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Executive Summary

The Child Welfare Outcomes Report is 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 2010–2013*, is the fourteenth 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, 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, this 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 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) 2013 data for these contextual factors.⁴

*Characteristics of child victims*⁵

- During 2013, approximately 679,000 children were confirmed to be victims of maltreatment.⁶ The overall national child victim rate was 9.1 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 19.7 child victims per 1,000 children.⁸

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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 to support foster care, adoption, and kinship guardian assistance. 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, depending on the number of states that submitted adequate data for a particular measure.

⁴ Unless otherwise specified, the data used in this report are for federal fiscal year 2013 (October 1, 2012–September 30, 2013).

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.

⁶ For the purposes of this report, a victim is a child for whom the state determined at least one maltreatment was substantiated or indicated; and a disposition of substantiated, indicated, or "alternative response victim" was assigned for a child in a specific report. This includes a child who died, and the death was confirmed to be the result of child abuse and neglect. A child may be a victim in one report and a nonvictim in another report. 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 (678,932) by the child population for all states that submitted NCANDS data (74,399,940), and multiplying by 1,000. This calculation includes children under the age of 18.

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.

- Child victim rates in 2013 varied rather substantially across racial/ethnic groups. Black children had the highest rates of victimization at 14.3 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.
- Between 2010 and 2013, some racial/ethnic groups had increases in their victim rates, others saw decreases, and some remained relatively stable. The most notable decrease in child victim rate was for the Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander group, in which the victim rate decreased by over 2.0 children per 1,000 between 2010 and 2013. The most notable child victim rate increases occurred within the American Indian/Alaska Native group and for those children reported as having "two or more races." For both of these groups, victim rates increased by over 1.0 child per 1,000 between 2010 and 2013.

Foster care information overview

- Nationally, there were approximately 402,000 children in foster care on the last day of 2013. During that year, an estimated 255,000 children entered foster care, and 234,000 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 2013, the number of children in care on the last day of the FY decreased by 23.3 percent, from 524,000 to 402,000.¹⁰
- The rates of children in foster care in 2013 varied substantially across racial/ethnic groups. American Indian/Alaska Native children had the highest rate of children in care, with 13.9 per 1,000 children in that racial/ethnic group's overall child population. Asian children had the lowest rate, with 0.6 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, the rate of Black children in care decreased from 11.3 per 1,000 in 2010 to 9.7 per 1,000 in 2013 in the racial ethnic group's overall population, and the rate of American Indian/Alaska Native children in care increased from 12.2 to 13.9 per 1,000 between 2010 and 2013.
- Nationally, 234,000 children exited foster care in 2013. Of these children, 205,000 (88 percent) were discharged to a permanent home (i.e., were discharged to reunification, adoption, or legal guardianship).

Longer range AFCARS data show that, between FY 2002 and 2013, the number of children in care on the last day of the FY decreased by 23.3 percent, from 524,000 to 402,000.

STATE PERFORMANCE ON OUTCOME MEASURES

This report includes a synopsis of key findings on the 12 measures established to assess performance on the seven national outcomes identified above in addition to 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). These measures are described in detail in appendix B. Most of the outcome measures also are listed in tables 1 and 2 of this executive summary. Individual measures that are part of the CFSR Round 2 composite measures are preceded by a "C" throughout this report to distinguish them from the original measures. Note that Round 3 of the CFSRs will begin in 2015, and new measures will be incorporated into those reviews. However, at the time of the preparation of this report, those data were not yet available.¹¹

All national medians for outcome measures referenced in this executive summary include only those states for which adequate data are available for 2010 through 2013. 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 HHS's historical approach to the analyses in these reports, 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 this report, if the percent change in performance from 2010 to 2013 was less than 5.0 in either direction, the determination is that there was "no change" in performance.

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 2013 on the Children's Bureau website at <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 2013* were updated as of July 2014.

¹¹ The CFSRs are periodic reviews of state child welfare delivery 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 at <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/monitoring/child-family-services-reviews>.

¹² In the Child Welfare Outcomes Report, two separate national medians are computed for each measure for 2013. In the 2013 Range of State Performance tables, national medians are calculated using data from all states that had adequate data available for 2013 only. However, when looking at performance over time, a separate national median is calculated for 2013 that includes only data from the states that had adequate data available for all the relevant fiscal years (2010 through 2013). 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.

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 5.0 percent in 2010 and 5.4 percent in 2013, so the formula is [(5.4–5.0)/5.0]x100=8.0 percent increase.

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

- In 2013, 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 = 0.8 to 12.9 percent; median = 5.4 percent).
- States with higher victim rates tended to have higher maltreatment recurrence rates within a six-month period (Pearson's $r=.57$).¹⁴ In addition, consistent with previous 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) declined between 2010 and 2013. The median went from 5.0 percent in 2010 to 5.4 percent in 2013, an 8.0 percent increase (note that a lower percentage is desirable for this measure). Furthermore, a slightly higher number of states demonstrated a decline in performance on this measure (23 states) than showed an improvement in performance (22 states).

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

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

- During 2013, state performance regarding the maltreatment of children while in foster care (measure 2.1) ranged from 0.00 to 1.34 percent, with a median of 0.35 percent.
- Between 2010 and 2013, national performance fluctuated with regard to the maltreatment of children in foster care (measure 2.1). While 27 states declined in performance between 2010 and 2013, 16 improved. Though the national median exhibited a slight overall increase from .33 in 2010 to .34 in 2013, it declined between 2010 and 2012, and the percent change was not significant (3.0 percent increase).

Outcome 3: Increase permanency for children in foster care

- In 2013, states were fairly successful in achieving a permanent home for all children exiting foster care (measure 3.1, median = 88.8 percent). However, states were less successful in achieving permanent homes for children exiting foster care who had a diagnosed disability (measure 3.2, median = 79.3 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 = 66.3 percent).
- For children who had been in foster care for long periods of time (measure C3.1), defined as 24 months or longer, only 32.9 percent (median) of these children had permanent homes by the end of 2013. Between 2010 and 2013, 32 states exhibited an improvement in performance, and the national median for this measure increased from 29.8 percent to 32.8 percent (a 10.1 percent change).
- States that were generally 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 moderate positive correlation (Pearson's $r=.56$) between these two measures in 2013.
- In many states, a considerable percentage of children who were emancipated from foster care in 2013 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, 22.1 percent or more of the children emancipated from foster care were age 12 or younger when they entered foster care (measure 3.4), and 38.6 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). However, it is encouraging to note that between 2010 and 2013, 31 states showed improved performance on measure 3.4, and 32 states showed improvement on measure C3.3.

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 are in care for long periods of time (Pearson's $r=.56$).

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

- The 2013 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 67.2 and 70.0 percent (measures 4.1 and C1.1). The median length of stay in foster care for reunified children was 7.9 months (measure C1.2).
- Between 2010 and 2013, there were overall declines in performance on nearly all of the reunification measures. While two measures, C1.1 and C1.4, showed slight improvements in their national medians over time, more states declined than improved in performance on all five of the reunification measures.

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 $+1$.

- Between 2010 and 2013, there was a significant decline in performance 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 42.1 percent in 2010 to 37.2 percent in 2013 (an 11.6 percent decrease). Furthermore, 24 states declined in performance on this measure, while only 8 improved during this period.
- Overall, 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 $r=.53$).
- Overall, states with relatively high foster care entry rates (measure C1.4) also had relatively high percentages of reunifications occurring in less than 12 months (measure C1.1) (Pearson's $r=.41$).

More states declined than improved in performance on all five of the reunification measures contained in the report.

Outcome 5: Reduce time in foster care to adoption

- In 2013, the percentage of adoptions occurring in less than 24 months from a child's entry into foster care was fairly low (measure C2.1, median = 35.5 percent). However, it is encouraging to note that, between 2010 and 2013, 31 states improved in their performance on this measure.
- Thirty-three 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 six months of the year (measure C2.4). The median for this measure increased from 11.8 percent in 2010 to 14.3 percent in 2013, a 21.2 percent change.
- Thirty-one 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 24.9 percent in 2010 to 27.9 percent in 2013 (a 12.0 percent change).

The 2013 data indicate that achieving adoptions in less than 24 months still remains a challenge for all but a few states.

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. Among children with less than 12 months of time spent in foster care, the majority remained in stable placements during that time, having no more than two placements settings (median = 85.6 percent in 2013).
- The proportions of children who moved placement settings more than once increased with more time spent in foster care. The median across states was 64.8 percent for children who have been in foster care between 12 to 24 months, and 34.8 percent for children who have been in foster care for 24 months or longer.
- For children in care between 12 and 24 months, the percentage of children experiencing two or fewer placement settings (measure 6.1b) increased from 61.4 percent in 2010 to 64.8 percent in 2013 (a 5.5 percent increase). For this measure, 19 states improved in performance while only 4 declined.
- There was an even greater 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 32.0 in 2010 to 34.7 in 2013, an 8.4 percent increase. Furthermore, 32 states demonstrated improvement on this measure, while only 9 declined in performance.

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

- In about one-half of the states, 4.0 percent or less of children entering foster care under the age of 12 were placed in group homes or institutions in 2013. Data also indicate that there were only two states where the percentage of young children placed in group homes or institutions was above 10 percent.¹⁵
- Previous reports have shown significant improvements over time on measure 7.1, and this trend continued between 2010 and 2013 when the median decreased from 4.5 to 4.0 percent (an 11.1 percent decrease). During the 4-year span, 26 states showed improved performance on this measure, and 12 declined in performance.

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

¹⁵ The two states were Arkansas and South Carolina.

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:

- While the overall national child victim rate continues to decline, victimization rates for American Indian/Alaska Native children and for those reported as having “two or more races” increased between 2010 and 2013. Similarly, though the overall rates of children in foster care are dropping, the rate of American Indian/Alaska Native children in care has increased. Practitioners serving these populations will want to be aware of the varying shifts in these rates across different race/ethnicity groups.
- 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.
- Between 2010 and 2013, there were overall declines in performance on nearly all of the measures related to timeliness of reunification without increasing reentry. 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.
- 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 older children 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 with younger children and their families. Consequently, states with large numbers of older children in their foster care populations would benefit from developing strategies to target the needs of these individuals.
- Overall, national performance on timeliness of adoptions has improved, but it continues to be a challenge for most states. States should continue to monitor performance on measures related to the timeliness of adoption and work to improve upon their efforts to ensure that children are placed quickly in secure, caring, and safe environments.
- The percentage of young children placed in group homes or institutions has continued to decline, but there are a few states that still struggle in this area. It would be useful to determine what specific strategies may have contributed to these improvements so that these practices could be shared with those states looking for additional assistance.

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 2010 and 2013.

**Table 1. Median State Performance, 2010–2013
Original Outcome Measures**

Outcome Measures ¹⁶	Median Performance by Year			
	2010	2011	2012	2013
*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)	5.0%	5.2%	5.1%	5.4%
*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)	.33%	.29%	.28%	.34%
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=47 states)	86.3%	87.2%	87.4%	89.1%
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=42 states)	76.0%	76.8%	77.8%	78.7%
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=47 states)	65.2%	65.1%	64.8%	65.8%
*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=47 states)	24.5%	25.4%	23.5%	22.6%
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=47 states)	69.1%	68.3%	65.5%	65.8%
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=47 states)	4.0%	3.7%	4.4%	3.2%
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=47 states)	85.2%	85.7%	85.1%	85.1%
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=47 states)	61.4%	62.9%	64.2%	64.8%
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=47 states)	32.0%	32.8%	34.2%	34.7%
*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=47 states)	4.5%	4.4%	4.5%	4.0%

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

¹⁶ Data for this table include all states for which adequate data are available.

**Table 2. Median State Performance, 2010–2013
Composite Measures**

Composite Measures ¹⁷	Median Performance by Year			
	2010	2011	2012	2013
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=47 states)	67.9%	70.6%	68.7%	69.8%
*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=47 states)	7.5 months	7.5 months	8.0 months	7.9 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=47 states)	42.1%	41.2%	38.6%	37.2%
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=47 states)	12.6%	11.8%	11.8%	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=47 states) ¹⁸	32.6%	33.0%	32.6%	34.8%
*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=47 states)	29.6 months	29.4 months	29.0 months	28.3 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 was discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year? (N=47 states) ¹⁹	24.9%	25.4%	29.0%	27.9%
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=47 states) ²⁰	11.8%	13.3%	13.6%	14.3%
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=47 states)	58.4%	59.8%	63.0%	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=47 states)	29.8%	32.0%	33.1%	32.8%
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=47 states) ²¹	94.9%	94.3%	95.7%	96.0%
*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=47 states)	44.1%	43.4%	41.9%	38.7%

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

¹⁸ 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.

¹⁹ 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.

²⁰ 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.

²¹ 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 is 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 2010–2013*, is the fourteenth 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, 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 ROUND 2 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). Note that Round 3 of the CFSRs will begin in 2015, and new measures will be incorporated into those reviews. However, at the time of the preparation of this report, those data were not yet available.⁴ The current report includes a total of 27 measures (the 12 original measures plus the 15 individual measures from Round 2 of the CFSR).⁵

Each CFSR Round 2 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 Round 2 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.

To distinguish the CFSR Round 2 composite measures from the original measures used in this report, measures that are part of the composites are preceded by a “C” throughout the report.

CONTEXT DATA

This report presents data pertaining to state performance on the outcome measures as well as on child welfare-related contextual factors. 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 to support foster care, adoption, and kinship guardian assistance. 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, depending on the number of states that submitted adequate data for a particular measure.
- ⁴ The CFSRs are periodic reviews of state child welfare delivery 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 at <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.

- A state’s estimated child population statistics with regard to the number and race/ethnicity of children, as well as child poverty data⁶
- 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)⁷
- 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”)⁸
- 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 care⁹
- The median length of stay of children in foster care
- The number and characteristics (age and race/ethnicity) of children waiting for adoption¹⁰
- The number and characteristics (age and race/ethnicity) of children for whom an adoption was finalized

DATA SOURCES¹¹

Data for the original Child Welfare Outcomes measures, the CFSR Round 2 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.¹³

⁶ 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 2013 Census Bureau child population in poverty data were not available for inclusion in this report.

⁷ 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. 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.

⁸ *Child Maltreatment 2013* provides three definitions of child maltreatment investigation dispositions. “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. “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. 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 at <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/resource/child-maltreatment-2013>.

⁹ 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).

¹⁰ 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.

¹¹ Unless otherwise specified, the data used in this report are for federal fiscal year (FY) 2013 (October 1, 2012–September 30, 2013).

¹² Additional information on the methodology used to calculate child population estimates can be found on the Census Bureau’s website at <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 at <http://www.census.gov/acs/www/>.

¹³ For this report, AFCARS data were prepared on January 14, 2014; NCANDS data were prepared on July 18, 2014; Census data were prepared on July 1, 2014; and caseworker visits data were prepared on March 28, 2014.

National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System

NCANDS is a federally sponsored effort that encourages states to collect and analyze 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 the HHS 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.¹⁴ 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.¹⁵ A summary of the most recent report, *Child Maltreatment 2013*, is presented in appendix E.

The NCANDS Child File is a data file that states submit annually. In 2013, each of the 52 states submitted an NCANDS Child File. 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 who 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 this report.¹⁶ While alternate safety data sources sometimes are allowed for the purposes of the CFSRs, they are not used here.

Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System

Most data included in this report come from AFCARS. AFCARS collects case-level information from 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.

DATA ANALYSES IN THE CHILD WELFARE OUTCOMES REPORT

Chapters II through V of this 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 national 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 historical approach to the analyses in these reports, 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 2010 to 2013 was less than 5.0 in either direction, the determination is that there was "no change" in performance.

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.

¹⁴ More information about CAPTA can be found on the Children's Bureau website at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/cwpm/programs/cb/laws_policies/laws/cwpm/policy.jsp?idFlag=2.

¹⁵ 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.

¹⁶ The NCANDS 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 2013. In the 2013 Range of State Performance tables, national medians are calculated using data from all states that had adequate data available for 2013 only. However, when looking at performance over time, a separate national median is calculated for 2013 that includes only data from the states that had adequate data available for all the relevant fiscal years (2010 through 2013). 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 5.0 percent in 2010 and 5.4 percent in 2013, so the formula is $((5.4-5.0)/5.0) \times 100 = 8.0$ percent increase.

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.

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 work to ensure 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) 2013 (October 1, 2012–September 30, 2013). 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, all 52 states had submitted NCANDS data for 2013.²¹

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.

CHARACTERISTICS OF CHILD VICTIMS, TYPES OF MALTREATMENT, AND RESPONSE TIME²²

During 2013, approximately 679,000 children were confirmed to be victims of maltreatment.²³ The overall national child victim rate was 9.1 child victims per 1,000 children in the population.²⁴

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Table II-1 shows the total number of child victims and the national child victim rate for 2010 through 2013.

Table II-1. Child Victims, 2010–2013*

	2010 (N=51 states)	2011 (N=51 states)	2012 (N=52 states)	2013 (N=52 states)
Total Child Victims**	688,000	677,000	680,000	679,000
National Child Victim Rate	9.3	9.2	9.1	9.1

* 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.

As indicated in table II-1, there was an overall decline in the national victim rate between 2010 and 2013. This decline is likely being driven by long-term, downward trends in neglect, physical abuse, and sexual abuse rates that began in the early 1990s.²⁵

Child victim rates varied dramatically across states. In 2013, they ranged from 1.2 child victims per 1,000 children to 19.7 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.

²¹ 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.

²² 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.

²³ For the purposes of this report, a victim is a child for whom the state determined at least one maltreatment was substantiated or indicated; and a disposition of substantiated, indicated, or “alternative response victim” was assigned for a child in a specific report. This includes a child who died, and the death was confirmed to be the result of child abuse and neglect. A child may be a victim in one report and a nonvictim in another report. 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.

²⁴ The national child victim rate is calculated by dividing the total number of child victims (678,932) by the child population for all states that submitted NCANDS data (74,399,940), and multiplying by 1,000. This calculation includes children under the age of 18.

²⁵ Finkelhor, D., Jones, L., Shattuck, A., & Saito, K. (2013). *Updated trends in child maltreatment, 2012*. Durham, NH: Crimes Against Children Research Center. Retrieved from http://www.unh.edu/ccrc/pdf/CV203_Updated%20trends%202012_Revised_2_20_14.pdf

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 at <https://www.childwelfare.gov/topics/systemwide/laws-policies/can>.

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 regarding 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 Therefore, 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.

Consistent with findings in previous Child Welfare Outcomes Reports, child victim rates varied dramatically across states in 2013, ranging from 1.2 child victims per 1,000 children to 19.7 child victims per 1,000 children.

There is also a large degree of variation across states in the types of maltreatment reported, as 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 face-to-face contact with the alleged victim. In 2013, as well as in previous years, there was a substantial variation among states in response time. Of the 49 states that submitted the data needed to compute median response time in NCANDS for 2013, 59.2 percent had a calculated median of less than 48 hours, and all but 7 states reported medians of 72 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 required by state law or policy to occur within 1 to 24 hours; lower priority responses may range from 1 to several days.

Median Time*	Percent of States (N=49)
≤24 hours	28.6%
>24 but ≤48 hours	30.6%
>48 but ≤72 hours	26.5%
>72 but ≤96 hours	6.1%
>96 but ≤120 hours	2.0%
>120 but ≤144 hours	4.1%
>144 but ≤168 hours	2.0%

* 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.

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/medicalschoo/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, Children's Bureau. Retrieved from https://www.childwelfare.gov/pubs/issue_briefs/differential_response/

³¹ More information about CAPTA can be found on the Children's Bureau website at 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 at https://www.childwelfare.gov/topics/systemwide/laws_policies/can.

Table II-3 presents 2013 information pertaining to the age and race/ethnicity of child maltreatment victims. This table illustrates the considerable variation across states in child victim characteristics. Tables presenting state percentages of child victims for each of the measured race/ethnicity data elements compared with the race/ethnicity representation within a state's general child population can be found in appendix G.

Table II-3. Characteristics of Child Maltreatment Victims, 2013*

	Number of States (N) Reporting	Range Across States	Median Across States
Age of Children at Time of Maltreatment Report			
Under 1 year	52	5.8–20.1%	13.0%
1–3 years	52	10.2–26.0%	20.0%
4–7 years	52	18.4–28.4%	25.7%
8–11 years	52	15.2–22.9%	18.7%
12–15 years	52	10.5–30.0%	16.6%
16+ years	52	2.1–14.6%	5.3%
Children's Race/Ethnicity**			
American Indian/Alaska Native	51	0.0–52.1%	0.4%
Asian	51	0.0–10.5%	0.4%
Black	51	0.0–57.8%	13.1%
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	51	0.0–17.0%	0.1%
Hispanic (of any race)	51	0.5–83.7%	10.6%
White	51	0.0–94.9%	50.1%
Two or more races	51	0.0–47.5%	3.8%

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

** For the data in this table, all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. The Child Welfare Outcomes Data Site (<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data/overview>) 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 2010 through 2013.

Table II-4. Child Victim Rates* by Race/Ethnicity, 2010–2013**

Children's Race/Ethnicity***	2010 (N=49)	2011 (N=49)	2012 (N=50)	2013 (N=50)
American Indian/Alaska Native	11.2	11.4	12.3	12.4
Asian	1.9	1.6	1.7	1.7
Black	14.7	14.3	14.2	14.3
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	9.8	8.4	8.6	7.8
Hispanic (of any race)	8.6	8.7	8.4	8.4
White	8.1	7.9	8.0	8.0
Two or more races	9.2	9.6	9.9	10.5

* 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 2013 varied rather substantially across racial/ethnic groups. Black children had the highest rates of victimization at 14.3 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 was for the Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander group, in which the victim rate decreased by over 2.0 children per 1,000 between 2010 and 2013. The most notable child victim rate increases occurred within the American Indian/Alaska Native group and for those children reported as having "two or more races." For both of these groups, victim rates increased by over 1.0 child per 1,000 between 2010 and 2013.

RANGE OF STATE PERFORMANCE IN 2013 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 2013 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, 2013
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=52 states)	3.0%	5.4%	6.8%	0.8–12.9%
**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=50 states)	0.19%	0.35%	0.68%	0.00–1.34%

* 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 = 0.8 to 12.9 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 $r=.57$ in 2013).

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

The range in performance with regard to maltreatment recurrence in 2013 also appears to be related to differences across states with regard to the types of child maltreatment reported. Most notably, states with a relatively high percentage of children who were victims of neglect tended to have a relatively high percentage of maltreatment recurrence within a six-month period (Pearson’s $r=.43$). A related finding in research indicates that child maltreatment recurrence is more likely to involve neglect than either physical or sexual abuse.³³

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 1.34 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.³⁴

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 2010 to 2013 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 2013 was compared to performance in 2010. Change in performance was computed by using a percent change calculation.³⁵

³³ See the following for examples: (1) 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 (2) 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>

³⁴ See the following for examples: (1) Ryan, P., & Cole, K. (1993). Maltreatment in family foster care: A survey of the states. East Lansing, MI: National Foster Care Resource Center; and (2) Child Welfare Information Gateway State Statutes: https://www.childwelfare.gov/systemwide/laws_policies/state

³⁵ 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 5.0 percent in 2010 and 5.4 percent in 2013, so the formula is $[(5.4-5.0)/5.0] \times 100 = 8.0$ percent increase.

**Table II-6. Median State Performance and Change in Performance Over Time, 2010–2013*
Outcomes 1 and 2: Keeping Children Safe**

Outcome Measures**	Median Performance by Year ***				States That Improved in Performance 2010–2013	States That Declined in Performance 2010–2013
	2010	2011	2012	2013		
****Measure 1.1: Percentage of child victims experiencing a recurrence of child maltreatment within a six-month period (N=51 states)	5.0%	5.2%	5.1%	5.4%	22 states (43%)	23 states (45%)
****Measure 2.1: Percentage of children in foster care who were victims of maltreatment by a foster parent or facility staff member (N=48 states)	.33%	.29%	.28%	.34%	16 states (33%)	27 states (56%)

* 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 2013 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.

As shown in table II-6, performance with regard to recurrence of child maltreatment (measure 1.1) declined between 2010 and 2013. The median went from 5.0 percent in 2010 to 5.4 percent in 2013, an 8.0 percent increase (note that a lower percentage is desirable for this measure). Furthermore, a slightly higher number of states demonstrated a decline in performance on this measure (23 states) than showed an improvement in performance (22 states).

Over the time period examined for this report, national performance fluctuated with regard to the maltreatment of children in foster care (measure 2.1). While 27 states declined in performance between 2010 and 2013, 16 improved. Though the national median exhibited a slight, overall increase from .33 in 2010 to .34 in 2013, it declined between 2010 and 2012, and the percent change was not significant over the four-year period (3.0 percent increase).

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS REGARDING KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE

National performance for the recurrence of maltreatment declined between 2010 and 2013, while maltreatment of children in foster care fluctuated within this time period. 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 foster care, can experience a wide variety of consequences including physical and mental health challenges and issues with cognitive development and academic achievement.³⁶ Furthermore, maltreatment recurrence is associated with an increase in trauma symptoms in children.³⁷

³⁶ 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.

³⁷ 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.³⁸ These permanency goals for children and youth are encompassed in Outcome 3: Increase permanency for children in foster care.

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 this report, a child achieves permanency when he or she is reported as discharged from foster care to one of the following arrangements:³⁹

- Reunified with parents or primary caretakers⁴⁰
- 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.⁴¹ This chapter presents key findings of the analyses of these data across states.⁴² The source of most of the data presented in this chapter is the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS).⁴³

NUMBERS AND CHARACTERISTICS OF CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE

Previous Child Welfare Outcomes Reports have noted a downward trend in the number of children in foster care. New foster care data suggest that while the recent decline in the number of children in foster care has leveled off, numbers remain steady at historically low levels. Figure III-1 shows a dramatic decline in the number of children in foster care on the last day of the fiscal year (FY) between 2002 and 2013. The number declined from 524,000 in 2002 to 402,000 in 2013, a 23.3 percent decrease.⁴⁴ However, the number of children in foster care has hovered around the 400,000 mark for the past 3 years. Similarly, the number of children entering foster care has also remained relatively steady over the past several years. The number of children exiting foster care increased steadily between 2002 and 2006, but has decreased every year since 2007. Between 2012 and 2013, the number of children exiting foster care declined from 241,000 to 238,000 (representing a decrease of 1.2 percent). Note that the data displayed in figure III-1 are from HHS's report *Trends in Foster Care and Adoption—FY 2002–FY 2013* and are current as of July 2014.⁴⁵

³⁸ 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).

³⁹ The Child and Family Services Reviews (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>

⁴⁰ 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."

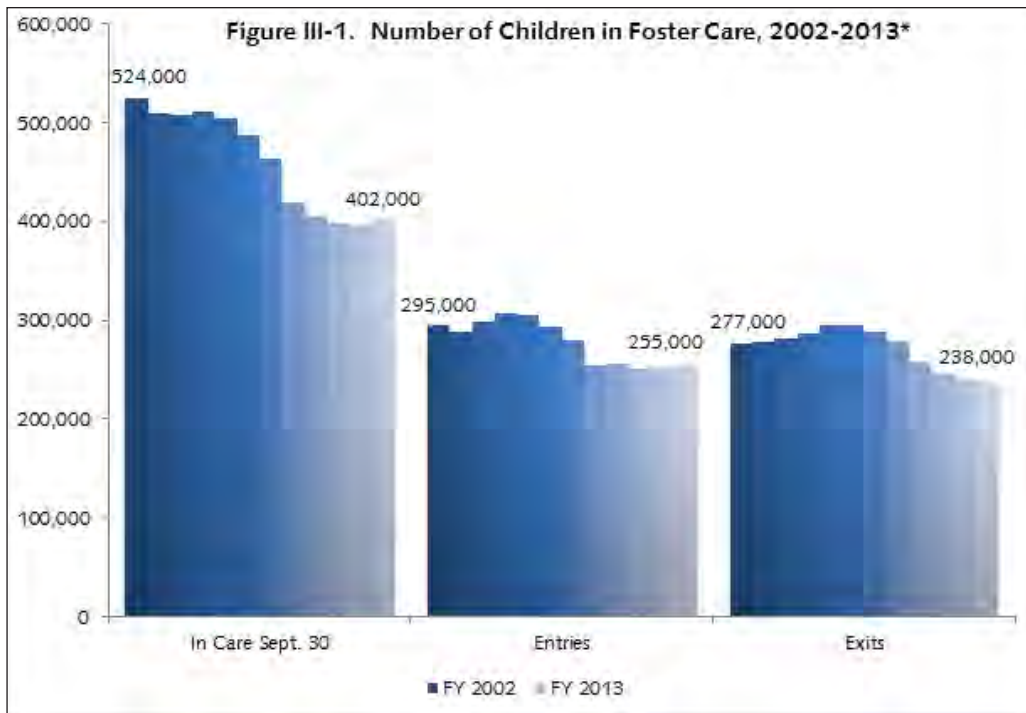
⁴¹ Unless otherwise specified, the data used in this report are for federal fiscal year (FY) 2013 (October 1, 2012–September 30, 2013).

⁴² 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.

⁴³ Data used in this report may be different from other sources for a number of reasons, especially the timing of data collection. All AFCARS data used in this report are current as of January 16, 2014.

⁴⁴ For more information, see *Trends in Foster Care and Adoption—FY 2002–FY 2013* on the Children's Bureau website at <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 2013* were updated as of July 2014.

⁴⁵ The *Trends in Foster Care and Adoption—FY 2002–FY 2013* 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.



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

Another HHS 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.⁴⁶

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.⁴⁷ 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.⁴⁸

Longer range AFCARS data show that, between FYs 2002 and 2013, the number of children in care on the last day of the FY decreased by 23.3 percent, from 524,000 to 402,000.

States differed considerably in 2013 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.⁴⁹ State foster care child entry rates 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 2013 was low (Pearson's $r=.16$). Variations in entry rates may be due to differences across states in policies and practices regarding when children are removed from the home and placed in foster care. The availability and accessibility of services designed to support families and enable children to safely remain in the home also may affect the number of children who enter foster care within a state.

⁴⁶ For more information, see *Recent Demographic Trends in Foster Care* on the Children's Bureau website at <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/resource/data-brief-trends-in-foster-care-1>.

⁴⁷ 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>

⁴⁸ 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>

⁴⁹ 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].

Table III-1 presents information for 2013 pertaining to the ages and race/ethnicity of children reported in foster care on the last day of the fiscal year.

Table III-1. Characteristics of Children in Foster Care, 2013		
Age of Children in Foster Care on 9/30/2013 (N=52 states)	Range	Median
Under 1 year	1.1–9.4%	6.1%
1–3 years	9.4–30.0%	20.6%
4–7 years	12.6–27.9%	20.8%
8–11 years	9.3–20.1%	15.3%
12–15 years	13.2–26.4%	18.5%
16+ years	6.3–38.9%	17.1%
Race/Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care on 9/30/2013 (N=52 states)*		
Alaska Native/American Indian	0.0–46.4%	0.4%
Asian	0.0–8.7%	0.3%
Black	0.0–87.6%	18.4%
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0–18.5%	0.0%
Hispanic (of any race)	1.0–98.4%	9.7%
White	0.2–93.6%	47.7%
Two or more races	0.0–54.9%	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-1, the age of children in foster care varied dramatically across states in 2013. In the District of Columbia, for example, approximately 55 percent of the children in foster care were age 12 or older. By contrast, in Oklahoma, only 20 percent of the children in foster care were age 12 or older. In 15 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-2 displays rates of children in foster care by race/ethnicity for 2010 through 2013.

Table III-2. Rates of Children in Foster Care by Race/Ethnicity, 2010–2013*				
Children's Race/Ethnicity**	2010 (N=51)	2011 (N=51)	2012 (N=51)	2013 (N=51)
American Indian/Alaska Native	12.2	12.6	13.0	13.9
Asian	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.6
Black	11.3	10.7	10.0	9.7
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	5.1	5.3	5.6	4.9
Hispanic (of any race)	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.7
White	4.2	4.2	4.3	4.4
Two or more races	8.2	8.0	8.1	8.6

* 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-2, the rates of children in foster care in 2013 varied substantially across racial/ethnic groups. American Indian/Alaska Native children had the highest rates of children in care, with 13.9 per 1,000 children in that racial/ethnic group's overall child population. Asian children had the lowest rate, with 0.6 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, the rate of Black children in care decreased from 11.3 per 1,000 in 2010 to 9.7 per 1,000 in 2013 in the racial ethnic group's overall population, and the rate of American Indian/Alaska Native children in care increased from 12.2 to 13.9 per 1,000 between 2010 and 2013.

As noted earlier in this chapter, the *Recent Demographic Trends in Foster Care* data brief highlights 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

Rates of Black children in foster care declined from 17.4 children per 1,000 in the population in 2002 to 9.6 children per 1,000 in 2012, a 44.8 percent decrease.

than what is illustrated in table III-2. Rates for Black children declined from 17.4 children per 1,000 in the population in 2002 to 9.6 children per 1,000 in 2012 (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 234,000 children exited foster care in 2013. Table III-3 provides a breakdown of the foster care discharge reasons reported for these children.

Table III-3. Foster Care Discharge Reasons, 2013*

Discharge Reason	Number of Children	Percent of Total Exits (N=234,000)**
Adoption	50,000	21.4%
Emancipation	23,000	9.8%
Guardianship	17,000	7.3%
Reunification	138,000	59.0%
Other	5,000	2.1%
Total	233,000	99.6%

* 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-3, 206,000 (88.0 percent) of the children exiting foster care discharged to a permanent home in 2013 (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-4, along with the measures that are part of CFSR composite 3. Composite measures are preceded with the letter C.⁵⁰

**Table III-4. Range of State Performance, 2013
Outcome 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care**

Outcome Measures*	25th Percentile	National Median (50th Percentile)	75th Percentile	Range
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=50 states)	84.8%	88.8%	91.3%	71.2–97.2%
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=47 states)	71.1%	79.3%	84.0%	43.1–94.7%
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=50 states)	60.1%	66.3%	73.9%	31.0–94.5%
**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=50 states)	15.9%	22.1%	29.2%	3.7–40.3%
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=50 states)	29.1%	32.9%	38.9%	20.6–45.7%
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=50 states)	92.5%	95.9%	98.0%	85.9–99.2%
**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=50 states)	29.7%	38.6%	46.9%	14.0–69.2%

* 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-4 suggest that, in 2013, 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 = 95.9 percent).⁵¹ Nonetheless, it is important to keep

⁵⁰ 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.

⁵¹ 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 2013, a long-standing pattern continues in which states tend to be considerably more successful in finding permanent homes for the general foster care population (88.8 percent) than for children with diagnosed disabilities (79.3 percent) (see measures 3.1 and 3.2 in table III-4). This disparity has been a consistent finding in previous Child Welfare Outcomes Reports and aligns with other research findings from the field.⁵² 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 88.8 percent of the general foster care population who exited foster care to reunification, adoption, or legal guardianship in 2013, the percent of older youth exiting to permanency was only 66.3 percent (see measures 3.1 and 3.3 in table III-4).

Compared to 88.8 percent of the general foster care population, the percent of older youth exiting to permanency in 2013 was only 66.3 percent.

Older children in foster care may face a number of age-specific barriers to permanency.⁵³ For example, there may be a lack of families identified as 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. Compared with the general child population, older youth in care have higher rates of delinquency, including theft, serious fighting and causing injury, and running away.⁵⁴ These high-risk youth require more resources, and there may be a lack of families willing and able to provide them with the services and support 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 resources needed in order to establish permanency options for older youth in care. 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.⁵⁵

Finally, youth themselves might show some resistance to some permanency options. If permanency planning involves the termination of their birth parents' rights, youth might be hesitant to form ties with new families, as many 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 ambivalence towards permanency.⁵⁶

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 2013 (20.6 percent to 45.7 percent), the data indicate that all states struggled to some degree with this measure. The median of all states' performance shows that only 32.9 percent of these children had permanent homes by the end of the year. There is some 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 $r=.56$) between these two measures.

⁵² 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.

⁵³ Child Welfare Information Gateway. (2013). *Enhancing permanency for youth in out-of-home care*. Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Children's Bureau. Retrieved from <https://www.childwelfare.gov/pubs/focus/enhancing/index.cfm>

⁵⁴ Courtney, M.E., Terao, S., & Bost, N. (2004). *Midwest evaluation of the adult functioning of former foster youth: Conditions of youth preparing to leave state care*. Chicago, Illinois: Chapin Hall Center for Children. Retrieved from http://www.chapinhall.org/sites/default/files/CS_97.pdf

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, Children's Bureau. Retrieved from <https://www.childwelfare.gov/pubs/focus/enhancing/index.cfm>

⁵⁶ Ibid.

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 2013. 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.

The data shown in table III-4 suggest that, in many states, a considerable percentage of children who were emancipated from foster care in 2013 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, 22.1 percent or more of the children emancipated from foster care were age 12 or younger when they entered foster care (measure 3.4). While the range of data was wide (range = 3.7 to 40.3 percent), the distribution was normal, indicating that states vary significantly in performance on this measure. In addition, in about one-half of the states, 38.6 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).

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 2013, states with the lowest percentages of children exiting foster care with a discharge reason of emancipation were West Virginia (1.1 percent), Wyoming (1.3 percent), and Minnesota (2.6 percent). States with the highest percentages were the District of Columbia (23.0 percent), Delaware (21.2 percent), and Virginia (20.8 percent). In 2013, the median across states for children exiting foster care with a discharge reason of emancipation was 8.1 percent.⁵⁷

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 $r=.09$). This finding is consistent with similar analyses conducted for prior Child Welfare Outcomes Reports.

CHANGES OVER TIME IN STATE PERFORMANCE ON MEASURES OF ACHIEVING PERMANENCY

Table III-5 presents the median performances across states for 2010 to 2013 on measures pertaining to achieving permanency for children in foster care. The table also presents a summary of the change in state performance between 2010 and 2013 on these measures. Change in performance over time was computed by using a percent change calculation.⁵⁸ These median performances and changes in performance over time should be viewed together in order to gain a better understanding of trends over time.

⁵⁷ The median of 8.1 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.

⁵⁸ 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 5.0 percent in 2010 and 5.4 percent in 2013, so the formula is $[(5.4-5.0)/5.0] \times 100 = 8.0$ percent increase.

**Table III-5. Median State Performance and Change in Performance Over Time, 2010–2013*
Outcome 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care**

Outcome Measures**	Median Performance by Year***				States That Improved in Performance	States That Declined in Performance
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010–2013	2010–2013
Measure 3.1: Percentage of all children exiting foster care to a permanent home (N=47 states)	86.3%	87.2%	87.4%	89.1%	6 states (13%)	0 states (0%)
Measure 3.2: Percentage of all children with a diagnosed disability exiting foster care who were discharged to a permanent home (N=42 states)	76.0%	76.8%	77.8%	78.7%	15 states (36%)	2 states (5%)
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=47 states)	65.2%	65.1%	64.8%	65.8%	18 states (38%)	5 states (11%)
****Measure 3.4: Percentage of all children who were emancipated from foster care when they were age 12 or younger (N=47 states)	24.5%	25.4%	23.5%	22.6%	31 states (66%)	7 states (15%)
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=47 states)	29.8%	32.0%	33.1%	32.8%	32 states (68%)	4 states (9%)
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=47 states)*****	94.9%	94.3%	95.7%	96.0%	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=47 states)	44.1%	43.4%	41.9%	38.7%	32 states (68%)	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-4 or appendix B. Data for this table include all states for which adequate data are available for all of the relevant years.

*** The 2013 data in this table may be different from the data in table III-4 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-5, one of the most notable changes in performance between 2010 and 2013 is 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, 32 states demonstrated improvement between 2010 and 2013. Furthermore, the national median improved from 44.1 percent in 2010 to 38.7 percent in 2013, a 12.2 percent decrease over this time period (note that a lower percentage is desirable for this measure).

There also were improvements 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 showed improved performance, and the national median went from 29.8 percent in 2010 to 32.8 percent in 2013, a 10.1 percent increase.

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, 31 states demonstrated improved performance between 2010 and 2013, and the national median improved from 24.5 to 22.6, a 7.8 percent decrease (note that a lower percentage is desirable on this measure).

Between 2010 and 2013, 31 states showed improved performance in the percentage of children emancipated from foster care who entered care when they were age 12 or younger.

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 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 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-4: measure 3.2, median = 79.3 percent, range = 43.1 to 94.7 percent) and for children who entered foster care when they were older than age 12 (table III-4: measure 3.3, median = 66.3 percent, range = 31.0 to 94.5 percent). For measure 3.2, 15 states showed an improvement in performance between 2010 and 2013, while 2 states showed a performance decline. The national median for this measure changed only minimally, from 76.0 in 2010 to 78.7 in 2013. For measure 3.3, the national median changed only slightly between 2010 and 2013, with half of states exhibited no change in performance. Furthermore, two states with large child populations exhibited major improvements in

performance (Texas percent change = 29.9, Virginia percent change = 24.1). Fluctuation in these two states may be driving the slight improvements exhibited in overall performance.

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS REGARDING ACHIEVING PERMANENCY FOR CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE

Some positive findings emerged in the data between 2010 and 2013 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, 68 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 moderate positive correlation (Pearson's $r=.56$) between these two measures. This association suggests that permanency rates are not being driven only by permanency for children in care for short periods of time and that children in care for long periods of time are also significantly and positively contributing to the overall permanency rates.

States showed significant progress in reducing the percentages of children exiting foster care to emancipation. The majority of states 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, 31 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 policy makers.

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 only a weak relationship with the percentage of children entering foster care in the state who were age 12 or older (Pearson's $r=.09$). This finding is consistent with similar analyses conducted for prior Child Welfare Outcomes Reports.

The measures assessing permanency for children at the time of discharge from foster care indicate that, across the states, the overwhelming majority of children exiting foster care in 2013 were discharged to permanent homes (measure 3.1, median = 88.8 percent). In addition, more than 9 out of 10 children who were legally free for adoption at the time of exit from foster care were discharged to permanent homes (measure C3.2, median = 95.9 percent).

Consistent with findings from prior years, states continue to struggle with finding permanent homes for children with disabilities (table III-4: measure 3.2, median = 79.3 percent, range = 43.1 to 94.7 percent) and for children who entered foster care when they were older than age 12 (table III-4: measure 3.3, median = 66.3 percent, range = 31.0 to 94.5 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.⁵⁹ Timeliness of guardianships is not addressed in this chapter because the percentage of children who were discharged from foster care to guardianship is very small in almost all states.

Timeliness of achieving permanency for children in foster care is critical to their well-being.⁶⁰ This emphasis is reinforced and supported by federal policy and law, such as the Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997 (ASFA) and the Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008, 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 was associated with better ratings on CFSR Permanency Outcome 1: Children have permanency and stability in their living situations.⁶¹ 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.⁶² States reported caseworker visit data from 2007 to 2011 under these requirements. 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. States were required to begin meeting these new performance requirements and using the new methodology for calculating caseworker visits data in 2012.

The data regarding caseworker visits presented in this report are not CFSR onsite review data but are derived from federal fiscal year (FY) 2011 data that states were required to report under the original monthly caseworker visit requirements in P.L. 109-288. Prior to P.L. 109-288 taking effect, there was no federal requirement regarding how often children in foster care were to be visited by their caseworkers.

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 2012 and 2013 are shown in table IV-1.⁶³

Table IV-1. Monthly Caseworker Visits and Visits in the Home, 2012–2013

Measure	Median	
	2012	2013
The percentage of children receiving monthly caseworker visits (MCV) (N=52 states)	94%	95%
The percentage of the monthly visits that occurred in the home of the child (VIH) (N=51 states)	85%	87%

Because the new methodology limits data comparisons with prior years, caseworker visits data from 2010 and 2011 are not included in this report. Performance on these measures for 2012 and 2013 are shown in table IV-1. Data collected in future years will allow for the assessment of potential trends over time.

⁵⁹ 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.

⁶⁰ 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>

⁶¹ The CFSR onsite review instrument can be found on the Children’s Bureau website at <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>

⁶² More information about the Child and Family Services Improvement Act of 2006 can be found on the Children’s Bureau website at <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/resource/pl-109-288>.

⁶³ Unless otherwise specified, the data used in this report are for FY 2013 (October 1, 2012–September 30, 2013).

TIMELINESS OF REUNIFICATIONS⁶⁴

The assessment of timeliness of reunification is addressed through Outcome 4: Reduce time in foster care to reunification without increasing reentry. Table IV-2 presents summary data regarding state performance in 2013 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 Round 2 composite 1.⁶⁵

**Table IV-2. Range of State Performance, 2013
Outcome 4: Achieving Timely Reunifications**

Outcome Measures*	25th Percentile	National Median (50th Percentile)	75th Percentile	Range
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=50 states)	57.0%	67.2%	73.9%	36.9–89.1%
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=50 states)	64.0%	70.0%	74.2%	37.6–89.7%
***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=50 states)	6.6 months	7.9 months	9.0 months	1.4–16.0 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=50 states)	29.2%	38.2%	46.2%	14.4–62.4%
***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=50 states)	8.7%	12.0%	15.5%	3.1–28.0%

* 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 2013 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 this report, 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 67.2 and 70.0 percent (measures 4.1 and C1.1). The median length of stay of reunified children was 7.9 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 the percentage of all children in foster care, the results look very different from measures 4.1 and C1.1. As shown in table IV-2, the median across states was 38.2 percent (versus 67.2 and 70.0 percent for measures 4.1 and C1.1, respectively), and the 75th percentile was 46.2

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 2012 were still in foster care 12 months later.

⁶⁴ 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.

⁶⁵ 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.

percent (versus 73.9 and 74.2 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 2012 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 was 12.0 percent, with a range of 3.1 percent to 28.0 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. Overall, 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 $r=.53$). 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.

Overall, 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 $r=.53$).

Moderate correlations were found between timeliness of reunification and foster care entry rates. Overall, states with relatively high foster care entry rates (measure C1.4) also had relatively high percentages of reunifications occurring in less than 12 months (measure C1.1) (Pearson's $r=.41$). One consideration for this correlation is whether states that generally tend to take more children into foster care, may be taking in more children from families with less severe concerns, making rapid reunifications more feasible. Another consideration is that states with lower foster care entry rates might have more in-home services in place to support families and prevent entry. This could result in the higher needs children entering foster care, which also may extend the lengths of stay for those states. 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 determined by a percent change calculation.

**Table IV-3. Median State Performance and Change Over Time, 2010–2013*
Outcome 4: Achieving Timely Reunifications**

Outcome Measures**	Median Performance by Year***				States That Improved in Performance 2010–2013	States That Declined in Performance 2010–2013
	2010	2011	2012	2013		
Measure 4.1: Percentage of reunifications occurring in less than 12 months of the child's entry into foster care (N=47 states)	69.1%	68.3%	65.5%	65.8%	8 states (17%)	15 states (32%)
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=47 states)	67.9%	70.6%	68.7%	69.8%	8 states (17%)	10 states (21%)
****Measure C1.2: Median length of stay in months for children reunified, with the eight-day and trial home visit adjustments (N=47 states)	7.5 months	7.5 months	8.0 months	7.9 months	12 states (26%)	21 states (45%)
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=47 states)	42.1%	41.2%	38.6%	37.2%	8 states (17%)	24 states (51%)
****Measure C1.4: Percentage of children reentering foster care in less than 12 months from being reunified (N=47 states)	12.6%	11.8%	11.8%	11.8%	20 states (43%)	21 states (45%)

* 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 2013 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 finding is the overall decline in performance across three of the measures for timely reunifications: measures 4.1, C1.2, and C1.3. While some of these changes were slight, the national medians for all three of these

measures indicated declines in performance between 2010 and 2013. While measures C1.1 and C1.4 exhibited slight improvements in their medians over time, more states declined than improved in performance on both of those measures. Furthermore, more states declined than improved on the remaining measures, 4.1, C1.2, and C1.3.

The measure indicating the most significant decline 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 42.1 percent in 2010 to 37.2 percent in 2013 (an 11.6 percent decrease). Furthermore, 24 states declined in performance on this measure, while only 8 states improved during this period.

States also struggled to reduce the median length of stay in foster care for reunified children (measure C1.2). For this measure, the median time in care increased over time, from 7.5 months in 2010 to 7.9 months in 2013 (a 5.3 percent increase). Furthermore, 21 states exhibited a decline in performance on this measure while only 12 improved their performance. 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. 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 in an efficient manner 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. Section 475(5)(E) of the Social Security Act (the Act) requires 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) of the Act, 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 the following: (1) The first judicial finding that the child has been subjected to abuse and/or neglect (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 2013.⁶⁶ Outcome 5 addresses the timeliness of adoptions, which is measured by original outcome measure 5.1, as well as the five individual measures that are part of CFSR Round 2 composite 2. Table IV-4 presents summary data showing the range of state performance in 2013 on the measures relevant to this outcome.

⁶⁶ 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 at <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/research-data-technology/statistics-research>.

**Table IV-4. Range of State Performance, 2013
Outcome 5: Achieving Timely Adoptions**

Outcome Measures*	25th Percentile	National Median (50th Percentile)	75th Percentile	Range
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=50 states)**	2.0%	3.6%	6.5%	0.2–34.4%
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=50 states)	27.1%	35.5%	45.7%	10.0–83.6%
***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=50 states)	24.9 months	28.2 months	30.6 months	14.5–45.8 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=50 states)	22.8%	28.0%	31.9%	13.9–45.8%
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=50 states)	10.7%	14.4%	18.8%	2.4–34.5%
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=50 states)	54.2%	62.4%	71.0%	34.1–97.8%

* 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 2013 suggests that achieving timely adoptions is a challenge for all but a few states.

