13%	13,008
Foster Family Home (Relative)	24%	24,328
Foster Family Home (Non-Relative)	53%	54,006
Group Home	4%	3,677
Institution	5%	5,334
Supervised Independent Living	0%	90
Runaway	0%	366
Trial Home Visit	1%	686

Race/Ethnicity		
American Indian/Alaskan Native	2%	1,748
Asian	0%	417
Black or African American	26%	26,135
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0%	162
Hispanic (of any race)	23%	23,234
White	41%	41,260
Unknown/Unable to Determine	2%	1,869
Two or more Races	7%	6,786

NOTE: All races exclude children of Hispanic origin. Children of Hispanic ethnicity may be any race.

Sex		
Male	52%	53,283
Female	48%	48,381

³ Waiting children are identified as children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' parental rights have been terminated. Children 16 years old and older whose parents' parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation have been excluded from the estimate.

Time in Care		
Mean Months	34.4	
Median Months	25.6	
Less than 1 Month	0%	380
1 - 5 Months	4%	4,258
6 - 11 Months	10%	10,145
12 - 17 Months	16%	16,670
18 - 23 Months	15%	15,502
24 - 29 Months	13%	13,351
30 - 35 Months	9%	8,949
3 - 4 Years	18%	17,866
5 Years or More	14%	14,545

Of Children Waiting for Adoption Whose Parents' Parental Rights Have Been Terminated (N=58,625), Time Elapsed Since Termination of Parental Rights as of September 30, 2012	
Time since TPR	
Mean Months	22.2
Median Months	10.3

Children Adopted With Public Agency Involvement in FY 2012⁴ • N=52,039

Age at Adoption		
Mean Age	6.3	
Median Age	5.1	
Less than 1 Year	2%	1,113
1 Year	11%	5,936
2 Years	14%	7,385
3 Years	12%	6,006
4 Years	10%	5,037
5 Years	8%	4,274
6 Years	7%	3,455
7 Years	6%	3,004
8 Years	5%	2,640
9 Years	5%	2,415
10 Years	4%	2,092
11 Years	4%	1,841
12 Years	3%	1,610
13 Years	3%	1,373
14 Years	2%	1,198
15 Years	2%	921
16 Years	2%	869
17 Years	1%	690
18 Years	0%	132
19 Years	0%	27
20 Years	0%	16

Time Elapsed From Termination of Parental Rights to Adoption		
Mean Months	13.1	
Median Months	9.2	
Less than 1 Month	3%	1,344
1 - 5 Months	27%	13,975
6 - 11 Months	34%	17,306
12 - 17 Months	17%	8,654
18 - 23 Months	8%	3,942
24 - 29 Months	4%	2,136
30 - 35 Months	2%	1,193
3 - 4 Years	4%	1,963
5 Years or More	2%	841

Race/Ethnicity		
American Indian/Alaskan Native	2%	860
Asian	0%	228
Black or African American	23%	11,961
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0%	102
Hispanic (of any race)	21%	10,782
White	46%	23,827
Unknown/Unable to Determine	1%	571
Two or more Races	7%	3,704

NOTE: All races exclude children of Hispanic origin. Children of Hispanic ethnicity may be any race

⁴ Note that the adoption data reported in this section are from the AFCARS Adoption File. Therefore, the number of adoptions reported here may not equal the number reported as discharges to adoption from foster care.

Adoptive Family Structure		
Married Couple	68%	34,592
Unmarried Couple	2%	1,192
Single Female	27%	13,875
Single Male	3%	1,507

Sex		
Male	51%	26,475
Female	49%	25,559

Relationship of Adoptive Parents to Child Prior to Adoption		
Non-Relative	14%	6,953
Foster Parent	56%	27,419
Stepparent	0%	44
Other Relative	30%	14,925

Receive Adoption Subsidy		
Yes	92%	48,079
No	8%	3,936

NOTE: For the purposes of this table, relatives who were also foster parents are classified only as relatives.

Appendix G



Data Brief #2

August 2013

Highlights From State Reports to the National Youth in Transition Database (NYTD), Federal Fiscal Year 2012

Background

The Children’s Bureau is pleased to release the following National Youth in Transition Database (NYTD)¹ highlights from Federal fiscal year (FFY) 2012 (October 1, 2011 to September 30, 2012). During this second year of NYTD data collection, States² reported information on all youth and young adults who received independent living services (the “served population”) paid for or provided by State agencies that administer the John H. Chafee Foster Care Independence Program (CFCIP). This brief contains no information on the outcome experiences of young people as no outcomes data were scheduled to be collected in FY 2012.

Information on Youth Receiving Independent Living Services

In FFY 2012, States reported that 101,780 youth and young adults received at least one independent living service. Similar to FFY 2011,³ States provided a broad array of services to a diverse population of young people.

Demographics

- Nearly half (46 percent) were between the ages of 14 and 17, and 53 percent were between ages 18 and 26; the average age was 18.
- Over one-quarter (27 percent) had completed at least 12th grade, begun postsecondary education or training, or completed at least one semester of college.
- About the same number of males (49 percent) and females (51 percent) received services.
- The majority (56 percent) were White, and over one-third (36 percent) were African American. Almost one in five (19 percent) were Hispanic.
- Over two-thirds (69 percent) were still in foster care during the report period in which they received services.
- Eighteen percent of youth were reported to have been adjudicated delinquent. Of these, 70 percent were male.
- About one in five (21 percent) were receiving special education services. Of these, 61 percent were male.