As shown in table IV-4, in 2013, 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 3.6 percent. In four states, however, the percentage of adoptions occurring in less than 12 months was more than 10.0 percent. These states were Utah (34.4 percent), Florida (14.6 percent), Wisconsin (13.0 percent), and Wyoming (12.9 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 = 35.5 percent). There were 10 states in which at least 50.0 percent of adoptions occurred in less than 24 months of the child’s entry into foster care.⁶⁷

The 2013 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).⁶⁸

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 2013 were adopted by the end of that year (measure C2.3, median = 28.0 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 2013 became legally free for adoption within the first 6 months of that year (measure C2.4, median = 14.4 percent). As shown in the range for this measure, even in the highest performing state, only 34.5 percent of the children in foster care for 17 months or longer on the first day of 2013 became legally free for adoption in the first 6 months of the year. These data show that most states have not achieved the goal of finalizing adoptions for children in foster care in a timely way.

⁶⁷ The 10 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, Arkansas, Colorado, Florida, Idaho, Iowa, Minnesota, Utah, Vermont, and West Virginia.

⁶⁸ 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.

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 to successfully meet the child’s needs for permanency as efficiently as possible. As shown in table IV-4, state performance on this measure varies extensively (34.1 percent to 97.8 percent). For example, in four states (Illinois, Maine, Oregon, and West Virginia), 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, Rhode Island, Utah, 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 2010 to 2013 on measures pertaining to achieving timely adoptions for children in foster care are presented in table IV-5.⁶⁹ Table IV-5 also presents a breakdown of the number of states showing an improvement or decline in performance between 2010 and 2013. Change in median state performance over time was computed by using a percent change calculation.⁷⁰

**Table IV-5. Median State Performance and Change Over Time, 2010–2013*
Outcome 5: Achieving Timely Adoptions**

Outcome Measures**	Median Performance by Year				States That Improved in Performance 2010–2013	States That Declined in Performance 2010–2013
	2010	2011	2012	2013		
Measure 5.1a: Percentage of children discharged to adoption in less than 12 months from the date of entry into foster care (N=47 states)***	4.0%	3.7%	4.4%	3.2%	20 states (43%)	24 states (51%)
Measure C2.1: Percentage of adoptions occurring in less than 24 months from the date of entry into foster care (N=47 states)	32.6%	33.0%	32.6%	34.8%	31 states (66%)	10 states (21%)
**** Measure C2.2: State's median length of stay in months for children adopted (N=47 states)	29.6 months	29.4 months	29.0 months	28.3 months	23 states (49%)	4 states (9%)
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=47 states)*****	24.9%	25.4%	29.0%	27.9%	31 states (66%)	6 states (13%)
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=47 states)*****	11.8%	13.3%	13.6%	14.3%	33 states (70%)	12 states (26%)
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=47 states)	58.4%	59.8%	63.0%	62.9%	24 states (51%)	8 states (17%)

* 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 became legally free for adoption in the first 6 months of the year (measure C2.4). For this measure, 33 states showed improved performance over time, and the national median improved from 11.8 percent in 2010 to 14.3 percent in 2013 (a 21.2 percent increase).

⁶⁹ The 2013 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 (2010 through 2013).

⁷⁰ 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 5.0 percent in 2010 and 5.4 percent in 2013, so the formula is [(5.4–5.0)/5.0]x100=8.0 percent increase.

States also exhibited substantial improvement 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, 31 states demonstrated improved performance between 2010 and 2013. In addition, the national median for measure C2.3 improved from 24.9 percent in 2010 to 27.9 percent in 2013 (a 12.0 percent increase).

Seventy percent of states showed improved performance between 2010 and 2013 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.

States also demonstrated improvements in the percentage of adoptions occurring in less than 24 months (C2.1). For this measure, 31 states showed improved performance while only 10 showed declines. Additionally the national median for this measure improved from 32.6 percent in 2010 to 34.8 percent in 2013 (a 6.7 percent increase).

States also improved on the percentage of children who were legally free for adoption who were adopted within 12 months of becoming legally free (measure C2.5). Twenty-four states showed improved performance on this measure between 2010 and 2013. In addition, the national median for this measure improved from 58.4 percent in 2010 to 62.9 percent in 2013 (a 7.7 percent increase).

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 2010 and 2013, there were overall declines in performance on nearly all of the reunification measures. While two measures, C1.1 and C1.4, showed slight improvements in their national medians over time, more states declined than improved in performance on all five of the reunification measures.

More states declined than improved in performance on all five of the reunification measures contained in the report.

Overall, 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 $r=.53$). 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 State Data Pages in chapter VI of this report.

Achieving timely adoptions

The data for 2013 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:

- Thirty-three states 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).
- Thirty-one 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).
- Thirty-one 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).
- Twenty-four 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).

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

While a child is in foster care, the state child welfare agency is tasked with the responsibility of ensuring that the child is in a stable placement setting.⁷¹ 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.⁷²

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 a period of time. For example, young children may need a particular type of care to meet certain mental or behavioral 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 mental and behavioral health needs for a period of time. 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).⁷³ 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).⁷⁴

**Table V-1. Range of State Performance, 2013
Outcomes 6 and 7: Achieving Stable and Appropriate Placement Settings**

Outcome Measures	25th Percentile	National Median (50th Percentile)	75th Percentile	Range
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=50 states)	81.5%	85.6%	87.6%	74.0–91.3%
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=50 states)	57.4%	64.8%	68.6%	43.8–76.1%
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=50 states)	27.1%	34.8%	40.5%	17.0–50.3%
*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=50 states)	2.3%	4.0%	6.1%	0.8–21.9%

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

Among children with less than 12 months of time spent in foster care, the majority remained in stable placements during that time, having no more than two placements settings. As shown in table V-1, the national median in FY 2013 was 85.6 percent for that particular group of children.

However, the proportions of children who moved placement settings more than once increased with more time spent in foster care. As shown in table V-1, the median across states was 64.8 percent for children who have been in foster care between 12 to 24 months, and 34.8 percent for children who have been in foster care for 24 months or longer.

⁷¹ 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).

⁷² 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.

⁷³ 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) 2013 (October 1, 2012–September 30, 2013).

⁷⁴ 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.

Please note that direct comparisons between these measures are difficult to make. First, these measures count all placement settings up until discharge from care or the end of the period, and not only those that occurred during the year of interest. In addition, the composition of children included in each measure varies; for example, the population of children in care less than 12 months includes infants and very young children, whereas the measure for children in care 24 months or longer limits the population to age 2 and older. Age is an important factor to consider when assessing placement stability.

While there may be times when a new placement setting will be in the best 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.

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 (as mentioned above), placement setting type, the presence of child behavioral problems, and the availability of programs and services for children and resource families.⁷⁵ Research also indicates that children who experience early placement stability experience fewer behavioral problems and better outcomes.⁷⁶ 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 2013, 4.0 percent or less of children entering foster care under the age of 12 were placed in group homes or institutions. The low median on this measure indicates positive national performance overall. This is further supported by data indicating that there were only two states where the percentage of young children placed in group homes or institutions was above 10 percent.⁷⁷

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.⁷⁸

**Table V-2. Median State Performance and Change Over Time, 2010–2013*
Outcomes 6 and 7: Achieving Stable and Appropriate Placement Settings**

Outcome Measures**	Median Performance by Year				States That Improved in Performance 2010–2013	States That Declined in Performance 2010–2013
	2010	2011	2012	2013		
Measure 6.1a: Percentage of children in foster care for less than 12 months who experience two or fewer placement settings (N=47 states)	85.2%	85.7%	85.1%	85.1%	4 states (9%)	2 states (4%)
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=47 states)	61.4%	62.9%	64.2%	64.8%	19 states (40%)	4 states (9%)
Measure 6.1c: Percentage of children in foster care for 24 months or longer who experience two or fewer placement settings (N=47 states)	32.0%	32.8%	34.2%	34.7%	32 states (68%)	9 states (19%)
***Measure 7.1: Percentage of children entering foster care at age 12 or younger who are placed in group homes or institutions (N=47 states)	4.5%	4.4%	4.5%	4.0%	26 states (55%)	12 states (26%)

* 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.

As indicated by table V-2, there was very little change between 2010 and 2013 in the percentage of children in foster care for 12 months or less who experienced two or fewer placement settings (measure 6.1a). During this time, the median for this measure decreased only minimally, and a large majority of states did not exhibit significant performance changes in either the positive or negative direction.

⁷⁵ 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>

⁷⁶ 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.

⁷⁷ The two states were Arkansas and South Carolina.

⁷⁸ 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 5.0 percent in 2010 and 5.4 percent in 2013, so the formula is [(5.4–5.0)/5.0]x100=8.0 percent increase.

Table V-2 shows significant improvements 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 61.4 percent in 2010 to 64.8 percent in 2013 (a 5.5 percent increase). For this measure, 19 states improved in performance while only 4 declined. There was an even greater 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 32.0 in 2010 to 34.7 in 2013, an 8.4 percent increase. Furthermore, 32 states demonstrated improvement on this measure, while only 9 declined in performance.

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. This trend continued between 2010 and 2013 when the median decreased from 4.5 to 4.0 percent (an 11.1 percent decrease). During the 4-year span, 26 states showed improved performance on this measure, and 12 declined in performance.

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

Between 2010 and 2013, there were overall improvements in state performance with regard to 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) and the percent of children entering foster care at age 12 or younger who were placed in group homes or institutions (measure 7.1).

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 outcome categories. 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).

The data pages also include the composite scores for each state for the four CFSR Round 2 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 at <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.⁷⁹

Information from the State Data Pages is presented as follows:

- Data for the context variables⁸⁰
- Data showing state performance on the original outcome measures
- Data pertaining to state performance on the 15 CFSR Round 2 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."⁸¹
- 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, 2013 child population in poverty data were not available for inclusion in the current report; therefore, the relevant cells contain an "X."

RANGE OF STATE PERFORMANCE

The following two tables provide the 2013 medians and ranges in state performance on the original outcome measures (table VI-1) and the CFSR Round 2 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 2010, 2011, 2012, and 2013 are included on tables 1 and 2 of the executive summary of this report.

⁷⁹ For this report, AFCARS data were prepared on January 14, 2014; NCANDS data were prepared on July 18, 2014; Census data were prepared on July 1, 2014; and caseworker visits data were prepared on March 28, 2014.

⁸⁰ Note that the 2013 Census Bureau child population in poverty data were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2011–2014 report.

⁸¹ 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.

**Table VI-1. Range of State Performance, 2013
Original Outcome Measures**

Outcome Measures*	National Median (50th Percentile)	Range
**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=52 states)	5.4%	0.8–12.9%
**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=50 states)	0.35%	0.00–1.34%
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=50 states)	88.8%	71.2–97.2%
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=47 states)	79.3%	43.1–94.7%
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=50 states)	66.3%	31.0–94.5%
**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=50 states)	22.1%	3.7–40.3%
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=50 states)	67.2%	36.9–89.1%
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=50 states)	3.6%	0.2–34.4%
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=50 states)	85.6%	74.0–91.3%
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=50 states)	64.8%	43.8–76.1%
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=50 states)	34.8%	17.0–50.3%
**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=50 states)	4.0%	0.8–21.9%

* 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, 2013
Composite Measures**

Composite Measures*	National Median (50th Percentile)**	Range
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=50 states)	70.0%	37.6–89.7%
***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=50 states)	7.9 months	1.4–16.0 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=50 states)	38.2%	14.4–62.4%
***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=50 states)	12.0%	3.1–28.0%
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=50 states)	35.5%	10.0–83.6%
***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=50 states)	28.2 months	14.5–45.8 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=50 states)****	28.0%	13.9–45.8%
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=50 states)*****	14.4%	2.4–34.5%
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=50 states)	62.4%	34.1–97.8%
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=50 states)	32.9%	20.6–45.7%
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=50 states)	95.9%	85.9–99.2%
***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=50 states)	38.6%	14.0–69.2%

* 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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total children under 18 years	1,130,966	1,125,763	1,117,489	1,111,481
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.5
Asian	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.3
Black	30.2	30.0	29.9	29.8
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	6.0	6.3	6.5	6.8
White	59.6	59.3	59.1	58.8
Two or more races	2.4	2.6	2.7	2.8
Child population in poverty (%)	27.7	27.6	27.5	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Child maltreatment victims	9,367	8,601	9,573	8,809
Foster care entry rate per 1,000	2.7	2.9	2.5	2.8
Children in foster care on 9/30	5,629	5,365	4,653	4,624
Children adopted	606	447	587	515

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	N/A	N/A	95	97
Numerator	N/A	N/A	2,857	2,727
Denominator	N/A	N/A	3,011	2,825
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	N/A	N/A	97	98
Numerator	N/A	N/A	2,773	2,675
Denominator	N/A	N/A	2,857	2,727

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2010		2011		2012		2013	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children who received a Child Protective Services response for an allegation of child maltreatment	27,795	24.6 per 1,000	26,221	23.3 per 1,000	28,385	25.4 per 1,000	27,861	25.1 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims	9,367	8.3 per 1,000	8,601	7.6 per 1,000	9,573	8.6 per 1,000	8,809	7.9 per 1,000
Child fatalities	13	1.1 per 100,000	11	1.0 per 100,000	21	1.9 per 100,000	32	2.9 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	12.0	12.8	12.3	13.0
1 year	6.9	7.2	5.7	6.7
2 years	6.9	7.3	6.5	6.3
3 years	6.3	6.2	6.7	6.5
4 years	5.8	6.0	6.4	6.6
5 years	5.9	5.5	5.8	5.8
6 years	5.1	5.2	5.4	5.6
7 years	4.8	5.0	4.9	4.9
8 years	5.0	4.5	4.9	4.9
9 years	4.1	4.5	4.5	4.4
10 years	4.5	3.7	3.9	4.1
11 years	4.0	4.1	4.3	4.5
12 years	4.4	4.5	4.3	4.3
13 years	5.1	5.2	5.1	4.9
14 years	6.4	5.7	6.4	5.7
15 years	6.7	6.4	6.7	5.9
16 years	3.9	3.5	3.3	3.6
17 years	1.8	2.3	2.3	1.9
18+ years	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.3
Number	9,367	8,601	9,573	8,809

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/ Alaska Native	<.1	0.1	<.1	<.1
Asian	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2
Black	26.6	27.4	27.5	26.2
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	4.4	3.9	4.3	4.1
White	56.8	57.9	56.4	58.7
Two or more races	2.9	3.3	3.3	3.5
Missing data	9.0	7.1	8.2	7.3
Number	9,367	8,601	9,573	8,809

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 2013 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2011–2014 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 was a new methodology used to calculate the caseworker visits measures. Because the new methodology limits data comparisons with prior years, caseworker visits data from 2010 and 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.

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Emotional abuse	0.2	0.5	0.3	0.4
Medical neglect	—	—	0.8	—
Neglect	37.6	37.4	38.2	38.4
Physical abuse	50.0	50.0	49.6	50.8
Sexual abuse	22.5	21.9	21.9	20.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	9,367	8,601	9,573	8,809

Response Time (in hours)⁹

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Mean	45.3	42.4	41.7	48.2
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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total number	5,320	5,216	5,167	4,402	3,063	3,251	2,748	3,064	2,754	3,102	3,262	2,842	5,629	5,365	4,653	4,624
Median length of stay (months)	17.3	15.4	14.4	16.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	13.4	12.1	12.8	12.5	16.3	14.2	15.8	12.6

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	5.7	6.5	6.1	6.7	18.5	17.0	18.9	16.8	6.1	6.2	5.4	5.9	6.3	5.9	6.6	6.4
1 year	7.0	6.7	7.1	7.5	8.3	6.9	7.3	8.3	8.7	7.2	8.0	9.1	6.4	7.1	7.4	7.7
2 years	6.2	6.7	6.5	6.1	6.7	6.6	6.5	6.9	8.5	7.4	7.5	7.8	6.5	6.5	6.1	6.8
3 years	5.7	5.3	6.1	6.2	5.5	5.7	5.6	5.8	7.3	7.5	6.4	7.5	5.3	6.0	6.0	5.5
4 years	5.1	5.4	4.5	5.2	5.5	5.8	4.8	5.7	6.3	5.9	5.9	6.2	5.3	4.5	5.2	5.3
5 years	4.2	4.5	5.3	4.4	5.0	5.7	5.8	5.9	5.4	5.6	5.6	5.1	4.5	5.2	4.4	5.6
6 years	4.3	4.5	4.6	4.7	4.2	5.0	4.7	4.8	4.5	5.1	5.5	4.8	4.3	4.8	4.7	4.7
7 years	3.7	4.5	3.9	4.4	4.3	3.4	4.7	4.6	3.9	4.2	4.6	5.1	4.3	4.0	4.4	4.5
8 years	4.2	3.7	4.1	3.8	4.0	3.7	4.2	4.5	4.4	4.2	4.3	3.8	3.6	4.1	3.8	4.5
9 years	3.9	4.1	3.8	4.2	3.9	4.0	3.7	3.8	4.3	3.7	3.6	3.6	4.1	3.8	4.3	3.9
10 years	4.3	3.8	3.9	3.3	3.2	3.3	2.9	3.5	3.8	3.5	3.8	3.7	3.6	4.0	3.4	4.1
11 years	4.6	4.2	4.4	4.0	3.4	4.3	3.6	3.4	3.6	2.9	3.9	3.3	4.1	4.3	3.9	3.2
12 years	4.2	4.6	4.5	4.3	3.7	3.7	4.0	3.6	3.6	3.2	3.3	3.5	4.4	4.5	4.3	4.1
13 years	5.3	4.5	5.3	5.1	4.2	4.8	5.0	4.8	3.9	3.2	4.4	3.6	4.2	5.3	5.1	4.4
14 years	6.4	5.6	5.4	5.4	5.0	5.0	4.1	3.8	4.2	3.4	3.5	3.2	5.5	5.4	5.5	5.6
15 years	7.2	7.3	6.3	6.3	5.2	5.8	5.5	4.9	3.4	3.7	3.9	3.3	7.0	6.5	6.4	6.3
16 years	8.4	8.3	8.4	7.4	5.8	5.7	4.6	4.9	4.1	5.0	4.2	3.4	7.9	8.4	7.4	7.1
17 years	8.8	8.9	8.2	9.0	3.4	3.5	3.8	3.9	4.2	3.6	3.7	3.0	8.4	8.0	8.6	7.8
18 years	0.9	0.9	1.5	2.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.0	9.0	12.8	10.2	12.2	4.2	1.7	2.4	1.9
19 years	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.9	1.5	2.2	1.8	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.7
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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/ Alaska Native	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	<.1
Asian	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.2	0.2	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.2	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Black	42.2	39.6	37.0	36.3	31.5	31.3	29.8	33.1	34.5	34.7	32.5	31.9	40.2	37.4	35.9	36.9
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	4.2	4.1	5.2	5.6	5.6	6.5	6.5	5.2	6.3	4.6	5.9	5.6	3.9	5.3	5.5	5.3
White	47.9	50.7	51.0	51.1	56.4	53.9	53.7	52.2	51.9	54.2	53.3	54.5	50.6	50.6	51.0	49.7
Two or more races	4.7	5.2	5.5	6.1	5.2	5.1	6.7	6.3	5.2	4.7	5.8	5.8	4.8	5.4	6.0	6.4
Unable to determine	0.8	0.2	0.9	0.6	1.1	2.9	3.1	3.1	2.1	1.6	2.3	1.7	0.3	1.0	1.2	1.5
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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total waiting children	1,304	1,310	1,161	1,079
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	840	710	549	522

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	2.1	2.1	2.7	3.2
1 year	6.1	7.7	7.8	7.4
2 years	7.1	7.9	7.4	7.5
3 years	6.4	7.6	8.1	7.1
4 years	5.7	5.1	6.7	6.3
5 years	6.1	5.8	5.6	6.7
6 years	5.8	4.7	5.6	5.0
7 years	5.0	4.8	5.0	5.8
8 years	4.7	5.1	4.6	5.1
9 years	4.9	5.4	5.9	5.3
10 years	5.0	5.2	4.7	6.1
11 years	6.5	5.4	5.3	4.0
12 years	6.6	6.9	6.0	5.7
13 years	6.3	6.8	7.1	5.7
14 years	6.7	6.1	6.5	7.0
15 years	7.9	6.1	5.4	6.9
16 years	4.1	4.3	3.3	3.3
17 years	3.2	2.9	2.2	1.9

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.0
Asian	<.1	0.2	<.1	0.0
Black	38.8	33.7	30.9	30.8
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	4.7	5.6	5.0	5.7
White	51.2	53.7	57.3	56.7
Two or more races	4.9	6.4	5.9	6.6
Unable to determine	0.2	<.1	0.6	0.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total children adopted	606	447	587	515

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	1.3	1.1	1.9	1.4
1 year	8.9	7.8	9.5	11.1
2 years	13.4	11.4	11.6	12.4
3 years	10.2	12.1	11.6	10.5
4 years	6.8	11.0	8.5	9.1
5 years	5.4	9.6	7.3	7.0
6 years	6.6	8.3	7.0	7.0
7 years	5.4	7.6	4.8	6.6
8 years	5.6	6.0	4.6	4.3
9 years	6.8	3.6	3.7	4.3
10 years	7.3	4.3	5.6	5.4
11 years	4.0	3.6	3.6	4.7
12 years	3.5	3.1	3.9	2.9
13 years	5.4	2.5	3.6	4.9
14 years	2.8	2.7	3.4	2.1
15 years	2.3	1.6	3.2	1.7
16 years	1.7	2.9	2.7	2.9
17 years	1.8	0.4	2.0	1.0
18 years	0.5	0.4	1.0	0.8
19 years	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.0
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0
Black	29.7	31.3	30.2	22.5
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	9.4	7.4	7.5	5.4
White	53.0	55.3	54.7	63.1
Two or more races	7.8	5.6	7.2	7.8
Unable to determine	0.2	0.4	0.3	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.

Alabama

OUTCOMES DATA

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children without a recurrence	98.8	98.9	98.4	98.3
Children with one or more recurrences	1.2	1.1	1.6	1.7
Number	3,914	3,773	4,043	3,802

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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.04	0.18	0.18	0.09
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.96	99.82	99.82	99.91
Number	8,383	8,467	7,915	7,466

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	19.5	14.1	16.7	18.9
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reunification	66.8	66.3	64.5	65.3
Other	12.1	16.2	13.9	15.2
Missing data	1.7	3.5	4.9	0.6
Number	2,754	3,102	3,262	2,842

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	26.7	15.8	18.5	25.6
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reunification	57.3	39.2	43.3	38.0
Other	14.5	42.2	34.2	36.4
Missing data	1.5	2.8	4.0	0.0
Number	1,988	398	351	324

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	1.4	1.2	2.4	1.8
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reunification	60.0	51.4	51.8	49.7
Other	37.3	44.7	42.1	47.6
Missing data	1.3	2.7	3.7	1.0
Number	557	778	739	626

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children age 12 or younger at entry	30.4	27.1	26.7	27.6
Children older than 12 at entry	69.6	72.9	73.3	72.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	276	439	386	377

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	American Indian/Alaska Native				2010	Asian			2010	Black			2013
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2011	2012	2013		2011	2012		
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	71.4	0.0	0.0	50.0	0.0	17.2	12.8	15.3	13.0	
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	0.0	100.0	0.0	14.3	75.0	83.3	50.0	0.0	64.7	60.1	59.2	62.4	
Other	0.0	0.0	75.0	14.3	25.0	16.7	0.0	100.0	16.4	22.3	20.7	23.2	
Missing data	0.0	0.0	25.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.7	4.7	4.8	1.3	
Number	0	1	4	7	4	6	2	2	949	1,076	1,060	908	

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander				2010	Hispanic (of any race)			2010	White			2013
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2011	2012	2013		2011	2012		
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	29.3	21.8	19.4	17.5	19.7	14.4	17.5	22.0	
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	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	63.8	63.4	66.5	73.1	68.1	69.2	66.5	65.3	
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.6	11.3	9.9	9.4	10.7	13.7	11.2	12.3	
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.3	3.5	4.2	0.0	1.5	2.7	4.8	0.4	
Number	0	0	1	0	174	142	191	160	1,428	1,682	1,740	1,550	

	Unable to Determine				2010	Two or More Races			2010	Missing Data			2013
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2011	2012	2013		2011	2012		
Adoption	5.3	4.0	1.3	6.1	26.1	15.9	20.6	24.7	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	86.0	92.0	93.3	93.9	63.4	71.0	63.5	67.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Other	5.3	2.0	1.3	0.0	7.7	8.3	9.0	7.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Missing data	3.5	2.0	4.0	0.0	2.8	4.8	6.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Number	57	50	75	49	142	145	189	166	0	0	0	0	

¹⁴ 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. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Less than 12 mos.	62.9	66.8	63.2	67.4
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	23.1	23.0	26.3	20.6
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	8.1	6.0	6.3	7.3
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	2.8	2.0	2.0	3.0
48 or more mos.	3.0	2.1	2.1	1.7
Missing data	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0
Number	1,839	2,056	2,104	1,855

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children entering care for the first time	85.9	83.6	84.1	82.7
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	6.1	8.2	6.8	8.7
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	8.0	8.2	9.0	8.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1
Number	3,063	3,251	2,748	3,064

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Less than 12 mos.	1.7	2.3	3.1	3.0
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	18.3	14.2	19.7	23.9
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	25.4	33.3	29.0	30.8
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	25.4	21.1	20.6	19.0
48 or more mos.	29.3	29.1	27.6	23.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2
Number	536	436	544	536

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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children with 2 or fewer placements	79.8	76.3	77.2	75.5	56.6	55.1	54.3	57.3	30.1	31.0	29.7	27.1	80.0	83.3	80.0	66.7
Children with 3 or more placements	17.3	18.2	16.1	17.5	41.7	43.1	43.0	39.8	68.8	66.4	68.0	70.3	0.0	8.3	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	2.9	5.6	6.7	6.9	1.7	1.8	2.8	2.9	1.1	2.6	2.2	2.6	20.0	8.3	20.0	33.3
Number	3,525	3,859	3,444	3,588	1,826	1,869	1,885	1,556	3,022	2,727	2,581	2,316	10	12	5	6

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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Group homes	2.0	2.7	2.2	2.7
Institutions	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.2
Other settings	95.4	93.4	93.6	92.9
Missing data	0.9	2.1	2.5	3.3
Number	2,323	2,419	2,098	2,366

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

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score¹⁷	119.0	120.1	115.8	122.3
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)	64.0	67.3	63.7	67.1
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)	8.3	8.1	8.7	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)	40.2	42.2	48.1	44.6
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?	7.8	10.1	10.2	9.3

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	90.7	80.0	99.1	105.0
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?	20.0	16.5	22.8	26.8
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?	37.9	36.1	34.3	32.8
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?	18.1	16.7	20.6	22.2
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	10.1	11.3	11.0
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?	53.7	47.4	58.4	61.4

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	115.1	109.3	117.9	118.9
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?	25.4	22.9	27.3	29.1
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?	92.9	89.1	91.8	92.5
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?	50.2	46.8	45.9	45.3

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	89.2	88.5	89.5	88.5
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?	80.8	79.5	81.5	79.8
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?	57.5	56.0	55.9	59.0
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?	30.8	32.2	30.8	28.4

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 (<http://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 Alabama's comments on the State data presented in *Child Welfare Outcomes 2010–2013: Report to Congress*.

Alabama fully implemented its SACWIS system in January 2009 and submitted its first full AFCARS/NCANDS data sets for FY2009. Our first federal SACWIS and federal AFCARS reviews occurred in FY2010 and FY2011, respectively, and resulted in system enhancements and changes in extraction logic, thereby improving our data quality incrementally. These were not fully in place for AFCARS and NCANDS submissions used for this reporting period.

- Caseworker visits data for FY2013 were based on a sample. The percentage of children receiving monthly visits was 97.0. Of those visited, 98.0 percent occurred in their placement homes. This was an increase over FY2012.
- In FY2013, Alabama data indicate 526 finalized adoptions with agency involvement; however, 513 were captured in AFCARS. This indicates a slight decrease from FY2012, but an increase over the 428 adoptions finalized in FY2011. This has resulted in an overall decrease in the number of Children Waiting for Adoption. Emphasis on the outcome of adoption resulted in an increase in the percentage of children adopted in less than 24 months.
- An increase was seen in the number of children who experienced reunification in less than 12 months, thereby reducing the median length of stay in foster care.
- The child fatality count in FY2013 was 32, an increase from FY2012 of 21, from a low of 11 child fatalities in FY2011, with 13 in FY2010. The count for FY2013 represents child deaths that occurred in prior year.
- Alabama experienced a decline in the number of children entering foster care for the first time in FY2013 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 FY2013, Recurrence of Maltreatment within 6 months increased slightly to 1.7 percent. Alabama is below the national median on this measure and continues to demonstrate high standards concerning child safety.
- Outcome Measure 2.1: In FY2013, Maltreatment in Foster Care decreased slightly to 0.09 percent, which is below the national median.

Alaska

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total children under 18 years	187,902	188,329	188,162	188,132
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
American Indian/ Alaska Native	17.7	17.7	17.7	17.8
Asian	5.2	5.2	5.3	5.3
Black	3.2	3.2	3.3	3.3
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.6
Hispanic (of any race)	8.0	8.3	8.6	8.8
White	52.6	52.1	51.5	50.9
Two or more races	11.9	11.9	12.0	12.3
Child population in poverty (%)	12.9	14.5	13.9	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Child maltreatment victims	2,825	2,898	2,928	2,448
Foster care entry rate per 1,000	4.7	4.8	4.9	5.4
Children in foster care on 9/30	1,902	1,941	1,926	2,030
Children adopted	336	293	309	313

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	N/A	N/A	73	81
Numerator	N/A	N/A	14,761	17,247
Denominator	N/A	N/A	20,273	21,400
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	N/A	N/A	67	66
Numerator	N/A	N/A	9,888	11,366
Denominator	N/A	N/A	14,761	17,247

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2010		2011		2012		2013	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children who received a Child Protective Services response for an allegation of child maltreatment	7,533	40.1 per 1,000	7,989	42.4 per 1,000	9,794	52.1 per 1,000	9,375	49.8 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims	2,825	15.0 per 1,000	2,898	15.4 per 1,000	2,928	15.6 per 1,000	2,448	13.0 per 1,000
Child fatalities	3	1.6 per 100,000	3	1.6 per 100,000	4	2.1 per 100,000	1	0.5 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	13.6	13.1	11.1	11.3
1 year	8.5	8.4	7.1	6.7
2 years	8.0	8.0	7.3	7.4
3 years	6.7	6.7	7.5	6.5
4 years	6.5	7.3	7.3	7.2
5 years	6.4	6.7	6.7	6.6
6 years	6.7	6.3	5.9	5.8
7 years	5.3	5.8	5.0	6.1
8 years	4.6	5.3	5.2	6.0
9 years	5.5	4.6	5.2	5.7
10 years	5.2	3.9	4.1	4.9
11 years	3.7	4.2	4.4	4.9
12 years	3.8	3.8	5.2	4.0
13 years	4.0	4.0	4.8	3.8
14 years	3.0	3.2	3.6	3.9
15 years	3.3	3.7	3.9	3.5
16 years	2.3	2.2	2.5	2.9
17 years	1.4	1.7	1.7	2.0
18+ years	0.1	0.1	0.1	<.1
Missing data	1.3	1.1	1.4	0.7
Number	2,825	2,898	2,928	2,448

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/ Alaska Native	48.5	44.5	50.6	52.1
Asian	1.5	1.1	0.6	0.7
Black	4.2	4.4	2.6	0.8
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	1.8	2.3	1.3	1.0
Hispanic (of any race)	3.4	3.9	2.8	3.1
White	23.1	24.4	22.0	18.1
Two or more races	5.5	6.5	6.9	9.6
Missing data	12.1	12.9	13.3	14.6
Number	2,825	2,898	2,928	2,448

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 2013 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2011–2014 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 was a new methodology used to calculate the caseworker visits measures. Because the new methodology limits data comparisons with prior years, caseworker visits data from 2010 and 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.

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Emotional abuse	18.1	18.0	17.9	23.8
Medical neglect	1.7	1.4	2.7	2.4
Neglect	88.7	90.3	95.8	93.8
Physical abuse	13.0	13.4	15.3	15.7
Sexual abuse	4.0	4.9	5.8	5.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	2,825	2,898	2,928	2,448

Response Time (in hours)⁹

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Mean	—	—	—	215.3
Median	—	—	—	>120 but <144

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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total number	1,863	1,756	1,811	1,825	887	908	914	1,012	848	723	799	807	1,902	1,941	1,926	2,030
Median length of stay (months)	16.1	14.8	14.4	15.3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	22.4	22.4	21.4	21.1	14.7	14.4	15.3	13.7

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	6.3	6.2	5.7	6.2	18.6	19.1	18.3	19.0	2.8	2.5	2.3	3.6	5.9	5.6	6.0	5.9
1 year	9.1	7.6	9.3	7.8	9.6	9.7	8.2	7.7	8.1	7.6	7.9	8.8	7.8	9.7	7.9	8.3
2 years	8.0	9.7	7.1	8.3	9.4	8.7	7.5	8.6	9.8	10.2	9.6	8.7	9.6	7.4	8.5	7.3
3 years	7.3	8.0	8.2	7.2	7.1	6.4	9.7	7.8	8.5	9.0	9.0	8.2	7.8	8.3	7.3	8.4
4 years	6.8	7.1	6.6	8.2	7.0	5.8	8.6	6.7	7.2	8.4	9.0	9.2	7.2	6.7	8.3	6.8
5 years	5.3	6.2	6.6	6.2	5.3	6.1	6.7	7.9	6.1	7.1	6.6	7.8	6.0	6.9	6.2	7.2
6 years	6.3	5.5	5.4	6.2	5.2	5.5	4.8	4.5	5.3	6.1	5.8	5.8	5.5	5.4	6.4	6.1
7 years	4.5	5.9	5.2	5.2	5.6	6.2	5.4	5.8	5.4	4.8	5.8	5.1	6.0	5.6	5.2	6.6
8 years	5.6	4.3	6.5	4.9	4.6	4.4	4.8	4.2	5.0	3.9	5.1	4.2	4.4	6.2	4.8	4.7
9 years	4.7	4.9	4.4	6.3	4.4	3.4	3.5	5.1	5.7	3.9	4.6	6.2	5.0	4.3	6.2	5.1
10 years	5.4	4.7	5.2	4.1	3.6	3.3	3.8	3.8	4.2	3.5	5.5	4.8	4.7	4.9	4.2	5.2
11 years	5.0	4.4	4.3	4.5	2.0	3.2	4.4	3.6	4.8	4.3	4.1	3.5	4.4	4.3	4.4	4.1
12 years	3.3	4.0	4.3	4.2	3.4	3.5	2.8	2.8	3.9	5.0	3.6	3.1	4.0	4.2	4.0	4.3
13 years	4.0	3.8	3.8	4.7	3.4	3.7	3.7	3.3	2.7	1.8	2.6	2.7	3.7	3.7	4.5	3.9
14 years	4.3	4.0	4.5	3.8	3.5	3.5	1.8	3.3	2.9	3.5	2.9	4.0	4.1	4.3	3.6	4.4
15 years	4.5	4.5	4.2	4.1	3.6	3.2	2.8	2.4	2.8	3.6	2.1	2.4	4.5	3.9	4.3	3.5
16 years	4.5	4.7	4.3	4.1	2.5	2.8	1.8	2.4	2.7	4.0	2.4	2.5	4.6	4.3	4.1	3.9
17 years	4.6	4.0	3.7	3.8	1.2	1.5	1.3	1.3	2.4	1.7	2.4	3.0	4.2	3.7	3.8	3.5
18 years	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.6	9.3	8.6	6.6	0.4	0.6	0.3	0.6
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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/Alaska Native	54.6	50.3	49.9	50.4	46.1	48.9	52.6	42.0	53.4	47.9	50.1	50.1	51.2	50.5	51.1	46.4
Asian	0.4	0.5	0.8	0.3	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.4	1.9	0.7	0.5	0.7	0.3	0.4
Black	3.3	3.1	2.8	2.5	2.7	3.0	2.8	2.3	3.3	3.6	3.5	2.6	3.0	2.8	2.5	2.3
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	1.3	1.1	1.4	0.8	1.6	2.0	0.7	1.0	1.8	1.5	1.8	0.6	1.3	1.4	0.9	1.0
Hispanic (of any race)	4.9	6.0	4.9	4.1	6.8	5.0	3.3	3.9	5.2	8.3	4.9	4.8	5.7	4.7	4.1	3.6
White	24.7	26.9	25.8	25.9	27.5	23.0	23.2	25.0	23.9	25.7	24.9	24.8	26.3	25.6	24.9	25.9
Two or more races	10.3	11.2	12.6	13.6	12.1	13.7	13.1	19.8	10.5	11.6	10.1	13.4	11.0	12.2	13.9	16.8
Unable to determine	0.4	0.9	1.9	2.4	2.4	3.6	3.5	5.3	1.2	1.0	2.9	3.0	1.0	2.1	2.2	3.6
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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total waiting children	722	738	818	883
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	406	407	401	417

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	2.6	2.2	3.3	2.9
1 year	8.9	7.7	6.5	7.6
2 years	9.0	7.3	9.7	8.5
3 years	8.2	9.1	6.8	8.0
4 years	7.2	8.3	8.3	6.2
5 years	6.6	8.0	6.5	7.0
6 years	5.7	5.7	7.7	5.3
7 years	5.0	6.4	6.0	7.4
8 years	4.7	6.8	5.6	6.1
9 years	6.2	4.5	8.3	5.2
10 years	5.8	5.4	3.5	6.7
11 years	6.0	5.8	4.4	4.4
12 years	5.4	4.6	3.7	4.8
13 years	3.6	3.5	5.3	4.0
14 years	4.4	4.2	3.1	5.2
15 years	4.4	3.9	3.4	3.3
16 years	3.2	3.7	4.5	3.5
17 years	3.0	3.0	3.4	3.9

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/Alaska Native	52.2	53.4	52.6	47.7
Asian	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.1
Black	3.6	3.1	2.3	2.3
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.6	1.6	1.0	0.7
Hispanic (of any race)	6.6	4.5	3.5	3.3
White	26.9	25.7	26.2	28.1
Two or more races	9.7	10.2	13.0	15.7
Unable to determine	0.4	0.9	1.5	2.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total children adopted	336	293	309	313

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	1.5	1.0	0.6	1.3
1 year	8.9	9.9	11.7	9.9
2 years	13.1	13.3	10.0	10.9
3 years	9.2	13.0	10.0	12.8
4 years	8.6	8.5	11.7	10.2
5 years	5.1	8.2	8.4	12.1
6 years	6.5	5.8	6.8	8.0
7 years	6.3	4.8	6.5	6.1
8 years	6.8	5.1	5.8	4.5
9 years	8.0	6.1	5.5	6.7
10 years	5.1	4.4	5.2	4.2
11 years	5.4	4.4	4.5	3.8
12 years	3.9	5.5	3.9	2.9
13 years	3.9	2.4	1.9	1.9
14 years	2.1	2.4	2.9	2.2
15 years	1.8	4.1	1.9	0.3
16 years	2.4	0.7	1.6	1.3
17 years	1.2	0.3	0.6	0.6
18 years	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.3
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/Alaska Native	53.6	47.4	48.9	50.2
Asian	0.6	0.0	1.3	0.3
Black	3.6	3.1	3.6	1.9
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.6	0.0	2.6	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	4.8	7.8	5.5	2.6
White	25.3	29.7	25.6	28.1
Two or more races	11.3	11.6	11.7	14.7
Unable to determine	0.3	0.3	1.0	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.

Alaska

OUTCOMES DATA

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children without a recurrence	92.9	91.8	87.8	87.1
Children with one or more recurrences	7.1	8.2	12.2	12.9
Number	1,511	1,455	1,218	1,291

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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.51	0.41	0.92	0.99
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.49	99.59	99.08	99.01
Number	2,750	2,664	2,725	2,837

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	36.8	38.5	36.5	38.3
Guardianship	3.9	2.6	2.3	2.7
Reunification	47.3	48.5	47.9	48.8
Other	12.0	10.4	13.3	10.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	848	723	799	807

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	70.7	70.9	75.4	72.1
Guardianship	4.1	4.5	3.4	7.2
Reunification	11.6	9.0	5.9	5.4
Other	13.6	15.7	15.3	15.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	147	134	118	111

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	8.3	4.6	2.1	3.8
Guardianship	4.2	6.5	5.2	6.6
Reunification	31.7	43.5	39.6	40.6
Other	55.8	45.4	53.1	49.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	120	108	96	106

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children age 12 or younger at entry	23.8	31.3	27.1	25.0
Children older than 12 at entry	76.3	68.8	72.9	75.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	80	64	70	60

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	American Indian/Alaska Native				2010	Asian				2010	Black			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	37.1	38.4	36.0	38.6	33.3	0.0	26.7	0.0	42.9	34.6	39.3	28.6		
Guardianship	4.0	1.2	1.5	2.7	0.0	33.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.1	14.3		
Reunification	45.0	46.5	46.5	46.0	66.7	33.3	66.7	83.3	46.4	53.8	39.3	33.3		
Other	13.9	13.9	16.0	12.6	0.0	33.3	6.7	16.7	10.7	11.5	14.3	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	453	346	400	404	6	3	15	6	28	26	28	21		
	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander				2010	Hispanic (of any race)				2010	White			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	13.3	0.0	42.9	0.0	34.1	38.3	38.5	20.5	38.4	43.5	37.7	43.5		
Guardianship	0.0	9.1	0.0	0.0	4.5	3.3	0.0	2.6	5.9	2.7	1.5	0.0		
Reunification	66.7	90.9	57.1	100.0	54.5	51.7	46.2	74.4	44.3	45.7	47.2	49.0		
Other	20.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.8	6.7	15.4	2.6	11.3	8.1	13.6	7.5		
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	15	11	14	5	44	60	39	39	203	186	199	200		
	Unable to Determine				2010	Two or More Races				2010	Missing Data			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	10.0	14.3	13.0	29.2	38.2	36.9	42.0	41.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	7.1	8.6	6.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	70.0	85.7	87.0	62.5	55.1	51.2	44.4	45.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Other	20.0	0.0	0.0	8.3	5.6	4.8	4.9	6.5	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	10	7	23	24	89	84	81	108	0	0	0	0		

¹⁴ 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. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Less than 12 mos.	48.6	43.0	48.3	48.7
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	35.2	37.0	30.8	32.5
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	11.7	11.1	15.9	12.7
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	1.2	7.7	3.4	4.1
48 or more mos.	3.2	1.1	1.6	2.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	401	351	383	394

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children entering care for the first time	88.8	87.4	87.0	85.2
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	4.5	5.3	3.9	4.8
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	6.0	6.9	8.8	10.0
Missing data	0.7	0.3	0.3	0.0
Number	887	908	914	1,012

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Less than 12 mos.	2.9	3.6	0.7	1.9
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	26.6	20.9	28.1	26.5
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	30.4	40.3	33.6	36.2
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	19.6	19.8	18.8	18.4
48 or more mos.	20.5	15.5	18.8	16.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	312	278	292	309

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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children with 2 or fewer placements	82.7	75.1	80.7	83.0	56.7	62.4	53.9	59.0	26.8	28.4	32.0	28.6	100.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	17.3	24.9	19.3	17.0	43.3	37.6	46.1	41.0	73.2	71.6	68.0	71.4	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	1,027	1,010	1,036	1,103	735	755	787	807	986	899	902	924	2	0	0	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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Group homes	0.4	0.4	1.0	2.0
Institutions	1.9	1.7	1.7	1.1
Other settings	97.7	97.9	97.3	96.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	755	769	805	879

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

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score¹⁷	111.6	103.7	102.9	115.2
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)	61.2	56.6	59.0	61.8
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)	9.4	10.3	8.8	8.6
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)	29.1	26.7	26.6	21.7
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?	8.3	9.3	10.5	7.0

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	136.8	141.6	140.0	144.2
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?	29.5	24.5	28.8	28.5
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?	31.8	31.5	30.9	30.3
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?	31.4	31.0	32.4	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	22.2	26.3	26.4	30.4
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?	64.4	62.3	64.3	60.1

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	123.1	132.7	134.3	134.2
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?	38.6	39.9	42.4	43.7
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?	95.3	93.8	93.8	94.1
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?	55.4	44.4	48.4	46.4

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	88.9	86.1	87.6	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?	82.1	74.5	80.3	82.5
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?	56.6	62.4	53.8	59.0
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?	26.9	28.5	32.4	28.7

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 (<http://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 Alaska's comments on the State data presented in *Child Welfare Outcomes 2010–2013: Report to Congress*.

During 2013, Alaska performed a complete review and revision of the methodology used to extract NCANDS Child and Agency file data from its information system. The 2013 submission is the first submission based on new extraction code. Therefore data for 2013 may not be comparable to data reported in prior years and over-the-year changes should be interpreted with caution.

Also with the 2013 submission, Alaska began reporting Investigation Start Date and Investigation State Time in its Child File and Response Time with Respect to the Initial Investigation or Assessment in its Agency File. In Alaska, one investigation may cover one or more reports of maltreatment. If a report is received while an investigation is in progress, the new report may be linked to and covered by the already open investigation. In these instances the investigation start date will be earlier than the report date and excluded from federal reporting.

Arizona

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total children under 18 years	1,628,563	1,616,353	1,617,149	1,616,814
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
American Indian/ Alaska Native	5.1	5.1	5.0	5.0
Asian	2.4	2.5	2.5	2.6
Black	4.2	4.2	4.3	4.4
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Hispanic (of any race)	43.2	43.2	43.3	43.3
White	41.7	41.5	41.2	41.0
Two or more races	3.3	3.4	3.5	3.6
Child population in poverty (%)	24.4	27.2	27.0	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Child maltreatment victims	6,023	8,708	10,039	13,171
Foster care entry rate per 1,000	4.8	5.3	6.6	6.6
Children in foster care on 9/30	9,963	10,956	13,621	14,523
Children adopted	2,045	2,275	2,275	2,486

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	N/A	N/A	83	87
Numerator	N/A	N/A	112,108	135,943
Denominator	N/A	N/A	134,566	156,436
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	N/A	N/A	82	83
Numerator	N/A	N/A	92,160	112,761
Denominator	N/A	N/A	112,108	135,943

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2010		2011		2012		2013	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children who received a Child Protective Services response for an allegation of child maltreatment	49,858	30.6 per 1,000	59,923	37.1 per 1,000	64,332	39.8 per 1,000	75,722	46.8 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims	6,023	3.7 per 1,000	8,708	5.4 per 1,000	10,039	6.2 per 1,000	13,171	8.1 per 1,000
Child fatalities	20	1.2 per 100,000	34	2.1 per 100,000	30	1.9 per 100,000	54	3.3 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	19.2	20.3	20.9	20.1
1 year	7.5	7.5	7.0	7.4
2 years	7.5	7.3	6.9	6.9
3 years	7.1	6.9	6.8	6.5
4 years	5.8	5.7	6.4	6.4
5 years	5.8	5.4	5.4	6.0
6 years	5.0	5.1	5.6	5.7
7 years	4.8	4.5	4.8	5.1
8 years	4.1	4.7	4.3	4.5
9 years	4.1	3.6	3.9	3.7
10 years	3.7	3.5	3.6	3.6
11 years	3.8	3.4	3.5	3.5
12 years	3.8	3.6	3.3	3.5
13 years	3.7	3.6	3.6	3.7
14 years	3.6	4.2	3.8	3.7
15 years	4.1	4.0	4.0	4.0
16 years	3.7	4.0	3.7	3.3
17 years	2.6	2.4	2.2	2.3
18+ years	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1
Missing data	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3
Number	6,023	8,708	10,039	13,171

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/ Alaska Native	4.4	3.9	4.9	4.3
Asian	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3
Black	8.1	8.0	8.5	8.4
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2
Hispanic (of any race)	39.1	38.8	38.4	39.7
White	40.0	40.6	38.9	37.5
Two or more races	3.9	3.9	3.8	3.6
Missing data	3.9	4.2	5.0	6.0
Number	6,023	8,708	10,039	13,171

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 2013 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2011–2014 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 was a new methodology used to calculate the caseworker visits measures. Because the new methodology limits data comparisons with prior years, caseworker visits data from 2010 and 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.

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Emotional abuse	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.2
Medical neglect	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Neglect	87.3	93.9	96.9	97.9
Physical abuse	16.1	12.5	10.4	10.5
Sexual abuse	5.5	3.9	3.7	3.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	6,023	8,708	10,039	13,171

Response Time (in hours)⁹

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Mean	59.1	88.8	249.1	206.2
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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total number	9,219	9,697	10,653	13,095	7,841	8,487	10,618	10,728	7,097	7,228	7,650	9,300	9,963	10,956	13,621	14,523
Median length of stay (months)	12.0	10.7	10.2	9.1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	12.7	13.0	12.4	12.1	10.7	10.2	9.1	10.7

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	7.7	8.3	8.1	8.6	16.9	16.7	17.2	17.8	4.8	4.9	5.2	5.1	8.2	8.0	8.5	8.4
1 year	9.3	9.4	8.7	8.8	8.2	7.1	7.3	7.5	8.9	9.5	8.9	8.6	9.4	8.8	8.9	9.4
2 years	8.3	8.4	7.9	7.3	7.5	7.0	6.6	6.9	8.3	8.5	8.4	8.3	8.5	7.8	7.4	7.8
3 years	6.8	7.5	7.3	7.1	6.8	6.7	6.6	6.5	7.8	8.0	7.1	7.0	7.5	7.3	7.1	6.7
4 years	6.2	6.2	6.7	6.8	5.2	5.9	6.5	6.1	5.9	6.8	6.9	6.9	6.2	6.6	6.8	6.5
5 years	5.1	5.8	5.5	6.5	5.4	5.0	5.6	5.8	5.7	5.7	5.5	6.2	5.7	5.5	6.5	6.4
6 years	5.0	4.8	5.2	5.8	4.3	4.9	5.7	5.5	4.9	5.3	5.0	5.9	4.8	5.2	5.8	6.0
7 years	5.1	4.5	4.6	5.1	4.3	4.2	4.5	5.0	4.8	4.6	4.4	5.4	4.5	4.6	5.2	5.6
8 years	4.3	4.4	4.2	4.6	3.7	4.4	4.3	4.3	4.1	4.3	4.6	4.5	4.4	4.2	4.6	4.8
9 years	4.1	4.1	4.4	3.9	3.3	3.6	3.8	3.7	4.2	4.4	4.0	3.9	4.1	4.4	4.0	4.3
10 years	4.1	3.5	3.7	3.9	3.4	3.2	3.4	3.3	3.8	3.3	3.9	4.0	3.5	3.6	3.8	3.7
11 years	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.4	3.3	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.2	3.7	3.3	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.7
12 years	3.8	3.7	3.6	3.5	3.6	3.5	3.3	3.2	3.4	3.2	3.0	3.4	3.6	3.6	3.5	3.4
13 years	3.9	3.8	3.8	3.7	4.1	4.1	4.0	3.9	3.5	3.2	3.7	3.5	3.8	3.9	3.8	3.5
14 years	4.3	4.4	4.7	4.0	4.5	4.9	4.0	4.0	3.5	3.7	3.6	3.5	4.5	4.7	4.0	3.8
15 years	5.0	5.2	5.4	5.0	5.4	5.1	5.0	4.5	4.3	3.6	4.2	3.9	5.2	5.4	5.0	4.5
16 years	6.6	5.7	6.1	5.8	5.2	5.8	4.7	4.6	4.7	4.2	4.1	4.0	5.8	6.1	5.8	5.3
17 years	7.0	6.8	6.7	5.9	5.0	4.7	4.0	3.9	5.1	3.9	3.8	3.7	6.8	6.6	5.8	6.0
18 years	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	8.9	9.5	10.1	8.7	0.0	<.1	<.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	<.1	0.0	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	0.0	0.0	0.0	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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/ Alaska Native	3.6	3.9	3.7	3.9	4.3	4.2	4.6	4.2	3.9	4.6	4.4	3.9	4.0	3.7	4.0	4.1
Asian	0.1	<.1	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.1	0.4	0.4	<.1	0.2	0.2	0.2
Black	9.8	9.8	10.5	9.8	9.2	9.9	9.7	9.5	9.3	8.8	10.9	9.6	9.7	10.6	9.7	9.7
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.3	<.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.2	<.1	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2
Hispanic (of any race)	43.6	41.8	40.2	41.4	38.6	38.8	39.7	39.5	41.4	41.5	38.1	40.1	41.1	39.7	41.0	40.9
White	37.2	38.4	38.9	37.4	39.3	38.6	36.6	36.1	38.0	38.0	38.8	37.7	38.2	38.8	37.1	36.3
Two or more races	3.8	4.3	4.4	4.1	4.1	3.7	3.6	3.7	3.7	3.7	4.1	4.0	4.1	4.2	3.9	3.8
Unable to determine	1.6	1.5	2.0	2.9	4.1	4.2	5.3	6.5	2.8	3.1	3.2	4.1	2.7	2.6	3.9	4.9
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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total waiting children	2,670	2,833	2,953	3,611
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	2,180	2,231	2,342	2,730

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	4.7	4.7	5.0	5.2
1 year	11.6	12.0	12.3	13.1
2 years	10.3	10.3	10.4	10.4
3 years	8.4	9.2	8.8	7.7
4 years	7.7	7.8	7.7	7.9
5 years	6.3	6.3	7.0	7.8
6 years	6.3	6.3	5.6	6.8
7 years	5.0	4.8	5.9	5.8
8 years	5.5	5.1	5.0	5.1
9 years	5.6	5.6	4.4	4.8
10 years	4.4	4.7	5.0	4.0
11 years	4.5	4.4	4.3	4.5
12 years	4.2	4.0	4.3	3.5
13 years	4.1	3.7	3.7	3.3
14 years	4.5	3.8	3.1	3.4
15 years	3.9	4.3	3.5	3.0
16 years	2.1	2.2	2.6	2.5
17 years	0.8	0.9	1.4	1.4

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/Alaska Native	3.5	3.2	2.9	4.0
Asian	0.0	<.1	0.2	0.1
Black	10.3	12.3	9.7	12.0
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	<.1	0.1	0.3	0.1
Hispanic (of any race)	41.9	41.3	41.6	40.3
White	38.7	37.3	39.7	37.1
Two or more races	4.0	4.6	4.0	3.9
Unable to determine	1.5	1.2	1.7	2.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total children adopted	2,045	2,275	2,275	2,486

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	1.1	1.3	1.9	2.2
1 year	14.0	15.0	14.6	15.4
2 years	13.5	13.1	14.1	13.9
3 years	11.5	10.4	10.5	10.8
4 years	8.8	9.8	9.6	8.8
5 years	7.5	7.6	7.3	7.4
6 years	6.2	7.2	6.3	6.6
7 years	5.7	5.9	5.7	6.4
8 years	5.5	5.1	5.0	4.7
9 years	4.7	4.9	4.8	4.0
10 years	4.3	3.8	4.7	4.4
11 years	3.8	3.4	3.5	3.1
12 years	3.4	3.6	2.8	3.0
13 years	2.4	2.2	2.5	3.1
14 years	1.9	2.3	2.5	1.6
15 years	2.1	1.9	1.9	1.8
16 years	1.8	1.5	1.5	1.2
17 years	1.7	0.9	0.7	1.3
18 years	0.2	<.1	<.1	0.2
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20 years	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/Alaska Native	1.7	2.8	2.2	1.9
Asian	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.2
Black	7.2	7.7	11.4	9.1
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.4	<.1	<.1	0.4
Hispanic (of any race)	45.4	45.5	43.3	42.5
White	40.4	39.4	38.2	40.5
Two or more races	3.8	3.6	4.2	4.1
Unable to determine	1.1	0.8	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.

Arizona

OUTCOMES DATA

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children without a recurrence	96.7	95.4	95.4	94.6
Children with one or more recurrences	3.3	4.6	4.6	5.4
Number	3,206	3,184	3,795	4,148

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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.19	0.09	0.08	0.21
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.81	99.91	99.92	99.79
Number	17,060	18,184	21,271	23,823

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	28.7	31.5	29.4	26.7
Guardianship	8.1	6.6	7.2	7.3
Reunification	50.0	49.2	50.1	55.1
Other	13.2	12.7	13.4	10.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	7,097	7,228	7,650	9,300

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	36.5	39.9	37.1	33.7
Guardianship	8.9	7.5	7.5	7.4
Reunification	31.7	30.7	32.0	42.2
Other	22.9	21.9	23.4	16.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	2,487	2,711	2,722	3,669

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	4.5	4.5	3.5	4.3
Guardianship	9.5	9.2	9.0	11.2
Reunification	47.4	44.6	43.6	46.1
Other	38.6	41.7	43.9	38.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,755	1,697	1,859	2,141

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children age 12 or younger at entry	16.4	13.4	9.1	9.4
Children older than 12 at entry	83.6	86.6	90.9	90.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	654	699	782	810

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	American Indian/Alaska Native				2010	Asian				2010	Black			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	12.5	19.2	14.5	12.6	3.1	0.0	0.0	13.9	22.3	27.6	30.6	25.5		
Guardianship	16.8	11.4	10.3	10.4	6.3	0.0	6.9	0.0	7.8	7.0	5.2	5.7		
Reunification	45.9	44.7	48.1	56.6	78.1	70.0	75.9	80.6	50.2	47.2	49.5	54.0		
Other	24.7	24.6	27.1	20.5	12.5	30.0	17.2	5.6	19.8	18.2	14.7	14.8		
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	279	333	339	366	32	10	29	36	658	633	832	891		

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander				2010	Hispanic (of any race)				2010	White			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	32.0	15.4	33.3	38.5	31.4	34.6	33.3	28.4	30.5	32.5	28.9	28.8		
Guardianship	20.0	0.0	16.7	7.7	8.7	6.9	7.7	7.6	7.0	5.7	7.0	7.3		
Reunification	32.0	76.9	0.0	42.3	48.6	47.8	47.1	54.5	49.8	49.6	51.5	53.7		
Other	16.0	7.7	50.0	11.5	11.3	10.7	11.9	9.5	12.7	12.2	12.6	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	25	13	6	26	2,941	3,002	2,917	3,726	2,698	2,748	2,972	3,502		

	Unable to Determine				2010	Two or More Races				2010	Missing Data			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	10.6	8.6	6.6	7.9	29.4	31.1	30.6	27.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	3.5	7.7	5.8	5.0	6.8	6.4	6.7	7.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	71.9	73.0	77.2	77.6	52.1	48.7	45.5	52.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Other	14.1	10.8	10.4	9.5	11.7	13.9	17.2	12.9	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	199	222	241	380	265	267	314	373	0	0	0	0		

¹⁴ 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. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Less than 12 mos.	76.2	76.1	76.3	73.0
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	19.7	20.3	20.4	23.5
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	2.7	2.9	2.7	2.9
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	0.8	0.6	0.5	0.5
48 or more mos.	0.5	0.2	<.1	<.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	3,546	3,555	3,831	5,127

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children entering care for the first time	79.8	78.2	82.1	81.3
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	10.0	8.7	7.9	8.8
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	10.2	13.0	9.9	9.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	7,841	8,487	10,618	10,728

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Less than 12 mos.	3.9	4.7	5.9	5.9
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	43.7	42.3	48.1	50.6
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	36.1	38.0	31.6	32.6
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	10.4	9.7	9.7	8.2
48 or more mos.	6.0	5.4	4.6	2.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	2,036	2,274	2,248	2,486

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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children with 2 or fewer placements	87.2	87.0	86.6	85.1	69.8	69.8	71.0	70.8	37.1	39.9	41.1	43.8	86.5	93.8	75.0	90.9
Children with 3 or more placements	11.6	11.2	11.2	12.7	30.2	30.1	28.8	29.1	62.9	60.1	58.9	56.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	1.1	1.8	2.2	2.2	<.1	0.1	0.2	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	13.5	6.3	25.0	9.1
Number	8,836	9,659	11,891	12,559	4,639	5,066	5,953	7,338	3,548	3,427	3,419	3,882	37	32	8	44

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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Group homes	2.5	2.7	4.4	5.0
Institutions	2.1	3.5	3.6	3.8
Other settings	95.4	93.7	91.9	91.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	5,855	6,265	8,083	8,197

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

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score¹⁷	98.5	99.3	98.9	96.5
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)	65.9	69.1	67.9	65.4
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	8.7	8.5	9.6
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)	30.2	29.0	28.8	30.1
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?	17.8	18.7	18.4	18.3

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	166.5	174.0	176.9	176.4
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?	47.6	47.0	54.0	56.5
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?	24.5	24.6	23.0	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?	41.2	46.1	43.0	41.3
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	21.4	22.2	23.3	22.6
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?	66.9	71.5	73.4	71.4

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	144.9	151.2	156.2	155.5
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?	39.8	44.2	43.4	43.2
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?	95.7	96.9	96.8	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?	31.4	30.7	22.2	22.7

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	101.6	103.3	104.4	104.0
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?	86.1	87.2	87.2	85.4
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?	69.9	69.8	71.1	70.9
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?	37.2	39.9	41.1	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 (<http://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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total children under 18 years	711,947	710,576	710,471	709,866
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.8
Asian	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.4
Black	18.8	18.5	18.4	18.3
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4
Hispanic (of any race)	10.6	10.9	11.2	11.4
White	65.3	65.1	64.7	64.3
Two or more races	2.9	3.1	3.2	3.4
Child population in poverty (%)	27.6	28.1	28.5	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Child maltreatment victims	11,729	11,105	11,133	10,370
Foster care entry rate per 1,000	5.6	5.4	5.4	5.3
Children in foster care on 9/30	3,816	3,730	3,734	3,809
Children adopted	597	591	703	691

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	N/A	N/A	77	79
Numerator	N/A	N/A	32,056	32,120
Denominator	N/A	N/A	41,687	40,694
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	N/A	N/A	93	92
Numerator	N/A	N/A	29,711	29,547
Denominator	N/A	N/A	32,056	32,120

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2010		2011		2012		2013	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children who received a Child Protective Services response for an allegation of child maltreatment	61,919	87.0 per 1,000	59,713	84.0 per 1,000	62,129	87.4 per 1,000	61,025	86.0 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims	11,729	16.5 per 1,000	11,105	15.6 per 1,000	11,133	15.7 per 1,000	10,370	14.6 per 1,000
Child fatalities	19	2.7 per 100,000	12	1.7 per 100,000	33	4.6 per 100,000	29	4.1 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	11.2	11.0	11.7	13.5
1 year	5.8	6.0	5.4	5.9
2 years	6.2	6.2	6.1	5.7
3 years	6.2	6.2	6.0	6.0
4 years	6.2	6.0	6.3	6.4
5 years	6.1	6.2	6.7	6.8
6 years	6.0	6.3	6.4	6.4
7 years	5.2	5.7	5.7	5.6
8 years	4.8	5.1	5.1	5.1
9 years	4.5	4.9	4.7	4.6
10 years	4.3	4.6	4.7	4.3
11 years	4.4	4.4	4.3	4.0
12 years	4.3	3.9	4.5	4.5
13 years	5.0	4.3	4.9	4.4
14 years	6.0	5.6	4.7	5.1
15 years	5.9	5.7	5.1	4.5
16 years	4.2	4.4	4.0	3.7
17 years	2.9	3.0	2.9	2.7
18+ years	0.1	<.1	<.1	0.1
Missing data	0.9	0.7	0.8	0.8
Number	11,729	11,105	11,133	10,370

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/ Alaska Native	<.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Asian	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Black	18.0	18.1	17.4	15.1
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.5	0.2	0.4	0.5
Hispanic (of any race)	6.0	6.5	6.3	6.3
White	68.7	67.7	67.8	70.5
Two or more races	5.8	6.8	7.0	6.6
Missing data	0.8	0.5	0.7	0.7
Number	11,729	11,105	11,133	10,370

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 2013 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2011–2014 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 was a new methodology used to calculate the caseworker visits measures. Because the new methodology limits data comparisons with prior years, caseworker visits data from 2010 and 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.

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.

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

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total waiting children	1,614	1,414	1,019	997
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	818	742	541	646

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	8.1	5.8	3.4	3.1
1 year	11.3	9.8	6.9	7.8
2 years	8.4	10.2	8.6	7.1
3 years	7.4	6.0	7.4	6.2
4 years	5.3	6.9	4.5	6.2
5 years	6.4	5.3	5.6	5.8
6 years	5.5	6.0	4.2	5.8
7 years	5.9	5.7	7.0	5.0
8 years	5.6	5.8	5.9	6.5
9 years	5.3	5.4	5.5	5.6
10 years	5.0	4.6	6.3	4.5
11 years	4.5	4.7	5.1	7.3
12 years	4.5	4.4	5.8	6.4
13 years	3.8	4.9	5.4	5.2
14 years	4.3	4.1	5.4	5.0
15 years	3.8	4.7	4.8	5.0
16 years	2.5	3.2	4.5	3.9
17 years	2.4	2.5	3.7	3.3

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1
Asian	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0
Black	23.2	21.4	22.1	20.2
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	6.3	6.0	5.2	6.0
White	58.9	61.6	61.0	61.6
Two or more races	11.3	10.4	11.4	12.0
Unable to determine	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total children adopted	597	591	703	691

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	4.2	3.7	2.4	3.9
1 year	12.4	15.1	13.9	16.2
2 years	15.4	13.4	15.6	14.0
3 years	12.9	12.2	11.5	10.9
4 years	7.9	8.5	10.5	8.1
5 years	7.4	7.6	9.4	6.9
6 years	4.9	5.9	4.4	5.8
7 years	6.4	5.9	5.1	5.2
8 years	5.5	4.6	5.7	4.6
9 years	5.0	5.2	4.3	5.1
10 years	3.2	2.9	4.1	2.7
11 years	2.2	4.6	1.8	3.3
12 years	3.5	2.2	2.6	4.1
13 years	2.2	2.2	2.6	2.0
14 years	1.7	0.8	2.4	2.3
15 years	1.5	2.4	1.6	1.4
16 years	2.5	1.2	1.3	1.9
17 years	1.3	1.5	0.7	1.0
18 years	0.0	0.2	0.0	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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.3	0.5	0.7	0.3
Asian	0.5	0.0	0.1	0.6
Black	25.1	22.8	18.6	18.5
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	5.0	6.1	7.8	4.9
White	62.0	63.8	62.0	66.7
Two or more races	7.0	6.8	10.4	9.0
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.

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children without a recurrence	93.8	92.3	93.6	94.3
Children with one or more recurrences	6.2	7.7	6.4	5.7
Number	5,663	5,727	5,771	5,256

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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.33	0.19	0.13	0.16
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.67	99.81	99.87	99.84
Number	7,532	7,503	7,513	7,407

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	15.6	15.0	17.9	19.0
Guardianship	2.5	2.6	2.5	2.9
Reunification	73.5	75.4	72.6	71.5
Other	8.3	6.9	6.8	6.5
Missing data	<.1	0.1	0.2	0.0
Number	3,716	3,773	3,779	3,598

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	21.9	5.9	13.4	34.7
Guardianship	4.7	3.7	2.9	2.2
Reunification	54.1	82.4	77.7	54.7
Other	19.0	8.0	5.7	8.4
Missing data	0.3	<.1	0.2	0.0
Number	379	1,207	2,039	1,432

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	1.7	2.2	2.3	2.9
Guardianship	3.9	3.4	4.2	3.5
Reunification	65.9	66.4	66.8	67.5
Other	28.3	28.0	26.3	26.1
Missing data	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.0
Number	862	743	738	652

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children age 12 or younger at entry	18.6	18.3	20.2	24.8
Children older than 12 at entry	81.4	81.7	79.8	75.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	295	252	238	222

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	American Indian/Alaska Native				2010	Asian				2010	Black			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2011	2012	2013	2011		2012	2013		
Adoption	20.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	37.5	0.0	28.6	0.0	17.1	14.3	16.4	18.0		
Guardianship	10.0	0.0	0.0	25.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0	1.8	3.5	3.1		
Reunification	50.0	25.0	100.0	75.0	62.5	100.0	57.1	100.0	70.7	73.9	71.3	69.4		
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	14.3	0.0	10.3	10.0	8.4	9.5		
Missing data	20.0	75.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0		
Number	10	4	5	4	8	8	7	2	809	840	795	651		
	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander				2010	Hispanic (of any race)				2010	White			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2011	2012	2013	2011		2012	2013		
Adoption	20.0	0.0	0.0	10.0	12.3	13.9	17.6	12.2	15.4	15.1	17.8	19.0		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.0	1.5	1.6	2.6	2.6	3.0	3.1	2.2	2.9		
Reunification	80.0	100.0	100.0	80.0	76.6	78.9	72.3	78.6	73.9	75.5	73.6	72.1		
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.7	5.6	7.5	6.6	7.7	6.3	6.4	5.9		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0		
Number	5	3	5	10	269	251	267	229	2,299	2,310	2,366	2,377		
	Unable to Determine				2010	Two or More Races				2010	Missing Data			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2011	2012	2013	2011		2012	2013		
Adoption	6.3	0.0	25.0	8.3	16.7	18.1	22.6	27.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.3	1.3	2.3	2.5	2.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	81.3	100.0	75.0	75.0	75.3	74.7	68.2	65.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Other	12.5	0.0	0.0	8.3	6.7	4.9	5.3	5.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	16	9	16	12	300	348	318	313	0	0	0	0		

¹⁴ 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. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Less than 12 mos.	85.5	81.6	82.7	81.8
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	11.9	15.9	14.8	15.3
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	1.7	1.9	1.8	1.8
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	0.6	0.2	0.5	0.5
48 or more mos.	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	2,731	2,844	2,744	2,573

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children entering care for the first time	84.7	81.8	82.1	82.8
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	8.2	9.5	7.7	7.8
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	7.0	8.7	10.2	9.4
Missing data	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1
Number	4,004	3,853	3,839	3,787

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Less than 12 mos.	9.8	8.1	6.8	7.6
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	36.3	34.4	39.7	42.5
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	31.5	39.5	35.7	33.5
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	13.8	7.4	9.5	9.1
48 or more mos.	8.6	10.6	8.3	7.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	581	567	675	684

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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children with 2 or fewer placements	76.3	75.9	77.0	77.3	45.5	44.9	48.1	50.3	20.5	20.3	20.5	22.3	83.3	78.6	100.0	83.3
Children with 3 or more placements	21.6	22.7	21.2	21.4	54.3	55.1	51.9	49.7	79.3	79.5	79.5	77.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	2.1	1.5	1.8	1.3	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	16.7	21.4	0.0	16.7
Number	4,642	4,593	4,548	4,514	1,468	1,529	1,610	1,574	1,398	1,367	1,353	1,313	24	14	2	6

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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Group homes	2.6	2.8	2.8	2.1
Institutions	10.6	10.8	12.7	11.4
Other settings	86.8	86.4	84.5	86.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	3,121	3,059	3,057	3,087

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

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score¹⁷	155.5	152.9	153.1	155.7
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)	91.3	89.2	90.2	89.7
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)	1.7	1.9	2.1	1.7
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)	62.2	65.9	61.7	62.4
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?	11.1	11.2	11.4	9.9

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	134.5	133.7	147.4	160.8
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?	46.2	41.9	46.6	50.6
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?	25.4	26.0	24.8	23.8
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?	28.5	31.7	33.9	34.7
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	11.7	10.6	11.6	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?	57.7	62.9	64.1	69.6

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	128.5	129.5	129.2	130.6
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?	28.9	29.6	30.6	32.8
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?	94.9	96.1	95.7	94.7
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?	37.2	34.8	39.1	40.6

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	75.5	75.2	77.5	79.3
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?	75.3	74.7	75.9	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?	45.4	45.1	48.0	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?	20.5	20.4	20.5	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 (<http://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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total children under 18 years	9,284,094	9,252,336	9,209,007	9,174,877
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
Asian	10.5	10.6	10.7	10.8
Black	5.7	5.6	5.5	5.4
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
Hispanic (of any race)	51.2	51.5	51.7	51.9
White	27.5	27.2	26.9	26.6
Two or more races	4.2	4.3	4.4	4.5
Child population in poverty (%)	22.0	22.8	23.8	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Child maltreatment victims	76,758	80,100	76,026	75,641
Foster care entry rate per 1,000	3.5	3.4	3.4	3.6
Children in foster care on 9/30	55,381	54,399	53,832	56,947
Children adopted	6,459	5,710	5,938	5,322

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	N/A	N/A	88	91
Numerator	N/A	N/A	528,267	535,830
Denominator	N/A	N/A	598,754	589,866
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	N/A	N/A	76	77
Numerator	N/A	N/A	402,346	414,045
Denominator	N/A	N/A	528,267	535,830

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2010		2011		2012		2013	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children who received a Child Protective Services response for an allegation of child maltreatment	361,180	38.9 per 1,000	381,196	41.2 per 1,000	370,439	40.2 per 1,000	370,182	40.3 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims	76,758	8.3 per 1,000	80,100	8.7 per 1,000	76,026	8.3 per 1,000	75,641	8.2 per 1,000
Child fatalities	120	1.3 per 100,000	123	1.3 per 100,000	128	1.4 per 100,000	121	1.3 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	13.0	13.2	13.8	14.5
1 year	7.4	6.9	6.8	7.0
2 years	6.7	6.6	6.6	6.6
3 years	6.3	6.4	6.4	6.1
4 years	5.8	6.2	6.3	6.2
5 years	5.6	5.9	6.2	6.2
6 years	5.4	5.5	5.8	6.1
7 years	5.2	5.3	5.3	5.4
8 years	4.9	4.9	5.1	5.0
9 years	4.7	4.6	4.6	4.8
10 years	4.4	4.4	4.5	4.4
11 years	4.4	4.3	4.3	4.1
12 years	4.5	4.6	4.4	4.3
13 years	4.8	4.5	4.5	4.2
14 years	4.5	4.6	4.1	4.2
15 years	4.7	4.6	4.2	4.0
16 years	4.4	4.2	3.9	3.9
17 years	3.2	3.0	2.9	3.0
18+ years	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Missing data	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Number	76,758	80,100	76,026	75,641

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.7
Asian	2.5	2.2	2.3	2.3
Black	13.0	13.0	12.4	13.1
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3
Hispanic (of any race)	53.1	54.1	54.2	54.4
White	24.2	23.2	23.0	21.9
Two or more races	3.4	3.3	3.4	3.4
Missing data	2.9	3.3	3.6	3.9
Number	76,758	80,100	76,026	75,641

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 2013 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2011–2014 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 was a new methodology used to calculate the caseworker visits measures. Because the new methodology limits data comparisons with prior years, caseworker visits data from 2010 and 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.

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Emotional abuse	17.8	19.9	18.3	15.8
Medical neglect	—	—	—	—
Neglect	84.7	84.3	86.7	89.4
Physical abuse	11.0	10.7	9.8	9.5
Sexual abuse	6.6	6.1	5.6	5.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.1	0.1	0.1	<.1
Number	76,758	80,100	76,026	75,641

Response Time (in hours)⁹

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Mean	136.5	143.1	139.2	142.6
Median	>72 but<96	>72 but<96	>72 but<96	>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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total number	58,815	54,811	52,941	53,022	32,668	31,432	31,210	33,027	36,105	31,847	30,319	29,104	55,381	54,399	53,832	56,947
Median length of stay (months)	16.7	15.5	14.6	14.2	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	13.9	13.7	14.0	14.4	15.7	15.0	14.4	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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	5.4	5.8	6.1	6.4	16.3	17.0	17.4	17.7	4.4	4.5	4.4	4.4	5.8	6.0	6.3	6.7
1 year	6.5	6.7	7.1	7.2	7.9	7.3	7.1	7.3	7.4	7.5	8.2	7.9	6.7	7.0	7.2	7.5
2 years	5.8	6.4	6.2	6.2	7.0	6.6	6.5	6.8	7.4	7.8	7.8	7.5	6.4	6.2	6.2	6.8
3 years	5.1	5.3	5.9	5.5	6.1	6.3	5.8	5.8	6.6	6.8	7.2	6.7	5.4	5.8	5.5	5.7
4 years	4.6	4.7	5.0	5.2	5.3	5.7	5.7	5.5	5.5	6.2	6.4	5.8	4.8	5.0	5.2	5.2
5 years	4.1	4.4	4.6	4.8	4.8	5.1	5.3	5.4	4.9	5.3	5.7	5.5	4.4	4.6	4.8	5.1
6 years	4.0	3.9	4.3	4.5	4.3	4.4	5.0	5.0	4.6	4.6	5.1	5.0	4.0	4.2	4.5	4.7
7 years	3.7	3.9	3.9	4.1	4.0	4.1	3.9	4.4	4.0	4.2	4.6	4.7	3.9	3.9	4.1	4.6
8 years	3.7	3.6	3.8	3.6	3.7	3.7	3.9	3.9	4.0	3.9	4.1	3.7	3.6	3.8	3.6	4.0
9 years	3.7	3.7	3.5	3.6	3.6	3.5	3.5	3.7	3.6	3.8	3.7	3.8	3.7	3.5	3.7	3.6
10 years	3.9	3.7	3.5	3.5	3.2	3.1	3.4	3.4	3.2	3.5	3.2	3.2	3.7	3.5	3.5	3.6
11 years	3.9	3.8	3.6	3.5	3.3	3.0	3.3	3.1	3.3	3.1	3.2	3.1	3.8	3.6	3.5	3.5
12 years	4.1	4.0	3.9	3.7	3.3	3.6	3.3	3.3	3.2	3.2	3.1	3.0	4.0	3.9	3.7	3.5
13 years	5.1	4.5	4.4	4.2	4.2	4.1	4.1	3.5	3.3	3.2	3.1	2.9	4.5	4.3	4.2	4.0
14 years	6.2	5.9	5.3	4.9	5.2	5.0	4.5	4.4	3.7	3.6	3.4	3.2	5.8	5.1	4.9	4.6
15 years	7.7	7.3	6.9	6.0	6.1	6.1	5.5	5.1	4.3	4.3	4.1	3.6	7.3	6.7	5.9	5.6
16 years	9.1	8.9	8.4	7.9	6.7	6.5	6.3	5.8	5.6	5.2	5.1	4.6	8.7	8.3	7.7	6.7
17 years	9.7	9.9	9.5	8.9	4.9	4.8	4.9	5.0	6.6	6.3	5.7	5.3	9.7	9.3	8.8	8.2
18 years	3.6	3.7	4.0	6.3	<.1	<.1	0.4	0.9	11.7	11.9	6.9	5.9	3.7	4.0	6.4	6.3
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.2	2.7	0.9	5.0	10.3	<.1	1.4	<.1	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	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8
Asian	1.8	1.7	1.5	1.6	1.7	1.8	1.9	1.6	1.9	2.0	1.8	1.9	1.7	1.5	1.6	1.5
Black	23.3	22.1	21.1	20.2	17.7	16.8	16.7	16.9	20.0	18.3	18.1	17.4	22.1	21.3	20.2	19.7
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Hispanic (of any race)	47.9	48.7	49.4	50.2	51.8	52.5	52.1	53.3	50.4	51.6	51.2	51.7	48.5	49.2	49.9	51.3
White	21.0	21.2	21.5	21.5	22.9	22.7	23.3	21.8	22.0	21.8	22.7	22.5	21.4	21.7	21.9	21.2
Two or more races	4.9	5.2	5.1	5.1	4.5	4.6	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.9	4.7	4.6	5.1	5.0	4.9	4.9
Unable to determine	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2
Missing data	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.7	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	<.1	<.1	0.1	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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total waiting children	16,217	14,591	13,070	13,253
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	12,091	6,920	6,012	6,094

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	10.5	9.8	8.1	7.4
1 year	12.3	13.0	13.0	13.1
2 years	11.6	11.1	11.8	11.9
3 years	9.1	10.3	9.8	9.8
4 years	7.7	7.8	8.3	8.4
5 years	6.7	6.8	7.2	7.5
6 years	5.5	5.9	6.1	6.3
7 years	5.0	5.0	5.5	6.0
8 years	4.6	4.7	4.9	4.9
9 years	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.2
10 years	3.8	3.5	3.7	3.8
11 years	3.5	3.2	3.3	3.2
12 years	3.0	3.1	2.9	2.8
13 years	2.8	2.5	2.7	2.7
14 years	2.9	2.4	2.3	2.4
15 years	2.8	2.7	2.2	2.1
16 years	2.4	2.3	2.4	1.8
17 years	1.8	1.8	1.6	1.6

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.6
Asian	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4
Black	17.5	16.8	16.0	16.2
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Hispanic (of any race)	49.8	50.3	51.6	51.4
White	24.2	24.6	24.3	23.9
Two or more races	6.1	5.8	5.7	6.0
Unable to determine	<.1	0.1	0.2	0.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total children adopted	6,459	5,710	5,938	5,322

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	2.7	2.6	2.4	3.0
1 year	13.1	14.0	14.8	15.5
2 years	15.2	15.9	14.9	16.0
3 years	12.5	12.4	12.9	13.2
4 years	9.0	10.1	10.6	9.7
5 years	8.1	7.9	8.4	8.1
6 years	6.7	6.8	6.5	7.2
7 years	5.5	5.3	5.1	5.4
8 years	4.8	4.6	4.7	4.4
9 years	4.1	4.0	4.0	3.4
10 years	3.3	3.4	3.3	3.2
11 years	3.4	2.8	2.8	3.0
12 years	2.8	2.6	2.4	1.9
13 years	2.2	2.1	2.0	1.8
14 years	2.0	1.7	1.4	1.4
15 years	1.4	1.4	1.3	0.9
16 years	1.5	1.2	1.1	0.8
17 years	1.3	1.0	1.1	0.7
18 years	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.4
19 years	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.5
Asian	1.4	1.6	1.6	1.6
Black	16.6	14.2	14.4	12.1
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3
Hispanic (of any race)	51.3	49.7	49.3	51.1
White	23.9	26.5	27.1	27.7
Two or more races	5.9	7.1	6.8	6.4
Unable to determine	0.1	<.1	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.

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children without a recurrence	93.2	93.0	93.3	93.7
Children with one or more recurrences	6.8	7.0	6.7	6.3
Number	38,653	40,448	37,970	36,991

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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.32	0.30	0.23	0.25
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.68	99.70	99.77	99.75
Number	91,484	86,245	84,151	86,051

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	18.2	17.8	19.5	18.3
Guardianship	6.2	6.7	8.0	8.9
Reunification	57.0	58.7	57.0	53.4
Other	17.5	15.5	14.3	18.2
Missing data	1.2	1.3	1.1	1.1
Number	36,105	31,847	30,319	29,104

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	23.3	22.1	23.8	21.5
Guardianship	7.7	7.6	9.2	10.3
Reunification	46.5	50.0	48.4	43.9
Other	20.8	18.6	17.3	23.2
Missing data	1.7	1.7	1.3	1.2
Number	13,793	12,478	12,628	12,676

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	1.2	1.1	1.3	0.7
Guardianship	3.3	3.6	4.3	4.5
Reunification	51.4	52.5	50.9	43.9
Other	42.4	40.7	41.6	49.0
Missing data	1.7	2.1	1.8	1.9
Number	9,862	8,221	7,581	7,853

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children age 12 or younger at entry	39.0	37.3	30.6	29.7
Children older than 12 at entry	61.0	62.6	69.3	70.3
Missing data	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0
Number	4,917	3,718	3,346	4,407

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	American Indian/Alaska Native				2010	Asian				2010	Black			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	13.0	13.7	12.1	10.6	14.1	14.5	16.4	15.7	15.1	13.7	15.4	12.9		
Guardianship	10.4	17.9	12.1	15.9	6.5	7.9	7.5	9.0	8.2	8.8	11.1	12.6		
Reunification	53.0	48.1	52.2	47.8	61.4	63.9	61.9	58.0	49.5	53.0	50.4	45.1		
Other	20.4	18.9	20.5	24.1	17.2	13.2	13.3	16.8	25.6	22.4	21.3	28.4		
Missing data	3.0	1.4	3.1	1.6	0.7	0.5	0.9	0.5	1.6	2.1	1.7	0.9		
Number	230	212	224	245	679	634	548	566	7,231	5,824	5,498	5,076		
	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander				2010	Hispanic (of any race)				2010	White			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	15.9	18.9	17.4	14.5	18.6	17.3	18.8	18.1	19.6	21.5	23.4	22.2		
Guardianship	2.3	5.6	3.5	12.9	5.9	6.1	7.7	8.7	5.0	5.7	6.2	6.6		
Reunification	70.5	65.6	64.0	57.3	60.2	62.5	59.7	56.6	56.8	56.0	57.1	53.5		
Other	11.4	6.7	15.1	14.5	14.4	13.1	12.8	15.5	17.3	15.4	12.3	16.6		
Missing data	0.0	3.3	0.0	0.8	0.9	1.0	0.9	1.1	1.3	1.4	1.0	1.1		
Number	88	90	86	124	18,210	16,430	15,511	15,037	7,938	6,953	6,879	6,542		
	Unable to Determine				2010	Two or More Races				2010	Missing Data			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	6.6	3.5	9.9	13.3	25.2	25.5	28.2	25.6	0.0	0.0	1.5	0.0		
Guardianship	3.3	5.9	5.6	1.0	6.5	7.3	7.9	9.1	3.4	4.0	3.1	0.0		
Reunification	57.1	32.9	42.3	45.9	50.9	51.4	50.5	46.5	82.0	92.0	86.2	94.4		
Other	33.0	55.3	40.8	37.8	15.8	14.6	12.2	16.9	14.6	4.0	7.7	5.6		
Missing data	0.0	2.4	1.4	2.0	1.5	1.2	1.3	1.9	0.0	0.0	1.5	0.0		
Number	91	85	71	98	1,549	1,569	1,437	1,345	89	50	65	71		

¹⁴ 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. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Less than 12 mos.	68.1	66.2	65.1	65.8
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	24.8	26.6	28.8	28.7
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	3.2	3.8	3.3	3.1
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	1.3	1.2	1.1	1.0
48 or more mos.	2.5	2.2	1.7	1.3
Missing data	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1
Number	20,562	18,693	17,291	15,552

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children entering care for the first time	77.6	77.8	77.5	78.7
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	9.2	8.7	9.2	8.3
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	12.5	12.9	12.9	12.5
Missing data	0.6	0.7	0.5	0.4
Number	32,668	31,432	31,210	33,027

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Less than 12 mos.	5.0	4.9	5.0	5.7
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	27.2	28.1	32.1	31.5
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	31.1	34.1	32.7	35.7
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	19.6	17.9	16.6	17.3
48 or more mos.	17.0	15.0	13.7	9.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	6,568	5,673	5,920	5,323

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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children with 2 or fewer placements	84.2	83.8	83.9	84.8	62.1	63.4	63.1	64.6	32.0	33.1	33.9	34.9	0.0	75.0	91.7	98.3
Children with 3 or more placements	15.3	15.8	15.8	14.9	37.9	36.5	36.8	35.3	67.9	66.9	66.0	65.1	100.0	25.0	8.3	1.7
Missing placement setting counts	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	<.1	0.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	38,889	37,140	36,772	38,099	21,129	20,701	21,077	21,961	31,464	28,396	26,278	25,931	2	8	24	60

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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Group homes	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
Institutions	3.0	2.1	2.3	1.7
Other settings	96.3	97.3	97.0	97.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	23,585	22,919	23,044	24,702

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

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score¹⁷	111.7	111.9	109.2	107.8
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)	64.5	64.2	63.2	63.8
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)	8.6	8.7	9.0	8.6
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)	42.1	39.7	39.4	34.5
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?	12.6	12.4	13.3	13.8

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	106.6	107.7	112.4	113.4
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?	32.2	33.0	37.0	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?	30.6	29.4	28.2	27.8
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?	19.2	18.3	20.1	19.1
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	6.6	7.0	6.7	7.9
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?	61.9	63.2	63.8	62.9

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	114.5	114.4	119.3	120.0
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?	23.7	22.5	23.7	23.0
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?	97.0	97.2	98.4	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?	48.9	48.0	44.4	43.0

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	94.1	95.0	95.4	97.6
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?	83.2	83.1	83.2	84.2
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?	62.1	63.3	63.0	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?	32.5	33.4	34.4	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 (<http://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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total children under 18 years	1,226,619	1,230,178	1,232,864	1,237,932
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6
Asian	2.7	2.7	2.8	2.8
Black	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Hispanic (of any race)	30.6	30.8	30.9	31.0
White	58.1	57.8	57.5	57.2
Two or more races	3.8	3.9	4.0	4.1
Child population in poverty (%)	17.4	17.9	18.5	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Child maltreatment victims	11,166	10,604	10,482	10,161
Foster care entry rate per 1,000	4.7	4.3	4.1	3.9
Children in foster care on 9/30	7,037	6,685	6,173	5,992
Children adopted	983	934	905	778

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	N/A	N/A	96	96
Numerator	N/A	N/A	50,647	49,095
Denominator	N/A	N/A	52,687	51,192
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	N/A	N/A	87	87
Numerator	N/A	N/A	44,310	42,768
Denominator	N/A	N/A	50,647	49,095

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2010		2011		2012		2013	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children who received a Child Protective Services response for an allegation of child maltreatment	43,665	35.6 per 1,000	42,099	34.2 per 1,000	41,284	33.5 per 1,000	39,725	32.1 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims	11,166	9.1 per 1,000	10,604	8.6 per 1,000	10,482	8.5 per 1,000	10,161	8.2 per 1,000
Child fatalities	30	2.4 per 100,000	32	2.6 per 100,000	39	3.2 per 100,000	21	1.7 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	10.4	11.3	11.3	12.3
1 year	7.6	7.6	6.8	6.6
2 years	7.5	7.7	7.3	7.0
3 years	7.4	6.7	6.9	6.7
4 years	7.0	7.0	7.3	6.9
5 years	6.2	6.4	6.8	6.9
6 years	6.2	6.2	6.5	6.6
7 years	6.3	5.8	5.7	6.0
8 years	5.5	5.6	6.0	5.5
9 years	5.5	5.1	5.6	5.5
10 years	5.4	5.0	4.5	4.7
11 years	3.7	4.2	4.5	4.5
12 years	4.3	4.2	4.1	4.5
13 years	4.0	4.2	4.0	4.4
14 years	4.1	4.1	4.2	3.7
15 years	3.6	3.5	3.2	3.4
16 years	3.3	3.1	3.0	2.5
17 years	1.8	1.7	1.8	1.8
18+ years	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.2
Missing data	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.3
Number	11,166	10,604	10,482	10,161

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.9
Asian	0.6	0.8	0.7	0.7
Black	8.9	8.6	8.4	7.9
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.2
Hispanic (of any race)	38.3	36.9	36.7	37.8
White	46.7	46.9	47.3	47.0
Two or more races	3.3	3.6	3.4	3.6
Missing data	1.3	2.3	2.4	1.9
Number	11,166	10,604	10,482	10,161

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 2013 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2011–2014 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 was a new methodology used to calculate the caseworker visits measures. Because the new methodology limits data comparisons with prior years, caseworker visits data from 2010 and 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.

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Emotional abuse	4.3	4.0	3.2	3.4
Medical neglect	1.5	1.8	1.7	1.6
Neglect	82.6	81.1	82.6	82.7
Physical abuse	13.0	13.1	12.3	11.9
Sexual abuse	9.7	9.9	9.9	10.4
Missing data	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.3
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	11,166	10,604	10,482	10,161

Response Time (in hours)⁹

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Mean	17.1	18.0	16.1	15.1
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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total number	7,131	6,733	6,192	5,752	5,723	5,265	5,034	4,804	5,817	5,314	5,053	4,564	7,037	6,685	6,173	5,992
Median length of stay (months)	12.6	12.8	13.2	12.6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	8.4	8.7	8.8	9.2	12.5	12.7	12.0	11.2

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	5.0	5.3	5.1	5.1	13.2	13.2	12.8	13.1	6.0	6.1	5.6	5.7	5.2	5.0	5.1	5.4
1 year	5.7	5.8	5.7	5.8	6.6	6.7	5.7	6.2	7.1	8.4	7.6	6.7	5.7	5.5	5.4	6.1
2 years	4.4	4.9	4.8	4.5	5.5	5.7	6.0	6.2	7.1	6.9	7.0	6.5	4.7	4.7	4.5	5.1
3 years	3.8	3.8	3.7	4.1	4.8	5.4	5.2	4.6	5.1	6.1	5.7	5.6	3.7	3.9	4.0	4.2
4 years	3.5	3.5	3.7	3.1	4.7	5.2	5.0	5.0	4.9	5.3	5.6	4.4	3.5	3.7	3.2	3.9
5 years	2.9	3.2	3.2	3.7	3.9	4.0	4.3	4.5	4.6	4.0	4.6	4.5	3.1	3.3	3.6	3.5
6 years	3.0	2.7	3.0	2.9	3.8	4.0	3.6	4.1	3.9	4.1	3.4	3.7	2.7	2.9	3.0	3.7
7 years	2.7	2.7	2.9	3.0	3.4	3.2	3.7	4.1	4.0	3.3	3.5	3.8	2.7	2.9	3.0	3.2
8 years	2.7	2.4	2.8	3.0	3.1	3.3	3.9	3.5	3.1	2.7	3.8	3.9	2.4	2.7	3.0	3.1
9 years	2.7	2.7	2.8	2.9	3.0	3.2	3.0	3.5	3.0	2.7	3.3	3.0	2.7	2.8	2.8	2.8
10 years	2.8	2.5	2.7	2.7	2.5	2.9	3.1	3.0	2.6	3.0	3.0	3.3	2.5	2.7	2.6	3.1
11 years	2.6	2.8	2.6	2.8	3.1	2.8	2.8	3.0	2.5	2.8	2.6	3.0	2.9	2.5	2.8	2.6
12 years	3.2	3.4	3.0	2.8	3.8	3.4	3.1	3.4	2.9	3.0	2.4	2.2	3.3	3.0	2.8	3.2
13 years	4.2	3.9	3.9	3.8	4.3	4.1	4.6	4.4	3.0	3.1	3.3	3.2	4.0	4.1	3.8	3.8
14 years	4.9	5.3	4.8	5.2	5.6	6.2	5.5	5.7	3.9	3.6	3.5	4.2	5.5	4.9	5.3	4.7
15 years	7.3	6.4	7.5	6.7	8.2	7.3	8.3	7.1	4.9	4.3	5.1	4.7	6.7	7.9	7.0	6.6
16 years	10.6	10.0	9.0	9.8	10.0	9.6	9.2	8.6	6.7	5.8	5.5	6.5	10.5	9.1	10.2	8.6
17 years	12.7	12.8	12.3	11.7	8.8	8.0	8.6	8.1	7.4	7.1	7.0	7.7	12.6	11.9	11.4	11.0
18 years	9.1	9.0	9.4	9.3	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.2	10.0	9.3	8.9	8.3	8.8	9.1	9.0	8.3
19 years	4.1	4.4	4.9	5.1	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.4	4.6	4.8	4.6	5.1	4.3	4.8	5.0	4.8
20 years	1.6	1.9	1.9	2.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	1.7	2.2	2.8	2.5	1.9	1.9	2.1	2.2
Missing data	0.5	0.6	0.3	0.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.9	1.3	1.0	1.3	0.6	0.7	0.3	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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.7	0.7	0.9	0.6	0.9	1.1	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.9	1.1	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.6	0.6
Asian	0.6	0.8	0.9	1.2	0.8	0.6	0.8	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.8	0.8	1.0	1.1	0.9
Black	14.1	13.6	13.7	12.0	11.4	12.3	9.7	10.6	11.8	12.4	11.7	10.2	13.8	13.6	12.0	12.3
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2
Hispanic (of any race)	36.6	36.4	36.6	36.3	39.1	37.8	37.1	37.4	39.6	37.6	37.3	37.2	36.2	36.5	36.4	36.5
White	43.7	43.9	42.6	45.0	43.4	43.5	47.1	45.8	43.3	44.5	44.2	46.0	43.8	43.1	44.9	44.8
Two or more races	4.0	4.2	4.8	4.3	4.1	4.2	4.1	4.4	4.0	4.0	4.8	4.6	4.1	4.4	4.2	4.2
Unable to determine	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.5	<.1	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.3	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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total waiting children	1,247	1,131	953	918
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	777	587	543	490

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	3.4	2.0	2.4	2.0
1 year	8.8	8.8	8.6	10.0
2 years	8.7	7.9	7.7	8.7
3 years	6.7	5.8	7.6	7.1
4 years	5.4	5.4	4.2	5.7
5 years	5.1	6.2	5.6	5.0
6 years	5.1	5.0	5.6	6.1
7 years	4.5	5.5	5.1	4.6
8 years	5.4	4.5	6.3	5.0
9 years	4.7	6.5	4.4	5.1
10 years	6.3	5.0	5.2	4.8
11 years	5.7	6.0	5.1	4.8
12 years	5.0	5.5	5.4	3.8
13 years	5.0	4.9	6.0	5.7
14 years	6.1	4.7	5.4	5.4
15 years	4.7	6.0	5.0	5.7
16 years	4.9	4.9	5.8	4.4
17 years	4.6	5.4	4.7	6.2

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.7	0.5	0.9	1.0
Asian	<.1	0.4	0.0	0.5
Black	13.2	14.1	11.9	10.9
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Hispanic (of any race)	36.9	35.8	36.9	38.2
White	43.7	42.8	43.2	43.8
Two or more races	5.2	5.8	6.1	5.2
Unable to determine	0.0	0.4	0.7	0.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total children adopted	983	934	905	778

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	3.3	2.7	1.5	1.4
1 year	15.0	18.7	18.1	17.5
2 years	15.6	15.7	17.0	14.1
3 years	9.8	11.1	9.6	11.4
4 years	8.2	9.4	9.1	8.2
5 years	8.7	6.0	7.0	7.2
6 years	6.3	6.1	6.3	5.3
7 years	6.2	4.4	4.4	6.7
8 years	5.4	3.6	4.5	6.3
9 years	3.9	4.0	4.2	4.0
10 years	3.4	3.6	4.4	3.9
11 years	3.3	4.2	3.5	3.3
12 years	2.5	2.6	2.3	2.1
13 years	2.6	2.9	1.9	2.4
14 years	2.3	1.8	1.4	2.2
15 years	0.9	1.2	0.9	1.7
16 years	1.1	0.7	1.5	1.0
17 years	0.9	0.5	1.5	1.0
18 years	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.1
19 years	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.1
20 years	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.4	0.4	1.2	0.9
Asian	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1
Black	10.3	10.1	13.7	10.5
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1
Hispanic (of any race)	36.6	35.9	37.1	36.9
White	46.0	47.2	38.8	45.1
Two or more races	6.5	6.2	8.5	6.0
Unable to determine	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1
Missing data	0.0	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.