In this data brief:

We present highlights from State NYTD reports submitted in FFY 2012, including information on independent living services paid for or provided to youth.

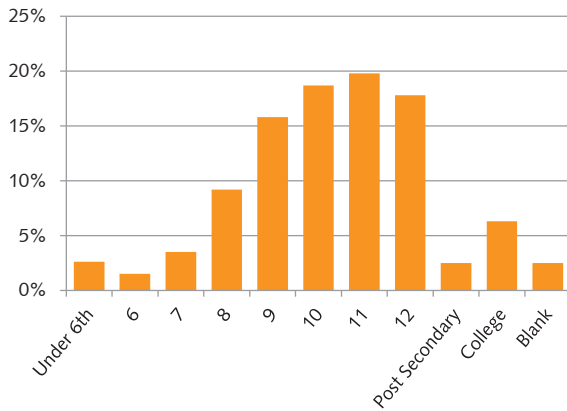
For more information, please contact the Children’s Bureau at NYTDinfo@acf.hhs.gov.



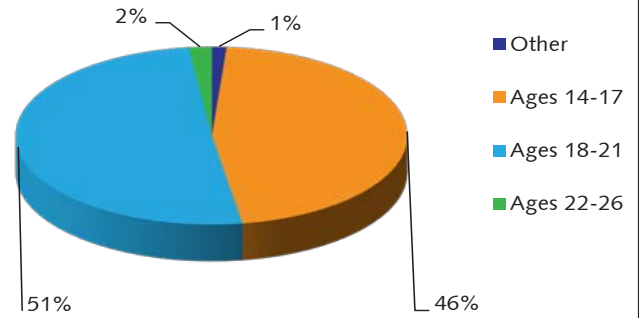
Served Population by Race and Ethnicity, FFY 2012

Race ⁴	
American Indian or Alaska Native	4%
Asian	2%
Black or African American	36%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	<1%
White	56%
Unknown	2%
Declined	6%
Ethnicity	
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	19%

Served Population by Education Level,⁵ FFY 2012



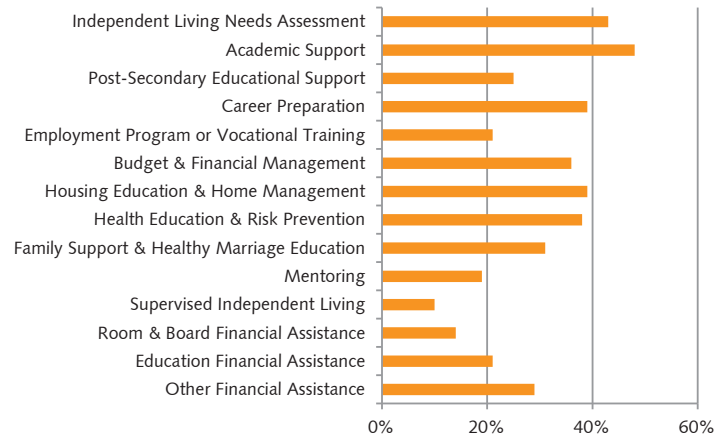
Served Population by Age, FFY 2012



Services Paid for or Provided to Youth

- Over half of youth (58 percent) received three or more services.
- Close to 70 percent of youth received at least one independent living life skills support service (e.g., budget and financial management, housing education and home management, supervised independent living, or an independent living needs assessment).
- Over half (56 percent) received at least one educational support service (academic support and/or postsecondary educational support).
- Forty-six percent received a career preparation or employment training service.

Services Provided to Youth by Category, FFY 2012



Conclusion

As we noted in the previous fiscal year report, the majority of youth in FFY 2012 received services that are intended to support life skills and financial independence, while a smaller percentage received academic support services. As States begin to examine their service data over time, they may be better able to identify whether or not certain subpopulations of youth are consistently receiving or not receiving particular services. This second year of service data collection suggests that States are continuing to provide the same level of services to a diverse group of youth and young adults.

¹ For information on NYTD, please contact the Children’s Bureau at NYTDinfo@acf.hhs.gov, or visit us at <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/research-data-technology/reporting-systems/nytd>.

² “State” refers to all 50 States plus the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. In the first reporting period of FFY 2012 (October 1, 2012–March 31, 2013), 50 States reported services information. In the second reporting period of FFY 2012 (April 1, 2013–September 30, 2013), 51 States reported services information. The information in this brief comes from all data reports submitted by States as of June 13, 2013.

³ For NYTD data highlights from FFY 2011, see NYTD Data Brief #1 at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/cb/nytd_data_brief_1.pdf.

⁴ States report all races that apply to a youth. “Unknown” is used to indicate when the race or at least one race of the youth is unknown. “Declined” is used to indicate when the youth or parent has declined to provide any race information.

⁵ States report the highest grade or educational level completed by the youth. The value “blank” (2.5 percent) refers to missing data.