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children without a recurrence	95.7	95.5	95.6	95.5
Children with one or more recurrences	4.3	4.5	4.4	4.5
Number	5,676	5,076	5,030	5,046

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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.54	0.66	0.41	0.74
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.46	99.34	99.59	99.26
Number	12,854	11,999	11,226	10,556

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	15.2	14.9	15.8	14.3
Guardianship	3.8	3.8	4.1	5.0
Reunification	65.9	65.9	65.4	65.5
Other	14.8	15.0	14.4	13.2
Missing data	0.3	0.4	0.3	2.0
Number	5,817	5,314	5,053	4,564

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	30.5	25.6	22.5	26.1
Guardianship	2.0	2.0	2.9	3.0
Reunification	50.0	35.4	45.7	41.0
Other	17.6	35.0	28.6	28.0
Missing data	0.0	2.0	0.4	1.9
Number	256	297	280	268

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	0.7	0.6	0.8	0.8
Guardianship	2.2	1.9	2.0	2.3
Reunification	66.2	64.9	65.2	63.8
Other	30.7	32.6	32.0	28.4
Missing data	<.1	<.1	0.0	4.7
Number	2,190	1,896	1,825	1,733

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children age 12 or younger at entry	21.4	20.8	19.8	15.7
Children older than 12 at entry	78.6	79.0	80.2	84.3
Missing data	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0
Number	593	577	514	432

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	American Indian/Alaska Native				2010	Asian				2010	Black			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	9.8	8.3	12.5	19.4	3.7	4.3	7.4	2.8	13.6	12.3	17.9	16.3		
Guardianship	7.3	6.3	7.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	14.8	2.8	3.8	3.2	3.6	4.3		
Reunification	46.3	72.9	53.6	55.6	74.1	60.9	55.6	44.4	62.1	63.9	58.0	60.4		
Other	36.6	12.5	23.2	22.2	22.2	34.8	22.2	50.0	20.4	19.8	20.1	17.1		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	3.6	2.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.8	0.3	1.9		
Number	41	48	56	36	27	23	27	36	686	660	591	467		

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander				2010	Hispanic (of any race)				2010	White			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	12.5	12.5	22.2	0.0	14.3	14.0	16.1	14.3	16.1	15.8	14.0	13.6		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	20.0	4.2	5.0	4.8	5.8	3.3	3.0	3.8	4.7		
Reunification	75.0	75.0	77.8	60.0	68.3	67.2	66.0	66.0	65.9	65.4	67.8	67.0		
Other	12.5	12.5	0.0	20.0	13.0	13.5	13.0	11.7	14.5	15.4	14.3	12.7		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.4	0.1	2.2	0.2	0.4	0.2	2.0		
Number	8	8	9	5	2,301	1,998	1,884	1,697	2,520	2,367	2,233	2,100		

	Unable to Determine				2010	Two or More Races				2010	Missing Data			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	23.5	24.3	26.2	20.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.7	2.4	2.0	3.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	50.0	0.0	77.8	90.9	55.2	63.8	60.7	61.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Other	50.0	0.0	22.2	9.1	15.2	9.0	9.4	13.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.5	1.6	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	4	0	9	11	230	210	244	212	0	0	0	0		

¹⁴ 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. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Less than 12 mos.	78.0	76.5	77.4	75.9
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	15.4	16.5	15.1	16.0
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	4.1	4.6	5.1	5.2
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	1.3	1.2	1.1	1.6
48 or more mos.	1.1	1.1	1.3	1.2
Missing data	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1
Number	3,832	3,500	3,307	2,988

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children entering care for the first time	68.4	69.8	70.1	69.6
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	15.7	16.1	15.7	15.5
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	13.5	13.3	13.0	14.3
Missing data	2.4	0.8	1.3	0.6
Number	5,723	5,265	5,034	4,804

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Less than 12 mos.	9.8	10.1	10.4	8.4
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	40.6	46.7	44.9	43.0
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	31.2	26.1	29.4	28.6
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	10.1	9.5	6.6	9.9
48 or more mos.	8.2	7.6	8.7	10.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	887	792	797	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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children with 2 or fewer placements	84.4	84.7	85.2	84.9	56.8	62.9	63.4	54.5	33.0	30.7	34.2	23.5	79.3	90.0	50.0	55.6
Children with 3 or more placements	10.6	10.4	10.7	10.5	42.3	36.4	36.0	33.8	66.6	69.0	65.5	66.0	3.4	5.0	50.0	5.6
Missing placement setting counts	5.0	4.9	4.0	4.6	0.8	0.7	0.6	11.7	0.4	0.4	0.4	10.6	17.2	5.0	0.0	38.9
Number	6,843	6,272	6,026	5,763	2,841	2,711	2,405	2,293	3,141	2,996	2,793	2,482	29	20	2	18

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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Group homes	0.5	0.3	0.5	0.6
Institutions	3.8	4.3	3.5	2.5
Other settings	95.7	95.4	95.7	96.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.2
Number	3,410	3,230	3,046	3,013

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

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score¹⁷	131.9	123.0	117.6	116.0
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)	78.1	76.7	78.9	77.4
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)	5.4	5.4	5.2	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)	56.7	55.1	58.7	56.7
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?	13.4	17.3	20.3	19.5

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	119.6	119.4	127.6	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?	50.6	56.8	55.4	51.5
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?	23.7	22.2	22.6	23.8
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?	23.3	20.5	25.0	24.6
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	2.3	1.5	2.8	2.4
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?	62.6	63.7	61.8	58.7

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	134.2	129.4	131.7	138.2
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?	25.0	21.5	23.2	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?	97.2	96.8	97.4	98.0
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?	25.3	26.5	24.8	23.7

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	98.6	99.9	101.2	96.1
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?	88.1	87.8	87.9	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?	60.2	66.6	65.3	62.2
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?	37.1	34.5	39.2	28.7

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 (<http://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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total children under 18 years	814,187	805,109	794,959	785,566
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3
Asian	4.2	4.4	4.6	4.7
Black	11.1	11.1	11.1	11.1
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	19.7	20.3	21.0	21.7
White	61.3	60.5	59.5	58.6
Two or more races	3.3	3.4	3.5	3.6
Child population in poverty (%)	12.8	14.9	14.8	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Child maltreatment victims	9,954	10,005	8,151	7,287
Foster care entry rate per 1,000	3.0	2.8	2.1	2.2
Children in foster care on 9/30	4,486	5,012	4,814	4,486
Children adopted	687	611	490	356

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	N/A	N/A	92	95
Numerator	N/A	N/A	44,611	41,225
Denominator	N/A	N/A	48,451	43,557
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	N/A	N/A	79	81
Numerator	N/A	N/A	35,058	33,526
Denominator	N/A	N/A	44,611	41,225

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2010		2011		2012		2013	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children who received a Child Protective Services response for an allegation of child maltreatment	32,904	40.4 per 1,000	37,050	46.0 per 1,000	30,709	38.6 per 1,000	23,604	30.0 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims	9,954	12.2 per 1,000	10,005	12.4 per 1,000	8,151	10.3 per 1,000	7,287	9.3 per 1,000
Child fatalities	4	0.5 per 100,000	8	1.0 per 100,000	6	0.8 per 100,000	5	0.6 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	11.1	11.1	12.4	12.0
1 year	7.3	6.9	6.6	7.5
2 years	6.7	6.9	6.6	6.4
3 years	6.6	6.1	5.9	5.9
4 years	6.3	6.3	6.5	5.8
5 years	5.6	5.7	6.0	5.7
6 years	5.7	5.6	5.4	5.9
7 years	5.2	5.4	5.5	5.6
8 years	5.0	5.1	5.3	5.1
9 years	5.5	5.0	4.6	5.1
10 years	5.1	5.1	4.9	4.4
11 years	5.0	4.5	4.4	4.7
12 years	4.6	5.3	4.5	4.7
13 years	4.4	4.7	5.4	4.1
14 years	5.0	4.5	4.6	5.1
15 years	4.7	5.0	4.7	4.8
16 years	3.6	3.5	4.0	4.1
17 years	2.0	2.5	2.3	2.7
18+ years	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2
Missing data	0.4	0.6	0.4	0.5
Number	9,954	10,005	8,151	7,287

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1
Asian	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.7
Black	22.1	22.1	21.8	21.7
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	29.2	29.4	31.1	30.4
White	40.3	39.7	38.3	38.8
Two or more races	5.1	4.9	4.9	5.0
Missing data	2.5	2.8	2.9	3.3
Number	9,954	10,005	8,151	7,287

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 2013 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2011–2014 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 was a new methodology used to calculate the caseworker visits measures. Because the new methodology limits data comparisons with prior years, caseworker visits data from 2010 and 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.

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.

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

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total waiting children	1,261	1,345	1,417	1,185
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	615	612	762	628

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	6.1	4.2	5.1	4.9
1 year	9.9	10.8	10.4	10.7
2 years	10.3	9.1	11.2	10.5
3 years	7.5	8.8	7.1	10.0
4 years	5.7	6.7	7.6	5.6
5 years	5.3	5.4	6.4	6.5
6 years	6.0	5.8	5.7	5.6
7 years	4.0	5.2	4.9	5.2
8 years	5.1	3.9	4.4	3.6
9 years	5.1	4.8	3.5	4.3
10 years	5.3	4.8	4.7	3.2
11 years	4.4	4.2	4.5	4.7
12 years	5.8	4.4	3.7	4.3
13 years	4.9	5.0	4.0	3.6
14 years	5.8	3.7	4.9	3.7
15 years	5.6	3.6	3.6	5.0
16 years	2.5	4.5	3.8	4.3
17 years	0.7	5.1	4.5	4.3

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/Alaska Native	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0
Asian	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.2
Black	25.9	25.1	24.8	23.3
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	34.9	32.5	31.9	33.2
White	28.9	33.3	34.9	35.3
Two or more races	9.4	8.2	7.8	7.5
Unable to determine	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total children adopted	687	611	490	356

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	11.6	11.5	12.4	11.2
1 year	13.2	16.2	12.7	12.9
2 years	16.4	15.4	16.5	11.8
3 years	10.0	10.3	10.8	12.9
4 years	8.0	6.4	9.0	8.1
5 years	6.8	6.2	6.3	7.3
6 years	3.1	5.6	3.7	4.5
7 years	4.7	4.4	5.7	5.9
8 years	4.4	2.5	3.9	4.2
9 years	3.6	3.8	4.1	2.8
10 years	3.5	2.8	2.7	4.2
11 years	3.1	3.1	2.7	4.2
12 years	4.2	2.8	2.2	3.1
13 years	1.7	2.5	2.4	2.2
14 years	2.2	2.3	1.0	1.4
15 years	1.5	1.1	1.4	1.4
16 years	0.9	1.8	0.4	1.4
17 years	0.7	1.3	1.8	0.3
18 years	0.1	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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0
Asian	1.9	4.3	2.7	2.8
Black	26.3	23.7	28.2	23.6
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	32.0	37.0	27.6	27.5
White	34.1	32.1	39.2	38.8
Two or more races	5.1	2.9	1.4	7.0
Unable to determine	0.6	0.0	0.6	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.

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OUTCOMES DATA

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children without a recurrence	92.6	93.4	94.4	93.9
Children with one or more recurrences	7.4	6.6	5.6	6.1
Number	4,910	5,117	4,421	3,711

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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.90	0.73	0.49	0.93
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.10	99.27	99.51	99.07
Number	7,150	7,114	6,320	6,045

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	21.4	22.7	25.9	32.3
Guardianship	9.7	6.0	3.0	2.6
Reunification	45.5	53.8	47.9	39.2
Other	21.4	12.0	11.5	13.3
Missing data	2.0	5.5	11.8	12.7
Number	2,664	2,102	1,506	1,559

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	14.7	17.2	15.7	20.2
Guardianship	4.3	3.8	1.4	0.7
Reunification	33.4	45.8	46.4	32.9
Other	45.4	29.5	31.4	39.4
Missing data	2.2	3.8	5.1	6.9
Number	599	373	293	277

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	0.8	1.6	1.8	2.8
Guardianship	5.4	3.5	1.8	1.4
Reunification	45.6	61.0	68.3	52.1
Other	45.3	29.3	24.4	38.2
Missing data	2.9	4.6	3.6	5.6
Number	794	564	385	359

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children age 12 or younger at entry	37.3	38.0	45.8	30.5
Children older than 12 at entry	62.7	62.0	54.2	69.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	475	129	72	95

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	American Indian/Alaska Native				2010	Asian				2010	Black			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	21.4	57.1	22.2	50.0	19.7	17.2	21.0	27.4		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.3	7.5	2.6	3.8		
Reunification	80.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	50.0	42.9	66.7	50.0	44.0	54.9	50.1	40.7		
Other	20.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	21.4	0.0	11.1	0.0	24.2	12.8	15.5	13.8		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.8	7.7	10.8	14.3		
Number	5	1	1	0	14	7	9	4	731	494	381	398		

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander				2010	Hispanic (of any race)				2010	White			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	20.7	22.4	24.0	31.2	22.7	23.2	29.9	34.9		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.6	4.4	3.0	2.4	10.1	7.1	3.2	1.9		
Reunification	0.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	47.4	57.1	48.8	39.4	44.3	51.5	45.0	38.5		
Other	100.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	21.2	11.6	10.4	12.0	20.7	13.2	10.5	14.9		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0	4.5	13.8	15.1	2.2	4.9	11.3	9.8		
Number	1	1	1	1	858	773	492	510	882	672	531	530		

	Unable to Determine				2010	Two or More Races				2010	Missing Data			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	23.5	0.0	0.0	40.0	26.9	39.6	34.4	41.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	13.5	5.4	3.3	2.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	76.5	100.0	100.0	20.0	43.6	41.6	46.7	36.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	40.0	14.7	6.7	6.7	8.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3	6.7	8.9	10.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	17	5	1	5	156	149	90	111	0	0	0	0		

¹⁴ 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. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Less than 12 mos.	65.5	61.7	48.1	56.0
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	23.4	25.2	30.1	25.5
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	7.3	6.0	10.4	9.2
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	1.7	2.1	3.7	3.6
48 or more mos.	2.1	3.2	6.2	3.8
Missing data	0.0	1.8	1.4	2.0
Number	1,212	1,130	721	611

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children entering care for the first time	81.2	83.6	84.5	83.5
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	7.6	5.1	5.1	5.7
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	10.9	10.2	9.0	9.7
Missing data	0.2	1.1	1.4	1.0
Number	2,471	2,287	1,663	1,757

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Less than 12 mos.	3.3	3.6	4.6	2.6
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	30.8	32.7	30.3	25.2
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	31.5	35.0	32.6	41.2
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	18.0	14.0	16.2	16.7
48 or more mos.	16.3	14.7	16.4	14.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	571	477	390	503

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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children with 2 or fewer placements	87.0	87.3	87.0	89.0	65.6	69.0	65.0	64.9	31.4	35.9	32.7	32.9	94.1	76.1	78.6	83.9
Children with 3 or more placements	13.0	10.6	8.7	9.2	34.4	28.1	27.6	25.8	66.4	61.2	61.7	61.6	0.0	6.5	14.3	9.7
Missing placement setting counts	0.0	2.0	4.3	1.8	0.0	2.8	7.4	9.3	2.3	3.0	5.5	5.5	5.9	17.4	7.1	6.5
Number	2,856	2,601	1,830	1,892	1,700	1,696	1,705	1,398	2,577	2,771	2,757	2,724	17	46	28	31

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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Group homes	8.5	1.2	0.5	0.4
Institutions	3.5	4.2	2.7	2.2
Other settings	88.0	94.5	96.8	97.4
Missing data	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0
Number	1,230	1,406	1,122	1,113

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

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score¹⁷	113.7	—	95.3	100.4
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)	63.0	—	46.5	54.6
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)	8.5	—	13.3	10.6
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)	16.3	—	13.8	24.2
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?	8.5	—	6.6	10.9

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	95.5	93.9	108.5	112.2
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?	34.2	36.3	34.9	27.8
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?	28.9	28.8	29.1	30.0
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?	18.9	16.8	15.1	22.0
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	9.7	8.3	11.7	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?	41.3	38.5	64.0	64.4

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	99.4	104.6	104.5	123.4
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?	21.5	18.5	17.4	23.4
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?	88.0	96.7	96.4	98.4
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?	55.8	54.3	51.7	38.2

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	97.9	104.5	105.4	106.2
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?	86.3	88.7	90.5	90.2
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?	65.6	70.9	70.3	71.6
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?	32.1	38.5	37.8	38.9

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 (<http://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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total children under 18 years	205,478	204,801	204,586	203,558
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Asian	3.3	3.5	3.6	3.8
Black	25.3	25.3	25.2	25.1
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	13.2	13.6	14.0	14.3
White	53.1	52.5	51.9	51.6
Two or more races	4.7	4.8	4.9	5.0
Child population in poverty (%)	18.1	17.5	17.4	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Child maltreatment victims	2,125	2,466	2,335	1,915
Foster care entry rate per 1,000	2.0	2.6	2.4	1.9
Children in foster care on 9/30	755	846	819	704
Children adopted	67	95	91	112

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	N/A	N/A	96	94
Numerator	N/A	N/A	8,476	7,610
Denominator	N/A	N/A	8,861	8,064
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	N/A	N/A	82	80
Numerator	N/A	N/A	6,991	6,068
Denominator	N/A	N/A	8,476	7,610

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2010		2011		2012		2013	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children who received a Child Protective Services response for an allegation of child maltreatment	13,434	65.4 per 1,000	14,382	70.2 per 1,000	14,807	72.4 per 1,000	13,293	65.3 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims	2,125	10.3 per 1,000	2,466	12.0 per 1,000	2,335	11.4 per 1,000	1,915	9.4 per 1,000
Child fatalities	2	1.0 per 100,000	1	0.5 per 100,000	3	1.5 per 100,000	6	2.9 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	11.3	10.0	9.9	8.4
1 year	8.3	7.3	6.8	6.6
2 years	6.4	7.8	7.4	7.9
3 years	6.3	6.9	7.3	6.7
4 years	6.9	5.5	5.8	6.8
5 years	6.6	5.6	5.5	6.5
6 years	7.0	6.0	6.4	6.4
7 years	6.3	6.7	6.0	6.3
8 years	5.4	5.2	5.3	5.4
9 years	4.5	4.4	5.3	5.5
10 years	4.9	5.2	4.3	5.9
11 years	4.1	4.1	5.0	3.7
12 years	3.4	3.8	4.8	4.4
13 years	4.1	4.3	4.1	3.9
14 years	3.6	4.5	4.5	4.8
15 years	3.4	4.9	4.2	4.4
16 years	4.0	4.5	3.9	3.5
17 years	3.2	3.4	3.5	2.7
18+ years	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1
Missing data	0.2	0.1	<.1	<.1
Number	2,125	2,466	2,335	1,915

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1
Asian	0.8	0.2	0.6	0.4
Black	44.7	44.5	41.9	42.8
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.2
Hispanic (of any race)	8.8	9.7	12.5	11.5
White	44.0	43.5	41.7	42.4
Two or more races	1.7	1.9	3.1	2.3
Missing data	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.3
Number	2,125	2,466	2,335	1,915

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 2013 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2011-2014 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 was a new methodology used to calculate the caseworker visits measures. Because the new methodology limits data comparisons with prior years, caseworker visits data from 2010 and 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.

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Emotional abuse	38.4	42.7	44.9	37.9
Medical neglect	0.9	0.4	0.9	1.1
Neglect	41.4	36.2	34.5	37.0
Physical abuse	15.5	16.8	14.9	17.9
Sexual abuse	7.4	7.1	6.5	8.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	8.0	9.9	10.2	8.7
Number	2,125	2,466	2,335	1,915

Response Time (in hours)⁹

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Mean	187.2	188.7	156.7	164.1
Median	>144 but<168	>120 but<144	>96 but<120	>120 but<144

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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total number	796	730	823	784	414	537	483	378	455	421	487	458	755	846	819	704
Median length of stay (months)	15.9	17.7	12.3	13.7	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	12.9	14.2	13.2	16.2	18.2	12.3	14.4	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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	6.3	5.8	7.9	6.6	18.8	19.4	18.8	16.9	5.7	5.7	5.3	4.8	5.6	7.7	6.6	5.4
1 year	6.4	7.3	7.3	9.2	8.0	5.2	7.2	7.4	9.7	8.8	8.2	8.5	7.2	7.1	9.2	7.7
2 years	5.0	5.3	6.3	6.4	5.3	7.4	7.2	5.0	7.3	6.4	7.6	9.4	5.3	6.4	6.3	7.1
3 years	3.3	4.2	4.7	6.0	4.1	3.9	4.8	4.0	5.9	6.4	7.0	7.2	4.1	4.7	5.7	4.4
4 years	3.5	2.2	3.0	3.3	2.7	3.4	2.9	3.4	4.4	4.0	4.3	4.6	2.3	3.0	3.3	3.8
5 years	4.0	2.9	2.6	3.2	4.6	4.1	5.2	3.4	4.6	3.3	3.7	3.9	2.8	2.6	3.3	3.6
6 years	4.5	4.4	3.6	2.9	3.9	4.8	3.3	3.4	3.7	4.0	4.1	3.1	4.5	3.7	2.9	3.4
7 years	4.6	4.0	4.6	3.7	4.6	3.9	3.3	4.2	5.3	4.5	4.3	2.4	3.8	4.5	3.7	2.7
8 years	2.8	4.4	3.2	4.0	2.7	2.8	3.7	1.1	3.3	3.8	3.1	4.4	4.2	3.1	4.0	3.8
9 years	3.9	2.9	4.0	2.7	2.7	2.4	2.7	4.0	2.9	2.4	3.7	3.3	2.8	4.0	2.8	3.3
10 years	3.5	3.6	3.5	4.0	3.9	4.5	2.7	5.0	3.7	4.3	3.9	3.3	3.4	3.4	3.8	3.3
11 years	2.1	4.1	3.2	3.3	2.2	2.2	3.1	4.0	2.4	3.3	3.1	3.7	4.0	3.1	3.3	4.5
12 years	4.4	2.1	3.3	3.6	1.4	2.8	2.7	4.5	2.0	1.9	2.3	2.8	2.0	3.2	3.4	3.7
13 years	6.5	5.3	2.7	3.6	4.3	3.2	4.8	3.2	2.2	2.9	2.7	3.3	5.2	2.6	3.5	4.3
14 years	6.4	7.9	5.6	4.0	5.1	6.1	5.2	6.6	2.6	4.8	3.1	1.7	7.9	6.3	3.8	4.5
15 years	9.2	7.0	9.4	8.3	6.0	8.8	7.2	8.7	4.0	1.9	4.5	4.4	6.9	9.3	8.3	6.8
16 years	9.0	11.9	10.1	9.8	7.7	6.7	6.6	6.9	2.9	3.3	5.5	3.9	12.1	9.9	9.4	10.9
17 years	12.7	13.3	13.6	12.4	12.1	8.2	8.5	8.2	5.3	3.8	6.2	3.3	13.0	13.7	12.1	13.1
18 years	1.8	1.5	1.5	3.2	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	21.1	23.0	16.8	20.7	2.9	1.8	4.0	3.1
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	1.4	0.6	1.3	0.1	0.0	0.5	0.6
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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0
Asian	0.4	0.0	0.4	0.6	0.2	0.7	0.6	0.0	0.9	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.0	0.4	0.6	0.4
Black	54.8	57.8	52.1	50.6	55.1	44.5	47.6	44.4	48.6	51.3	48.9	47.8	58.7	52.6	51.4	49.1
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)	7.8	8.5	8.9	8.3	7.2	9.7	10.6	10.1	6.8	9.7	11.9	7.4	8.1	8.6	8.1	9.8
White	31.9	28.4	34.4	34.1	32.9	41.2	36.4	42.3	38.9	33.0	36.3	39.7	28.2	34.2	34.4	34.8
Two or more races	4.9	5.3	4.1	6.4	4.6	3.7	4.8	3.2	4.4	5.7	2.5	4.6	5.0	4.1	5.5	5.8
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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total waiting children	253	244	244	218
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	149	145	148	113

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	4.7	4.5	7.0	2.8
1 year	10.3	12.3	13.1	10.6
2 years	6.7	6.1	9.0	12.4
3 years	6.3	6.1	6.1	6.4
4 years	2.4	4.9	5.3	5.5
5 years	5.5	2.9	4.1	4.1
6 years	5.5	5.3	3.3	4.6
7 years	6.7	7.8	3.7	3.7
8 years	8.7	5.7	7.4	5.0
9 years	4.0	7.8	3.7	5.5
10 years	5.1	3.7	7.4	4.6
11 years	6.3	5.3	3.7	7.3
12 years	3.6	4.9	5.7	3.7
13 years	5.5	2.0	3.3	4.1
14 years	5.9	6.1	2.9	4.6
15 years	3.2	5.3	6.1	3.2
16 years	5.5	3.7	4.5	6.9
17 years	4.0	5.3	3.7	5.0

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Black	65.2	66.0	58.6	55.5
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	9.5	7.4	5.7	10.6
White	20.2	22.5	29.5	26.1
Two or more races	5.1	4.1	6.1	7.8
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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total children adopted	67	95	91	112

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	3.0	3.2	2.2	2.7
1 year	14.9	15.8	13.2	17.0
2 years	17.9	11.6	16.5	19.6
3 years	4.5	10.5	17.6	13.4
4 years	9.0	4.2	5.5	8.0
5 years	10.4	8.4	5.5	8.0
6 years	9.0	5.3	5.5	1.8
7 years	3.0	5.3	4.4	2.7
8 years	7.5	8.4	3.3	7.1
9 years	4.5	4.2	7.7	6.3
10 years	4.5	7.4	7.7	2.7
11 years	3.0	7.4	2.2	2.7
12 years	0.0	4.2	1.1	2.7
13 years	6.0	1.1	2.2	2.7
14 years	1.5	2.1	2.2	0.9
15 years	0.0	1.1	2.2	0.0
16 years	1.5	0.0	0.0	0.0
17 years	0.0	0.0	1.1	1.8
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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Black	49.3	56.8	50.5	41.1
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	10.4	12.6	15.4	2.7
White	31.3	21.1	33.0	50.0
Two or more races	9.0	9.5	1.1	6.3
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.

Delaware

OUTCOMES DATA

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children without a recurrence	97.1	97.8	97.5	96.9
Children with one or more recurrences	2.9	2.2	2.5	3.1
Number	934	1,228	1,218	947

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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.25	0.08	0.15	0.43
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.75	99.92	99.85	99.57
Number	1,210	1,267	1,306	1,162

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	14.7	22.6	18.7	24.2
Guardianship	17.8	14.0	15.2	18.8
Reunification	45.3	39.9	48.9	34.7
Other	22.0	22.8	17.2	22.3
Missing data	0.2	0.7	0.0	0.0
Number	455	421	487	458

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	18.1	30.2	23.0	26.5
Guardianship	11.1	5.9	7.1	9.0
Reunification	28.5	26.6	42.1	26.5
Other	41.7	36.1	27.9	38.1
Missing data	0.7	1.2	0.0	0.0
Number	144	169	183	155

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.7	1.4
Guardianship	8.5	11.2	13.2	9.9
Reunification	33.8	30.8	43.4	33.8
Other	57.0	55.9	42.8	54.9
Missing data	0.7	2.1	0.0	0.0
Number	142	143	152	142

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children age 12 or younger at entry	19.1	16.8	21.3	22.7
Children older than 12 at entry	80.9	83.2	78.8	77.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	94	95	80	97

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	American Indian/Alaska Native				2010	Asian			2010	Black			2013
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2011	2012	2013		2011	2012		
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	14.9	25.0	19.3	20.1	
Guardianship	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	14.9	10.2	12.6	18.7	
Reunification	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	75.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	48.4	41.2	45.4	37.0	
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	100.0	21.7	22.7	22.7	24.2	
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	25.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0	
Number	2	0	1	0	4	1	1	2	221	216	238	219	

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander				2010	Hispanic (of any race)			2010	White			2013
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012		2010	2011	2012	
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	22.6	29.3	24.1	8.8	11.9	15.1	16.4	30.8	
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	12.9	22.0	15.5	17.6	19.2	19.4	18.6	19.2	
Reunification	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	45.2	34.1	55.2	50.0	42.9	37.4	50.3	31.9	
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	19.4	14.6	5.2	23.5	26.0	27.3	14.7	18.1	
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.0	
Number	0	0	0	0	31	41	58	34	177	139	177	182	

	Unable to Determine				2010	Two or More Races			2010	Missing Data			2013
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012		2010	2011	2012	
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	30.0	33.3	16.7	38.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	40.0	4.2	16.7	19.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Reunification	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	30.0	54.2	58.3	14.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.3	8.3	28.6	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	20	24	12	21	0	0	0	0	

¹⁴ 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. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Less than 12 mos.	67.0	72.6	65.5	63.5
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	20.4	14.3	27.7	27.7
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	6.8	8.9	4.2	5.0
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	2.9	2.4	0.8	2.5
48 or more mos.	2.9	0.6	1.7	1.3
Missing data	0.0	1.2	0.0	0.0
Number	206	168	238	159

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children entering care for the first time	85.0	89.6	87.0	88.1
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	4.8	1.9	3.9	4.0
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	10.1	8.6	9.1	7.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	414	537	483	378

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Less than 12 mos.	6.0	3.2	4.4	2.7
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	29.9	31.6	27.5	40.5
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	35.8	27.4	39.6	31.5
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	23.9	23.2	13.2	9.0
48 or more mos.	4.5	14.7	15.4	16.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	67	95	91	111

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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children with 2 or fewer placements	84.8	83.1	80.5	84.0	64.0	69.2	62.5	61.9	26.3	27.9	35.2	32.7	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0
Children with 3 or more placements	15.2	16.9	19.3	16.0	36.0	30.8	37.5	38.1	73.7	72.1	64.8	67.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	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	0.0
Number	505	604	590	462	275	260	341	339	426	398	375	361	4	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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Group homes	1.1	1.4	2.8	1.2
Institutions	1.5	0.6	2.1	1.6
Other settings	97.4	98.0	95.1	97.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	268	356	327	245

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

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score¹⁷	132.9	137.6	130.5	122.2
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)	67.9	76.7	64.6	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)	6.2	5.8	8.7	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)	36.4	31.4	31.8	25.3
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?	7.1	7.3	3.5	6.8

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	101.2	112.6	114.2	128.3
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?	35.8	34.7	31.9	43.2
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?	26.9	30.0	29.5	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?	14.4	19.5	21.1	26.8
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	4.7	14.6	9.9	10.6
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?	58.4	55.7	61.9	61.9

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	114.0	123.9	118.3	129.9
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?	18.0	23.4	21.8	26.1
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?	93.2	92.3	92.2	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?	38.2	31.1	36.8	30.8

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	93.5	95.0	92.9	94.5
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?	84.0	82.1	79.4	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?	64.3	69.0	62.6	61.3
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?	26.4	28.2	35.5	33.6

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 (<http://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.

District of Columbia

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total children under 18 years	101,309	103,906	107,642	111,474
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Asian	1.7	1.8	2.0	2.2
Black	65.0	63.0	61.0	59.0
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	12.2	13.1	13.7	14.1
White	17.8	18.6	19.7	20.9
Two or more races	3.1	3.3	3.4	3.6
Child population in poverty (%)	30.4	30.3	26.5	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Child maltreatment victims	2,672	2,377	2,141	2,050
Foster care entry rate per 1,000	7.3	5.4	4.5	3.6
Children in foster care on 9/30	2,069	1,800	1,553	1,310
Children adopted	129	106	114	97

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	N/A	N/A	95	96
Numerator	N/A	N/A	14,392	11,814
Denominator	N/A	N/A	15,112	12,259
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	N/A	N/A	98	98
Numerator	N/A	N/A	14,048	11,621
Denominator	N/A	N/A	14,392	11,814

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2010		2011		2012		2013	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children who received a Child Protective Services response for an allegation of child maltreatment	12,463	123.0 per 1,000	13,187	126.9 per 1,000	13,812	128.3 per 1,000	12,685	113.8 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims	2,672	26.4 per 1,000	2,377	22.9 per 1,000	2,141	19.9 per 1,000	2,050	18.4 per 1,000
Child fatalities	2	2.0 per 100,000	3	2.9 per 100,000	2	1.9 per 100,000	3	2.7 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	9.6	10.0	10.1	10.4
1 year	5.5	4.8	6.2	6.5
2 years	4.9	4.7	5.0	5.4
3 years	5.0	5.1	6.1	5.2
4 years	5.0	4.7	5.3	5.2
5 years	6.5	5.9	6.6	8.2
6 years	6.4	7.1	7.0	7.7
7 years	5.6	5.0	6.0	5.8
8 years	5.7	5.3	5.3	5.9
9 years	5.7	4.4	4.5	5.0
10 years	5.3	5.9	5.2	5.0
11 years	4.9	4.6	4.9	4.5
12 years	5.6	6.4	4.2	4.5
13 years	5.7	6.1	5.5	5.2
14 years	5.4	5.9	6.0	4.7
15 years	5.8	5.1	4.8	4.3
16 years	4.4	5.4	4.0	3.7
17 years	2.8	3.4	3.2	2.7
18+ years	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0
Missing data	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2
Number	2,672	2,377	2,141	2,050

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/ Alaska Native	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0
Asian	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Black	61.5	59.4	51.7	57.8
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	9.4	10.2	10.7	10.6
White	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.2
Two or more races	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	28.3	29.8	36.9	31.4
Number	2,672	2,377	2,141	2,050

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 2013 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2011–2014 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 was a new methodology used to calculate the caseworker visits measures. Because the new methodology limits data comparisons with prior years, caseworker visits data from 2010 and 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.

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Emotional abuse	1.6	1.4	1.5	24.1
Medical neglect	6.0	5.5	6.0	6.1
Neglect	65.5	63.3	63.7	72.1
Physical abuse	18.0	19.1	14.8	18.4
Sexual abuse	2.5	2.0	2.6	2.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	33.0	38.4	39.2	1.3
Number	2,672	2,377	2,141	2,050

Response Time (in hours)⁹

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Mean	17.6	15.8	16.7	11.8
Median	>24 but<48	>24 but<48	>24 but<48	<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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total number	2,095	2,042	1,793	1,538	743	561	485	399	769	803	726	627	2,069	1,800	1,553	1,310
Median length of stay (months)	33.7	29.8	31.3	30.8	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	26.7	28.4	30.9	33.3	29.6	31.1	30.6	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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	2.2	2.9	1.8	1.5	13.3	12.5	12.0	16.8	3.5	2.1	2.3	1.1	2.9	1.9	1.5	3.2
1 year	4.3	3.6	4.9	3.3	6.5	6.8	6.2	8.0	2.5	3.0	3.7	3.3	3.6	5.0	3.3	4.0
2 years	4.5	4.8	4.0	5.7	6.1	5.3	6.2	7.3	7.2	5.5	4.8	5.7	4.8	4.0	5.6	3.6
3 years	4.0	4.3	4.5	4.4	5.5	7.8	8.2	3.8	5.6	6.5	5.9	6.2	4.3	4.4	4.4	5.3
4 years	3.5	4.3	4.1	5.1	6.1	5.9	5.6	5.3	5.5	7.1	5.1	5.3	4.3	4.1	5.0	3.9
5 years	3.4	3.3	3.6	3.6	6.7	4.1	6.6	4.3	5.6	5.5	6.7	6.9	3.5	3.6	3.6	4.5
6 years	3.3	4.2	3.4	3.2	5.0	5.7	6.4	4.8	4.4	4.1	4.7	4.3	4.2	3.4	3.2	3.1
7 years	2.7	3.2	4.5	4.0	4.7	4.8	6.2	3.8	3.8	4.0	5.1	3.5	3.3	4.4	4.0	3.8
8 years	3.1	3.3	3.4	4.5	5.0	5.2	5.6	3.8	3.5	4.2	4.8	5.7	3.3	3.3	4.4	3.0
9 years	3.2	3.5	3.3	3.0	6.5	4.1	3.9	4.5	5.5	4.2	5.4	4.3	3.4	3.3	3.0	3.7
10 years	3.0	3.4	3.1	3.0	3.8	4.8	3.7	5.0	2.5	4.7	3.7	3.3	3.4	3.1	3.0	3.4
11 years	2.7	3.2	3.2	3.2	5.0	4.5	4.7	3.5	4.2	4.1	4.1	3.0	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.4
12 years	4.0	3.5	3.2	3.3	3.8	5.3	3.9	5.5	2.9	3.7	3.3	3.5	3.5	3.3	3.3	3.3
13 years	4.0	4.1	4.1	3.4	4.8	3.6	3.9	4.0	4.3	3.6	2.5	2.4	4.0	4.2	3.5	3.4
14 years	5.1	4.4	4.2	4.8	4.7	5.0	3.5	4.0	3.6	3.0	2.2	3.3	4.4	4.2	4.9	4.4
15 years	5.5	5.6	4.7	5.1	4.6	5.0	4.9	4.3	2.5	3.4	2.5	4.5	5.4	4.8	5.3	5.1
16 years	8.0	6.3	6.5	6.0	4.3	3.9	5.4	4.8	3.5	2.5	2.9	3.3	6.5	6.7	5.8	6.0
17 years	8.7	8.0	7.6	7.5	3.2	4.6	2.9	6.0	3.3	3.2	2.2	2.1	7.9	7.6	7.7	6.6
18 years	9.4	8.1	8.3	8.4	0.0	0.7	0.2	0.3	3.0	3.5	2.2	3.3	8.1	8.2	8.2	8.8
19 years	7.9	8.7	8.2	8.6	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.3	1.4	2.6	2.1	2.1	8.7	7.9	8.7	8.8
20 years	7.5	7.5	9.3	8.5	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.3	2.3	1.5	2.5	4.3	7.4	9.3	8.5	8.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	19.6	17.9	21.2	18.3	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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/ Alaska Native	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	0.0
Asian	0.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	<.1	0.1	<.1	<.1
Black	88.7	86.7	85.5	86.9	75.0	67.4	70.1	81.5	82.3	83.2	82.2	81.8	86.1	82.3	82.2	87.6
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	<.1	0.1	<.1	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.1	0.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	7.0	8.2	8.8	9.1	10.8	12.8	9.7	9.0	7.7	8.6	8.0	9.1	8.1	9.5	9.4	9.1
White	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.8	0.5	0.1	1.0	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.2
Two or more races	2.9	2.9	4.1	1.8	2.2	5.9	2.3	1.0	3.0	3.0	4.1	3.7	2.6	3.8	3.5	0.7
Unable to determine	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1
Missing data	0.8	1.6	1.0	1.5	11.2	12.8	16.9	8.3	5.7	4.4	5.0	4.3	2.7	3.8	4.1	2.2

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total waiting children	420	357	302	268
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	23	32	26	18

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	1.0	0.6	0.3	3.0
1 year	4.8	7.0	3.6	5.2
2 years	8.1	6.7	10.9	5.6
3 years	6.4	6.7	7.6	10.4
4 years	6.0	6.2	8.3	6.0
5 years	4.3	6.4	6.3	9.0
6 years	5.7	3.9	3.6	3.7
7 years	3.6	6.2	5.6	4.5
8 years	3.6	4.2	7.0	4.9
9 years	4.0	3.9	4.6	6.7
10 years	4.3	2.8	3.3	5.6
11 years	4.5	3.9	3.0	4.5
12 years	5.0	5.0	3.0	3.0
13 years	8.3	5.3	4.3	3.7
14 years	7.4	7.3	6.0	4.5
15 years	8.8	8.4	6.3	7.1
16 years	7.4	8.1	7.6	6.0
17 years	6.9	7.3	8.6	6.7

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0
Black	88.3	89.6	86.8	86.2
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	7.1	5.3	7.9	9.3
White	1.0	0.6	1.0	0.0
Two or more races	3.3	2.8	2.6	1.1
Unable to determine	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.2	1.7	1.0	3.4

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total children adopted	129	106	114	97

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.0
1 year	1.6	0.9	3.5	5.2
2 years	20.2	13.2	16.7	13.4
3 years	10.1	13.2	8.8	15.5
4 years	7.0	11.3	9.6	8.2
5 years	8.5	8.5	14.9	11.3
6 years	6.2	5.7	6.1	7.2
7 years	5.4	7.5	7.9	4.1
8 years	3.1	0.9	6.1	10.3
9 years	5.4	5.7	3.5	5.2
10 years	4.7	3.8	3.5	2.1
11 years	3.1	6.6	2.6	3.1
12 years	6.2	2.8	2.6	0.0
13 years	7.0	5.7	2.6	0.0
14 years	3.1	2.8	3.5	4.1
15 years	2.3	2.8	1.8	3.1
16 years	3.9	3.8	2.6	2.1
17 years	2.3	1.9	1.8	1.0
18 years	0.0	2.8	0.0	1.0
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.1
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Black	94.6	90.6	94.7	83.5
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	3.9	8.5	5.3	13.4
White	1.6	0.9	0.0	2.1
Two or more races	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0
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.

District of Columbia

OUTCOMES DATA

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children without a recurrence	94.1	93.8	95.5	94.7
Children with one or more recurrences	5.9	6.2	4.5	5.3
Number	1,325	1,390	1,185	1,143

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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.28	0.19	0.35	0.52
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.72	99.81	99.65	99.48
Number	2,838	2,603	2,279	1,937

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	16.9	13.3	15.8	17.9
Guardianship	9.4	15.7	15.2	22.0
Reunification	47.6	49.7	44.5	36.2
Other	26.0	21.3	24.5	23.9
Missing data	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	769	803	726	627

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	7.4	8.7	14.3	12.5
Guardianship	11.1	8.7	4.8	6.3
Reunification	11.1	34.8	4.8	31.3
Other	70.4	47.8	76.2	50.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	27	23	21	16

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	1.4	1.0	1.7	3.1
Guardianship	1.4	6.6	8.7	12.6
Reunification	39.9	37.2	29.5	25.2
Other	57.2	55.1	60.1	59.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	208	196	173	159

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children age 12 or younger at entry	38.6	36.2	40.6	36.8
Children older than 12 at entry	61.4	63.8	59.4	63.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	189	163	175	144

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	American Indian/Alaska Native				2010	Asian			2010	Black			2013
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2011	2012	2013		2011	2012		
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	18.5	13.6	17.4	17.7	
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	10.4	17.1	16.2	23.8	
Reunification	100.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	43.4	46.1	40.2	33.3	
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	27.5	23.2	26.1	25.1	
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Number	1	0	2	0	1	1	1	0	633	668	597	513	

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander				2010	Hispanic (of any race)			2010	White			2013
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2011	2012	2013		2011	2012		
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.5	11.6	10.3	26.3	33.3	25.0	0.0	50.0	
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.8	5.8	19.0	10.5	0.0	25.0	0.0	16.7	
Reunification	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	61.0	69.6	50.0	35.1	66.7	25.0	100.0	16.7	
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	23.7	13.0	20.7	28.1	0.0	25.0	0.0	16.7	
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	0	0	0	0	59	69	58	57	6	4	1	6	

	Unable to Determine				2010	Two or More Races			2010	Missing Data			2013
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2011	2012	2013		2011	2012		
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	26.1	20.8	16.7	13.0	0.0	5.7	0.0	0.0	
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	20.8	3.3	30.4	4.5	2.9	2.8	7.4	
Reunification	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	47.8	37.5	50.0	39.1	84.1	88.6	97.2	92.6	
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	26.1	20.8	30.0	17.4	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	
Number	2	2	1	1	23	24	30	23	44	35	36	27	

¹⁴ 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. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Less than 12 mos.	73.5	62.4	58.5	45.8
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	13.9	18.5	23.5	32.6
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	5.7	10.0	8.4	9.7
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	1.9	1.8	5.6	3.5
48 or more mos.	4.6	7.3	4.0	8.4
Missing data	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	366	399	323	227

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children entering care for the first time	84.1	80.9	76.5	75.7
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	7.1	8.6	8.9	10.8
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	8.7	10.2	14.6	13.0
Missing data	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.5
Number	743	561	485	399

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Less than 12 mos.	0.8	0.0	0.9	2.7
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	6.2	8.4	13.9	12.5
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	29.2	21.5	19.1	30.4
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	30.0	21.5	28.7	22.3
48 or more mos.	33.8	48.6	37.4	32.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	130	107	115	112

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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children with 2 or fewer placements	80.2	81.6	80.3	80.3	53.8	58.2	54.6	54.3	22.5	22.1	23.1	21.8	80.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Children with 3 or more placements	19.3	17.9	19.4	18.8	46.0	41.8	45.4	45.7	77.2	77.7	76.6	78.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.9	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.3	0.3	<.1	20.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	793	652	532	447	437	452	394	348	1,603	1,499	1,353	1,142	5	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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Group homes	10.5	9.5	7.0	0.0
Institutions	1.0	0.7	1.0	1.0
Other settings	86.4	89.3	90.1	98.0
Missing data	2.1	0.5	1.8	1.0
Number	572	421	383	300

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

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score¹⁷	114.7	104.4	92.3	87.9
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)	66.3	54.5	51.9	43.9
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)	7.8	10.5	11.4	13.0
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)	29.7	42.8	28.0	26.7
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?	12.1	11.9	13.8	11.3

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	91.4	80.3	99.3	110.2
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?	6.9	8.5	14.9	14.8
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?	40.4	47.3	43.9	38.4
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?	13.5	13.0	15.0	15.9
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	4.3	5.4	6.7
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?	85.5	83.1	95.3	97.8

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	108.6	96.5	111.2	115.8
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?	20.2	25.5	28.7	30.5
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?	100.0	99.0	100.0	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?	54.1	75.0	62.0	57.9

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	84.9	87.6	86.8	88.0
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?	77.6	78.9	78.0	80.7
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?	54.4	58.1	55.5	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?	28.3	28.4	30.8	29.2

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 (<http://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

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total children under 18 years	3,999,532	4,002,550	4,012,421	4,026,674
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2
Asian	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.6
Black	20.6	20.6	20.5	20.4
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	27.7	28.2	28.6	29.0
White	45.8	45.2	44.8	44.3
Two or more races	3.0	3.2	3.3	3.4
Child population in poverty (%)	23.5	24.9	25.4	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Child maltreatment victims	50,239	51,920	53,341	48,457
Foster care entry rate per 1,000	3.6	3.9	3.9	3.5
Children in foster care on 9/30	18,865	19,838	19,620	18,076
Children adopted	3,391	2,945	3,294	3,400

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	N/A	N/A	94	98
Numerator	N/A	N/A	207,783	202,900
Denominator	N/A	N/A	220,413	206,492
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	N/A	N/A	98	98
Numerator	N/A	N/A	203,268	199,693
Denominator	N/A	N/A	207,783	202,900

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2010		2011		2012		2013	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children who received a Child Protective Services response for an allegation of child maltreatment	269,689	67.4 per 1,000	291,929	72.9 per 1,000	293,839	73.2 per 1,000	284,658	70.7 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims	50,239	12.6 per 1,000	51,920	13.0 per 1,000	53,341	13.3 per 1,000	48,457	12.0 per 1,000
Child fatalities	180	4.5 per 100,000	133	3.3 per 100,000	179	4.5 per 100,000	121	3.0 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	13.5	12.9	13.1	13.4
1 year	8.7	8.6	7.8	7.9
2 years	8.6	8.3	7.9	7.5
3 years	7.7	7.9	7.5	7.3
4 years	6.7	7.0	7.5	7.2
5 years	6.3	6.5	7.0	7.0
6 years	5.7	5.9	6.0	6.4
7 years	5.1	5.3	5.6	5.7
8 years	4.8	4.7	5.1	5.1
9 years	4.8	4.8	4.5	4.6
10 years	4.4	4.5	4.1	4.2
11 years	3.7	4.1	4.3	3.9
12 years	3.8	3.7	3.8	3.8
13 years	3.5	3.6	3.7	3.6
14 years	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.6
15 years	3.5	3.3	3.4	3.5
16 years	3.0	3.0	3.0	2.9
17 years	2.4	2.3	2.3	2.2
18+ years	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1
Missing data	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3
Number	50,239	51,920	53,341	48,457

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Asian	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3
Black	29.7	29.6	29.4	31.0
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	17.0	17.8	17.2	17.5
White	47.9	46.6	47.2	44.5
Two or more races	3.1	3.4	3.6	3.8
Missing data	1.8	1.9	2.0	2.7
Number	50,239	51,920	53,341	48,457

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 2013 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2011–2014 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 was a new methodology used to calculate the caseworker visits measures. Because the new methodology limits data comparisons with prior years, caseworker visits data from 2010 and 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.

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Emotional abuse	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.5
Medical neglect	2.1	2.2	2.3	2.4
Neglect	54.9	55.5	56.9	54.3
Physical abuse	10.6	10.3	10.5	10.5
Sexual abuse	4.6	4.6	4.7	4.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	52.3	51.1	50.0	51.0
Number	50,239	51,920	53,341	48,457

Response Time (in hours)⁹

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Mean	10.7	11.4	9.8	10.6
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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total number	19,024	18,182	19,223	18,999	14,207	15,703	15,593	14,238	14,366	14,046	15,196	15,161	18,865	19,838	19,620	18,076
Median length of stay (months)	11.0	9.5	8.5	9.4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	12.0	11.3	11.2	11.9	9.5	8.5	9.4	9.2

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	8.1	8.4	8.2	8.4	18.8	17.1	17.8	18.5	5.3	5.0	4.8	4.7	8.5	8.2	8.5	8.9
1 year	9.5	9.7	9.8	9.7	8.9	9.2	8.2	8.3	9.7	9.5	9.2	9.4	9.7	9.9	9.8	10.2
2 years	8.6	8.9	9.0	9.0	8.4	8.0	7.9	7.5	9.6	9.4	9.1	8.7	9.0	9.0	9.0	8.6
3 years	7.0	7.7	8.0	7.7	7.7	7.4	7.0	7.1	8.2	8.1	8.4	8.3	7.7	8.0	7.7	7.7
4 years	6.2	6.7	7.1	7.1	6.1	6.8	6.8	6.5	7.1	7.6	7.8	7.5	6.5	7.1	7.1	6.9
5 years	5.6	5.3	6.0	6.7	5.6	5.6	6.6	6.2	6.3	6.1	6.9	7.3	5.3	6.0	6.7	6.2
6 years	4.8	5.1	5.1	5.6	5.1	5.3	5.4	5.7	5.6	5.5	5.7	6.5	5.1	5.0	5.6	6.1
7 years	4.2	4.2	4.7	4.6	4.5	4.7	4.6	5.0	4.9	5.0	5.3	5.5	4.3	4.7	4.7	5.2
8 years	4.0	4.2	4.1	4.4	4.2	4.1	4.7	4.3	4.6	4.6	4.8	4.9	4.1	4.0	4.4	4.3
9 years	4.0	3.8	3.8	4.0	3.8	4.1	4.0	3.9	4.1	4.3	4.6	4.3	3.8	3.8	3.9	4.0
10 years	3.8	3.6	3.8	3.4	3.6	3.9	3.4	3.6	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.6	3.8	3.4	3.6
11 years	3.6	3.5	3.4	3.5	3.0	3.2	3.6	3.5	3.5	3.6	3.6	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.2
12 years	3.5	3.3	3.3	3.6	3.2	3.3	3.4	3.4	3.2	3.1	3.3	3.6	3.3	3.3	3.6	3.3
13 years	3.9	3.7	3.6	3.6	3.3	3.5	3.5	3.4	3.0	3.3	3.0	3.2	3.7	3.5	3.6	3.6
14 years	4.2	4.3	4.0	3.7	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.1	3.0	3.0	3.3	4.2	4.0	3.8	3.8
15 years	5.2	4.7	4.6	4.4	3.6	3.6	3.7	3.6	2.8	2.9	3.1	2.9	4.7	4.5	4.5	4.1
16 years	6.4	5.9	5.2	4.9	3.8	3.9	3.6	3.6	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.2	5.8	5.2	4.8	5.0
17 years	7.4	7.0	6.2	5.6	2.9	2.8	2.5	2.5	3.4	3.1	2.8	2.9	6.9	6.1	5.5	5.2
18 years	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	8.6	8.9	7.6	6.4	0.2	<.1	<.1	<.1
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	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	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3
Asian	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	0.1
Black	36.3	34.4	33.1	31.6	31.3	30.7	30.0	31.5	33.9	32.2	31.9	31.3	34.3	33.0	31.6	31.8
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)	13.5	14.0	14.3	14.5	13.8	14.5	14.6	15.3	13.4	14.3	14.5	14.6	13.8	14.2	14.4	15.0
White	45.4	46.5	47.2	48.1	49.3	48.8	49.4	46.8	47.6	47.7	48.0	48.1	46.7	47.4	48.3	47.0
Two or more races	4.0	4.5	4.7	5.0	4.7	4.9	4.9	5.3	4.2	4.8	4.7	5.0	4.4	4.7	4.9	5.3
Unable to determine	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total waiting children	5,037	4,994	5,182	3,667
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	2,873	3,026	3,397	3,426

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	3.4	3.2	3.4	2.8
1 year	8.8	9.6	10.0	7.9
2 years	8.6	9.0	9.8	8.0
3 years	7.3	7.8	7.6	7.8
4 years	6.2	6.9	6.9	6.5
5 years	5.5	6.3	5.7	5.3
6 years	5.1	4.7	5.8	5.8
7 years	3.9	4.4	4.5	5.0
8 years	4.3	3.6	4.1	4.2
9 years	4.1	3.8	4.0	4.3
10 years	4.6	4.0	3.5	4.0
11 years	4.5	4.0	4.4	3.7
12 years	4.4	4.3	4.4	4.8
13 years	4.8	4.8	4.1	4.8
14 years	5.6	5.2	4.5	5.4
15 years	5.8	5.7	5.5	5.9
16 years	6.2	6.2	6.1	6.6
17 years	7.1	6.2	5.7	7.4

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/Alaska Native	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0
Asian	0.2	<.1	<.1	0.0
Black	38.9	37.5	33.7	32.7
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.2
Hispanic (of any race)	12.5	13.5	12.9	11.9
White	43.5	44.3	47.6	49.6
Two or more races	4.6	4.4	5.3	5.0
Unable to determine	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total children adopted	3,391	2,945	3,294	3,400

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	2.9	2.4	2.4	3.4
1 year	12.1	13.3	12.2	12.4
2 years	13.8	13.7	13.3	12.6
3 years	10.9	10.6	10.7	11.3
4 years	9.0	9.6	9.4	8.1
5 years	8.0	6.8	8.7	8.0
6 years	6.8	6.6	6.3	6.8
7 years	5.6	5.6	5.2	5.8
8 years	5.0	4.5	4.5	4.9
9 years	4.1	4.5	4.3	3.7
10 years	4.8	4.1	3.9	3.6
11 years	3.8	3.7	3.2	3.5
12 years	2.8	3.2	3.0	3.4
13 years	2.8	2.8	3.2	2.6
14 years	2.2	2.2	3.0	3.0
15 years	1.7	1.8	2.1	2.4
16 years	2.0	2.5	2.5	2.0
17 years	1.6	1.7	1.9	2.3
18 years	0.2	0.4	0.4	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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.1	0.2	<.1	<.1
Asian	0.1	0.2	<.1	0.2
Black	32.7	29.2	28.3	28.4
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	13.6	13.0	13.3	13.4
White	48.6	51.5	52.4	52.1
Two or more races	4.5	5.6	5.8	5.6
Unable to determine	0.3	0.2	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.

Florida

OUTCOMES DATA

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children without a recurrence	92.8	92.8	92.8	94.1
Children with one or more recurrences	7.2	7.2	7.2	5.9
Number	25,320	25,912	27,133	24,821

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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.82	0.66	0.61	0.98
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.18	99.34	99.39	99.02
Number	33,231	33,885	34,816	33,237

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	23.2	20.8	21.4	22.2
Guardianship	24.1	23.5	22.6	24.1
Reunification	43.1	46.1	47.3	46.1
Other	9.6	9.4	8.0	6.8
Missing data	0.0	0.2	0.7	0.8
Number	14,366	14,046	15,196	15,161

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	58.8	62.9	60.4	65.9
Guardianship	8.7	5.7	7.5	6.9
Reunification	13.4	13.5	17.3	15.3
Other	19.1	17.9	14.1	11.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.1
Number	1,422	1,328	1,280	1,515

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	4.3	5.0	7.1	7.4
Guardianship	21.0	20.6	19.5	24.2
Reunification	33.9	35.8	36.7	35.7
Other	40.8	38.4	36.0	31.8
Missing data	0.0	0.2	0.8	0.9
Number	2,529	2,500	2,609	2,522

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children age 12 or younger at entry	23.8	24.9	20.5	18.9
Children older than 12 at entry	76.2	75.1	79.5	81.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,347	1,267	1,178	984

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	American Indian/Alaska Native				2010	Asian				2010	Black			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	7.7	10.4	5.3	2.2	12.1	14.6	2.6	20.7	22.4	18.9	19.0	20.1		
Guardianship	34.6	22.9	28.9	41.3	18.2	6.3	12.8	6.9	23.2	22.3	20.8	21.1		
Reunification	51.9	64.6	50.0	39.1	60.6	56.3	66.7	69.0	41.7	45.8	49.2	48.4		
Other	5.8	2.1	13.2	8.7	9.1	22.9	15.4	3.4	12.8	12.8	10.4	10.0		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	2.6	8.7	0.0	0.0	2.6	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.6	0.3		
Number	52	48	38	46	33	48	39	29	4,876	4,525	4,846	4,747		

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander				2010	Hispanic (of any race)				2010	White			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	75.0	22.2	0.0	0.0	23.4	18.9	19.8	20.5	23.8	22.5	23.4	24.0		
Guardianship	0.0	11.1	50.0	14.3	18.2	18.9	18.6	21.3	26.6	26.0	24.9	26.8		
Reunification	25.0	55.6	50.0	71.4	49.5	53.5	52.9	51.3	41.6	43.5	44.4	43.1		
Other	0.0	11.1	0.0	14.3	8.9	8.6	8.3	6.2	8.1	7.9	6.6	5.1		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.4	0.7	0.0	0.1	0.8	1.0		
Number	4	9	4	7	1,929	2,005	2,204	2,214	6,833	6,702	7,299	7,298		

	Unable to Determine				2010	Two or More Races				2010	Missing Data			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	23.1	15.4	7.8	13.1	24.8	24.2	26.1	25.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	12.8	20.5	27.5	18.0	21.8	21.0	23.9	25.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	53.8	64.1	58.8	63.9	48.8	49.6	45.0	44.6	0.0	0.0	100.0	100.0		
Other	10.3	0.0	3.9	3.3	4.5	4.8	4.6	4.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	2.0	1.6	0.0	0.4	0.4	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	39	39	51	61	600	670	714	758	0	0	1	1		

¹⁴ 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. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Less than 12 mos.	73.5	75.3	73.9	71.4
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	20.9	20.1	21.5	23.7
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	3.7	3.3	3.5	3.9
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	1.0	0.8	0.6	0.8
48 or more mos.	0.8	0.6	0.5	0.2
Missing data	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0
Number	6,191	6,479	7,189	6,995

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children entering care for the first time	76.5	77.7	77.8	76.7
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	8.3	7.3	7.8	8.8
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	14.5	14.6	14.1	14.3
Missing data	0.7	0.4	0.3	0.2
Number	14,207	15,703	15,593	14,238

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Less than 12 mos.	11.1	12.2	15.6	14.6
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	32.5	40.0	39.3	41.6
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	27.7	24.1	25.6	27.5
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	14.3	11.7	9.7	8.4
48 or more mos.	14.4	12.0	9.8	7.9
Missing data	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0
Number	3,333	2,925	3,256	3,369

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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children with 2 or fewer placements	85.1	85.9	85.7	87.5	63.7	65.1	64.8	65.8	28.2	26.6	28.9	33.0	98.3	100.0	66.7	97.0
Children with 3 or more placements	14.4	13.7	13.7	12.1	36.3	34.9	35.2	34.1	71.6	73.3	71.1	66.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.5	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	1.7	0.0	33.3	3.0
Number	18,004	19,612	19,899	18,416	7,820	8,156	9,158	9,107	7,347	6,062	5,747	5,681	60	55	12	33

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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Group homes	3.7	4.0	4.3	3.3
Institutions	1.2	1.7	1.5	1.7
Other settings	95.1	94.3	94.2	94.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0
Number	11,748	12,958	12,948	11,843

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

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score¹⁷	115.3	114.3	110.6	110.4
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)	72.3	73.9	73.0	70.3
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)	7.9	7.9	8.0	8.6
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)	36.8	35.7	34.8	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?	14.1	15.4	15.9	14.9

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	141.4	153.9	161.0	169.9
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?	43.6	52.2	54.9	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?	26.0	23.6	22.7	22.5
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?	33.1	31.7	36.7	39.3
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	11.8	14.7	17.3	20.7
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?	66.7	71.7	69.4	69.9

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	129.0	127.0	139.8	144.2
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?	36.3	33.6	37.7	41.9
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?	91.9	91.0	93.3	94.1
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?	43.8	41.6	34.8	34.1

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	94.0	94.3	95.2	98.6
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?	85.0	85.7	85.8	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?	63.6	64.9	64.7	65.8
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?	28.2	26.6	28.9	33.0

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 (<http://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 Florida's comments on the State data presented in *Child Welfare Outcomes 2010–2013: Report to Congress*.

In October 2006 Florida implemented a statewide Title IV-E Waiver Demonstration Project, allowing federal Title IV-E foster care funds to be used more broadly than would have otherwise been possible to promote child safety, prevent entry into the child welfare system and placement into foster care, and to expedite permanency. Between October 2006 and September 2013, Florida's foster care population has been reduced by over 39 percent, from 30,001 to 18,601.

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 other states do not investigate these types of fatalities. In Florida, while unsafe sleep and drowning deaths continue to account for about 41 percent of the total number of fatalities, that percentage has fallen from about 50 percent prior to 2012. Florida has been promoting numerous public education campaigns regarding safe sleep (ABC of Safe Sleep), there have been crib drives to make safe cribs available to families, and drowning prevention is an on-going focus of public education campaigns for Florida.

Florida began accepting abuse reports via the internet in 2006. In December 2012 the online interface was updated, and since then the number of reports received via the internet has doubled.

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 who exited foster care has declined. Beginning in November 2013, Florida is implementing the Unified Home Study (UHS) portion of our SACWIS system allowing for continuous electronic format/process from initial placement to adoption. The UHS is used for most types of home studies including emergency (exigent), initial licensing, re-licensing, relative (planned), non-relative (planned), adoptive, and Interstate Compact for the Placement of Children home studies. It is progressive in that it can expand and change based on the home and the child's situation such that the initial UHS can be built on as the child's situation moves from a relative's home for placement, to that becoming a licensed foster parent, to that becoming an adoption.

Section D: The trend showing reductions in the number of children awaiting adoption is largely explained by the reduction in the number of children in foster care and reduction in the time it takes to finalize an adoption. Florida modified the setting of adoption goals such that they were done at the regional level, allowing the Department and the local Community Based Care agencies to review local data and identify adoption goals more accurately.

Composite Measures: Florida improved its composite score on three of the measures and maintained on the fourth. Florida shows very strong performance on all of the adoption measures.

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total children under 18 years	2,490,884	2,488,898	2,487,831	2,489,709
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Asian	3.2	3.3	3.4	3.5
Black	33.8	33.6	33.5	33.4
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	12.7	13.1	13.4	13.6
White	47.1	46.7	46.4	46.0
Two or more races	2.9	3.0	3.2	3.2
Child population in poverty (%)	24.8	26.3	27.2	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Child maltreatment victims	19,976	18,541	18,752	19,062
Foster care entry rate per 1,000	2.2	2.6	2.5	2.4
Children in foster care on 9/30	7,023	7,633	7,697	7,617
Children adopted	1,196	1,071	915	1,016

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	N/A	N/A	99	98
Numerator	N/A	N/A	83,482	84,812
Denominator	N/A	N/A	84,701	86,624
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	N/A	N/A	91	91
Numerator	N/A	N/A	75,990	77,168
Denominator	N/A	N/A	83,482	84,812

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2010		2011		2012		2013	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children who received a Child Protective Services response for an allegation of child maltreatment	58,915	23.7 per 1,000	51,060	20.5 per 1,000	110,323	44.3 per 1,000	114,270	45.9 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims	19,976	8.0 per 1,000	18,541	7.4 per 1,000	18,752	7.5 per 1,000	19,062	7.7 per 1,000
Child fatalities	77	3.1 per 100,000	65	2.6 per 100,000	71	2.9 per 100,000	90	3.6 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	14.1	13.5	13.6	14.3
1 year	7.1	7.3	6.6	6.9
2 years	7.0	7.1	6.9	6.5
3 years	6.1	6.6	6.6	6.2
4 years	6.0	6.8	6.6	6.3
5 years	5.9	6.3	6.6	6.8
6 years	5.8	6.0	6.3	7.0
7 years	5.8	5.6	6.0	5.9
8 years	5.3	5.2	5.1	5.2
9 years	4.9	4.7	4.8	4.8
10 years	4.5	4.6	4.7	4.6
11 years	4.4	4.4	4.1	4.0
12 years	4.1	4.1	4.0	4.2
13 years	4.3	4.4	4.4	4.1
14 years	4.2	4.2	4.0	4.0
15 years	4.5	4.1	4.3	4.0
16 years	4.0	3.5	3.4	3.3
17 years	1.9	1.7	2.0	1.8
18+ years	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1
Missing data	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.1
Number	19,976	18,541	18,752	19,062

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/ Alaska Native	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Asian	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4
Black	42.4	40.6	39.8	40.1
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	7.0	6.8	7.1	7.1
White	46.6	48.1	48.4	47.8
Two or more races	3.3	3.6	3.4	3.6
Missing data	0.3	0.4	0.8	0.8
Number	19,976	18,541	18,752	19,062

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 2013 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2011–2014 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 was a new methodology used to calculate the caseworker visits measures. Because the new methodology limits data comparisons with prior years, caseworker visits data from 2010 and 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.

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Emotional abuse	24.8	24.5	23.3	29.3
Medical neglect	5.3	5.5	4.5	4.1
Neglect	64.0	66.5	68.3	67.1
Physical abuse	13.9	12.8	13.6	11.6
Sexual abuse	5.1	5.1	5.0	4.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	19,976	18,541	18,752	19,062

Response Time (in hours)⁹

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Mean	24.2	26.2	45.0	45.1
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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total number	7,864	6,793	7,386	7,540	5,466	6,406	6,217	5,970	6,308	5,566	5,911	5,910	7,023	7,633	7,697	7,617
Median length of stay (months)	13.8	12.5	9.7	11.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	11.9	11.0	10.4	11.0	12.4	9.5	10.9	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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	7.1	6.8	7.5	7.3	16.6	15.9	16.3	16.1	5.8	6.4	5.9	5.3	6.8	7.4	7.4	7.2
1 year	8.6	8.3	8.5	8.3	7.0	7.6	7.2	7.7	8.5	7.9	8.2	8.0	8.2	8.4	8.2	8.6
2 years	7.3	7.5	7.1	7.5	6.7	7.1	6.3	5.9	7.8	7.6	7.2	7.4	7.4	7.2	7.5	7.4
3 years	6.2	6.7	6.7	6.8	6.0	6.2	6.7	5.6	6.8	7.7	7.2	6.8	6.7	6.8	6.8	6.2
4 years	4.9	5.5	6.3	6.4	5.0	6.3	5.9	5.5	5.6	6.1	6.4	6.6	5.4	6.3	6.4	6.2
5 years	4.4	4.4	5.4	5.6	4.5	4.9	5.1	5.8	5.1	4.9	5.6	5.8	4.5	5.5	5.7	5.7
6 years	4.4	4.0	4.5	5.3	4.6	5.1	5.3	5.0	4.7	4.6	5.2	6.0	4.1	4.5	5.2	5.5
7 years	4.1	4.2	4.6	4.8	4.3	4.4	4.9	4.7	4.4	4.1	4.5	4.8	4.2	4.5	4.8	4.9
8 years	4.3	3.8	4.1	4.6	3.5	4.1	4.0	3.8	4.4	3.9	4.3	4.7	3.8	4.2	4.6	4.2
9 years	4.0	3.8	4.2	4.0	3.7	3.9	3.6	3.9	3.7	3.3	3.9	4.3	3.8	4.1	4.0	4.3
10 years	3.9	3.8	4.1	3.8	3.5	3.7	3.9	3.9	3.6	3.7	4.1	4.1	3.9	4.1	3.9	3.8
11 years	3.7	3.9	4.0	3.8	3.5	4.0	3.2	3.6	3.6	3.7	3.7	3.6	3.8	4.0	3.7	3.7
12 years	4.0	4.3	4.1	3.9	4.1	3.9	3.9	4.2	3.4	3.8	3.5	3.7	4.3	4.1	3.9	3.9
13 years	4.4	4.7	4.5	4.5	4.9	4.4	4.4	4.7	3.4	4.0	3.8	4.2	4.8	4.5	4.5	4.2
14 years	5.2	5.7	5.1	5.0	5.7	5.3	5.0	5.2	4.3	4.6	4.0	4.0	5.9	5.1	5.1	5.3
15 years	6.8	5.9	6.0	6.0	6.0	5.0	5.6	6.1	5.0	4.6	4.8	4.8	5.9	6.0	6.0	5.9
16 years	8.5	7.9	6.2	6.5	7.1	5.6	5.5	5.4	5.8	4.9	4.8	4.8	8.0	6.3	6.4	7.0
17 years	8.1	8.7	7.1	5.9	3.4	2.5	3.0	2.9	7.2	4.9	6.8	7.7	8.6	7.0	6.0	6.1
18 years	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	7.0	9.3	5.9	3.4	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/ Alaska Native	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Asian	0.2	0.1	0.1	<.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Black	47.6	46.4	44.9	44.9	45.6	43.5	44.9	42.5	47.4	45.0	44.5	45.0	46.3	45.0	45.2	43.0
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	7.2	7.4	6.7	6.8	8.2	7.1	6.8	7.6	7.9	8.4	7.0	7.3	7.3	6.4	6.5	7.1
White	40.2	40.7	42.3	42.3	40.9	44.7	43.3	44.6	39.7	41.8	42.6	41.9	41.3	43.3	42.8	44.4
Two or more races	4.6	5.3	6.0	5.8	4.9	4.2	4.6	4.5	4.5	4.3	5.5	5.3	4.9	5.1	5.3	5.1
Unable to determine	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1
Missing data	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	<.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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total waiting children	1,724	1,585	1,661	1,797
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	838	845	902	819

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	4.6	3.3	4.2	4.9
1 year	8.4	7.3	7.0	8.5
2 years	7.4	7.3	7.4	8.2
3 years	7.1	6.9	6.4	7.0
4 years	6.1	7.1	6.6	6.0
5 years	5.3	5.9	5.8	5.7
6 years	4.5	4.9	6.2	5.8
7 years	4.6	5.0	4.7	5.0
8 years	4.8	4.9	5.5	4.3
9 years	4.6	5.3	4.5	4.9
10 years	5.5	5.7	4.4	4.4
11 years	5.7	4.6	5.1	4.1
12 years	4.9	5.3	5.2	5.3
13 years	6.0	5.6	5.9	4.9
14 years	6.1	6.3	5.4	6.2
15 years	5.7	6.7	6.1	5.2
16 years	5.2	3.9	6.0	5.5
17 years	3.6	4.1	3.7	4.0

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Asian	0.1	<.1	<.1	0.2
Black	40.9	42.5	40.2	38.7
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	8.8	8.2	8.0	8.1
White	44.8	44.1	46.0	46.1
Two or more races	5.4	5.0	5.7	6.7
Unable to determine	<.1	0.1	0.0	0.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total children adopted	1,196	1,071	915	1,016

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	1.7	2.2	2.5	1.9
1 year	10.8	12.0	11.5	12.2
2 years	12.4	13.2	13.3	11.4
3 years	8.9	11.9	10.7	9.9
4 years	8.3	9.3	9.7	9.7
5 years	6.4	7.1	8.9	8.2
6 years	7.3	4.9	6.2	8.5
7 years	6.3	4.6	4.8	5.0
8 years	6.9	5.0	4.9	6.6
9 years	4.8	4.2	5.1	4.7
10 years	4.1	5.0	4.4	3.2
11 years	5.1	4.0	4.5	3.4
12 years	3.7	3.6	2.2	3.1
13 years	4.1	3.0	3.0	3.1
14 years	3.0	3.0	3.1	2.2
15 years	2.2	3.0	1.7	2.8
16 years	2.0	2.1	2.3	2.7
17 years	1.7	1.6	1.1	1.2
18 years	0.3	0.3	0.1	<.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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/Alaska Native	—	0.0	0.0	0.0
Asian	—	<.1	0.1	0.0
Black	—	34.8	33.6	32.2
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	—	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	—	9.0	9.0	9.3
White	—	47.0	47.1	49.1
Two or more races	—	9.1	10.2	9.4
Unable to determine	—	<.1	0.1	0.0
Missing data	—	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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children without a recurrence	97.2	96.8	96.7	95.8
Children with one or more recurrences	2.8	3.2	3.3	4.2
Number	10,351	8,774	10,114	9,623

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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children maltreated while in foster care	—	—	—	0.70
Children not maltreated while in foster care	—	—	—	99.30
Number	—	—	—	13,510

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	18.4	18.5	14.9	16.8
Guardianship	7.2	6.3	5.3	5.6
Reunification	63.0	63.1	68.7	67.1
Other	11.5	12.2	11.0	10.4
Missing data	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	6,308	5,566	5,911	5,910

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	25.7	23.4	19.8	18.8
Guardianship	7.0	6.6	5.9	5.4
Reunification	47.5	51.3	57.2	57.3
Other	19.8	18.6	17.1	18.5
Missing data	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	2,355	2,672	2,523	983

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	1.9	2.1	1.8	2.0
Guardianship	7.8	6.6	6.3	4.8
Reunification	60.1	58.0	59.9	62.1
Other	30.1	33.3	31.9	31.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,548	1,369	1,437	1,373

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children age 12 or younger at entry	28.5	25.1	17.5	14.3
Children older than 12 at entry	71.5	74.9	82.3	85.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.7
Number	571	533	485	420

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	American Indian/Alaska Native				2010	Asian				2010	Black			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2011	2012	2013	2011		2012	2013		
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	31.8	6.7	7.1	0.0	14.7	14.3	11.0	12.0		
Guardianship	0.0	60.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.5	8.6	6.4	5.8	5.4		
Reunification	50.0	40.0	0.0	100.0	63.6	93.3	92.9	90.9	64.2	65.1	69.7	71.3		
Other	50.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	4.5	0.0	0.0	4.5	12.5	14.1	13.5	11.4		
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	5	1	3	22	15	14	22	2,987	2,503	2,628	2,658		
	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander				2010	Hispanic (of any race)				2010	White			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2011	2012	2013	2011		2012	2013		
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	21.4	20.2	19.5	21.2	21.5	20.6	16.6	19.8		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.0	4.3	3.9	4.0	5.5	6.6	5.2	6.3		
Reunification	100.0	50.0	0.0	100.0	61.9	66.5	66.5	66.4	61.9	61.7	68.6	64.0		
Other	0.0	50.0	0.0	0.0	9.6	9.0	10.1	8.4	11.0	11.2	9.6	10.0		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	1	2	0	1	501	465	415	429	2,504	2,329	2,521	2,478		
	Unable to Determine				2010	Two or More Races				2010	Missing Data			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2011	2012	2013	2011		2012	2013		
Adoption	0.0	14.3	0.0	0.0	23.0	39.2	28.4	30.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	12.5	0.0	8.5	4.6	4.3	5.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	100.0	85.7	87.5	83.3	60.4	47.9	63.3	55.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	16.7	8.1	8.3	4.0	9.3	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	8	7	8	6	283	240	324	313	0	0	0	0		

¹⁴ 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. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Less than 12 mos.	69.7	74.5	73.2	70.6
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	21.6	18.7	21.1	23.6
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	4.8	3.9	3.7	3.7
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	2.0	1.2	1.1	1.1
48 or more mos.	1.8	1.5	0.8	0.6
Missing data	0.2	0.1	<.1	0.3
Number	3,973	3,513	4,063	3,967

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children entering care for the first time	81.8	85.3	83.6	83.6
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	6.7	5.9	6.9	6.8
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	10.4	8.6	9.3	9.5
Missing data	1.1	0.1	<.1	0.1
Number	5,466	6,406	6,217	5,970

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Less than 12 mos.	3.0	4.9	5.2	5.4
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	25.6	29.2	34.3	32.6
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	27.0	33.3	29.2	35.9
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	19.7	15.0	18.1	13.5
48 or more mos.	24.7	17.7	13.1	12.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1
Number	1,158	1,028	883	994

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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children with 2 or fewer placements	75.4	80.5	80.3	78.5	47.9	54.9	57.0	54.6	25.7	27.5	30.0	32.8	81.6	92.0	85.7	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	23.5	18.4	18.5	20.6	51.9	45.0	43.0	45.3	74.3	72.2	69.9	67.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	1.1	1.1	1.2	0.9	0.2	0.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.3	<.1	0.1	18.4	8.0	14.3	0.0
Number	6,644	7,423	7,529	7,128	3,013	2,858	3,538	3,576	3,636	2,893	2,529	2,775	38	25	7	31

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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Group homes	0.7	0.7	0.3	0.2
Institutions	4.2	4.3	3.9	4.1
Other settings	95.0	95.0	95.9	95.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	3,932	4,888	4,700	4,464

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

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score¹⁷	127.4	127.0	124.1	120.8
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)	66.4	70.6	69.7	66.6
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)	9.0	7.4	8.8	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)	44.7	46.3	44.8	43.9
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?	6.1	8.9	10.1	9.7

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	119.0	125.9	123.4	126.4
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?	28.6	34.0	39.5	38.1
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?	33.1	29.0	27.2	26.8
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?	30.5	31.1	29.6	31.3
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	9.6	12.5	10.5	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?	66.7	60.6	61.8	61.8

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	129.2	131.0	133.6	142.3
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?	38.7	36.8	35.8	38.4
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?	92.6	94.9	94.5	93.2
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?	47.8	43.8	36.6	28.9

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	77.8	85.6	87.2	86.0
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?	73.4	79.4	79.2	77.1
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?	48.2	54.9	57.1	54.7
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?	25.7	27.6	30.0	32.9

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 (<http://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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total children under 18 years	303,812	305,396	305,981	307,266
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Asian	26.0	25.4	25.1	24.6
Black	1.4	1.7	1.9	2.0
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	12.4	12.2	12.0	11.6
Hispanic (of any race)	15.1	15.8	16.3	16.5
White	13.2	13.5	13.6	13.8
Two or more races	31.7	31.2	31.0	31.2
Child population in poverty (%)	13.9	17.0	17.1	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Child maltreatment victims	1,744	1,346	1,398	1,324
Foster care entry rate per 1,000	3.2	3.2	3.5	3.2
Children in foster care on 9/30	1,227	1,117	1,101	1,089
Children adopted	216	198	187	158

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	N/A	N/A	78	82
Numerator	N/A	N/A	1,928	2,009
Denominator	N/A	N/A	2,459	2,450
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	N/A	N/A	63	69
Numerator	N/A	N/A	1,206	1,391
Denominator	N/A	N/A	1,928	2,009

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2010		2011		2012		2013	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children who received a Child Protective Services response for an allegation of child maltreatment	4,782	15.7 per 1,000	3,329	10.9 per 1,000	3,800	12.4 per 1,000	3,788	12.3 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims	1,744	5.7 per 1,000	1,346	4.4 per 1,000	1,398	4.6 per 1,000	1,324	4.3 per 1,000
Child fatalities	2	0.7 per 100,000	2	0.7 per 100,000	3	1.0 per 100,000	5	1.6 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	13.2	15.8	14.9	17.7
1 year	6.8	7.2	7.4	7.4
2 years	6.7	6.5	6.3	6.7
3 years	6.6	7.2	7.3	5.5
4 years	7.0	6.8	5.9	6.2
5 years	5.0	6.9	7.0	6.4
6 years	5.4	6.2	5.6	5.5
7 years	4.8	4.2	5.3	4.8
8 years	5.4	3.0	4.5	4.6
9 years	4.8	3.7	4.0	3.9
10 years	4.8	3.7	3.7	4.8
11 years	4.1	3.8	3.8	3.9
12 years	4.0	4.2	4.6	4.6
13 years	4.8	4.2	5.7	4.3
14 years	4.5	5.3	3.6	3.2
15 years	4.2	4.1	3.7	3.2
16 years	3.7	4.0	3.5	4.0
17 years	3.7	2.8	2.9	2.3
18+ years	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.2	0.5	0.3	0.8
Number	1,744	1,346	1,398	1,324

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.3	<.1	<.1	0.5
Asian	9.4	9.4	10.8	10.5
Black	1.1	2.1	1.6	2.5
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	18.8	17.8	17.7	17.0
Hispanic (of any race)	3.1	1.9	2.6	3.2
White	11.0	11.0	14.7	13.0
Two or more races	40.7	43.3	45.2	47.5
Missing data	15.6	14.4	7.2	5.8
Number	1,744	1,346	1,398	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 2013 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2011–2014 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 was a new methodology used to calculate the caseworker visits measures. Because the new methodology limits data comparisons with prior years, caseworker visits data from 2010 and 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.

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Emotional abuse	0.5	0.9	0.6	0.8
Medical neglect	1.3	1.2	1.1	1.5
Neglect	12.0	16.9	14.9	15.6
Physical abuse	11.6	13.6	13.9	11.7
Sexual abuse	5.2	6.5	5.9	5.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	96.3	86.4	80.4	80.7
Number	1,744	1,346	1,398	1,324

Response Time (in hours)⁹

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Mean	137.0	149.8	171.0	120.4
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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total number	1,447	1,219	1,112	1,051	983	991	1,057	991	1,203	1,093	1,068	953	1,227	1,117	1,101	1,089
Median length of stay (months)	13.1	15.1	14.7	11.9	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	8.1	6.4	7.1	5.7	15.3	15.2	11.7	12.4

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	7.0	4.8	7.4	6.1	14.5	15.0	14.8	18.2	4.7	4.9	5.8	5.4	4.6	7.3	6.0	9.4
1 year	7.2	9.4	7.5	9.3	5.9	6.0	5.3	8.0	6.9	5.9	5.9	6.7	9.5	7.2	9.2	8.6
2 years	7.1	7.0	8.1	6.9	6.0	5.5	5.6	5.4	6.9	8.2	7.9	6.4	7.1	8.1	6.9	9.3
3 years	6.9	5.7	5.3	6.4	6.5	7.1	6.9	5.3	6.8	5.8	5.7	5.6	6.0	5.3	6.4	6.5
4 years	5.4	6.6	6.8	6.0	5.2	5.9	5.2	5.4	5.9	6.3	4.8	6.7	6.5	6.9	6.4	5.5
5 years	5.8	5.3	5.4	7.8	5.2	5.5	7.7	6.2	5.6	5.5	6.3	6.3	5.5	5.6	7.7	5.9
6 years	4.2	5.1	4.8	5.5	4.2	5.8	4.9	6.1	5.1	5.4	5.2	6.7	5.1	4.9	5.6	6.7
7 years	4.6	3.8	6.6	5.5	5.4	5.0	4.8	4.4	5.7	4.1	5.7	6.3	3.8	6.7	5.7	4.4
8 years	4.8	4.5	4.2	4.9	4.7	3.9	4.1	4.6	4.6	3.8	4.6	5.5	4.6	4.3	5.0	4.8
9 years	4.1	4.7	4.8	3.6	3.8	3.8	3.9	3.4	4.1	4.6	4.3	4.4	4.6	4.6	4.1	4.4
10 years	4.0	4.7	3.1	4.1	4.1	3.3	3.6	4.0	3.6	4.8	3.8	4.3	4.3	3.5	4.0	3.2
11 years	3.3	3.8	3.9	3.4	3.4	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.4	3.7	4.1	4.1	3.7	3.8	3.4	3.7
12 years	4.6	3.7	4.4	4.2	4.9	3.7	4.2	4.1	4.2	3.8	3.8	5.0	3.9	4.2	4.0	3.2
13 years	4.1	4.6	3.1	5.1	5.7	4.6	6.2	4.1	5.2	4.9	4.8	3.1	4.7	3.3	4.9	4.2
14 years	5.0	4.6	5.8	4.3	6.1	6.0	4.6	4.3	4.7	4.1	4.6	4.8	4.7	5.6	4.4	5.1
15 years	6.5	6.2	5.6	5.5	5.2	5.8	4.6	4.0	4.4	5.6	4.8	5.0	6.0	5.5	5.4	3.9
16 years	6.8	7.5	6.2	5.2	5.1	4.6	5.6	4.9	4.7	5.5	5.9	4.0	7.4	6.1	5.3	5.1
17 years	8.5	8.0	7.1	6.1	4.3	4.4	4.2	3.2	4.2	4.1	4.6	3.6	7.7	7.1	5.6	6.1
18 years	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.6	8.9	7.4	6.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	<.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	<.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	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/ Alaska Native	<.1	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.3	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.4	<.1	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.4
Asian	9.1	9.9	10.7	9.8	10.9	11.1	10.9	9.4	9.5	10.7	11.6	10.6	10.1	10.2	10.0	8.7
Black	1.2	1.5	1.3	0.5	2.1	2.0	0.9	2.5	1.9	2.2	2.0	1.5	1.3	1.3	0.3	1.5
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	19.8	18.8	17.6	23.7	19.8	18.3	23.2	16.6	20.6	19.1	17.7	22.2	19.1	18.0	22.9	18.5
Hispanic (of any race)	6.2	5.1	4.0	3.0	2.3	3.3	3.5	3.2	4.1	4.8	3.9	2.9	5.2	3.8	3.5	3.3
White	9.4	8.7	7.8	9.9	14.4	13.6	14.7	15.6	14.1	13.5	12.5	14.3	8.8	8.3	9.8	11.3
Two or more races	53.3	55.0	57.4	52.4	46.2	49.0	44.0	49.6	46.6	47.4	50.1	46.7	54.1	57.2	51.6	54.9
Unable to determine	0.9	0.7	1.0	0.4	2.2	2.3	2.8	2.5	1.9	1.9	2.1	1.5	1.0	0.9	1.7	1.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total waiting children	350	298	232	161
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	314	272	205	138

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	0.6	1.7	0.9	1.2
1 year	6.3	4.7	4.3	4.3
2 years	6.0	9.4	4.3	9.3
3 years	5.4	4.7	7.3	4.3
4 years	7.1	5.0	5.6	3.1
5 years	4.3	4.7	5.2	4.3
6 years	4.0	5.4	4.7	4.3
7 years	0.9	6.4	5.6	2.5
8 years	4.6	3.0	4.3	5.0
9 years	3.7	4.0	4.3	2.5
10 years	5.7	3.0	4.7	3.1
11 years	4.0	5.0	3.0	5.6
12 years	5.7	4.4	5.6	1.2
13 years	7.7	4.4	5.6	6.8
14 years	5.4	7.7	4.3	9.3
15 years	8.9	7.4	9.1	6.8
16 years	7.7	10.7	9.5	11.2
17 years	12.0	8.4	11.6	14.9

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.0	0.3	0.4	0.0
Asian	8.0	7.7	7.8	3.1
Black	1.4	1.3	0.0	0.6
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	18.9	22.1	21.1	20.5
Hispanic (of any race)	9.4	7.0	4.3	3.7
White	8.0	4.4	4.3	5.6
Two or more races	53.4	56.4	61.6	66.5
Unable to determine	0.9	0.7	0.4	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total children adopted	216	198	187	158

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	1.4	2.5	2.1	1.9
1 year	6.9	10.1	10.2	6.3
2 years	16.7	17.2	23.5	15.2
3 years	13.4	7.6	10.2	8.2
4 years	9.7	9.6	5.9	13.3
5 years	6.0	7.1	8.6	8.2
6 years	6.9	5.6	6.4	6.3
7 years	6.0	3.0	8.0	7.6
8 years	6.9	3.5	3.7	5.7
9 years	6.9	7.1	4.3	5.1
10 years	3.2	7.1	3.7	4.4
11 years	1.9	3.0	2.7	3.2
12 years	2.8	5.1	1.6	4.4
13 years	2.8	5.1	1.6	1.3
14 years	2.3	2.5	1.1	1.9
15 years	3.2	0.5	1.1	2.5
16 years	0.9	3.0	3.2	1.9
17 years	0.9	0.5	1.1	1.9
18 years	0.9	0.0	1.1	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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.6
Asian	6.9	11.1	10.2	6.3
Black	0.5	1.0	1.1	0.0
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	19.0	15.2	17.6	21.5
Hispanic (of any race)	9.3	9.6	4.8	1.9
White	7.9	8.1	4.8	5.1
Two or more races	55.6	53.0	61.5	64.6
Unable to determine	0.5	2.0	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.

Hawaii

OUTCOMES DATA

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children without a recurrence	97.6	97.6	98.1	98.9
Children with one or more recurrences	2.4	2.4	1.9	1.1
Number	1,018	674	727	647

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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.74	0.59	0.14	0.34
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.26	99.41	99.86	99.66
Number	2,430	2,210	2,169	2,042

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	17.1	19.3	16.6	16.5
Guardianship	7.4	6.8	8.5	8.9
Reunification	64.3	63.9	65.8	66.1
Other	11.0	9.8	8.5	8.0
Missing data	0.2	0.3	0.6	0.5
Number	1,203	1,093	1,068	953

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	33.5	32.2	28.4	35.6
Guardianship	13.7	9.6	8.1	13.9
Reunification	32.6	40.9	45.2	36.1
Other	20.3	17.0	17.3	13.9
Missing data	0.0	0.4	1.0	0.5
Number	227	230	197	202

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	1.7	2.2	1.8	2.9
Guardianship	8.5	5.0	8.2	11.2
Reunification	61.4	66.3	67.1	61.2
Other	28.1	26.2	21.8	22.8
Missing data	0.3	0.4	1.1	1.9
Number	295	279	280	206

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children age 12 or younger at entry	32.8	26.3	28.6	30.9
Children older than 12 at entry	67.2	73.7	71.4	69.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	116	95	77	55

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	American Indian/Alaska Native				2010	Asian				2010	Black			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	50.0	0.0	0.0	33.3	12.3	21.4	14.5	11.9	4.3	12.5	9.5	0.0		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	33.3	9.6	6.0	5.6	8.9	8.7	4.2	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	50.0	75.0	100.0	33.3	64.9	64.1	68.5	70.3	82.6	62.5	76.2	92.9		
Other	0.0	25.0	0.0	0.0	12.3	8.5	11.3	8.9	4.3	20.8	14.3	7.1		
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	2	4	1	3	114	117	124	101	23	24	21	14		

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander				2010	Hispanic (of any race)				2010	White			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	15.7	11.5	16.4	15.6	38.8	36.5	21.4	10.7	9.4	10.8	6.7	5.9		
Guardianship	6.9	8.6	11.1	7.5	12.2	11.5	7.1	10.7	10.0	4.7	1.5	7.4		
Reunification	64.5	64.1	64.0	66.0	32.7	46.2	54.8	71.4	69.4	75.7	82.1	80.1		
Other	12.9	15.3	7.9	10.4	14.3	5.8	14.3	7.1	11.2	8.1	9.7	5.9		
Missing data	0.0	0.5	0.5	0.5	2.0	0.0	2.4	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.7		
Number	248	209	189	212	49	52	42	28	170	148	134	136		

	Unable to Determine				2010	Two or More Races				2010	Missing Data			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	4.3	19.0	0.0	0.0	20.5	23.2	20.2	22.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	0.0	4.8	4.5	7.1	6.4	6.6	10.7	10.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	82.6	76.2	90.9	85.7	63.3	61.6	61.1	59.3	84.6	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Other	13.0	0.0	4.5	7.1	9.6	8.5	7.3	7.4	15.4	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.7	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	23	21	22	14	561	518	535	445	13	0	0	0		

¹⁴ 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. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Less than 12 mos.	82.1	84.1	80.5	83.7
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	12.3	11.2	14.2	12.7
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	4.4	3.3	4.4	3.0
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.3
48 or more mos.	0.4	0.9	0.3	0.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	773	698	703	630

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children entering care for the first time	77.1	78.2	75.8	77.7
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	8.5	7.3	8.9	10.7
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	14.0	13.6	15.3	11.5
Missing data	0.3	0.9	0.0	0.1
Number	983	991	1,057	991

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Less than 12 mos.	5.8	9.0	4.5	8.3
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	28.2	29.9	20.3	30.6
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	25.7	37.0	45.2	31.2
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	18.9	12.3	16.4	20.4
48 or more mos.	21.4	11.8	13.6	9.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	206	211	177	157

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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children with 2 or fewer placements	89.4	91.7	88.8	90.3	69.6	69.1	71.5	73.2	36.4	43.0	46.0	44.4	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0
Children with 3 or more placements	9.3	7.5	9.9	8.5	29.7	30.9	28.5	26.8	63.6	57.0	54.0	55.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	1.3	0.8	1.3	1.2	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,183	1,115	1,187	1,112	585	492	445	473	662	602	537	457	0	1	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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Group homes	6.0	7.4	6.8	7.9
Institutions	2.8	2.7	1.0	1.3
Other settings	90.3	88.9	90.5	89.7
Missing data	1.0	0.9	1.6	1.1
Number	721	739	789	783

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

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score¹⁷	127.3	138.1	133.8	134.6
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)	75.8	74.5	71.3	74.6
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)	5.8	4.5	4.2	3.7
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)	45.6	52.1	46.6	48.3
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?	13.4	9.7	11.7	11.8

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	130.6	151.6	142.9	138.4
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?	34.0	38.9	24.9	38.9
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?	31.2	27.6	29.0	26.8
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?	27.7	30.8	31.8	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	19.8	25.3	23.3	17.9
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?	57.9	68.1	68.6	58.0

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	121.6	124.3	135.9	130.0
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?	36.6	36.8	40.8	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?	83.9	85.1	89.7	85.9
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?	47.9	44.9	41.8	53.3

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	102.7	106.7	107.1	108.8
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?	88.6	90.0	87.3	89.1
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?	69.8	68.9	71.3	73.2
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	43.1	46.0	44.4

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 (<http://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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total children under 18 years	428,961	428,535	427,177	427,781
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
American Indian/ Alaska Native	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.1
Asian	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.1
Black	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.9
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2
Hispanic (of any race)	17.1	17.4	17.5	17.7
White	76.9	76.6	76.2	75.8
Two or more races	2.9	2.9	3.0	3.2
Child population in poverty (%)	19.0	20.4	20.7	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Child maltreatment victims	1,609	1,470	1,428	1,674
Foster care entry rate per 1,000	3.2	2.9	2.5	2.8
Children in foster care on 9/30	1,483	1,368	1,257	1,351
Children adopted	313	259	273	206

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	N/A	N/A	98	94
Numerator	N/A	N/A	2,238	13,781
Denominator	N/A	N/A	2,283	14,633
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	N/A	N/A	82	70
Numerator	N/A	N/A	1,838	9,715
Denominator	N/A	N/A	2,238	13,781

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2010		2011		2012		2013	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children who received a Child Protective Services response for an allegation of child maltreatment	8,848	20.6 per 1,000	9,018	21.0 per 1,000	8,694	20.4 per 1,000	10,542	24.6 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims	1,609	3.8 per 1,000	1,470	3.4 per 1,000	1,428	3.3 per 1,000	1,674	3.9 per 1,000
Child fatalities	2	0.5 per 100,000	3	0.7 per 100,000	6	1.4 per 100,000	5	1.2 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	13.5	14.1	14.4	16.7
1 year	7.7	7.3	7.3	8.1
2 years	6.8	7.3	7.9	5.4
3 years	7.3	7.6	6.7	5.4
4 years	5.4	5.6	6.9	6.9
5 years	5.9	5.9	6.1	7.3
6 years	6.0	4.8	4.8	6.4
7 years	6.0	5.7	4.8	5.8
8 years	5.2	4.7	5.5	4.6
9 years	5.2	4.7	4.0	4.1
10 years	3.3	4.1	4.4	3.3
11 years	4.1	3.6	4.0	4.9
12 years	4.2	5.4	4.3	3.6
13 years	3.7	4.9	3.7	4.1
14 years	4.7	3.7	4.4	4.5
15 years	4.0	4.6	3.8	3.5
16 years	4.2	3.4	3.9	3.3
17 years	2.5	2.4	3.0	2.1
18+ years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.1	0.1	0.1	<.1
Number	1,609	1,470	1,428	1,674

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/ Alaska Native	2.9	2.2	3.9	4.2
Asian	0.4	0.2	0.0	<.1
Black	1.1	2.1	1.0	1.0
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.1	0.0	0.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	12.1	13.5	12.7	13.3
White	77.4	77.1	77.6	77.3
Two or more races	3.6	2.6	1.7	1.5
Missing data	2.4	2.2	2.9	2.6
Number	1,609	1,470	1,428	1,674

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 2013 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2011–2014 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 was a new methodology used to calculate the caseworker visits measures. Because the new methodology limits data comparisons with prior years, caseworker visits data from 2010 and 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.

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Emotional abuse	0.6	0.2	0.4	0.1
Medical neglect	0.9	0.7	1.2	0.0
Neglect	79.6	75.9	75.6	74.1
Physical abuse	16.8	19.4	18.3	21.8
Sexual abuse	5.4	6.3	6.1	5.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	6.8	7.2	8.2	8.5
Number	1,609	1,470	1,428	1,674

Response Time (in hours)⁹

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Mean	53.3	57.5	57.1	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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total number	1,423	1,426	1,330	1,211	1,388	1,229	1,082	1,217	1,328	1,287	1,155	1,078	1,483	1,368	1,257	1,351
Median length of stay (months)	11.9	9.1	9.7	10.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	9.5	10.0	10.8	11.0	9.2	9.7	10.1	8.7

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	6.3	5.3	6.7	6.4	12.4	12.5	13.1	14.8	5.1	4.0	4.1	3.7	5.3	6.5	6.4	7.0
1 year	9.4	8.4	6.2	7.9	8.3	8.1	8.3	9.4	7.9	7.5	7.9	7.8	8.8	6.2	8.0	9.5
2 years	7.5	7.4	9.5	6.3	7.1	7.7	6.9	5.7	8.7	6.8	8.3	7.5	7.6	9.5	6.2	8.3
3 years	7.4	6.5	8.3	8.6	6.3	7.5	8.1	6.6	8.3	8.0	9.5	8.4	6.5	8.3	8.4	6.1
4 years	5.6	5.5	6.5	7.1	5.0	5.9	6.7	7.4	6.0	6.1	6.9	5.8	5.7	6.6	6.9	7.6
5 years	5.6	4.8	4.8	5.5	5.7	5.5	5.8	6.8	6.1	4.7	6.5	6.8	4.8	4.8	5.9	6.7
6 years	5.1	5.0	4.8	5.0	5.3	4.6	4.6	6.5	5.9	5.6	4.8	6.3	5.0	4.8	4.9	6.5
7 years	4.8	5.0	5.2	5.0	5.5	5.5	4.3	5.8	5.3	5.1	3.9	5.8	5.1	5.3	5.0	5.4
8 years	4.9	5.2	4.7	5.1	5.5	4.7	5.5	4.1	5.9	5.7	5.8	4.9	4.9	4.7	5.4	4.8
9 years	4.3	4.3	3.3	4.7	4.8	4.0	3.3	4.3	4.1	4.4	3.8	4.6	4.3	3.5	4.5	4.6
10 years	3.3	5.6	3.8	3.2	3.2	4.5	3.4	2.6	2.8	5.1	3.4	4.1	5.5	3.9	3.2	3.3
11 years	3.5	3.8	5.3	4.0	4.0	3.1	3.7	3.6	3.5	4.1	4.2	4.0	3.7	5.3	3.9	2.7
12 years	4.1	4.8	3.4	4.2	4.5	4.9	3.5	3.8	3.5	4.9	3.3	4.4	4.9	3.4	4.4	3.4
13 years	4.6	4.4	5.1	4.0	4.2	5.0	4.2	3.9	3.2	3.9	3.9	3.9	4.4	5.1	4.0	4.1
14 years	4.7	4.7	5.1	6.0	3.8	4.1	5.3	4.0	4.1	4.1	3.8	4.4	4.5	5.0	5.7	4.4
15 years	5.2	5.3	4.3	5.5	4.8	4.6	4.4	3.9	3.8	4.0	4.3	4.3	5.1	4.2	5.5	5.0
16 years	7.0	6.2	6.1	5.5	5.7	4.1	5.2	3.6	5.2	4.3	4.4	4.2	6.4	6.1	5.5	4.8
17 years	6.8	7.7	7.0	5.5	3.9	3.9	3.5	3.0	3.5	5.2	4.8	3.0	7.6	6.9	5.8	5.0
18 years	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.0	6.5	6.3	6.3	<.1	0.0	0.5	0.7
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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/ Alaska Native	7.6	4.8	3.6	4.5	3.5	2.6	4.4	6.0	6.1	4.3	3.5	4.8	5.1	3.3	4.4	5.6
Asian	0.8	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.2	<.1	1.0	0.5	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.0
Black	2.1	2.5	3.1	2.8	1.8	2.1	1.1	1.1	1.5	1.6	1.8	1.1	2.4	3.0	2.5	2.6
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.0	0.3	0.4	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	13.1	14.0	16.2	14.5	13.8	14.4	13.0	15.9	13.2	12.5	15.0	14.3	13.7	15.7	14.6	15.9
White	69.5	72.4	72.1	73.7	75.1	77.2	78.3	73.6	71.8	76.3	76.1	75.0	72.7	73.0	73.7	72.5
Two or more races	6.5	6.0	4.3	4.2	5.0	2.5	2.0	2.2	5.9	4.5	2.4	4.1	5.6	4.2	4.1	2.5
Unable to determine	0.0	0.0	0.2	<.1	0.4	0.3	0.9	1.2	0.4	<.1	0.5	0.4	<.1	0.2	0.6	0.8
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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total waiting children	394	341	280	334
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	303	278	191	227

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	1.5	5.6	3.6	3.9
1 year	8.4	4.7	10.0	8.4
2 years	8.6	11.4	5.4	8.4
3 years	7.6	7.9	8.6	4.8
4 years	6.6	7.0	7.1	9.6
5 years	5.6	5.6	4.6	5.1
6 years	7.4	4.1	5.0	6.0
7 years	4.8	5.6	6.4	6.3
8 years	5.1	5.3	4.6	5.4
9 years	5.3	3.5	5.4	6.9
10 years	8.4	3.8	2.9	4.8
11 years	3.8	8.5	3.6	1.8
12 years	3.3	3.8	8.6	4.2
13 years	5.3	6.2	3.6	5.4
14 years	5.1	6.2	7.5	4.2
15 years	5.3	3.8	6.8	6.6
16 years	4.3	4.4	3.2	4.2
17 years	3.6	2.6	3.2	4.2

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/Alaska Native	4.1	5.0	3.9	3.9
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Black	3.8	5.0	4.6	5.4
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	13.7	17.9	15.0	14.7
White	71.6	68.0	69.6	73.7
Two or more races	6.1	4.1	6.1	2.4
Unable to determine	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total children adopted	313	259	273	206

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	1.0	2.3	2.2	1.0
1 year	11.5	9.3	11.4	11.7
2 years	11.8	9.3	11.7	11.2
3 years	12.5	12.7	13.2	10.2
4 years	9.3	8.9	9.2	8.7
5 years	8.6	5.0	8.8	7.8
6 years	8.0	8.1	5.9	5.3
7 years	4.8	6.2	5.5	5.8
8 years	5.8	6.9	5.5	5.3
9 years	4.5	3.1	4.4	4.9
10 years	3.5	6.9	2.2	3.4
11 years	3.5	4.6	4.0	2.9
12 years	3.2	3.5	2.6	2.9
13 years	2.2	1.9	4.0	6.8
14 years	2.9	5.0	2.9	3.9
15 years	2.6	0.8	2.6	3.9
16 years	3.2	2.7	1.8	1.9
17 years	1.0	2.7	2.2	2.4
18 years	0.3	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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/Alaska Native	5.8	3.1	2.6	3.9
Asian	1.6	0.0	0.0	0.0
Black	3.8	2.7	2.9	2.4
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.3	1.2	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	15.3	12.0	21.2	18.4
White	65.5	74.1	70.0	68.9
Two or more races	7.7	6.9	3.3	6.3
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.

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children without a recurrence	97.0	96.7	96.2	97.1
Children with one or more recurrences	3.0	3.3	3.8	2.9
Number	796	736	738	798

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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.07	0.11	0.17	0.37
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.93	99.89	99.83	99.63
Number	2,811	2,655	2,412	2,428

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	23.1	19.8	23.1	18.6
Guardianship	6.9	6.9	5.5	7.1
Reunification	61.1	63.5	62.1	66.9
Other	9.0	9.8	9.4	7.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,328	1,287	1,155	1,078

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	41.6	38.5	51.0	47.7
Guardianship	6.2	4.7	4.2	7.1
Reunification	37.6	38.1	29.0	26.6
Other	14.6	18.6	15.8	18.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	481	467	335	241

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	3.5	3.8	3.9	5.2
Guardianship	8.5	7.7	8.5	9.9
Reunification	56.9	59.2	57.0	55.9
Other	31.1	29.3	30.6	29.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	283	287	258	213

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children age 12 or younger at entry	20.6	32.6	11.5	20.6
Children older than 12 at entry	79.4	67.4	88.5	79.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	97	92	78	68

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	American Indian/Alaska Native				2010	Asian				2010	Black			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2011	2012	2013	2011		2012	2013		
Adoption	22.2	14.5	19.5	15.4	38.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	40.0	35.0	38.1	41.7		
Guardianship	6.2	14.5	17.1	9.6	15.4	0.0	0.0	33.3	0.0	10.0	0.0	8.3		
Reunification	49.4	56.4	39.0	69.2	46.2	66.7	0.0	33.3	55.0	45.0	42.9	33.3		
Other	22.2	14.5	24.4	5.8	0.0	33.3	100.0	33.3	5.0	10.0	19.0	16.7		
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	81	55	41	52	13	6	2	3	20	20	21	12		

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander				2010	Hispanic (of any race)				2010	White			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	50.0	75.0	0.0	0.0	26.9	18.0	33.5	24.0	21.4	19.3	20.9	16.9		
Guardianship	50.0	25.0	0.0	0.0	9.1	6.2	4.6	5.8	6.7	6.5	5.2	6.8		
Reunification	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	54.3	62.1	55.5	61.7	63.7	65.8	64.6	68.9		
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.7	13.7	6.4	8.4	8.2	8.4	9.2	7.4		
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	4	5	0	175	161	173	154	953	982	879	809		

	Unable to Determine				2010	Two or More Races				2010	Missing Data			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	30.4	31.0	32.1	29.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.8	6.9	7.1	11.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	59.5	44.8	60.7	54.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.3	17.2	0.0	4.5	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	5	1	6	4	79	58	28	44	0	0	0	0		

¹⁴ 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. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Less than 12 mos.	82.0	80.7	72.4	73.9
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	14.1	16.8	23.0	22.6
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	3.6	2.2	3.8	2.1
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	0.2	0.0	0.7	0.6
48 or more mos.	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1
Number	811	817	717	721

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children entering care for the first time	82.2	79.3	80.6	84.1
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	7.8	7.5	6.4	4.8
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	9.9	13.1	12.8	11.0
Missing data	<.1	<.1	0.2	0.0
Number	1,388	1,229	1,082	1,217

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Less than 12 mos.	4.2	3.9	6.4	3.0
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	28.0	37.3	49.8	51.0
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	37.8	38.8	30.3	36.0
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	16.3	14.9	8.2	5.5
48 or more mos.	13.7	5.1	5.2	4.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	307	255	267	200

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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children with 2 or fewer placements	88.5	90.2	86.9	87.1	63.8	61.6	63.2	67.3	34.3	29.0	26.2	27.2	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0
Children with 3 or more placements	11.5	9.8	13.1	12.8	36.3	38.4	36.8	32.7	65.7	71.0	73.8	72.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	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	0.0
Number	1,649	1,546	1,340	1,419	560	680	687	652	595	421	385	357	7	8	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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Group homes	3.7	2.8	3.0	2.8
Institutions	1.6	1.9	1.0	0.5
Other settings	94.7	95.3	96.0	96.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,076	957	835	988

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

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score¹⁷	134.4	136.3	123.1	124.9
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)	77.7	76.2	67.2	70.3
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)	6.5	7.5	8.1	9.1
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)	56.7	49.1	46.3	41.0
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?	11.0	8.6	10.1	7.8

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	164.7	169.9	187.4	190.0
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?	32.2	41.2	56.2	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?	29.6	26.2	23.2	23.6
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?	46.4	45.8	47.4	38.6
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	30.8	18.9	22.2	34.5
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?	57.0	74.7	76.2	74.7

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	148.9	134.2	143.2	136.7
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?	49.2	43.2	43.8	42.6
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?	93.1	91.9	95.8	92.7
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?	35.4	38.7	29.8	33.8

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	99.3	95.7	92.8	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?	86.9	88.8	85.3	86.1
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?	63.8	61.4	63.3	67.2
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?	34.3	29.0	26.2	27.3

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 (<http://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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total children under 18 years	3,122,092	3,089,833	3,057,042	3,023,307
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Asian	4.2	4.4	4.5	4.6
Black	16.5	16.2	15.9	15.7
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	23.2	23.5	23.8	24.1
White	53.1	52.8	52.5	52.3
Two or more races	2.9	3.0	3.0	3.1
Child population in poverty (%)	19.4	21.6	20.7	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Child maltreatment victims	26,442	25,832	27,497	29,719
Foster care entry rate per 1,000	1.7	1.5	1.6	1.6
Children in foster care on 9/30	18,205	18,141	16,663	16,777
Children adopted	1,214	1,217	1,845	1,344

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	N/A	N/A	94	95
Numerator	N/A	N/A	137,043	160,756
Denominator	N/A	N/A	145,712	169,753
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	N/A	N/A	95	96
Numerator	N/A	N/A	129,871	153,587
Denominator	N/A	N/A	137,043	160,756

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2010		2011		2012		2013	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children who received a Child Protective Services response for an allegation of child maltreatment	121,882	39.0 per 1,000	114,849	37.2 per 1,000	123,620	40.4 per 1,000	122,223	40.4 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims	26,442	8.5 per 1,000	25,832	8.4 per 1,000	27,497	9.0 per 1,000	29,719	9.8 per 1,000
Child fatalities	73	2.3 per 100,000	82	2.7 per 100,000	108	3.5 per 100,000	96	3.2 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	13.8	13.3	12.6	12.7
1 year	8.4	8.2	7.9	7.7
2 years	7.9	7.8	7.6	7.6
3 years	7.7	7.4	7.3	6.9
4 years	6.7	6.9	7.2	7.2
5 years	6.5	6.7	6.7	6.6
6 years	6.1	5.9	6.2	6.4
7 years	5.5	5.7	5.8	5.8
8 years	5.1	5.3	5.2	5.3
9 years	5.0	4.9	5.3	4.8
10 years	4.5	4.5	4.7	4.7
11 years	4.1	4.1	4.2	4.2
12 years	3.7	3.9	4.1	4.2
13 years	3.4	3.7	3.9	4.0
14 years	3.5	3.7	3.8	3.5
15 years	3.4	3.3	3.2	3.3
16 years	2.9	2.8	2.6	2.8
17 years	1.6	1.7	1.7	2.0
18+ years	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1
Missing data	0.1	<.1	0.1	0.1
Number	26,442	25,832	27,497	29,719

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/ Alaska Native	<.1	0.1	<.1	<.1
Asian	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
Black	31.5	31.4	32.2	33.2
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	11.5	11.8	14.1	13.5
White	53.6	53.6	50.8	50.1
Two or more races	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1
Missing data	2.7	2.4	2.1	2.3
Number	26,442	25,832	27,497	29,719

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 2013 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2011-2014 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 was a new methodology used to calculate the caseworker visits measures. Because the new methodology limits data comparisons with prior years, caseworker visits data from 2010 and 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.

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.

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

Children Waiting for Adoption

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total waiting children	3,015	3,330	2,983	3,154
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	2,746	2,970	2,694	2,839

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.6
1 year	4.0	3.9	4.2	4.2
2 years	8.9	7.9	8.4	8.5
3 years	10.0	10.3	9.5	10.3
4 years	9.4	9.3	10.4	9.7
5 years	8.3	9.2	9.4	9.9
6 years	7.2	7.8	7.1	8.3
7 years	7.2	7.3	6.7	7.4
8 years	6.3	6.8	6.6	6.3
9 years	6.0	6.2	5.7	5.6
10 years	5.7	5.9	5.4	5.2
11 years	5.5	5.0	5.4	4.6
12 years	4.3	5.0	4.7	4.8
13 years	5.1	3.9	5.0	4.3
14 years	4.0	4.4	4.0	4.4
15 years	4.0	3.5	4.2	3.5
16 years	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.4
17 years	1.2	1.1	1.1	0.9

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1
Asian	<.1	0.1	0.2	0.2
Black	53.1	53.2	50.6	49.6
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	5.0	5.0	4.7	4.0
White	40.5	40.5	42.9	44.0
Two or more races	<.1	0.0	0.1	0.3
Unable to determine	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.4
Missing data	1.0	0.7	1.0	1.2

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total children adopted	1,214	1,217	1,845	1,344

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	0.0	<.1	0.1	<.1
1 year	4.3	4.1	4.6	3.1
2 years	12.3	8.7	9.8	10.3
3 years	12.9	13.4	11.4	12.4
4 years	13.4	12.1	12.5	13.0
5 years	10.4	12.0	10.7	10.6
6 years	8.8	7.2	8.2	9.7
7 years	6.7	7.3	8.0	5.8
8 years	6.3	5.3	6.3	6.9
9 years	6.1	5.3	6.7	5.8
10 years	4.1	5.7	4.9	4.8
11 years	4.0	4.9	4.8	4.0
12 years	2.6	3.1	3.6	3.9
13 years	2.5	3.1	2.6	4.0
14 years	2.2	3.2	2.4	1.3
15 years	1.5	1.8	1.5	1.6
16 years	0.8	1.2	1.1	1.7
17 years	0.8	1.1	0.9	0.7
18 years	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.2
19 years	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/Alaska Native	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.4
Asian	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.1
Black	51.9	41.3	45.5	43.8
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	5.2	4.9	4.8	4.5
White	40.6	52.4	48.5	49.3
Two or more races	<.1	0.2	<.1	0.2
Unable to determine	2.1	1.0	1.1	1.6
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.

Illinois

OUTCOMES DATA

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children without a recurrence	93.4	93.4	92.8	93.0
Children with one or more recurrences	6.6	6.6	7.2	7.0
Number	13,138	12,463	13,491	14,621

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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.57	0.63	0.64	0.88
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.43	99.37	99.36	99.12
Number	22,473	22,439	22,486	21,866

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	28.3	28.6	30.8	26.6
Guardianship	7.3	4.8	4.9	5.8
Reunification	42.5	43.7	46.4	46.5
Other	20.1	21.6	17.5	20.6
Missing data	1.7	1.3	0.4	0.5
Number	4,268	4,298	5,823	5,089

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	19.1	22.0	24.2	22.3
Guardianship	7.7	2.6	3.8	4.2
Reunification	18.6	17.9	22.9	23.6
Other	53.4	56.2	48.7	49.6
Missing data	1.1	1.3	0.4	0.3
Number	1,078	1,081	1,419	1,429

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	2.0	1.1	2.4	2.6
Guardianship	2.0	0.5	1.3	1.3
Reunification	34.2	32.0	33.8	27.1
Other	58.7	64.2	61.9	68.5
Missing data	3.0	2.2	0.5	0.5
Number	733	729	919	913

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children age 12 or younger at entry	50.2	49.1	43.8	40.3
Children older than 12 at entry	49.8	50.9	56.2	59.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	850	902	984	1,013

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	American Indian/Alaska Native				2010	Asian				2010	Black			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	14.3	0.0	25.0	83.3	0.0	7.7	5.6	11.8	28.3	25.1	30.2	25.9		
Guardianship	14.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	25.0	0.0	0.0	11.8	8.8	6.0	5.1	6.7		
Reunification	14.3	83.3	75.0	0.0	62.5	61.5	83.3	76.5	35.0	39.6	40.7	38.1		
Other	57.1	16.7	0.0	16.7	12.5	30.8	11.1	0.0	25.5	27.4	23.6	28.7		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.4	1.8	0.4	0.5		
Number	7	6	4	6	8	13	18	17	2,185	2,074	2,707	2,320		

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander				2010	Hispanic (of any race)				2010	White			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	33.3	50.0	0.0	0.0	26.8	23.4	22.5	18.4	29.1	33.9	33.0	28.6		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.0	4.3	3.3	5.7	5.0	3.5	5.3	5.0		
Reunification	66.7	50.0	100.0	0.0	45.1	51.6	58.5	59.5	51.1	46.6	49.7	52.0		
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	19.2	19.5	15.0	15.7	13.9	15.5	11.7	14.0		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	1.2	0.8	0.6	0.8	0.5	0.2	0.5		
Number	3	2	3	0	224	256	400	331	1,726	1,876	2,603	2,307		

	Unable to Determine				2010	Two or More Races				2010	Missing Data			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	21.4	33.3	27.8	18.2	20.0	50.0	16.7	42.9	24.1	9.6	23.4	21.5		
Guardianship	16.1	0.0	0.0	4.5	40.0	0.0	0.0	14.3	1.9	9.6	0.0	3.8		
Reunification	46.4	60.0	55.6	68.2	0.0	0.0	33.3	42.9	61.1	51.9	57.8	65.8		
Other	12.5	6.7	11.1	9.1	40.0	50.0	50.0	0.0	9.3	23.1	15.6	8.9		
Missing data	3.6	0.0	5.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.7	5.8	3.1	0.0		
Number	56	15	18	22	5	4	6	7	54	52	64	79		

¹⁴ 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. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Less than 12 mos.	58.7	47.1	38.2	36.9
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	20.1	24.7	28.1	29.8
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	10.7	14.5	16.3	17.3
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	3.7	7.4	9.6	8.7
48 or more mos.	5.2	5.6	7.6	7.2
Missing data	1.5	0.7	0.3	0.2
Number	1,814	1,878	2,701	2,364

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children entering care for the first time	88.5	88.6	88.5	87.6
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	5.2	5.4	4.4	4.7
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	6.2	6.0	6.7	7.4
Missing data	0.1	<.1	0.4	0.3
Number	5,188	4,672	5,000	4,920

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Less than 12 mos.	1.2	0.2	0.9	1.1
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	9.6	7.7	8.5	8.9
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	23.6	18.6	19.2	22.7
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	24.5	27.0	22.4	25.6
48 or more mos.	41.2	46.5	48.9	41.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0
Number	1,209	1,231	1,791	1,354

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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children with 2 or fewer placements	82.7	81.8	80.6	83.6	67.2	63.6	65.6	64.8	38.2	36.5	36.5	36.0	72.5	51.5	100.0	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	17.3	18.2	19.4	16.4	32.8	36.4	34.4	35.2	61.8	63.5	63.5	64.0	27.5	48.5	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	5,507	4,880	5,267	5,193	4,026	4,428	4,356	4,482	12,900	13,098	12,852	12,185	40	33	11	6

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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Group homes	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1
Institutions	2.3	2.7	2.8	2.4
Other settings	97.5	97.2	97.1	97.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	4,228	3,798	4,019	4,002

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

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score¹⁷	79.0	64.7	62.6	76.3
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)	45.5	39.9	34.1	37.6
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)	13.9	15.4	16.8	16.0
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)	16.6	14.7	13.8	14.4
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?	9.6	12.5	10.8	7.1

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	59.2	48.2	53.4	60.1
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?	10.8	8.0	9.5	10.0
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?	43.2	46.1	47.3	44.4
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?	13.0	13.6	19.8	15.9
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	10.0	9.0	8.7	10.8
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?	38.7	31.6	26.7	34.8

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	106.3	106.2	117.4	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?	20.4	20.3	30.8	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?	98.7	99.1	99.1	99.2
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?	60.2	59.9	58.8	53.8

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	97.8	94.8	94.7	97.6
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?	81.0	79.9	78.6	82.3
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?	67.7	64.1	66.1	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?	45.1	43.4	42.7	42.4

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 (<http://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 Illinois's comments on the State data presented in *Child Welfare Outcomes 2010–2013: Report to Congress*.

The Illinois Department of Children and Family Services reviewed the Illinois data reported on the Child Welfare Outcomes State Data Review Portal. The Portal accurately reports the data submitted to the Children's Bureau via the Illinois AFCARS and NCANDS files. However, we recently identified an error with respect to the data submitted on NCANDS element No. 21 (Children Not Maltreated in Foster Care). In consultation with the Children's Bureau, DCFS has updated the extraction code for this element and will shortly be resubmitting data for the current and prior submission periods.

Over the next nine months, DCFS will implement various strategies aimed at improving the overall quality of its AFCARS and NCANDS data files. Data clean-up activities have recently been completed with respect to AFCARS data elements FC #9, 16, 44 and AD #9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 18, 33, 34. Updated policy guides will be issued to clarify data documentation expectations for child welfare staff. Detailed agency data compliance reports will be utilized with both DCFS and private agency staff to ensure that data quality is ensured moving forward. Finally, all child welfare staff will receive training during this fiscal year on the essentials of agency data quality and the critical components needed to ensure that AFCARS and NCANDS data are reported accurately.

DCFS is committed to improving the safety, permanency, and well-being of children in the state of Illinois who are victims of child abuse or neglect. We will use the AFCARS and NCANDS data to measure our progress.

Indiana

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total children under 18 years	1,605,883	1,598,091	1,589,655	1,586,027
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Asian	1.6	1.7	1.8	1.9
Black	11.0	11.0	11.0	11.0
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	9.6	9.9	10.1	10.3
White	74.1	73.7	73.3	73.0
Two or more races	3.4	3.5	3.6	3.7
Child population in poverty (%)	21.7	23.0	22.4	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Child maltreatment victims	21,362	17,930	20,223	21,755
Foster care entry rate per 1,000	5.7	4.7	4.9	5.0
Children in foster care on 9/30	12,542	11,142	11,432	12,817
Children adopted	1,458	1,556	1,713	914

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	N/A	N/A	93	92
Numerator	N/A	N/A	92,988	104,577
Denominator	N/A	N/A	100,247	113,167
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	N/A	N/A	84	82
Numerator	N/A	N/A	78,350	86,180
Denominator	N/A	N/A	92,988	104,577

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2010		2011		2012		2013	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children who received a Child Protective Services response for an allegation of child maltreatment	92,008	57.3 per 1,000	79,963	50.0 per 1,000	92,475	58.2 per 1,000	116,986	73.8 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims	21,362	13.3 per 1,000	17,930	11.2 per 1,000	20,223	12.7 per 1,000	21,755	13.7 per 1,000
Child fatalities	24	1.5 per 100,000	34	2.1 per 100,000	23	1.4 per 100,000	28	1.8 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	13.5	14.3	13.4	13.6
1 year	6.7	6.7	6.8	6.8
2 years	7.2	7.1	6.7	6.4
3 years	6.5	6.4	6.8	6.9
4 years	6.2	6.6	6.7	6.4
5 years	5.8	5.8	6.4	6.5
6 years	5.7	5.6	6.2	6.1
7 years	5.2	5.4	5.7	5.5
8 years	4.8	4.9	5.1	5.2
9 years	4.8	4.8	4.7	5.0
10 years	4.7	4.3	4.6	4.2
11 years	4.1	4.2	4.1	4.1
12 years	4.5	4.2	4.1	4.4
13 years	4.7	4.9	4.5	4.9
14 years	4.8	4.4	4.4	4.7
15 years	4.6	4.8	4.3	4.2
16 years	3.7	3.4	3.1	3.1
17 years	2.4	2.2	2.0	1.9
18+ years	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1
Missing data	<.1	<.1	0.4	<.1
Number	21,362	17,930	20,223	21,755

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/ Alaska Native	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Asian	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2
Black	17.3	18.2	19.0	18.0
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	7.7	7.4	8.3	8.1
White	68.6	64.9	64.1	66.7
Two or more races	5.4	5.9	6.1	6.8
Missing data	0.6	3.1	2.1	<.1
Number	21,362	17,930	20,223	21,755

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 2013 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2011–2014 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 was a new methodology used to calculate the caseworker visits measures. Because the new methodology limits data comparisons with prior years, caseworker visits data from 2010 and 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.

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Emotional abuse	0.5	0.4	0.2	0.3
Medical neglect	1.9	2.1	2.0	1.9
Neglect	89.0	87.1	86.3	88.1
Physical abuse	11.1	11.3	10.6	10.5
Sexual abuse	16.2	16.8	15.1	14.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	21,362	17,930	20,223	21,755

Response Time (in hours)⁹

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Mean	28.1	74.9	67.9	104.1
Median	<24	>24 but<48	>24 but<48	>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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total number	12,058	12,074	10,734	11,168	9,161	7,447	7,788	7,897	8,677	8,379	7,090	6,248	12,542	11,142	11,432	12,817
Median length of stay (months)	11.1	11.3	12.5	10.9	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	10.8	11.8	12.7	13.3	11.4	12.7	11.0	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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	6.5	6.4	5.6	6.0	15.7	15.7	15.2	15.5	4.8	4.3	3.9	3.6	6.3	5.5	5.8	5.8
1 year	9.2	8.8	8.5	8.4	8.1	8.2	8.2	8.5	7.8	8.3	7.6	7.7	8.6	8.4	8.2	8.1
2 years	8.1	8.7	8.3	7.9	7.6	8.2	7.4	7.4	9.1	9.7	9.5	9.7	8.4	8.3	7.8	7.8
3 years	6.9	7.1	7.6	7.0	6.7	6.9	6.7	6.6	8.1	8.4	8.5	7.6	7.0	7.6	6.9	7.3
4 years	5.8	6.3	6.5	7.0	6.1	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.7	6.9	7.5	7.6	6.1	6.4	6.9	6.3
5 years	6.0	5.8	5.9	5.8	5.9	5.7	6.0	5.8	6.7	6.4	6.5	7.2	5.7	5.8	5.8	6.1
6 years	4.9	5.1	5.3	5.7	5.2	5.4	5.1	5.5	5.6	5.7	5.9	5.8	5.0	5.2	5.6	5.6
7 years	4.5	4.8	4.9	5.0	4.4	4.8	5.0	4.7	5.3	5.7	5.9	5.7	4.7	4.8	4.9	5.2
8 years	4.6	4.1	4.6	4.4	4.0	4.2	4.1	4.5	4.7	4.5	4.8	5.1	4.0	4.5	4.3	4.7
9 years	4.3	4.3	4.0	4.1	3.9	4.2	3.9	4.2	4.6	4.3	4.4	4.4	4.2	3.9	4.0	4.1
10 years	4.1	4.1	4.0	3.7	4.1	3.6	3.5	3.6	4.3	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.1	3.9	3.6	3.9
11 years	3.8	3.9	3.9	3.6	3.4	3.7	3.5	3.6	3.5	3.8	3.9	3.7	3.9	3.9	3.7	3.4
12 years	3.7	3.9	4.0	3.7	3.6	3.9	3.8	3.7	3.5	3.7	3.8	3.9	3.8	3.9	3.7	3.8
13 years	4.2	3.9	4.3	4.0	4.1	3.9	3.6	4.0	3.4	3.2	3.8	3.2	3.9	4.2	3.9	3.8
14 years	5.0	4.7	4.3	4.5	4.4	3.8	4.4	3.6	3.7	3.5	3.5	3.2	4.6	4.3	4.6	4.3
15 years	5.7	5.5	4.9	4.7	4.8	4.3	4.6	3.8	4.0	3.8	3.7	3.2	5.4	5.0	4.7	4.6
16 years	6.7	6.1	5.6	5.4	4.5	4.0	4.9	3.7	4.4	3.9	4.3	3.1	6.2	6.0	5.5	5.0
17 years	6.2	6.4	5.7	5.2	3.3	2.9	3.5	2.2	4.2	3.7	3.7	3.3	6.4	6.2	5.8	4.9
18 years	<.1	<.1	1.4	2.6	<.1	<.1	<.1	1.8	5.6	5.9	3.5	5.1	1.9	2.0	2.9	3.4
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.5	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.6	1.7	0.0	0.0	0.9	1.4
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.2	0.0	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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/ Alaska Native	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Asian	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2
Black	27.7	26.1	26.0	25.6	21.1	21.4	21.8	18.7	23.1	22.5	22.1	21.7	26.1	25.6	25.6	23.3
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	7.8	7.6	7.7	8.0	7.9	7.9	8.4	7.5	8.1	7.5	8.3	8.7	7.6	7.8	7.8	7.4
White	58.0	59.4	58.3	58.2	63.7	62.8	60.9	65.7	62.0	63.0	61.3	62.0	59.4	59.0	58.2	61.0
Two or more races	6.0	6.3	6.6	7.1	6.4	7.1	7.0	7.1	6.1	6.4	6.5	6.5	6.2	6.8	6.9	7.4
Unable to determine	0.3	0.3	1.1	0.7	0.4	0.4	1.1	0.2	0.3	0.3	1.2	0.5	0.4	0.4	1.0	0.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.4	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total waiting children	3,202	2,917	2,339	2,287
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	2,046	1,438	656	513

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	1.1	1.2	0.8	1.0
1 year	8.0	7.8	7.0	6.7
2 years	10.6	9.8	10.1	10.1
3 years	7.7	8.3	8.5	9.2
4 years	6.9	7.5	8.4	7.7
5 years	5.9	7.2	6.2	8.4
6 years	5.6	5.7	6.9	6.8
7 years	5.8	5.7	5.4	6.2
8 years	5.0	5.0	5.3	6.3
9 years	6.0	4.6	5.1	4.8
10 years	4.8	5.1	4.6	4.8
11 years	5.3	5.1	5.2	4.4
12 years	4.8	5.2	5.5	4.7
13 years	4.4	4.7	5.8	4.5
14 years	4.9	4.6	5.5	5.4
15 years	5.0	4.4	4.5	4.2
16 years	3.9	4.4	3.2	3.2
17 years	4.2	3.7	1.9	1.5

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/Alaska Native	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Asian	<.1	0.1	<.1	0.0
Black	29.2	28.4	28.3	28.2
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	6.8	7.6	7.8	6.4
White	56.9	56.3	56.0	56.7
Two or more races	6.9	7.6	7.3	8.3
Unable to determine	<.1	<.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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total children adopted	1,458	1,556	1,713	914

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	1.0	1.0	1.4	1.0
1 year	8.0	8.3	6.8	7.1
2 years	16.5	17.2	15.9	16.1
3 years	13.2	11.9	11.4	12.9
4 years	8.4	8.1	10.7	9.4
5 years	9.6	7.7	8.6	9.6
6 years	6.9	6.1	8.0	5.4
7 years	6.3	6.2	6.8	6.7
8 years	4.9	5.7	5.0	4.7
9 years	4.2	5.3	4.2	5.4
10 years	4.0	4.3	4.0	3.8
11 years	3.6	4.2	3.4	3.8
12 years	3.0	3.6	4.2	3.9
13 years	2.7	2.8	2.9	3.2
14 years	2.1	2.3	2.2	2.7
15 years	2.1	2.1	1.8	1.9
16 years	2.1	2.0	1.5	1.3
17 years	1.1	1.0	1.1	0.5
18 years	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.5
19 years	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.1	<.1	0.0	0.0
Asian	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.2
Black	24.0	21.1	21.7	19.9
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	8.8	7.6	7.8	7.8
White	58.5	63.8	62.5	64.9
Two or more races	8.2	7.0	7.7	6.8
Unable to determine	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	<.1	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.

Indiana

OUTCOMES DATA

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children without a recurrence	93.2	93.3	93.2	92.9
Children with one or more recurrences	6.8	6.7	6.8	7.1
Number	10,884	8,700	10,559	10,534

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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.37	0.23	0.13	0.13
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.63	99.77	99.87	99.87
Number	21,219	19,521	18,522	19,065

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	16.7	18.2	20.5	17.0
Guardianship	10.6	10.6	9.7	8.1
Reunification	62.5	61.8	52.3	69.4
Other	10.3	9.3	4.7	5.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	12.8	0.0
Number	8,677	8,379	7,090	6,248

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	27.4	26.9	31.4	24.0
Guardianship	9.9	7.1	9.1	7.1
Reunification	47.9	51.3	40.5	58.0
Other	14.8	14.8	6.0	10.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	13.1	0.0
Number	796	1,157	1,149	1,289

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	2.3	2.3	2.2	2.6
Guardianship	9.0	9.5	7.3	7.3
Reunification	59.7	57.2	60.2	66.6
Other	29.0	31.0	15.3	23.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	14.9	0.0
Number	1,746	1,554	1,252	1,096

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children age 12 or younger at entry	18.4	17.5	24.6	22.6
Children older than 12 at entry	81.6	82.5	75.4	77.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	365	372	142	221

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	American Indian/Alaska Native				2010	Asian				2010	Black			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2011	2012	2013	2011		2012	2013		
Adoption	14.3	20.0	0.0	0.0	4.3	0.0	5.3	10.5	17.4	17.1	18.5	14.1		
Guardianship	0.0	20.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.2	5.3	4.8	2.7		
Reunification	57.1	20.0	100.0	0.0	73.9	55.0	73.7	68.4	62.5	64.8	52.3	72.5		
Other	28.6	40.0	0.0	100.0	21.7	45.0	15.8	21.1	12.9	12.8	6.8	10.6		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	17.6	0.0		
Number	7	5	10	1	23	20	19	19	2,004	1,884	1,569	1,357		
	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander				2010	Hispanic (of any race)				2010	White			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2011	2012	2013	2011		2012	2013		
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	18.4	19.1	18.5	15.6	15.7	18.5	21.5	18.4		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	40.0	40.0	7.4	9.5	7.6	5.5	12.5	13.0	12.1	10.4		
Reunification	100.0	100.0	60.0	60.0	65.0	65.5	57.0	74.8	62.1	60.1	51.3	67.2		
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.2	5.9	4.4	4.0	9.7	8.5	4.1	4.1		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	12.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	11.0	0.0		
Number	1	3	5	5	706	629	589	544	5,380	5,276	4,348	3,873		
	Unable to Determine				2010	Two or More Races				2010	Missing Data			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2011	2012	2013	2011		2012	2013		
Adoption	11.1	8.0	3.4	17.6	22.7	20.5	24.6	16.7	0.0	0.0	50.0	0.0		
Guardianship	22.2	0.0	5.7	11.8	8.3	8.2	7.0	7.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	12.5		
Reunification	55.6	76.0	74.7	61.8	62.4	64.4	49.9	73.7	0.0	0.0	50.0	87.5		
Other	11.1	16.0	2.3	8.8	6.6	6.9	3.7	2.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	13.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	14.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	27	25	87	34	529	537	459	407	0	0	4	8		

¹⁴ 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. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Less than 12 mos.	68.3	65.3	62.8	57.7
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	25.1	27.3	28.1	30.8
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	4.9	5.4	6.3	7.5
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	1.0	0.9	1.3	2.0
48 or more mos.	0.7	1.1	0.9	2.1
Missing data	<.1	<.1	0.6	0.0
Number	5,419	5,182	3,708	4,336

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children entering care for the first time	81.6	82.7	81.3	83.7
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	7.7	6.8	6.7	4.7
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	10.0	10.1	11.7	9.8
Missing data	0.7	0.4	0.3	1.9
Number	9,161	7,447	7,788	7,897

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Less than 12 mos.	2.4	3.6	3.2	1.9
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	28.2	26.6	25.9	24.0
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	36.2	37.8	37.6	40.5
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	19.0	15.6	16.3	18.7
48 or more mos.	14.2	16.4	16.9	14.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0
Number	1,449	1,529	1,453	1,064

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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children with 2 or fewer placements	88.4	89.1	88.9	89.5	67.0	67.5	72.0	70.3	37.9	38.9	36.8	40.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0
Children with 3 or more placements	11.6	10.9	11.1	10.4	33.0	32.5	27.9	29.7	62.1	61.1	63.2	59.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	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	0.0
Number	11,119	9,580	9,350	9,370	5,386	5,210	4,605	5,211	4,688	4,707	4,544	4,484	26	24	23	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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Group homes	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.1
Institutions	2.8	1.8	1.7	2.1
Other settings	96.8	98.0	98.1	95.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.4
Number	7,187	6,001	6,122	6,317

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

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score¹⁷	124.1	126.9	123.9	119.8
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)	73.4	72.5	71.2	67.6
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)	6.7	7.4	6.9	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)	43.4	44.3	37.9	34.4
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?	11.8	9.4	9.8	9.7

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	133.5	128.2	122.8	113.1
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?	30.6	30.2	29.1	25.8
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?	29.1	29.0	29.6	30.6
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	30.4	32.3	27.8
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	20.1	13.8	8.3	3.5
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?	56.5	61.1	65.3	66.2

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	135.0	137.5	146.3	142.7
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?	34.7	35.9	38.2	34.5
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?	94.2	94.9	97.5	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	36.4	35.0	32.5

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	101.2	103.0	104.4	105.6
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?	87.5	88.4	88.3	89.2
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?	67.0	67.3	72.0	70.2
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?	37.9	38.9	37.6	41.5

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 (<http://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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total children under 18 years	727,717	725,522	723,917	724,032
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3
Asian	1.8	1.9	2.0	2.1
Black	4.2	4.3	4.3	4.4
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1
Hispanic (of any race)	8.8	9.0	9.2	9.5
White	81.5	81.0	80.5	80.0
Two or more races	3.3	3.4	3.5	3.6
Child population in poverty (%)	16.3	17.3	15.9	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Child maltreatment victims	12,005	11,028	10,751	11,345
Foster care entry rate per 1,000	6.3	5.9	5.8	6.1
Children in foster care on 9/30	6,558	6,373	6,287	6,381
Children adopted	801	864	1,032	903

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	N/A	N/A	79	76
Numerator	N/A	N/A	55,252	53,523
Denominator	N/A	N/A	69,844	70,310
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	N/A	N/A	68	70
Numerator	N/A	N/A	37,829	37,288
Denominator	N/A	N/A	55,252	53,523

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2010		2011		2012		2013	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children who received a Child Protective Services response for an allegation of child maltreatment	31,427	43.2 per 1,000	31,143	42.9 per 1,000	29,441	40.7 per 1,000	29,124	40.2 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims	12,005	16.5 per 1,000	11,028	15.2 per 1,000	10,751	14.9 per 1,000	11,345	15.7 per 1,000
Child fatalities	7	1.0 per 100,000	10	1.4 per 100,000	7	1.0 per 100,000	5	0.7 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	11.7	10.6	11.7	12.2
1 year	8.7	8.2	7.9	8.0
2 years	8.7	8.8	8.5	7.9
3 years	8.5	8.7	8.6	7.4
4 years	7.5	7.9	7.6	7.5
5 years	6.4	6.8	7.3	7.9
6 years	6.0	6.3	6.2	6.9
7 years	5.5	5.5	5.9	6.0
8 years	5.3	5.1	5.3	5.3
9 years	4.9	4.7	4.8	5.1
10 years	4.6	4.6	4.3	4.4
11 years	4.0	4.2	4.1	4.0
12 years	3.8	3.7	4.1	3.7
13 years	4.0	3.9	3.8	4.0
14 years	2.9	3.5	3.2	3.2
15 years	3.0	2.9	2.8	2.9
16 years	2.5	2.7	2.2	2.3
17 years	1.9	1.9	1.6	1.3
18+ years	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Missing data	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Number	12,005	11,028	10,751	11,345

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/ Alaska Native	1.1	1.1	0.8	0.8
Asian	0.9	0.8	0.9	0.7
Black	9.0	9.7	11.1	11.3
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2
Hispanic (of any race)	5.8	8.1	9.2	9.8
White	57.2	63.1	70.2	66.9
Two or more races	2.0	2.9	4.1	4.8
Missing data	23.8	14.2	3.5	5.3
Number	12,005	11,028	10,751	11,345

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 2013 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2011–2014 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 was a new methodology used to calculate the caseworker visits measures. Because the new methodology limits data comparisons with prior years, caseworker visits data from 2010 and 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.

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Emotional abuse	0.5	0.7	0.5	0.6
Medical neglect	1.0	1.2	1.0	0.8
Neglect	92.9	93.1	93.5	93.7
Physical abuse	12.5	13.2	12.7	12.2
Sexual abuse	4.5	5.1	5.0	4.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	6.6	7.2	8.8	9.2
Number	12,005	11,028	10,751	11,345

Response Time (in hours)⁹

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Mean	0.4	0.5	0.8	0.6
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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total number	6,366	6,352	6,197	6,139	4,618	4,296	4,230	4,381	4,426	4,275	4,140	4,139	6,558	6,373	6,287	6,381
Median length of stay (months)	10.8	10.4	10.8	10.4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	12.8	13.9	14.9	14.3	10.6	10.9	10.4	10.0

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	5.3	5.5	5.0	4.4	12.7	11.9	11.2	13.0	2.5	2.1	2.1	2.5	5.4	5.1	4.4	5.5
1 year	7.1	7.0	7.2	6.4	6.9	7.2	6.6	6.7	6.9	7.1	7.3	6.2	7.1	7.1	6.5	6.7
2 years	6.4	6.9	6.7	6.4	6.8	6.1	6.2	6.7	7.1	7.6	8.0	7.1	7.0	6.7	6.5	6.7
3 years	5.1	6.0	6.0	5.9	5.2	5.7	6.1	5.4	6.0	6.3	6.3	6.1	6.0	6.0	5.9	5.5
4 years	4.4	4.5	5.6	5.7	4.6	5.1	5.5	5.0	5.0	5.6	6.1	6.0	4.5	5.6	5.8	5.4
5 years	4.4	4.3	4.7	5.2	4.3	4.7	5.0	6.1	4.8	4.0	5.3	6.1	4.4	4.6	5.1	5.2
6 years	3.8	4.0	4.5	4.6	3.5	3.5	4.1	4.3	3.8	4.1	4.4	5.0	4.2	4.4	4.6	5.0
7 years	3.3	3.7	3.4	4.3	3.6	3.3	3.7	3.9	3.3	3.7	4.0	4.4	3.6	3.3	4.4	4.3
8 years	3.3	3.8	3.8	3.6	3.3	2.9	3.7	3.6	2.8	3.8	3.0	4.2	3.8	3.7	3.7	3.7
9 years	3.1	3.3	3.0	3.5	2.8	3.2	2.6	3.1	2.9	3.8	3.5	3.8	3.3	2.9	3.5	3.4
10 years	3.0	3.1	3.6	2.8	2.7	2.7	2.4	2.6	2.8	2.8	2.9	2.8	2.9	3.4	2.8	2.9
11 years	2.9	3.2	3.1	3.2	2.9	3.0	3.0	3.2	2.6	2.5	2.9	2.7	3.1	3.0	3.1	3.1
12 years	3.6	3.7	3.7	3.9	3.6	3.8	3.7	3.5	2.4	3.0	2.9	3.1	3.5	3.6	3.6	3.7
13 years	4.5	4.8	4.4	4.8	5.2	4.6	5.3	5.5	3.3	3.0	3.3	3.3	4.9	4.5	4.7	4.3
14 years	6.4	5.7	6.1	6.1	6.6	7.8	6.8	5.7	4.1	5.2	3.8	3.4	5.7	6.1	6.1	6.4
15 years	8.4	8.1	8.1	7.8	8.9	8.6	8.6	8.0	6.1	5.3	5.8	5.0	8.1	8.0	8.0	8.1
16 years	11.0	10.5	9.5	10.0	10.1	8.8	9.2	8.3	8.3	7.2	6.8	6.8	10.3	9.5	9.8	9.2
17 years	12.2	10.8	10.5	10.0	6.4	7.0	5.8	5.1	10.8	9.9	8.5	8.4	10.7	10.6	10.0	9.6
18 years	1.4	0.9	1.1	1.1	<.1	0.1	0.3	0.2	13.8	12.6	12.9	12.6	1.3	1.5	1.4	1.1
19 years	0.2	<.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.1	<.1	0.2	0.2
20 years	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1
Missing data	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/ Alaska Native	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.6	2.4	2.1	1.7	2.1	2.3	2.1	1.9	2.0	2.0	1.8	1.6	1.8
Asian	0.7	0.7	0.9	0.9	1.2	0.8	0.8	0.7	1.0	0.5	0.7	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.8
Black	15.5	14.3	13.9	14.0	12.2	12.8	12.8	11.5	14.3	13.2	13.3	13.5	13.9	14.1	13.6	12.6
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.4
Hispanic (of any race)	9.1	9.7	10.3	9.9	9.4	10.8	9.0	9.6	9.3	10.1	9.7	9.2	9.2	10.2	9.8	10.1
White	64.1	66.1	66.0	65.0	63.8	65.9	66.5	64.9	62.9	65.7	67.6	66.3	64.7	66.2	65.3	64.1
Two or more races	3.3	4.3	4.6	4.6	3.1	3.5	4.0	3.9	3.1	3.3	4.2	4.2	3.3	4.4	4.5	4.4
Unable to determine	4.7	2.6	2.0	3.5	7.4	3.6	4.8	6.6	6.4	4.6	2.1	3.6	5.5	2.0	3.8	5.6
Missing data	0.3	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.1	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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total waiting children	1,088	1,104	971	982
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	838	881	786	749

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	3.3	2.7	3.6	4.3
1 year	12.1	13.2	9.3	10.0
2 years	13.3	12.0	10.0	11.7
3 years	9.7	9.6	10.1	8.1
4 years	7.2	9.1	10.2	8.6
5 years	6.3	6.7	6.7	7.0
6 years	6.5	6.7	6.4	7.0
7 years	5.1	4.7	7.1	5.6
8 years	6.1	5.0	5.4	4.6
9 years	4.6	4.4	4.3	5.4
10 years	4.1	3.8	3.9	3.0
11 years	3.4	3.4	3.8	4.0
12 years	3.2	3.9	4.2	3.7
13 years	2.4	3.0	3.6	3.4
14 years	3.3	2.7	2.2	4.8
15 years	2.5	3.2	3.3	2.5
16 years	3.0	2.8	3.3	3.2
17 years	3.8	3.2	2.7	3.3

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/Alaska Native	1.6	2.1	2.0	1.2
Asian	0.3	0.7	0.7	1.2
Black	18.1	16.6	13.7	13.4
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	<.1	0.2	0.2	0.5
Hispanic (of any race)	9.4	11.2	11.2	10.6
White	58.3	60.4	62.9	62.0
Two or more races	6.3	7.6	7.1	6.8
Unable to determine	6.0	1.2	2.1	4.0
Missing data	<.1	0.0	0.1	0.2

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total children adopted	801	864	1,032	903

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	3.4	2.3	2.1	2.4
1 year	13.4	13.2	14.4	12.7
2 years	15.7	18.2	14.8	13.4
3 years	12.0	13.3	11.0	10.2
4 years	9.5	10.9	9.6	11.2
5 years	7.4	5.4	8.3	9.3
6 years	7.5	6.6	6.2	7.3
7 years	4.7	6.1	6.2	6.9
8 years	4.0	5.0	4.4	6.3
9 years	4.2	4.7	4.9	4.8
10 years	3.9	4.1	3.6	4.1
11 years	2.9	2.8	3.4	3.9
12 years	3.0	2.1	2.6	2.5
13 years	3.1	1.4	3.1	1.1
14 years	2.0	1.7	1.4	1.8
15 years	0.9	1.0	2.1	0.7
16 years	1.4	0.5	1.2	1.0
17 years	1.1	0.7	0.6	0.2
18 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/Alaska Native	2.1	1.7	2.0	1.9
Asian	0.9	0.1	0.2	0.8
Black	18.2	19.1	15.4	15.4
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.5	0.2	0.0	0.3
Hispanic (of any race)	10.0	10.4	11.4	10.3
White	57.2	59.8	61.5	62.0
Two or more races	8.5	6.4	8.9	8.0
Unable to determine	2.6	2.2	0.5	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.

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children without a recurrence	90.7	91.5	92.7	92.0
Children with one or more recurrences	9.3	8.5	7.3	8.0
Number	6,222	5,675	5,766	5,706

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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.37	0.54	0.35	0.35
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.63	99.46	99.65	99.65
Number	10,984	10,648	10,427	10,520

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	17.0	19.8	24.4	21.2
Guardianship	6.2	7.7	6.4	6.1
Reunification	65.5	62.5	59.3	63.0
Other	11.3	9.9	9.8	9.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	4,426	4,275	4,140	4,139

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	32.5	37.0	42.4	42.5
Guardianship	5.0	2.9	3.5	2.3
Reunification	37.5	38.1	35.5	34.4
Other	25.0	22.0	18.7	20.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	776	759	691	642

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	0.7	0.5	1.3	1.1
Guardianship	2.6	4.5	2.7	4.2
Reunification	74.7	74.2	73.3	71.1
Other	21.9	20.8	22.8	23.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,774	1,546	1,425	1,390

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children age 12 or younger at entry	22.4	23.8	20.0	18.5
Children older than 12 at entry	77.6	76.2	80.0	81.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	496	420	404	401

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	American Indian/Alaska Native				2010	Asian				2010	Black			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	15.7	15.9	27.5	21.0	21.7	0.0	10.3	23.1	20.3	26.4	28.5	23.1		
Guardianship	26.5	26.1	17.5	32.1	0.0	13.0	6.9	2.6	4.3	6.0	2.0	3.8		
Reunification	47.1	46.6	47.5	37.0	67.4	82.6	58.6	59.0	65.8	57.8	59.8	63.3		
Other	10.8	11.4	7.5	9.9	10.9	4.3	24.1	15.4	9.6	9.8	9.6	9.8		
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	102	88	80	81	46	23	29	39	635	564	550	559		

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander				2010	Hispanic (of any race)				2010	White			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	25.0	16.7	7.7	22.2	18.4	20.0	28.1	22.4	15.0	18.1	22.4	19.9		
Guardianship	0.0	33.3	7.7	0.0	5.1	7.9	4.0	7.1	6.5	7.4	7.4	6.0		
Reunification	62.5	50.0	61.5	55.6	68.2	64.7	59.5	60.5	65.5	63.4	60.0	64.2		
Other	12.5	0.0	23.1	22.2	8.3	7.4	8.5	10.0	13.0	11.1	10.3	9.9		
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	16	12	13	9	412	431	402	380	2,783	2,808	2,798	2,744		

	Unable to Determine				2010	Two or More Races				2010	Missing Data			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	16.5	18.2	10.3	16.9	37.2	37.3	45.1	37.6	10.0	11.1	0.0	16.7		
Guardianship	3.5	4.5	8.0	4.7	5.1	9.9	4.6	2.9	10.0	0.0	16.7	0.0		
Reunification	74.4	74.7	75.9	72.3	50.4	47.9	43.4	52.0	80.0	77.8	83.3	66.7		
Other	5.6	2.5	5.7	6.1	7.3	4.9	6.9	7.5	0.0	11.1	0.0	16.7		
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	285	198	87	148	137	142	175	173	10	9	6	6		

¹⁴ 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. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Less than 12 mos.	63.3	59.1	54.7	55.9
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	26.4	31.0	35.3	34.8
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	6.2	5.7	5.5	5.4
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	1.9	1.6	1.8	1.6
48 or more mos.	2.2	2.5	2.6	2.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	2,899	2,674	2,456	2,606

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children entering care for the first time	77.5	77.6	78.4	79.3
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	11.5	11.9	10.5	8.9
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	10.3	9.8	10.4	11.1
Missing data	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.6
Number	4,618	4,296	4,230	4,381

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Less than 12 mos.	10.1	8.3	6.9	6.4
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	49.3	48.9	54.4	52.2
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	26.2	27.7	26.0	30.3
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	7.6	9.2	7.4	7.3
48 or more mos.	6.8	5.9	5.2	3.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	752	848	1,011	878

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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children with 2 or fewer placements	88.4	87.5	86.6	87.3	61.4	64.3	64.8	63.6	25.7	26.5	27.6	26.3	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	11.6	12.5	13.4	12.7	38.6	35.7	35.2	36.4	74.3	73.5	72.4	73.7	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	5,614	5,255	5,100	5,343	3,018	3,163	3,271	3,171	2,342	2,207	2,054	1,993	10	23	2	13

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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Group homes	2.2	2.5	1.7	1.8
Institutions	1.1	1.3	0.7	1.1
Other settings	96.7	96.3	97.6	97.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	2,869	2,681	2,675	2,918

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

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score¹⁷	117.6	108.4	110.5	113.5
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)	73.9	70.6	68.4	71.5
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)	6.7	7.7	8.0	7.6
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)	44.6	40.1	37.8	40.8
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?	16.0	17.5	16.1	15.8

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	133.9	138.0	154.0	154.5
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?	59.4	57.2	61.3	58.5
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?	21.9	22.2	21.2	22.0
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?	21.6	26.3	31.0	30.1
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	5.3	7.8	8.4	6.2
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?	70.7	69.5	75.4	77.6

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	125.2	136.3	139.5	138.7
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?	27.9	34.5	34.9	32.0
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?	96.7	96.8	98.1	98.4
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?	35.8	35.1	30.4	31.2

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	93.3	94.8	94.7	94.4
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?	87.1	86.4	85.8	86.6
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?	61.2	64.4	64.9	63.7
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?	25.8	26.4	27.4	26.1

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 (<http://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 2010–2013: Report to Congress*.

The Iowa Department of Human Services continues to experience improvements in the outcomes for the children and families we serve. Family team decision-making, collaborative efforts with the courts and stakeholders, and strong public/private partnerships improve outcomes for children and families. Iowa reduced disproportionality, reduced the number of kids in care, increased the percentage of relative placements and gradually observed a decline in the number of child victims who experienced maltreatment. Key areas that challenge our system include complex family characteristics such as the intersection of substance abuse, mental health, and domestic violence by parents, placement stability for children in care, increase in caseload growth, and declining IV-E funding.

Section B (Child Maltreatment Data): The rate of abuse in Iowa has been decreasing over the last several years due to our continued efforts to improve our intake processes and to develop alternatives to assist families and prevent the need for removal of children from their homes.

Section C (Children in Foster Care): The decline in Iowa's foster care population ended in 2013, however, it is too soon to tell if this is a true inflection point. Iowa's efforts to address disproportionality in the child welfare system are starting to show results as exhibited by the declining percentages of African American children in foster care.

Sections D and E (Adoption): Iowa's population of children who are adopted annually has continued to remain high as the foster care population has been declining.

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 2.1: Preventing subsequent harm when a child is placed in foster care is a key component of ensuring child safety. Recruitment, training, and support for foster parents in Iowa are completed under contract with a consortium of local agencies to help ensure we are providing the supports that foster families need. In addition, we have built safety-related performance measures into our contracts for other out-of-home services such as group care and shelter. The reduction of maltreatment while in foster care is a key indicator of the success of these efforts.

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.

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total children under 18 years	727,729	726,787	726,668	724,092
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8
Asian	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.5
Black	6.5	6.4	6.4	6.4
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	16.9	17.2	17.5	17.8
White	68.6	68.2	67.9	67.5
Two or more races	4.7	4.8	4.9	4.9
Child population in poverty (%)	18.4	18.8	19.0	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Child maltreatment victims	1,504	1,729	1,868	2,063
Foster care entry rate per 1,000	4.9	4.7	5.1	5.5
Children in foster care on 9/30	5,989	5,858	6,007	6,455
Children adopted	694	781	764	674

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	N/A	N/A	98	95
Numerator	N/A	N/A	56,975	59,382
Denominator	N/A	N/A	58,059	62,787
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	N/A	N/A	83	82
Numerator	N/A	N/A	47,147	48,403
Denominator	N/A	N/A	56,975	59,382

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2010		2011		2012		2013	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children who received a Child Protective Services response for an allegation of child maltreatment	22,393	30.8 per 1,000	25,436	35.0 per 1,000	26,866	37.0 per 1,000	27,756	38.3 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims	1,504	2.1 per 1,000	1,729	2.4 per 1,000	1,868	2.6 per 1,000	2,063	2.8 per 1,000
Child fatalities	6	0.8 per 100,000	10	1.4 per 100,000	8	1.1 per 100,000	7	1.0 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	8.6	6.4	6.7	7.4
1 year	6.1	5.8	5.6	5.9
2 years	7.3	6.3	5.5	5.3
3 years	7.5	6.7	6.9	6.3
4 years	6.8	6.4	6.9	7.2
5 years	7.0	6.8	6.8	6.4
6 years	7.0	5.7	7.1	7.3
7 years	5.4	6.8	5.9	6.1
8 years	4.7	4.5	5.9	5.3
9 years	5.2	5.9	5.2	5.3
10 years	5.4	4.3	4.2	5.7
11 years	4.2	5.1	5.5	5.1
12 years	5.7	6.1	4.9	5.2
13 years	4.0	5.9	5.7	4.9
14 years	5.0	5.8	5.0	5.8
15 years	4.3	5.6	5.2	4.9
16 years	3.4	3.2	3.5	3.3
17 years	2.3	2.1	3.2	2.2
18+ years	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.2
Missing data	0.1	0.2	<.1	0.0
Number	1,504	1,729	1,868	2,063

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.5	0.7	1.1	0.6
Asian	0.1	0.8	0.4	0.6
Black	13.7	10.9	12.2	9.3
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	0.2	0.1
Hispanic (of any race)	10.6	11.9	13.7	14.3
White	71.1	69.8	66.5	68.2
Two or more races	3.5	5.6	5.5	6.6
Missing data	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.3
Number	1,504	1,729	1,868	2,063

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 2013 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2011–2014 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 was a new methodology used to calculate the caseworker visits measures. Because the new methodology limits data comparisons with prior years, caseworker visits data from 2010 and 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.

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Emotional abuse	10.2	11.2	12.6	12.1
Medical neglect	2.3	1.9	1.6	2.9
Neglect	22.3	17.4	18.4	18.4
Physical abuse	22.3	20.7	22.3	23.1
Sexual abuse	34.6	39.3	33.3	32.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	19.7	21.8	21.8	25.2
Number	1,504	1,729	1,868	2,063

Response Time (in hours)⁹

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Mean	62.7	63.7	65.6	60.9
Median	>24 but<48	>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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total number	5,601	5,899	5,762	5,901	3,560	3,428	3,715	3,959	3,172	3,469	3,470	3,405	5,989	5,858	6,007	6,455
Median length of stay (months)	13.8	12.2	12.1	11.6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	15.8	15.8	14.9	13.8	12.2	12.1	11.5	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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	4.8	4.9	4.8	5.3	13.6	13.2	13.4	14.3	2.7	2.2	2.5	2.7	5.0	4.8	5.2	5.0
1 year	6.5	6.8	7.1	7.2	6.9	6.7	7.5	7.4	6.1	6.4	6.4	6.4	6.7	7.1	7.2	7.8
2 years	6.3	6.5	6.6	6.8	6.5	6.9	6.5	6.6	7.2	6.8	7.3	6.7	6.5	6.6	6.8	7.5
3 years	5.4	6.3	6.6	6.3	6.3	6.2	6.1	5.7	5.8	6.7	6.5	6.2	6.3	6.6	6.2	6.5
4 years	5.2	5.7	5.9	6.1	4.8	5.1	5.5	6.3	5.1	5.9	6.5	6.2	5.8	5.9	6.1	6.0
5 years	4.8	4.9	5.2	5.5	4.6	4.8	5.1	5.0	4.8	4.6	5.5	5.4	4.9	5.3	5.5	6.4
6 years	4.9	4.3	5.0	5.5	4.4	4.6	5.2	5.0	5.1	4.4	4.8	5.0	4.3	5.1	5.4	5.2
7 years	4.4	4.9	4.4	5.1	3.8	4.2	4.0	4.9	3.7	4.2	4.2	5.2	4.9	4.4	5.1	5.4
8 years	4.3	4.3	4.6	4.3	3.6	3.9	3.6	4.3	3.8	4.1	4.0	4.2	4.3	4.6	4.2	5.2
9 years	4.0	4.0	4.3	4.2	3.4	3.6	4.0	4.1	3.8	3.7	4.3	4.0	4.0	4.3	4.2	4.1
10 years	4.1	4.2	3.8	4.1	3.9	3.3	3.6	4.1	3.6	4.1	3.6	3.9	4.1	3.8	4.1	4.3
11 years	3.6	4.1	3.9	3.7	3.2	3.6	3.4	3.3	2.6	3.5	3.0	3.6	4.1	3.9	3.8	4.1
12 years	4.1	4.2	4.3	3.6	3.9	3.9	3.3	3.7	3.1	4.0	3.7	3.3	4.1	4.4	3.6	3.9
13 years	4.8	4.6	4.7	5.0	5.1	5.3	5.0	4.4	3.6	3.0	3.6	3.2	4.7	4.6	5.1	4.0
14 years	5.9	5.5	5.6	5.0	6.2	6.2	5.5	5.5	4.4	4.5	4.5	4.5	5.5	5.7	5.1	5.3
15 years	7.8	7.4	6.6	6.9	7.6	7.4	7.7	6.0	5.6	5.3	4.7	5.8	7.3	6.6	6.9	5.5
16 years	9.0	8.3	8.2	7.2	6.8	7.2	6.5	5.5	6.9	6.9	7.3	6.4	8.3	8.2	7.0	6.5
17 years	9.2	8.6	8.0	7.9	5.1	4.0	4.2	3.8	6.7	6.1	5.6	5.0	8.5	7.9	7.9	6.8
18 years	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	15.1	13.4	11.7	12.3	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.6
19 years	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.3	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1
20 years	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	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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.9	0.7	0.8	0.8	1.0	1.1	0.9	0.9	1.2	0.8	1.1	0.7	0.8	0.9	0.7	0.9
Asian	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.8	0.6	0.3	0.7	0.8	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.5
Black	20.4	18.0	16.5	15.7	15.0	13.1	12.5	11.4	18.7	14.9	13.5	14.9	18.1	16.9	15.8	13.5
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	0.2	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.2	<.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	9.6	11.1	11.6	11.7	10.8	13.0	12.4	12.7	9.2	12.7	12.4	11.8	10.6	11.2	11.7	12.2
White	64.1	64.4	64.2	64.1	68.6	67.1	68.2	68.7	66.0	66.4	67.1	66.1	65.8	64.8	65.0	65.9
Two or more races	4.4	5.4	6.2	7.2	3.8	4.9	5.3	5.4	3.9	4.7	5.0	5.5	4.3	5.5	6.4	7.0
Unable to determine	0.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.3	<.1	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	<.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

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total waiting children	1,829	1,820	1,855	1,843
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	1,302	1,311	1,193	1,211

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	1.6	2.9	2.3	2.2
1 year	6.8	8.4	7.0	7.7
2 years	8.0	8.1	8.1	8.1
3 years	7.4	6.3	8.1	7.7
4 years	6.9	6.7	7.0	6.8
5 years	7.2	6.4	6.3	7.6
6 years	5.1	6.0	6.4	5.9
7 years	6.6	5.1	5.8	6.1
8 years	5.5	6.2	5.5	5.5
9 years	5.2	5.9	5.2	5.4
10 years	5.4	4.8	5.7	5.1
11 years	6.0	4.9	4.7	5.5
12 years	4.9	6.4	5.1	4.8
13 years	6.1	5.2	5.8	5.0
14 years	5.2	6.2	5.2	5.7
15 years	6.6	4.8	6.0	5.0
16 years	3.8	4.1	3.6	4.1
17 years	1.7	1.6	2.3	2.0

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.9	1.0	0.8	0.8
Asian	<.1	0.3	0.1	0.5
Black	22.5	22.7	20.9	17.7
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	9.3	9.8	11.2	12.1
White	62.3	59.6	58.0	59.0
Two or more races	4.8	6.6	8.9	9.8
Unable to determine	<.1	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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total children adopted	694	781	764	674

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	2.0	0.6	1.6	0.9
1 year	9.5	8.5	9.4	8.9
2 years	15.0	12.0	13.2	12.0
3 years	11.2	11.3	9.9	12.2
4 years	10.4	9.7	10.7	9.5
5 years	7.9	8.1	9.7	9.8
6 years	8.6	7.4	6.4	7.1
7 years	5.3	6.9	5.1	7.3
8 years	5.3	6.8	5.2	4.5
9 years	4.8	5.5	5.9	5.3
10 years	3.9	5.5	4.7	5.2
11 years	3.3	3.6	3.5	4.0
12 years	3.6	3.2	3.7	3.0
13 years	2.0	3.2	2.2	2.8
14 years	2.6	2.6	3.1	3.0
15 years	1.4	2.0	1.8	1.9
16 years	1.7	1.7	2.2	1.9
17 years	1.0	1.3	1.2	0.7
18 years	0.3	0.1	0.3	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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.3	0.9	1.2	1.0
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.1
Black	25.1	17.2	18.2	20.2
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1
Hispanic (of any race)	7.8	11.5	10.9	10.5
White	62.1	65.0	64.1	59.3
Two or more races	4.3	5.2	5.4	8.6
Unable to determine	0.3	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.

Kansas

OUTCOMES DATA

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children without a recurrence	97.3	94.0	96.6	97.1
Children with one or more recurrences	2.7	6.0	3.4	2.9
Number	633	697	923	957

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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.09	0.11	0.20	0.29
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.91	99.89	99.80	99.71
Number	9,161	9,327	9,477	9,861

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	21.7	22.5	21.9	19.6
Guardianship	7.5	8.3	6.5	7.4
Reunification	53.9	54.4	56.9	58.5
Other	16.8	14.7	14.6	14.3
Missing data	<.1	0.1	0.1	0.2
Number	3,172	3,469	3,470	3,405

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	38.1	41.7	39.5	34.2
Guardianship	6.4	6.3	6.5	6.7
Reunification	35.6	33.7	36.1	41.0
Other	19.8	18.3	18.0	18.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2
Number	1,025	1,246	1,178	1,242

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	1.2	1.8	1.9	1.3
Guardianship	8.1	9.7	9.2	8.1
Reunification	49.8	51.3	48.9	50.5
Other	40.6	36.9	39.5	39.3
Missing data	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.8
Number	1,073	1,098	1,045	1,039

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children age 12 or younger at entry	15.9	19.8	15.6	15.2
Children older than 12 at entry	84.1	80.2	84.4	84.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	454	444	405	408

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	American Indian/Alaska Native				2010	Asian				2010	Black			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2011	2012	2013	2011		2012	2013		
Adoption	5.4	25.9	23.1	28.0	0.0	0.0	8.3	3.7	29.3	25.9	29.6	26.7		
Guardianship	0.0	3.7	0.0	0.0	11.1	0.0	12.5	7.4	6.2	7.5	7.7	6.1		
Reunification	70.3	48.1	35.9	56.0	66.7	75.0	70.8	81.5	46.0	45.5	42.0	48.2		
Other	24.3	22.2	41.0	16.0	22.2	25.0	8.3	3.7	18.4	20.5	20.0	18.4		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.7	0.2	0.6	0.6	0.6		
Number	37	27	39	25	18	12	24	27	594	517	469	506		
	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander				2010	Hispanic (of any race)				2010	White			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2011	2012	2013	2011		2012	2013		
Adoption	50.0	50.0	0.0	33.3	18.5	20.5	19.3	17.5	20.3	22.0	20.9	17.6		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	14.3	0.0	3.8	4.1	5.1	5.2	8.3	9.5	6.7	8.3		
Reunification	0.0	50.0	85.7	0.0	55.5	63.0	58.8	63.1	55.7	54.3	59.3	60.4		
Other	50.0	0.0	0.0	66.7	21.6	12.5	16.7	13.5	15.7	14.1	13.1	13.6		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1		
Number	2	2	7	3	292	440	430	401	2,094	2,305	2,327	2,252		
	Unable to Determine				2010	Two or More Races				2010	Missing Data			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2011	2012	2013	2011		2012	2013		
Adoption	20.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	24.0	25.3	23.0	31.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	12.8	6.8	4.6	5.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	40.0	100.0	0.0	50.0	52.0	59.3	60.9	50.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Other	40.0	0.0	0.0	50.0	11.2	8.6	10.9	12.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	10	4	0	4	125	162	174	187	0	0	0	0		

¹⁴ 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. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Less than 12 mos.	57.6	53.0	56.8	64.0
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	32.6	38.4	35.2	28.0
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	7.3	6.5	6.4	5.8
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	1.3	1.5	1.2	1.6
48 or more mos.	1.1	0.5	0.4	0.6
Missing data	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1
Number	1,709	1,887	1,973	1,991

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children entering care for the first time	84.7	85.2	83.8	84.9
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	5.6	4.2	4.7	4.9
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	9.7	10.6	11.4	10.3
Missing data	0.1	<.1	<.1	0.0
Number	3,560	3,428	3,715	3,959

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Less than 12 mos.	3.6	1.9	3.0	1.9
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	27.3	24.1	34.1	31.7
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	40.2	37.4	29.2	39.6
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	16.8	23.0	17.1	16.3
48 or more mos.	12.0	13.6	16.5	10.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	689	779	759	669

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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children with 2 or fewer placements	82.6	83.4	83.9	82.1	56.8	63.5	66.3	64.9	27.7	27.3	35.2	39.5	75.0	100.0	0.0	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	17.1	16.0	15.7	17.6	43.2	36.3	33.7	35.0	72.3	72.6	64.7	60.4	25.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	0.3	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.0	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	4,180	4,158	4,466	4,720	2,386	2,706	2,670	2,702	2,579	2,456	2,341	2,412	16	7	0	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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Group homes	0.1	<.1	0.3	0.2
Institutions	1.3	0.7	0.6	0.7
Other settings	98.6	99.2	99.1	99.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1
Number	2,436	2,376	2,616	2,940

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

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score¹⁷	117.3	121.6	125.4	123.9
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)	67.2	67.8	70.4	72.1
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)	8.8	9.0	8.5	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)	34.3	33.9	38.5	32.9
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?	8.8	8.4	7.8	8.3

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	107.2	112.2	118.0	104.0
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?	30.9	26.1	37.2	33.6
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?	29.4	31.3	27.7	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?	25.2	31.1	29.3	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	16.8	18.4	13.6	12.2
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?	41.6	41.5	49.6	40.5

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	127.7	135.5	131.6	129.6
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?	30.5	36.1	33.9	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?	87.1	89.4	90.5	90.2
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?	31.8	32.6	34.6	30.1

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	89.0	92.7	97.4	96.8
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?	82.1	83.3	83.8	81.7
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?	56.7	63.6	66.3	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?	27.8	27.4	35.4	39.7

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 (<http://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 Kansas's comments on the State data presented in *Child Welfare Outcomes 2010–2013: Report to Congress*.

Section B (Child Maltreatment Data): The total number of children who received a child protective service response for an allegation of child maltreatment increased by 3% from FFY2012 to 2013. The total number of child maltreatment victims increased by 10% from FFY2012 to 2013.

Section 1.1 (Outcomes Data): The percentage of children without a recurrence of maltreatment within 6 months has increased from FFY 2012 to 2013 and Kansas continues to exceed the national performance standard.

Section 4.1 (Outcomes Data): Although Kansas does not meet the federal performance standard, the percentage of children who reunified in less than twelve months of removal has continued to increase over the last several federal fiscal years.

Section 6.1 (Outcomes Data): Kansas has seen a slight decline in the performance of placement stability regarding children in care less than twelve months with two or fewer placements and did not meet the performance standard in FFY 2013. Kansas did meet the performance standard in FFY2011 and 2012.

Kentucky

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total children under 18 years	1,023,679	1,021,926	1,017,350	1,014,004
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2
Asian	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.5
Black	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.2
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	4.9	5.1	5.3	5.5
White	81.0	80.7	80.3	79.9
Two or more races	3.4	3.5	3.6	3.7
Child population in poverty (%)	26.3	27.4	26.5	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Child maltreatment victims	17,029	16,994	17,054	20,005
Foster care entry rate per 1,000	5.4	5.0	5.6	5.5
Children in foster care on 9/30	7,022	6,779	7,246	7,324
Children adopted	754	824	784	797

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	N/A	N/A	93	95
Numerator	N/A	N/A	66,421	72,377
Denominator	N/A	N/A	71,357	75,911
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	N/A	N/A	98	99
Numerator	N/A	N/A	65,176	71,352
Denominator	N/A	N/A	66,421	72,377

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2010		2011		2012		2013	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children who received a Child Protective Services response for an allegation of child maltreatment	61,643	60.2 per 1,000	61,912	60.6 per 1,000	63,705	62.6 per 1,000	70,908	69.9 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims	17,029	16.6 per 1,000	16,994	16.6 per 1,000	17,054	16.8 per 1,000	20,005	19.7 per 1,000
Child fatalities	30	2.9 per 100,000	32	3.1 per 100,000	26	2.6 per 100,000	23	2.3 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	13.5	14.0	13.8	13.9
1 year	8.1	8.0	7.9	7.7
2 years	7.5	8.1	7.4	7.2
3 years	7.3	7.5	7.2	7.2
4 years	6.2	6.9	7.1	7.0
5 years	6.3	6.4	6.5	6.8
6 years	5.8	5.9	6.4	6.3
7 years	5.4	5.4	5.2	5.6
8 years	4.8	4.9	4.9	5.0
9 years	4.9	4.6	4.6	4.6
10 years	4.4	4.6	4.6	4.4
11 years	4.2	4.3	4.2	4.3
12 years	3.9	3.9	4.0	3.8
13 years	3.7	3.7	3.7	4.1
14 years	3.9	3.4	3.7	3.9
15 years	3.8	3.3	3.5	3.4
16 years	3.5	2.9	3.0	2.7
17 years	2.6	2.1	2.1	2.0
18+ years	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1
Missing data	0.1	0.2	<.1	<.1
Number	17,029	16,994	17,054	20,005

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/ Alaska Native	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Asian	0.1	0.1	<.1	0.1
Black	10.4	11.6	9.6	9.2
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	2.3	2.9	2.9	3.1
White	69.1	63.5	59.4	58.1
Two or more races	2.6	2.5	2.6	2.6
Missing data	15.4	19.4	25.4	26.8
Number	17,029	16,994	17,054	20,005

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 2013 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2011–2014 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 was a new methodology used to calculate the caseworker visits measures. Because the new methodology limits data comparisons with prior years, caseworker visits data from 2010 and 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.

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Emotional abuse	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3
Medical neglect	—	—	—	—
Neglect	96.4	96.4	97.4	99.0
Physical abuse	8.5	8.6	8.9	10.1
Sexual abuse	4.5	4.0	4.0	4.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	17,029	16,994	17,054	20,005

Response Time (in hours)⁹

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Mean	42.3	48.0	58.7	53.9
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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total number	6,649	6,703	6,427	6,732	5,497	5,098	5,658	5,537	5,124	5,022	4,839	4,946	7,022	6,779	7,246	7,324
Median length of stay (months)	12.9	12.4	12.7	11.6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	9.2	9.6	8.0	8.3	12.2	12.7	11.8	12.4

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	5.5	5.3	5.8	5.9	13.0	14.4	13.5	14.6	5.5	5.8	6.2	6.0	5.2	5.8	5.8	6.3
1 year	6.8	6.8	6.3	6.8	6.9	6.6	6.9	6.5	6.9	6.8	6.3	5.9	6.7	6.2	6.9	6.9
2 years	6.1	6.8	6.5	6.0	5.9	6.1	5.8	5.6	6.1	6.9	6.8	7.0	6.7	6.3	5.9	6.2
3 years	4.8	5.8	6.5	6.3	5.6	5.7	5.6	5.8	5.7	6.6	5.7	6.0	5.6	6.4	6.3	5.5
4 years	4.5	5.0	5.1	5.8	4.5	5.5	5.4	5.6	5.0	5.8	5.6	6.2	4.9	5.2	5.7	5.9
5 years	4.2	4.6	4.7	4.9	4.9	4.2	4.7	5.1	4.3	4.8	5.4	5.3	4.6	4.6	4.8	5.6
6 years	3.9	4.2	4.3	4.6	3.9	3.7	4.6	4.8	4.2	4.4	4.6	4.8	4.1	4.2	4.5	4.8
7 years	3.5	4.1	3.8	4.1	3.9	3.7	4.0	4.2	3.9	4.1	4.7	4.5	4.0	3.7	4.1	4.4
8 years	3.8	3.6	4.1	3.7	3.3	3.1	4.1	4.2	3.3	2.9	3.8	4.4	3.6	4.1	3.7	3.9
9 years	3.3	3.4	3.4	3.9	3.3	3.2	3.7	3.7	3.9	3.4	3.4	3.8	3.2	3.3	3.9	3.7
10 years	3.6	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.2	2.9	3.1	3.3	2.8	2.8	3.2	3.2	3.4	3.4	3.5	3.8
11 years	3.4	3.7	3.5	3.7	3.6	3.2	3.4	3.5	3.1	3.0	3.2	3.3	3.6	3.5	3.5	3.5
12 years	3.7	3.9	4.2	4.2	3.9	3.7	4.1	3.5	3.3	3.3	3.2	2.8	3.9	4.1	4.1	4.0
13 years	4.5	4.6	4.6	4.8	4.6	4.8	4.6	4.7	3.3	3.3	3.4	3.4	4.5	4.5	4.7	4.6
14 years	5.7	5.2	6.0	5.5	5.9	5.9	5.3	5.0	4.2	3.5	4.2	3.6	5.1	5.9	5.4	5.8
15 years	8.2	7.9	6.8	7.0	7.1	7.4	7.3	6.8	4.8	5.4	5.1	4.1	7.8	6.9	6.8	6.9
16 years	11.1	9.4	9.6	8.5	8.3	8.1	7.8	7.0	6.8	6.5	5.9	5.8	9.4	9.4	8.5	8.3
17 years	12.5	11.8	10.7	10.3	7.8	7.7	6.2	6.2	8.0	7.0	7.0	6.7	11.9	10.5	10.0	8.9
18 years	1.0	0.5	0.7	0.5	0.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	14.2	13.4	12.2	12.9	1.7	1.9	1.4	0.8
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	<.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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	0.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Asian	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.2	<.1	<.1	0.3	0.2	<.1	<.1	0.2	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Black	15.4	14.2	12.9	12.7	12.4	12.1	12.5	11.9	13.4	13.8	12.9	13.2	14.5	13.0	12.5	11.8
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	4.4	4.5	5.2	4.6	4.7	5.6	4.4	5.6	4.7	4.9	5.2	4.9	4.4	5.1	4.6	5.2
White	73.7	74.1	74.8	74.9	75.7	73.9	75.0	73.3	75.2	73.5	74.3	73.5	74.2	74.4	75.3	74.6
Two or more races	4.6	5.3	4.9	4.8	4.5	3.8	4.1	4.4	4.0	4.7	4.4	4.3	4.9	4.6	4.6	4.8
Unable to determine	1.6	1.7	2.0	2.8	2.4	3.6	3.6	4.2	2.2	2.6	2.7	3.6	1.8	2.4	2.7	3.3
Missing data	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.8	0.2	0.2	<.1	0.4	0.2	0.2	<.1	0.4	<.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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total waiting children	1,952	1,920	2,112	2,229
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	1,233	1,098	1,607	1,205

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	1.1	1.4	1.3	1.6
1 year	5.7	5.5	7.2	7.2
2 years	8.0	7.7	6.4	6.8
3 years	6.5	7.3	7.3	6.5
4 years	6.1	5.9	6.7	7.4
5 years	6.1	5.5	5.2	6.6
6 years	5.0	5.8	5.2	5.6
7 years	5.4	4.4	5.2	4.9
8 years	4.8	5.4	4.2	4.7
9 years	5.0	4.6	4.9	4.4
10 years	3.8	4.7	4.8	4.5
11 years	4.8	4.1	4.5	4.4
12 years	4.7	5.7	5.1	4.9
13 years	5.9	5.4	5.9	4.8
14 years	5.9	6.3	6.0	6.0
15 years	7.1	7.3	6.8	6.5
16 years	8.1	7.2	7.5	7.3
17 years	6.0	5.7	5.8	5.8

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0
Asian	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0
Black	14.9	13.4	12.1	11.6
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	4.7	5.0	5.4	5.2
White	72.8	74.0	74.8	74.2
Two or more races	5.3	5.6	5.4	6.0
Unable to determine	1.9	1.7	2.3	3.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total children adopted	754	824	784	797

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	0.8	0.2	0.8	0.3
1 year	8.9	6.8	7.7	8.5
2 years	10.6	12.3	13.3	12.9
3 years	10.3	11.3	10.1	8.5
4 years	6.0	10.1	9.6	9.7
5 years	6.5	8.1	8.9	7.9
6 years	6.5	6.7	7.0	5.0
7 years	6.2	6.1	6.9	5.9
8 years	5.3	5.1	5.5	5.8
9 years	7.2	5.5	4.3	5.0
10 years	5.3	3.3	4.6	5.1
11 years	4.2	3.6	2.9	5.1
12 years	3.8	5.2	3.2	3.4
13 years	4.9	2.3	4.3	4.6
14 years	2.9	2.4	3.1	2.8
15 years	2.8	3.5	3.2	2.8
16 years	4.8	3.8	2.0	2.9
17 years	2.7	3.0	2.4	3.0
18 years	0.3	0.7	0.3	0.6
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.1	0.0	0.3	0.0
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0
Black	16.4	13.7	13.4	9.8
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.2	0.4	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	7.3	5.6	6.9	6.6
White	69.5	71.0	71.6	76.0
Two or more races	4.4	7.5	6.0	4.8
Unable to determine	2.3	1.9	1.4	2.8
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.

Kentucky

OUTCOMES DATA

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children without a recurrence	94.7	94.9	93.8	94.1
Children with one or more recurrences	5.3	5.1	6.2	5.9
Number	7,290	7,002	7,334	8,038

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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.47	0.34	0.50	0.54
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.53	99.66	99.50	99.46
Number	12,147	11,801	12,085	12,270

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	14.7	16.3	16.1	16.1
Guardianship	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.8
Reunification	68.7	69.1	70.2	69.1
Other	15.8	13.6	12.9	14.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	5,124	5,022	4,839	4,946

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	21.2	28.2	24.9	23.9
Guardianship	0.5	0.7	0.4	0.9
Reunification	51.4	49.3	51.4	49.3
Other	26.9	21.9	23.3	25.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	562	735	828	765

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	1.4	2.7	1.2	2.6
Guardianship	1.0	0.8	0.6	0.9
Reunification	58.8	61.7	63.8	57.4
Other	38.7	34.9	34.3	39.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,822	1,698	1,579	1,525

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children age 12 or younger at entry	12.3	12.9	11.3	11.8
Children older than 12 at entry	87.7	87.1	88.7	88.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	779	658	586	653

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	American Indian/Alaska Native				2010	Asian				2010	Black			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	14.3	0.0	40.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	33.3	0.0	18.0	16.4	16.8	12.0		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.9	1.3	0.5		
Reunification	28.6	100.0	40.0	60.0	90.0	80.0	33.3	100.0	60.5	65.4	67.1	72.2		
Other	57.1	0.0	20.0	40.0	10.0	20.0	33.3	0.0	20.6	17.4	14.9	15.3		
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	7	1	5	5	10	5	3	11	689	691	626	652		
	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander				2010	Hispanic (of any race)				2010	White			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	0.0	100.0	50.0	0.0	22.9	18.9	21.5	21.8	13.6	15.7	15.5	16.7		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.8	2.0	0.0	0.8	0.9	0.7	0.9		
Reunification	100.0	0.0	33.3	0.0	66.7	70.5	67.7	67.1	70.1	69.6	70.7	68.1		
Other	0.0	0.0	16.7	100.0	10.0	9.8	8.8	11.1	15.5	13.8	13.1	14.4		
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	2	6	1	240	244	251	243	3,853	3,693	3,595	3,636		
	Unable to Determine				2010	Two or More Races				2010	Missing Data			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	14.8	12.1	8.3	11.3	16.1	26.5	21.8	17.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	0.9	1.5	0.0	1.7	0.5	1.3	1.4	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	25.0		
Reunification	73.0	79.5	85.0	76.8	69.8	63.2	65.9	72.3	100.0	100.0	100.0	75.0		
Other	11.3	6.8	6.8	10.2	13.7	9.0	10.9	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	115	132	133	177	205	234	211	213	3	20	9	8		

¹⁴ 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. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Less than 12 mos.	75.9	74.9	79.0	79.6
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	17.8	19.4	16.2	15.1
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	4.4	4.1	3.2	3.6
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	1.4	1.0	0.9	1.0
48 or more mos.	0.5	0.7	0.6	0.6
Missing data	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.1
Number	3,520	3,472	3,397	3,419

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children entering care for the first time	79.4	78.3	77.9	78.0
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	8.6	9.5	10.0	10.0
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	11.8	12.0	11.9	11.5
Missing data	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.5
Number	5,497	5,098	5,658	5,537

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Less than 12 mos.	1.7	0.7	1.2	0.6
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	19.9	20.5	19.9	19.9
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	34.7	37.4	34.7	40.5
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	24.1	23.7	25.8	19.4
48 or more mos.	19.5	17.7	18.5	19.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	754	820	780	795

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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children with 2 or fewer placements	88.4	88.4	88.5	88.6	62.1	64.4	66.5	66.9	31.3	32.8	38.4	40.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	11.1	11.2	11.4	11.4	37.7	35.3	33.5	33.1	68.7	67.1	61.6	59.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	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	0.0
Number	6,431	6,069	6,586	6,573	2,570	2,719	2,546	2,724	3,121	2,985	2,951	2,951	25	28	2	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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Group homes	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Institutions	5.4	5.1	4.5	4.4
Other settings	94.6	94.9	95.5	95.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	3,616	3,344	3,881	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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score¹⁷	134.3	134.9	132.1	125.7
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)	79.9	78.9	78.2	77.1
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)	4.2	4.5	4.8	5.7
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)	52.5	51.5	50.6	50.1
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?	13.5	12.8	12.7	14.8

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	120.3	114.6	126.6	128.7
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?	21.6	21.2	21.0	20.5
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?	32.7	32.6	33.9	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?	25.1	28.2	28.1	28.0
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	19.6	20.7	19.3	21.0
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?	59.7	58.1	63.0	58.6

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	120.1	118.3	126.5	125.7
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?	29.8	32.8	32.7	33.7
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?	86.2	87.7	88.1	88.8
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?	31.1	30.7	29.4	27.4

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	96.7	98.5	101.1	101.9
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?	87.7	87.6	87.4	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?	62.1	64.5	66.7	66.9
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?	31.5	33.0	38.4	40.5

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 (<http://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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total children under 18 years	1,118,576	1,116,579	1,114,620	1,112,957
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
Asian	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.6
Black	37.9	37.6	37.4	37.3
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	4.9	5.2	5.4	5.7
White	52.6	52.4	52.2	52.0
Two or more races	2.4	2.5	2.6	2.7
Child population in poverty (%)	27.3	28.8	28.1	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Child maltreatment victims	8,344	9,545	8,458	10,119
Foster care entry rate per 1,000	2.9	3.4	2.8	3.1
Children in foster care on 9/30	4,451	4,577	4,083	3,994
Children adopted	641	641	655	731

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	N/A	N/A	92	95
Numerator	N/A	N/A	44,669	43,099
Denominator	N/A	N/A	48,576	45,549
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	N/A	N/A	84	88
Numerator	N/A	N/A	37,580	38,082
Denominator	N/A	N/A	44,669	43,099

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2010		2011		2012		2013	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children who received a Child Protective Services response for an allegation of child maltreatment	31,828	28.5 per 1,000	37,994	34.0 per 1,000	36,029	32.3 per 1,000	37,728	33.9 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims	8,344	7.5 per 1,000	9,545	8.5 per 1,000	8,458	7.6 per 1,000	10,119	9.1 per 1,000
Child fatalities	30	2.7 per 100,000	45	4.0 per 100,000	42	3.8 per 100,000	43	3.9 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	16.1	17.3	18.2	18.7
1 year	7.5	6.7	6.6	6.9
2 years	6.7	7.0	6.5	6.6
3 years	6.3	6.5	7.0	6.5
4 years	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.3
5 years	6.1	5.9	5.9	6.5
6 years	6.2	5.6	5.9	5.7
7 years	5.1	5.2	5.2	5.6
8 years	5.1	4.5	4.5	4.7
9 years	4.7	4.6	4.4	4.4
10 years	4.4	4.4	4.1	4.3
11 years	4.0	4.3	4.0	3.8
12 years	3.8	3.7	4.1	3.9
13 years	4.1	4.2	4.2	4.2
14 years	4.1	4.0	4.0	3.8
15 years	4.1	4.0	3.7	3.8
16 years	3.8	3.9	3.7	3.2
17 years	1.6	1.9	1.6	1.1
18+ years	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1
Missing data	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.1
Number	8,344	9,545	8,458	10,119

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.3
Asian	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.2
Black	45.0	44.7	47.1	44.7
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	2.0	2.2	2.3	2.1
White	49.6	49.5	46.7	48.4
Two or more races	1.2	1.6	1.6	2.0
Missing data	1.9	1.6	1.7	2.2
Number	8,344	9,545	8,458	10,119

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 2013 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2011–2014 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 was a new methodology used to calculate the caseworker visits measures. Because the new methodology limits data comparisons with prior years, caseworker visits data from 2010 and 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.

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Emotional abuse	0.8	0.6	0.9	0.5
Medical neglect	—	—	—	—
Neglect	81.8	81.5	81.2	87.2
Physical abuse	27.4	28.1	28.2	18.8
Sexual abuse	7.7	9.4	8.9	6.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.4
Number	8,344	9,545	8,458	10,119

Response Time (in hours)⁹

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Mean	167.2	195.7	118.9	69.8
Median	>48 but<72	>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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total number	4,783	4,353	4,392	3,925	3,297	3,757	3,147	3,489	3,629	3,533	3,456	3,420	4,451	4,577	4,083	3,994
Median length of stay (months)	12.2	12.7	11.2	13.1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	11.4	11.2	10.8	11.0	12.9	10.7	12.5	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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	6.7	6.2	6.1	5.3	16.4	14.4	14.3	15.3	4.8	4.9	4.6	4.0	6.4	5.9	5.1	7.4
1 year	9.4	8.9	8.4	8.7	8.2	7.5	7.7	7.6	7.9	7.7	7.4	7.4	8.8	8.3	8.5	8.5
2 years	8.3	9.2	8.2	7.9	7.1	7.1	6.9	6.8	8.0	8.6	8.6	8.2	9.1	8.1	7.7	7.6
3 years	7.0	7.7	8.2	7.5	6.3	6.5	7.1	7.3	7.7	7.4	8.3	8.1	7.7	8.0	7.4	6.6
4 years	6.1	6.2	6.9	7.3	5.7	6.5	6.5	5.4	6.8	7.4	7.2	6.8	6.2	6.8	7.1	6.6
5 years	5.7	5.5	5.7	6.9	6.0	6.3	5.9	6.3	6.6	6.4	6.0	7.4	5.5	5.7	6.7	6.2
6 years	5.0	5.7	5.5	5.8	5.2	4.7	5.9	4.8	4.6	5.6	6.0	6.8	5.6	5.4	5.6	5.5
7 years	4.8	4.7	5.2	5.0	4.4	4.6	3.8	5.0	5.1	5.0	5.1	5.1	4.8	5.1	4.8	5.0
8 years	4.1	4.4	4.2	4.5	4.4	3.9	3.6	4.8	4.9	4.9	4.5	4.7	4.4	4.1	4.5	4.9
9 years	4.3	4.3	4.0	4.1	3.9	3.9	3.8	3.7	4.2	3.9	4.1	4.4	4.3	3.9	4.0	4.3
10 years	3.4	3.5	4.4	3.5	3.3	4.1	3.3	3.8	3.9	3.9	3.8	4.0	3.5	4.3	3.5	3.9
11 years	3.6	3.1	3.9	4.4	2.9	3.6	3.9	3.6	3.3	3.1	3.4	4.4	3.1	3.7	4.3	2.6
12 years	3.9	3.8	3.9	4.0	3.5	3.7	3.1	3.6	3.1	3.3	3.5	3.7	3.8	3.8	3.9	4.5
13 years	4.0	4.2	3.7	3.8	4.3	4.4	3.8	4.5	3.9	3.8	3.3	3.4	4.1	3.9	3.8	3.9
14 years	5.0	4.1	4.6	4.7	4.5	5.3	6.2	5.1	4.0	3.3	3.9	4.0	4.2	5.0	5.1	5.3
15 years	5.9	5.7	4.7	5.7	6.1	5.7	6.5	5.8	4.7	5.5	4.8	4.9	5.6	5.0	6.1	5.6
16 years	6.9	6.5	6.2	5.4	5.1	5.6	6.0	5.3	5.2	4.9	5.2	4.0	6.6	6.5	5.9	6.3
17 years	5.8	6.4	6.1	5.5	2.7	2.3	1.9	1.5	4.5	3.5	3.2	3.3	6.4	6.3	5.8	5.2
18 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.7	6.7	7.1	5.3	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2
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	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.2	<.1	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.4
Asian	<.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	<.1
Black	48.7	46.5	46.3	43.2	46.6	47.8	47.7	46.0	49.2	47.4	49.7	44.3	46.6	46.8	44.6	44.7
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	<.1	0.1	0.1
Hispanic (of any race)	1.6	1.7	1.9	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.2	1.7	2.2	2.3	2.5	1.9	1.9	2.0	1.9
White	46.4	47.6	48.0	50.2	47.3	46.8	46.1	47.7	46.2	46.6	44.2	48.7	47.3	47.7	49.7	49.3
Two or more races	1.7	2.2	1.9	3.0	1.6	1.3	1.7	2.1	1.0	1.9	1.6	2.6	2.1	1.7	2.0	2.6
Unable to determine	1.2	1.4	1.3	1.0	1.9	1.5	1.6	1.2	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.6	1.4	1.3	0.9
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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total waiting children	1,101	1,159	1,090	954
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	750	820	692	568

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	1.6	1.5	1.6	1.9
1 year	8.0	7.5	8.9	7.9
2 years	10.8	8.3	8.2	8.3
3 years	7.8	10.8	7.6	7.2
4 years	7.0	8.8	8.2	7.5
5 years	6.9	6.6	8.3	7.2
6 years	5.8	5.2	6.6	6.4
7 years	4.5	6.0	6.1	5.1
8 years	5.4	4.6	5.8	6.1
9 years	4.5	4.0	4.6	5.6
10 years	4.3	4.9	4.6	4.7
11 years	4.0	3.9	6.4	3.8
12 years	5.7	4.1	4.9	6.8
13 years	5.1	5.3	3.9	4.8
14 years	3.8	5.2	5.0	5.2
15 years	5.1	4.1	5.1	5.7
16 years	5.1	4.7	2.8	3.6
17 years	4.6	4.9	1.6	2.2

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/Alaska Native	1.2	0.5	0.2	0.3
Asian	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0
Black	47.0	46.5	44.7	46.4
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	2.1	1.9	1.4	1.9
White	45.5	45.7	49.7	46.6
Two or more races	2.8	2.6	2.4	3.9
Unable to determine	1.4	2.4	1.7	0.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total children adopted	641	641	655	731

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	1.2	0.8	0.8	0.5
1 year	7.6	8.0	7.8	7.3
2 years	12.9	16.5	16.0	15.0
3 years	12.3	12.8	15.7	12.7
4 years	10.8	11.1	12.2	10.3
5 years	9.0	9.4	9.2	10.4
6 years	8.0	7.0	7.6	8.9
7 years	8.0	5.6	6.9	6.7
8 years	8.1	7.5	5.2	4.2
9 years	4.5	2.7	3.1	5.5
10 years	4.4	4.4	4.9	3.1
11 years	3.1	3.3	1.8	4.5
12 years	2.2	3.6	2.7	3.0
13 years	3.1	2.3	1.8	2.7
14 years	2.5	1.1	1.5	2.2
15 years	1.2	2.2	0.9	0.8
16 years	0.5	1.2	0.9	1.4
17 years	0.5	0.6	0.9	0.5
18 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.2	0.6	0.6	0.0
Asian	0.2	0.0	0.5	0.0
Black	47.1	38.4	40.5	32.4
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	1.2	1.4	2.1	1.8
White	50.4	56.0	50.7	59.0
Two or more races	0.8	3.4	3.4	5.9
Unable to determine	0.2	0.2	2.3	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.

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OUTCOMES DATA

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children without a recurrence	95.4	94.8	94.7	93.5
Children with one or more recurrences	4.6	5.2	5.3	6.5
Number	4,058	4,354	4,239	4,897

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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.48	0.72	0.44	0.22
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.52	99.28	99.56	99.78
Number	8,080	8,110	7,539	7,414

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	17.6	18.2	18.9	21.5
Guardianship	1.4	1.2	0.8	5.4
Reunification	73.3	72.3	71.5	66.6
Other	7.7	8.3	8.3	6.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0
Number	3,629	3,533	3,456	3,420

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	34.8	34.3	30.7	39.2
Guardianship	2.2	1.4	0.3	4.6
Reunification	42.8	40.0	40.7	38.3
Other	20.1	24.3	28.3	17.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	313	280	300	324

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	0.2	1.7	1.1	1.4
Guardianship	1.2	2.1	1.2	6.5
Reunification	75.7	70.5	69.4	69.4
Other	22.8	25.7	27.8	22.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0
Number	815	762	752	661

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children age 12 or younger at entry	32.0	31.6	26.5	31.2
Children older than 12 at entry	68.0	68.4	73.5	68.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	244	237	249	186

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	American Indian/Alaska Native				2010	Asian			2010	Black			2010	2011	2012	2013
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2011	2012	2013		2011	2012	2013				
Adoption	25.0	36.4	40.0	0.0	14.3	0.0	23.1	0.0	16.8	14.7	15.3	15.7				
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.2	1.0	0.6	5.4				
Reunification	75.0	54.5	40.0	77.8	71.4	100.0	76.9	100.0	73.7	74.8	73.6	71.0				
Other	0.0	9.1	20.0	22.2	14.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.3	9.5	10.3	7.9				
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				
Number	4	11	10	9	7	3	13	3	1,787	1,675	1,716	1,515				
	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander				2010	Hispanic (of any race)			2010	White			2010	2011	2012	2013
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2011	2012	2013		2011	2012	2013				
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	12.7	11.7	17.7	16.3	19.3	22.0	21.8	26.0				
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.5	0.0	1.7	1.2	1.0	5.9				
Reunification	100.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	81.0	77.9	73.4	76.7	72.0	69.5	69.9	62.8				
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.3	10.4	6.3	7.0	7.0	7.3	6.5	5.3				
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.0				
Number	2	0	0	6	63	77	79	86	1,677	1,648	1,529	1,664				
	Unable to Determine				2010	Two or More Races			2010	Missing Data			2010	2011	2012	2013
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2011	2012	2013		2011	2012	2013				
Adoption	2.0	1.9	28.8	14.6	13.2	32.8	38.6	48.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0				
Guardianship	2.0	7.7	0.0	2.1	0.0	0.0	1.8	3.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0				
Reunification	88.2	84.6	69.2	75.0	76.3	62.7	54.4	43.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0				
Other	7.8	5.8	1.9	8.3	10.5	4.5	5.3	4.5	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	51	52	52	48	38	67	57	89	0	0	0	0				

¹⁴ 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. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Less than 12 mos.	69.1	71.4	73.5	73.8
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	22.2	21.7	21.5	20.9
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	4.1	4.1	3.4	3.6
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	1.7	1.1	0.9	1.1
48 or more mos.	1.7	1.2	0.7	0.7
Missing data	1.2	0.5	<.1	0.0
Number	2,660	2,553	2,471	2,277

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children entering care for the first time	83.4	81.7	82.0	81.5
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	6.2	9.1	9.1	9.1
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	9.2	9.2	8.8	9.5
Missing data	1.2	0.0	0.0	<.1
Number	3,297	3,757	3,147	3,489

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Less than 12 mos.	2.2	1.9	1.7	1.8
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	21.9	24.5	27.1	29.0
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	32.9	35.9	35.5	43.0
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	26.0	22.7	20.5	15.5
48 or more mos.	17.1	15.1	15.2	10.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	639	644	653	735

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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children with 2 or fewer placements	78.4	79.1	83.9	84.0	52.0	56.5	55.2	60.9	27.8	35.7	36.4	33.8	71.7	58.3	100.0	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	21.1	18.8	15.6	15.9	48.0	43.3	44.8	39.1	72.2	64.3	63.6	66.2	26.1	8.3	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	0.4	2.1	0.5	<.1	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.2	33.3	0.0	0.0
Number	4,033	4,373	3,891	4,069	1,904	1,795	1,894	1,630	2,097	1,918	1,749	1,702	46	24	5	13

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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Group homes	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.6
Institutions	2.1	0.7	0.6	0.7
Other settings	97.7	98.8	99.1	98.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	2,515	2,841	2,362	2,700

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

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score¹⁷	121.6	126.6	123.1	120.8
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)	67.5	67.4	71.0	69.8
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)	8.7	8.5	7.8	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)	49.0	45.7	51.5	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?	9.8	7.1	11.8	11.6

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	137.1	144.8	145.8	153.5
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?	24.1	26.4	28.8	30.7
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?	33.5	31.2	30.8	28.7
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?	30.5	31.9	35.6	39.2
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	16.9	21.2	17.5	22.1
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?	67.4	61.6	61.0	64.7

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	115.4	107.7	107.8	109.3
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?	38.3	37.2	39.0	39.7
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?	93.4	93.3	92.8	94.3
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?	49.2	49.0	43.8	46.4

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	82.1	88.7	91.6	92.4
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?	76.8	78.6	82.6	81.9
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?	51.8	56.5	55.0	60.9
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?	27.8	35.7	36.4	33.8

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 (<http://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 Louisiana's comments on the State data presented in *Child Welfare Outcomes 2010–2013: Report to Congress*.

Safety is a paramount concern for children in Louisiana. Louisiana identified a 19.6 percent increase in the number of child maltreatment victims in FFY2013 as compared to 2012. This is attributed to the implementation of the Advanced Safety Focused Practice (ASFP) model in the centralized child abuse reporting hotline in December 2012, resulting in an increase in the number of intakes accepted for intervention, an increase in the number of children assigned for investigations as compared to alternative (differential) response, and thereby an increased potential for children with a valid outcome. Despite this increase, response time was reduced by approximately 40 percent comparing the same fiscal years.

Between FFY2012 and 2013, Louisiana increased the percent of children receiving monthly visits as well as children receiving visits in the home, which is reflective of the department's increased emphasis on assessing safety through regular monitoring and contact. ASFP was implemented not only within Centralized Intake but also Child Protective Services, Family Services, and foster care in FFY2013 as part of the Louisiana practice model and in conjunction with such tools as structured decision making. Louisiana has continued to improve placement stability and maintain a low percentage of children in group homes or institutions (less than 6 percent) for the data presented. Louisiana also revised its CQI process in 2013, which is expected to enable continued strategic improvements.

Louisiana has implemented significant strategies including our Faith in Families initiative, increased collaboration with faith-based and community partners, and targeted recruiters in order to increase adoption outcomes and reduce the time children spend in foster care. The number of children achieving a finalized adoption in FFY2013 was 731, which is an 11.5 percent increase over the 655 finalizations in FFY 2012. Additionally, the number of children in foster care declined during this time period.

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total children under 18 years	273,061	268,737	264,846	261,276
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8
Asian	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4
Black	2.3	2.4	2.5	2.5
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	2.3	2.4	2.5	2.6
White	90.2	89.8	89.5	89.3
Two or more races	3.0	3.1	3.2	3.3
Child population in poverty (%)	17.8	18.8	20.9	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Child maltreatment victims	3,269	3,118	3,781	3,820
Foster care entry rate per 1,000	2.7	2.0	3.4	3.7
Children in foster care on 9/30	1,547	1,300	1,525	1,821
Children adopted	276	296	291	202

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	N/A	N/A	97	97
Numerator	N/A	N/A	15,719	18,523
Denominator	N/A	N/A	16,132	19,022
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	N/A	N/A	89	90
Numerator	N/A	N/A	14,043	16,736
Denominator	N/A	N/A	15,719	18,523

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2010		2011		2012		2013	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children who received a Child Protective Services response for an allegation of child maltreatment	8,885	32.5 per 1,000	9,518	35.4 per 1,000	11,204	42.3 per 1,000	12,295	47.1 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims	3,269	12.0 per 1,000	3,118	11.6 per 1,000	3,781	14.3 per 1,000	3,820	14.6 per 1,000
Child fatalities	1	0.4 per 100,000	1	0.4 per 100,000	—	— per 100,000	—	— per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	13.7	14.1	13.6	13.8
1 year	8.3	7.1	8.1	7.9
2 years	7.1	8.0	7.0	7.5
3 years	6.8	7.3	7.3	6.5
4 years	7.5	6.7	6.4	7.1
5 years	6.0	6.3	6.8	6.4
6 years	6.0	5.5	6.0	6.1
7 years	5.8	5.6	6.2	6.1
8 years	5.3	5.6	5.1	5.3
9 years	4.4	4.4	5.1	4.8
10 years	4.2	4.6	3.8	4.8
11 years	4.5	3.8	4.9	4.1
12 years	4.5	5.0	4.3	4.1
13 years	4.1	4.1	4.2	3.9
14 years	3.9	3.7	4.1	4.1
15 years	3.7	3.6	3.2	3.2
16 years	2.4	2.7	2.5	2.6
17 years	1.5	1.4	1.1	1.3
18+ years	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4
Number	3,269	3,118	3,781	3,820

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.8	1.1	0.6	0.5
Asian	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2
Black	1.6	1.7	1.4	1.6
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.1	<.1	0.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	2.6	3.0	4.4	3.8
White	65.7	62.0	61.0	61.4
Two or more races	3.8	3.1	2.9	2.4
Missing data	25.1	29.0	29.4	30.0
Number	3,269	3,118	3,781	3,820

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 2013 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2011–2014 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 was a new methodology used to calculate the caseworker visits measures. Because the new methodology limits data comparisons with prior years, caseworker visits data from 2010 and 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.

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Emotional abuse	39.9	41.0	37.6	36.6
Medical neglect	—	—	—	—
Neglect	76.9	73.3	77.0	75.7
Physical abuse	16.1	16.5	19.3	21.1
Sexual abuse	6.8	5.4	6.8	6.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	3,269	3,118	3,781	3,820

Response Time (in hours)⁹

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Mean	69.5	63.5	66.2	73.3
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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total number	1,630	1,530	1,274	1,505	750	546	902	958	833	776	651	642	1,547	1,300	1,525	1,821
Median length of stay (months)	16.2	14.3	16.2	11.2	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	21.6	21.1	22.0	17.0	14.5	16.2	11.4	13.5

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	6.9	7.5	6.4	8.7	21.7	23.6	23.4	25.2	2.5	2.8	3.5	6.9	7.4	6.5	8.5	8.9
1 year	9.8	9.7	11.0	11.4	10.1	11.0	12.1	10.4	8.2	10.2	10.1	7.8	9.8	10.9	11.3	10.9
2 years	8.2	9.2	7.9	10.5	6.9	7.3	9.1	7.5	9.6	10.4	9.8	13.1	9.2	8.0	10.4	10.5
3 years	6.6	6.7	7.5	7.2	7.5	6.8	8.6	6.8	9.4	8.9	10.4	9.8	6.7	7.3	7.3	8.6
4 years	6.8	6.4	6.7	7.1	6.4	5.9	5.7	7.7	7.7	7.2	7.8	7.3	6.5	6.8	7.1	6.3
5 years	5.1	6.7	5.5	5.2	6.1	5.9	5.8	6.2	5.3	7.1	6.8	5.1	6.6	5.4	5.2	7.0
6 years	4.7	4.4	5.7	5.2	3.9	4.0	5.0	5.3	6.7	6.4	5.4	6.2	4.4	5.8	5.4	5.5
7 years	3.7	3.5	4.2	5.4	2.7	2.9	4.8	4.8	4.4	2.8	5.5	4.7	3.5	4.2	5.4	5.5
8 years	4.1	2.9	3.4	4.5	2.8	3.8	3.1	4.5	4.6	3.7	2.6	4.4	2.8	3.4	4.4	4.9
9 years	3.8	3.2	2.6	3.3	2.8	3.1	3.3	2.6	4.2	5.0	3.1	2.6	3.2	2.6	3.3	4.2
10 years	3.3	3.6	2.3	2.7	4.4	2.4	2.0	3.5	3.1	2.2	2.3	3.1	3.5	2.2	2.6	3.0
11 years	3.5	4.2	3.7	2.6	3.7	3.5	2.9	2.6	2.4	2.6	3.4	2.5	4.2	3.8	2.6	3.1
12 years	4.0	4.1	4.6	3.1	3.3	3.8	2.2	2.4	2.8	3.5	2.5	2.3	4.1	4.5	3.1	2.9
13 years	3.9	4.7	4.9	4.3	3.9	4.0	2.9	3.0	2.3	4.0	3.2	3.6	4.6	5.0	4.3	3.2
14 years	4.5	4.4	4.5	4.1	4.4	3.3	3.1	2.3	1.8	3.0	2.9	2.5	4.5	4.5	4.1	3.2
15 years	5.7	6.3	5.3	4.9	4.7	3.5	2.9	2.3	3.4	2.7	2.3	2.0	6.2	5.3	4.9	4.3
16 years	6.5	6.1	6.8	4.2	3.5	4.0	2.7	2.1	3.4	3.7	3.1	2.6	6.1	6.6	4.3	4.0
17 years	8.6	6.3	6.8	5.4	1.2	1.1	0.6	0.7	3.0	3.1	3.7	2.0	6.2	6.7	5.4	3.5
18 years	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	15.1	10.3	11.4	11.4	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/ Alaska Native	1.1	1.2	1.5	1.5	2.0	0.9	1.1	0.8	1.4	0.8	1.4	1.7	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.0
Asian	<.1	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2
Black	2.3	1.8	1.1	1.5	1.3	0.7	2.0	2.8	2.2	1.9	1.7	2.2	1.9	1.2	1.4	1.9
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.2	<.1	0.3	0.2	0.1
Hispanic (of any race)	6.4	7.9	11.5	17.5	7.6	13.0	18.1	18.8	7.9	7.9	11.1	17.3	6.2	10.1	15.6	18.2
White	82.3	76.4	69.6	62.7	67.9	63.0	61.4	60.8	79.4	77.4	71.3	60.6	76.9	70.2	64.1	62.4
Two or more races	4.7	7.3	6.6	7.0	8.9	4.9	6.7	3.3	4.8	7.0	5.4	6.5	6.7	6.5	7.1	5.2
Unable to determine	3.2	5.0	9.1	9.5	11.5	16.5	9.9	12.1	4.3	4.6	8.1	10.4	6.6	10.0	10.0	10.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.6	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.6	0.1	<.1	<.1	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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total waiting children	581	514	492	577
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	494	452	413	512

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	1.9	1.4	1.6	2.1
1 year	10.3	10.7	7.5	9.9
2 years	11.0	8.9	12.8	12.5
3 years	7.2	8.0	7.9	9.7
4 years	6.2	6.6	7.3	6.1
5 years	6.0	5.4	5.1	7.3
6 years	4.6	6.6	5.9	5.2
7 years	4.0	4.9	6.3	5.0
8 years	3.1	3.7	5.1	5.7
9 years	4.1	2.9	3.0	3.8
10 years	4.8	2.7	2.6	4.0
11 years	4.3	5.6	2.4	3.6
12 years	4.3	5.8	5.1	3.1
13 years	5.9	4.7	6.3	4.3
14 years	6.0	5.8	5.1	4.3
15 years	6.5	7.2	5.9	5.2
16 years	5.7	5.1	4.7	4.3
17 years	4.0	3.9	5.3	3.8

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.7	1.4	1.6	1.6
Asian	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.3
Black	2.9	1.9	1.0	1.4
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	4.6	5.1	10.8	17.2
White	81.6	76.3	68.5	63.1
Two or more races	6.7	7.2	7.5	6.6
Unable to determine	3.4	8.0	10.4	9.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total children adopted	276	296	291	202

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	1.1	0.7	0.0	0.5
1 year	12.0	11.8	12.4	9.4
2 years	14.9	19.3	15.1	17.8
3 years	13.0	13.5	12.4	15.3
4 years	10.1	9.8	11.3	9.4
5 years	8.3	9.1	7.9	8.4
6 years	8.7	8.4	5.5	8.9
7 years	4.3	2.4	7.2	7.4
8 years	4.7	3.4	2.4	5.0
9 years	4.7	6.1	3.1	3.0
10 years	4.7	1.7	2.7	3.0
11 years	2.2	2.7	3.1	1.5
12 years	2.9	2.0	2.7	2.0
13 years	1.8	4.4	3.1	4.5
14 years	2.9	1.4	2.7	3.0
15 years	1.8	1.0	2.7	0.0
16 years	1.1	1.4	2.7	0.5
17 years	0.0	0.3	1.7	0.5
18 years	0.7	0.7	1.0	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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/Alaska Native	1.4	0.7	1.7	2.0
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5
Black	1.8	2.7	2.1	0.5
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	9.8	7.8	7.6	17.8
White	77.2	77.4	74.2	58.9
Two or more races	5.1	7.4	5.2	7.9
Unable to determine	4.7	4.1	9.3	12.4
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.

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OUTCOMES DATA

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children without a recurrence	93.8	95.7	93.7	93.7
Children with one or more recurrences	6.2	4.3	6.3	6.3
Number	1,747	1,642	1,908	1,934

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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.55	0.34	0.14	0.49
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.45	99.66	99.86	99.51
Number	2,380	2,076	2,176	2,463

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	32.4	37.9	42.9	27.1
Guardianship	7.8	9.7	8.0	7.3
Reunification	43.6	41.9	36.9	53.4
Other	15.7	10.6	12.3	11.8
Missing data	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.3
Number	833	776	651	642

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	32.1	35.2	41.8	31.4
Guardianship	5.6	10.7	7.0	8.0
Reunification	27.8	29.6	23.5	29.1
Other	34.4	24.5	27.7	30.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6
Number	302	253	213	175

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	2.8	4.1	9.4	2.0
Guardianship	9.2	16.3	6.3	11.0
Reunification	34.5	43.9	37.5	35.0
Other	53.5	35.8	46.9	52.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	142	123	96	100

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children age 12 or younger at entry	42.0	46.3	41.6	29.7
Children older than 12 at entry	58.0	53.7	58.4	70.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	131	82	77	74

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	American Indian/Alaska Native				2010	Asian				2010	Black			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	33.3	16.7	66.7	18.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	33.3	27.8	53.3	54.5	7.1		
Guardianship	16.7	66.7	0.0	18.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.6	6.7	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	50.0	16.7	22.2	54.5	0.0	100.0	100.0	33.3	50.0	26.7	27.3	85.7		
Other	0.0	0.0	11.1	9.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	33.3	16.7	13.3	18.2	7.1		
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	12	6	9	11	0	1	2	3	18	15	11	14		
	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander				2010	Hispanic (of any race)				2010	White			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	40.9	36.1	27.8	25.2	31.3	38.1	44.0	27.8		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.6	4.9	11.1	10.8	8.0	9.3	8.2	6.7		
Reunification	0.0	100.0	0.0	100.0	42.4	50.8	48.6	54.1	43.0	41.1	34.7	51.4		
Other	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	9.1	8.2	12.5	9.9	17.1	11.5	13.1	13.6		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.5		
Number	0	2	1	1	66	61	72	111	661	601	464	389		
	Unable to Determine				2010	Two or More Races				2010	Missing Data			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	36.1	33.3	54.7	31.3	35.0	40.7	40.0	31.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	5.6	5.6	1.9	7.5	5.0	16.7	14.3	4.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	44.4	55.6	39.6	56.7	50.0	35.2	37.1	50.0	0.0	0.0	75.0	100.0		
Other	13.9	5.6	3.8	4.5	10.0	7.4	8.6	14.3	0.0	0.0	25.0	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	36	36	53	67	40	54	35	42	0	0	4	4		

¹⁴ 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. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Less than 12 mos.	47.1	48.0	50.4	61.2
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	38.6	39.4	35.4	32.4
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	9.9	9.2	11.7	4.1
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	2.5	1.2	0.8	1.5
48 or more mos.	1.9	2.2	1.7	0.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	363	325	240	343

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children entering care for the first time	85.5	84.6	85.9	89.8
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	4.9	6.6	4.7	2.5
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	9.5	8.6	9.3	7.2
Missing data	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.5
Number	750	546	902	958

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Less than 12 mos.	4.1	1.4	1.1	0.6
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	30.0	35.0	31.5	35.6
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	41.1	36.1	39.8	31.6
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	14.8	17.7	16.5	23.0
48 or more mos.	10.0	9.9	11.1	9.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	270	294	279	174

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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children with 2 or fewer placements	88.0	82.9	87.8	87.6	67.4	68.6	65.0	74.6	34.3	35.0	35.5	36.5	100.0	50.0	0.0	0.0
Children with 3 or more placements	11.4	16.3	11.3	11.6	32.6	31.4	35.0	25.4	65.7	65.0	64.5	63.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	50.0	0.0	0.0
Number	870	673	943	1,064	668	682	563	790	840	717	670	609	2	4	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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Group homes	3.9	4.0	4.3	0.5
Institutions	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.4
Other settings	95.9	95.2	95.3	98.9
Missing data	0.0	0.4	0.1	0.2
Number	610	455	786	851

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

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score¹⁷	104.1	118.5	110.9	112.1
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)	61.0	60.9	61.2	74.6
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)	10.1	10.4	9.7	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)	30.0	32.0	14.9	24.6
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?	12.0	6.1	9.2	14.8

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	120.4	134.3	130.8	110.7
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?	34.1	36.4	32.6	36.2
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?	28.3	28.4	27.7	28.3
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?	28.2	34.7	36.5	27.0
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	16.5	21.8	20.8	18.8
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?	48.9	45.7	48.6	34.1

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	95.9	109.6	121.8	104.4
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?	29.0	35.5	38.2	29.0
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?	87.0	90.8	89.8	87.4
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?	67.4	62.4	54.3	59.0

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	100.9	97.9	100.4	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?	88.3	82.9	88.3	88.2
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?	67.4	68.9	65.1	74.5
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?	34.4	35.0	35.5	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 (<http://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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total children under 18 years	1,351,983	1,348,766	1,346,235	1,344,522
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Asian	5.4	5.6	5.7	5.9
Black	32.2	31.9	31.6	31.4
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	11.1	11.7	12.2	12.7
White	46.5	46.0	45.5	44.9
Two or more races	4.5	4.6	4.7	4.8
Child population in poverty (%)	13.0	13.5	13.8	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Child maltreatment victims	13,059	13,740	13,079	12,397
Foster care entry rate per 1,000	2.1	2.1	2.0	1.7
Children in foster care on 9/30	6,141	5,687	4,925	4,504
Children adopted	644	539	455	355

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	N/A	N/A	95	97
Numerator	N/A	N/A	54,731	49,263
Denominator	N/A	N/A	57,861	51,022
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	N/A	N/A	70	72
Numerator	N/A	N/A	38,174	35,709
Denominator	N/A	N/A	54,731	49,263

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2010		2011		2012		2013	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children who received a Child Protective Services response for an allegation of child maltreatment	33,302	24.6 per 1,000	32,950	24.4 per 1,000	31,436	23.4 per 1,000	29,438	21.9 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims	13,059	9.7 per 1,000	13,740	10.2 per 1,000	13,079	9.7 per 1,000	12,397	9.2 per 1,000
Child fatalities	24	1.8 per 100,000	10	0.7 per 100,000	26	1.9 per 100,000	27	2.0 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	11.7	11.7	12.2	13.1
1 year	6.6	5.9	5.9	5.8
2 years	6.5	6.9	6.2	5.8
3 years	6.3	6.6	6.6	6.5
4 years	5.9	6.4	6.4	6.7
5 years	5.8	6.3	6.8	6.7
6 years	5.9	5.9	6.8	6.7
7 years	5.8	5.5	6.2	6.0
8 years	5.2	5.2	5.0	5.0
9 years	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.7
10 years	4.4	4.8	4.7	4.3
11 years	4.2	4.5	4.5	4.3
12 years	4.8	4.5	4.1	4.6
13 years	4.5	4.3	4.5	4.2
14 years	4.5	4.6	4.3	4.2
15 years	4.9	4.6	4.2	4.2
16 years	4.5	4.0	3.4	3.9
17 years	3.3	3.2	2.8	2.7
18+ years	0.2	<.1	<.1	<.1
Missing data	<.1	0.5	0.3	0.4
Number	13,059	13,740	13,079	12,397

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Asian	0.9	0.8	1.0	0.8
Black	46.0	44.4	43.7	44.2
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	7.5	7.4	6.8	7.6
White	33.7	34.1	34.9	33.5
Two or more races	2.6	2.1	1.9	2.1
Missing data	9.2	11.0	11.5	11.6
Number	13,059	13,740	13,079	12,397

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 2013 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2011–2014 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 was a new methodology used to calculate the caseworker visits measures. Because the new methodology limits data comparisons with prior years, caseworker visits data from 2010 and 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.

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Emotional abuse	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Medical neglect	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Neglect	71.6	72.2	73.4	74.3
Physical abuse	25.3	25.2	23.4	21.5
Sexual abuse	13.2	14.0	13.8	14.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	13,059	13,740	13,079	12,397

Response Time (in hours)⁹

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Mean	147.9	42.4	30.4	29.7
Median	>24 but<48	<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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total number	6,996	5,997	5,330	4,833	2,794	2,857	2,644	2,265	3,649	3,167	3,049	2,594	6,141	5,687	4,925	4,504
Median length of stay (months)	26.4	23.1	18.6	18.2	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	22.0	20.3	17.4	18.0	23.1	18.7	16.9	17.6

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	4.7	5.3	5.1	5.5	18.0	16.6	18.1	19.7	4.2	4.9	5.3	5.2	5.2	5.0	5.6	6.0
1 year	5.9	5.9	6.5	6.3	6.8	6.4	6.8	7.4	6.2	5.3	6.5	7.3	5.8	6.5	6.3	6.7
2 years	5.6	5.6	5.7	5.5	5.9	6.5	6.1	5.1	6.8	7.8	7.8	6.9	5.6	5.7	5.6	5.6
3 years	5.2	4.6	5.1	5.3	4.4	5.7	5.9	4.9	6.7	6.3	6.1	6.8	4.6	5.3	5.3	4.5
4 years	4.0	4.4	4.0	5.2	4.2	4.6	5.3	5.0	5.9	5.1	4.8	5.6	4.3	4.0	5.3	4.8
5 years	3.6	3.3	3.9	3.9	4.1	3.5	4.6	3.7	4.9	4.0	4.6	4.9	3.3	4.0	4.0	4.6
6 years	3.4	3.2	3.2	3.7	3.1	3.9	4.2	4.3	4.0	3.9	4.3	4.8	3.1	3.2	3.6	3.8
7 years	3.8	3.2	3.2	3.4	3.4	3.7	3.9	3.8	3.6	3.7	3.5	3.9	3.1	3.1	3.5	3.4
8 years	3.6	3.7	3.1	3.5	3.6	3.5	3.6	3.7	4.0	3.6	2.7	3.5	3.6	3.2	3.6	3.2
9 years	4.0	3.5	3.6	3.2	3.2	3.1	3.6	3.2	3.7	3.0	3.3	3.9	3.4	3.5	3.2	3.3
10 years	4.1	3.9	3.7	3.5	3.4	3.6	3.7	2.8	3.3	3.3	3.5	3.0	3.8	3.7	3.5	3.2
11 years	4.6	4.3	4.1	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.6	3.6	3.5	3.1	2.9	3.5	4.2	4.2	4.0	3.6
12 years	4.6	5.1	4.7	4.6	4.9	4.0	3.8	4.6	3.2	3.2	3.0	3.6	5.1	4.8	4.5	4.1
13 years	4.8	5.8	5.9	5.2	4.8	5.4	4.8	4.4	3.0	3.8	4.2	2.7	5.8	5.9	5.1	5.2
14 years	6.8	6.3	7.1	6.7	6.8	6.5	6.0	5.5	4.0	4.2	4.1	3.8	6.1	6.9	6.7	6.1
15 years	8.0	8.3	7.7	8.3	6.7	6.2	5.9	6.4	3.8	3.9	4.3	4.4	8.3	7.5	8.2	8.1
16 years	10.4	10.3	10.0	9.0	7.2	7.6	5.9	6.7	3.5	4.8	4.6	4.2	10.2	9.7	8.9	9.6
17 years	11.7	12.5	12.4	10.6	5.5	5.2	4.5	4.8	4.2	4.2	5.0	7.8	12.3	11.8	10.6	10.4
18 years	1.2	0.9	1.1	1.5	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1	20.9	21.3	18.9	12.7	1.9	2.1	2.3	2.5
19 years	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.7	<.1	0.0	0.1	0.8
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5
Missing data	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.8	<.1	<.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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/ Alaska Native	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Asian	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.2	0.5	0.2	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Black	69.8	65.9	63.5	60.9	55.8	56.9	54.5	53.8	66.0	61.5	60.3	60.4	65.7	63.8	60.6	57.6
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	3.5	3.9	4.6	4.8	4.3	5.0	3.9	5.5	3.4	3.7	4.2	4.3	3.9	4.6	4.5	5.4
White	20.9	23.9	25.6	28.3	31.6	29.8	32.4	30.4	24.1	26.7	26.9	29.1	23.9	25.3	28.5	28.9
Two or more races	3.8	4.0	4.0	3.5	3.7	4.3	3.4	4.3	3.4	4.5	4.1	3.1	3.9	3.9	3.5	4.2
Unable to determine	1.5	1.6	1.6	1.6	3.2	2.2	3.4	3.6	2.3	2.2	2.6	2.0	1.8	1.5	1.9	2.4
Missing data	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	1.0	1.1	2.2	1.8	0.5	0.8	1.5	0.7	0.4	0.5	0.8	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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total waiting children	911	904	559	501
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	324	504	169	146

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	1.4	4.0	1.1	2.4
1 year	7.5	12.2	7.9	9.2
2 years	10.5	9.3	8.8	11.4
3 years	7.7	8.4	8.4	7.8
4 years	7.2	6.2	7.3	5.2
5 years	4.3	6.0	4.8	5.8
6 years	4.8	3.4	4.3	4.4
7 years	5.6	3.2	3.0	3.8
8 years	4.4	4.1	3.6	3.6
9 years	4.5	4.6	4.8	4.0
10 years	4.9	4.8	4.7	5.8
11 years	6.0	5.3	6.8	4.0
12 years	4.2	6.0	7.0	6.2
13 years	5.8	4.4	6.6	6.0
14 years	5.0	6.0	3.6	6.2
15 years	5.9	5.0	7.7	4.6
16 years	5.3	4.0	6.4	5.2
17 years	4.8	3.2	3.2	4.6

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Asian	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.6
Black	59.6	54.0	53.0	41.5
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	4.6	5.4	7.9	8.0
White	26.7	31.3	30.9	40.3
Two or more races	6.7	5.5	5.5	6.8
Unable to determine	2.0	2.9	2.1	1.8
Missing data	0.2	0.6	0.2	1.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total children adopted	644	539	455	355

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	1.1	2.0	2.0	2.3
1 year	7.3	7.4	10.1	12.1
2 years	12.9	15.2	19.1	18.3
3 years	12.6	14.1	11.9	13.0
4 years	14.0	8.3	8.4	9.3
5 years	7.9	6.9	7.7	9.0
6 years	5.9	6.1	5.9	5.4
7 years	7.0	5.8	4.2	4.5
8 years	5.4	5.6	3.5	3.7
9 years	4.3	2.8	3.1	3.4
10 years	4.5	3.3	4.0	3.1
11 years	4.0	3.2	2.2	4.5
12 years	2.8	3.3	2.6	2.3
13 years	2.3	2.8	5.1	2.3
14 years	2.8	3.3	3.1	1.4
15 years	1.9	2.0	2.6	2.0
16 years	0.8	3.5	2.4	1.1
17 years	2.2	2.8	1.1	1.7
18 years	0.3	1.1	0.7	0.6
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3
20 years	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Asian	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.3
Black	60.2	55.7	52.5	47.9
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	3.4	5.0	3.1	6.8
White	26.1	27.8	33.0	36.6
Two or more races	5.7	8.9	7.3	4.8
Unable to determine	4.0	2.0	3.7	3.7
Missing data	0.2	0.4	0.4	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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children without a recurrence	96.6	93.1	92.9	92.8
Children with one or more recurrences	3.4	6.9	7.1	7.2
Number	4,929	6,269	6,856	6,182

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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.25	0.69	0.48	0.46
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.75	99.31	99.52	99.54
Number	9,790	8,854	7,974	7,098

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	20.0	16.8	15.0	13.8
Guardianship	1.2	2.1	2.7	3.2
Reunification	55.4	59.2	62.3	63.8
Other	22.4	21.9	19.9	19.3
Missing data	1.0	0.0	<.1	0.0
Number	3,649	3,167	3,049	2,594

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	22.2	18.1	16.1	12.7
Guardianship	0.7	1.5	1.7	2.1
Reunification	40.1	41.9	47.8	49.7
Other	36.1	38.5	34.4	35.5
Missing data	1.0	0.0	<.1	0.0
Number	1,253	1,062	1,028	975

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	1.5	1.2	0.9	0.5
Guardianship	1.1	2.2	2.0	2.5
Reunification	44.6	48.8	51.1	49.5
Other	51.4	47.8	45.9	47.6
Missing data	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	870	822	786	641

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children age 12 or younger at entry	46.4	43.8	39.7	36.8
Children older than 12 at entry	53.6	56.2	60.3	63.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	769	662	575	462

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	American Indian/Alaska Native				2010	Asian				2010	Black			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	50.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	14.3	13.3	0.0	10.0	19.3	15.4	13.2	11.0		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.7	11.1	0.0	0.8	2.2	2.2	3.1		
Reunification	25.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	57.1	66.7	88.9	50.0	52.4	55.2	60.5	63.1		
Other	25.0	0.0	100.0	100.0	28.6	13.3	0.0	40.0	26.5	27.3	24.1	22.8		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	<.1	0.0		
Number	4	2	1	1	7	15	9	10	2,408	1,949	1,839	1,568		

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander				2010	Hispanic (of any race)				2010	White			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	19.2	21.4	12.5	23.4	20.2	17.6	18.4	17.4		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	2.6	6.3	2.7	2.3	1.9	2.3	3.3		
Reunification	0.0	50.0	0.0	0.0	64.8	57.3	63.3	55.0	60.0	66.5	63.8	66.1		
Other	0.0	50.0	0.0	0.0	13.6	18.8	18.0	18.9	16.5	13.9	15.5	13.2		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	0	2	0	0	125	117	128	111	878	846	820	755		

	Unable to Determine				2010	Two or More Races				2010	Missing Data			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	29.8	16.9	21.3	21.6	28.2	31.2	23.0	19.8	5.3	4.2	6.5	0.0		
Guardianship	0.0	1.4	8.8	7.8	0.8	2.8	4.8	2.5	5.3	0.0	2.2	0.0		
Reunification	65.5	76.1	67.5	64.7	60.5	56.7	65.1	61.7	84.2	91.7	87.0	94.1		
Other	3.6	5.6	2.5	5.9	9.7	9.2	7.1	16.0	5.3	4.2	4.3	5.9		
Missing data	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	84	71	80	51	124	141	126	81	19	24	46	17		

¹⁴ 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. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Less than 12 mos.	54.1	54.4	54.5	52.5
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	21.2	22.1	24.5	26.6
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	10.8	9.3	9.4	12.1
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	5.2	5.9	4.2	3.1
48 or more mos.	8.7	8.3	7.4	5.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2
Number	2,021	1,874	1,900	1,654

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children entering care for the first time	78.6	76.4	77.8	75.5
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	8.0	10.0	11.0	11.2
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	13.4	13.5	11.2	13.0
Missing data	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.2
Number	2,794	2,857	2,644	2,265

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Less than 12 mos.	1.9	2.4	2.4	2.8
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	11.5	11.6	21.4	22.1
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	20.5	30.4	33.0	31.7
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	22.5	19.1	15.5	17.9
48 or more mos.	43.6	36.4	27.5	25.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0
Number	730	533	458	357

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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children with 2 or fewer placements	85.3	87.9	85.2	86.7	72.2	70.5	70.2	70.8	46.1	46.5	40.3	40.5	90.9	81.8	100.0	79.2
Children with 3 or more placements	9.6	8.0	10.7	11.5	26.7	26.6	29.3	28.8	51.9	49.9	58.2	58.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.2
Missing placement setting counts	5.1	4.1	4.0	1.8	1.1	2.9	0.5	0.4	2.1	3.6	1.5	0.7	9.1	18.2	0.0	16.7
Number	3,198	3,197	3,014	2,617	1,858	1,809	1,905	1,710	4,723	3,837	3,052	2,747	11	11	3	24

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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Group homes	1.7	1.8	1.9	1.8
Institutions	1.3	1.1	1.5	0.9
Other settings	97.0	97.2	96.6	97.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,858	1,897	1,885	1,602

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

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score¹⁷	94.9	99.9	97.5	98.2
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)	52.9	52.0	53.3	52.0
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)	11.0	11.3	10.9	11.3
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)	33.8	37.0	38.7	36.6
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?	13.4	11.3	14.2	12.5

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	85.9	92.5	97.8	103.6
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?	13.4	14.1	23.9	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?	44.6	39.1	33.2	32.9
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?	16.5	15.4	15.5	13.9
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	2.3	3.0	4.2	3.4
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?	79.4	78.4	80.0	81.6

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	105.4	106.1	114.6	111.5
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?	25.1	25.0	27.1	25.0
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	94.3	96.4	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?	60.0	58.4	53.0	55.8

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	110.2	111.3	105.2	105.4
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?	89.2	91.1	88.1	87.6
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?	73.0	72.5	70.6	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?	47.5	48.6	41.3	41.7

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 (<http://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 Maryland's comments on the State data presented in *Child Welfare Outcomes 2010–2013: Report to Congress*.

The Child Welfare Outcomes report for this time period continues to reflect a substantial downward trend in foster care placements, which in Maryland has been underway 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. These efforts often result in identifying relatives and other community resources for families struggling with child maltreatment. The State expects continued success with its Family-Centered Practice Model.

Maryland has focused on the safe reduction of foster care placements. Throughout the implementation of Place Matters, the state's recurrence of maltreatment has averaged 6.8 percent.

Please note that 2010 statistic for recurrence of maltreatment is incorrect as it has not been updated with revised federally guided adjustments that Maryland made starting with its 2011

NCANDS (National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System) report. If we apply the current methodology, the correct statistic is 6.4% for 2010.

Reentry into foster care within 12 months of a prior episode of foster care has varied from 11% to 14% over the last few years, and is under further scrutiny. Maryland's goal is to help families to make the best decisions about returning children home or to a relative from foster care, and to support the families when children are reunified. An in-depth analysis, including a report required by the Maryland General Assembly (interim report due December 2014; final report due April 2015) is underway. The purpose of the report is to use administrative data, case reviews, and caseworker surveys to identify the factors that predict reentry and to focus on adjustments that the child welfare agency can make to ensure the permanency of reunification.

Overall, Maryland has experienced considerable success with its Place Matters initiative featuring Family-Centered Practice, and will continue to monitor child safety and reentry after reunification as it continues to implement Place Matters, 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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total children under 18 years	1,415,962	1,407,240	1,399,417	1,393,946
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Asian	5.7	5.9	6.0	6.2
Black	7.8	7.9	8.0	8.0
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	14.9	15.3	15.8	16.3
White	68.1	67.3	66.5	65.7
Two or more races	3.2	3.4	3.5	3.6
Child population in poverty (%)	14.3	15.2	15.4	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Child maltreatment victims	24,428	20,262	19,234	20,307
Foster care entry rate per 1,000	3.9	3.8	3.8	3.9
Children in foster care on 9/30	8,945	8,600	8,493	8,553
Children adopted	725	724	754	799

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	N/A	N/A	87	87
Numerator	N/A	N/A	83,292	82,428
Denominator	N/A	N/A	96,206	94,985
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	N/A	N/A	79	80
Numerator	N/A	N/A	66,074	65,638
Denominator	N/A	N/A	83,292	82,428

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2010		2011		2012		2013	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children who received a Child Protective Services response for an allegation of child maltreatment	66,152	46.7 per 1,000	62,443	44.4 per 1,000	62,257	44.5 per 1,000	62,878	45.1 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims	24,428	17.3 per 1,000	20,262	14.4 per 1,000	19,234	13.7 per 1,000	20,307	14.6 per 1,000
Child fatalities	17	1.2 per 100,000	—	— per 100,000	—	— per 100,000	—	— per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	11.6	12.0	12.9	13.4
1 year	7.7	7.4	7.4	7.3
2 years	7.0	7.0	7.2	6.3
3 years	6.5	6.7	6.7	6.5
4 years	5.9	6.3	6.7	6.4
5 years	6.0	6.0	6.4	6.7
6 years	5.8	6.1	5.7	6.1
7 years	5.6	5.5	5.5	5.7
8 years	5.2	5.1	5.0	5.1
9 years	4.9	5.1	4.8	4.9
10 years	4.8	4.5	4.7	4.4
11 years	4.4	4.5	4.5	4.3
12 years	4.6	4.5	4.2	4.4
13 years	4.5	4.6	4.3	3.9
14 years	4.7	4.1	4.0	4.3
15 years	4.2	3.9	3.8	3.9
16 years	3.9	4.0	3.6	3.6
17 years	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
18+ years	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1
Missing data	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2
Number	24,428	20,262	19,234	20,307

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.1	<.1	0.1	0.2
Asian	1.5	1.5	1.8	1.5
Black	12.7	12.4	13.7	13.4
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	23.8	24.7	24.8	26.2
White	40.3	39.7	38.6	38.6
Two or more races	3.5	3.5	4.1	4.0
Missing data	18.1	18.1	16.9	16.1
Number	24,428	20,262	19,234	20,307

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 2013 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2011–2014 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 was a new methodology used to calculate the caseworker visits measures. Because the new methodology limits data comparisons with prior years, caseworker visits data from 2010 and 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.

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Emotional abuse	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1
Medical neglect	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Neglect	99.3	97.5	98.3	99.6
Physical abuse	14.1	15.0	14.9	13.5
Sexual abuse	3.4	3.8	4.2	4.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Number	24,428	20,262	19,234	20,307

Response Time (in hours)⁹

	2010	2011	2012	2013
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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total number	9,406	8,716	8,345	8,231	5,474	5,334	5,268	5,367	5,935	5,450	5,120	5,045	8,945	8,600	8,493	8,553
Median length of stay (months)	15.2	15.7	15.0	13.7	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	12.3	12.5	13.6	13.3	15.4	14.6	13.4	12.6

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	5.1	4.3	5.2	5.4	12.6	13.3	13.5	15.3	3.7	3.0	3.0	3.6	4.1	5.0	5.4	6.1
1 year	6.8	6.3	5.9	6.6	5.9	5.9	5.5	6.4	6.3	5.4	5.6	6.2	6.3	5.8	6.5	7.0
2 years	5.5	6.4	6.2	5.9	5.4	4.5	5.5	4.3	6.1	5.7	6.6	6.0	6.4	6.1	5.8	6.0
3 years	4.8	5.0	5.8	5.4	4.3	5.0	4.9	4.8	5.3	5.4	5.9	4.5	4.9	5.8	5.4	5.5
4 years	4.2	4.6	4.5	4.8	3.8	4.2	3.9	4.3	4.3	5.0	5.0	4.9	4.5	4.4	4.8	5.2
5 years	3.5	3.7	4.2	4.2	3.5	3.7	3.5	4.0	3.9	4.2	4.1	4.3	3.8	4.2	4.2	4.4
6 years	3.8	3.6	3.6	3.8	3.5	3.0	3.4	3.8	3.2	3.5	3.6	3.9	3.6	3.5	3.8	4.1
7 years	3.8	3.6	3.6	3.7	2.9	3.0	3.1	3.5	3.6	3.3	3.1	3.4	3.6	3.5	3.7	3.9
8 years	3.4	3.4	3.6	3.5	2.6	3.2	2.7	3.4	3.2	3.4	3.2	3.1	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.7
9 years	3.6	3.3	3.2	3.3	3.0	2.3	2.9	2.7	2.6	2.7	2.8	2.8	3.3	3.1	3.2	3.4
10 years	3.3	3.7	3.3	3.5	2.7	2.8	2.8	2.9	2.8	2.5	3.0	2.9	3.7	3.4	3.4	3.6
11 years	3.7	3.4	4.0	3.4	3.6	3.2	3.4	3.5	3.0	2.8	3.0	2.3	3.4	4.0	3.3	3.5
12 years	4.3	4.5	3.6	4.4	4.8	4.3	3.9	4.0	2.9	3.1	2.4	3.1	4.5	3.7	4.5	4.2
13 years	5.3	5.5	5.6	4.7	6.0	6.3	6.5	5.3	3.6	3.8	3.9	3.5	5.6	5.7	4.8	5.1
14 years	6.8	6.9	7.0	6.9	8.4	8.2	9.0	7.6	4.7	4.7	5.7	5.7	7.1	7.2	7.3	6.0
15 years	9.7	9.2	9.3	9.0	12.1	11.8	10.5	9.5	8.4	7.2	7.0	7.7	9.4	9.4	9.2	8.6
16 years	11.3	11.1	10.7	10.6	9.7	10.5	9.7	8.9	9.0	9.4	8.7	8.4	11.2	10.9	10.7	9.3
17 years	11.1	11.2	10.5	10.7	5.0	4.8	5.4	5.5	6.6	7.5	6.9	7.6	11.0	10.5	10.5	9.9
18 years	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	16.8	17.2	16.5	15.9	0.1	<.1	<.1	0.4
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	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	0.0	0.0	<.1	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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2
Asian	2.0	1.9	1.8	1.4	1.8	1.7	1.5	1.2	1.9	1.9	2.1	1.6	1.9	1.8	1.5	1.2
Black	16.5	16.2	15.4	14.6	14.6	14.5	14.2	12.5	15.4	15.6	15.3	14.1	16.0	15.5	14.8	13.6
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	27.1	27.4	26.8	25.9	28.5	27.6	26.6	28.5	28.1	28.8	27.8	27.9	27.3	26.6	26.0	26.4
White	46.3	45.5	46.4	47.1	45.4	46.5	46.7	46.2	46.3	44.5	45.6	45.7	45.7	46.8	47.1	47.4
Two or more races	4.8	4.9	5.6	6.6	4.4	4.5	5.8	5.9	4.4	4.3	4.8	6.1	4.9	5.1	6.2	6.4
Unable to determine	3.2	3.8	3.6	4.0	5.0	4.9	4.8	5.3	3.6	4.6	4.2	4.1	4.1	4.0	4.0	4.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.2	<.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	<.1	0.1	0.0	<.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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total waiting children	2,757	2,665	2,467	2,470
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	1,524	1,496	1,329	1,088

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	2.8	3.4	3.6	4.0
1 year	10.3	9.6	11.8	11.0
2 years	10.7	10.4	9.2	10.0
3 years	8.7	9.3	8.6	8.5
4 years	7.8	7.4	7.9	8.3
5 years	6.5	7.1	6.8	7.2
6 years	5.3	6.1	6.0	5.9
7 years	6.4	5.9	5.6	5.9
8 years	5.7	5.1	5.4	5.4
9 years	4.7	4.8	4.5	5.5
10 years	5.4	4.4	4.6	4.7
11 years	4.2	5.1	4.5	4.2
12 years	5.0	3.9	4.3	4.4
13 years	4.5	4.7	4.1	4.1
14 years	3.4	4.3	4.1	3.6
15 years	3.6	3.5	4.2	3.5
16 years	3.0	2.8	2.9	1.8
17 years	2.1	2.1	1.8	1.9

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.2
Asian	1.3	1.5	1.0	0.4
Black	15.4	14.7	14.3	12.6
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	27.5	26.3	24.2	23.3
White	44.8	46.8	48.1	49.6
Two or more races	6.6	6.3	7.3	8.5
Unable to determine	4.2	4.1	4.7	5.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total children adopted	725	724	754	799

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	0.8	0.7	0.5	0.8
1 year	16.1	12.4	11.3	13.5
2 years	16.1	15.3	16.7	17.9
3 years	13.4	13.8	14.6	10.9
4 years	9.1	9.7	9.5	10.8
5 years	7.7	8.4	10.1	9.5
6 years	6.2	6.1	7.3	8.5
7 years	6.2	7.6	6.0	5.1
8 years	4.8	5.4	6.4	4.5
9 years	3.7	4.4	4.4	3.4
10 years	4.0	5.1	3.1	3.8
11 years	3.6	3.9	3.4	2.9
12 years	2.6	2.2	2.3	1.8
13 years	2.1	1.7	1.5	2.1
14 years	1.1	1.0	1.5	1.5
15 years	0.8	0.7	0.7	1.3
16 years	1.0	0.8	0.5	1.4
17 years	0.4	0.6	0.3	0.5
18 years	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.6
Asian	1.0	1.0	2.1	1.8
Black	12.1	13.0	12.7	13.1
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	22.6	24.3	25.7	23.3
White	51.4	49.7	47.5	48.2
Two or more races	7.9	7.2	7.3	8.4
Unable to determine	4.8	4.7	4.6	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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children without a recurrence	91.5	91.9	91.5	91.0
Children with one or more recurrences	8.5	8.1	8.5	9.0
Number	13,301	10,873	9,773	9,992

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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.78	0.70	0.93	1.05
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.22	99.30	99.07	98.95
Number	14,880	14,050	13,613	13,598

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	11.9	13.0	16.1	15.8
Guardianship	4.5	6.1	6.6	6.6
Reunification	65.5	62.4	60.0	60.6
Other	18.1	18.6	17.4	16.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	5,935	5,450	5,120	5,045

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	35.1	39.3	41.1	42.1
Guardianship	2.1	4.1	4.1	6.4
Reunification	34.9	29.0	31.2	27.6
Other	27.9	27.7	23.6	23.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	717	715	734	677

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.2
Guardianship	1.8	1.9	1.8	2.4
Reunification	63.7	62.9	64.6	64.2
Other	34.3	34.9	33.4	33.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	2,368	2,206	2,028	2,043

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children age 12 or younger at entry	25.0	24.3	23.5	20.7
Children older than 12 at entry	75.0	75.7	76.5	79.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1
Number	1,017	947	858	812

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	American Indian/Alaska Native				2010	Asian				2010	Black			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	14.3	11.1	0.0	23.8	7.1	4.7	17.0	17.5	9.5	10.7	12.9	14.8		
Guardianship	28.6	11.1	0.0	19.0	3.6	0.9	7.5	1.3	3.1	5.1	6.4	5.4		
Reunification	42.9	77.8	88.9	47.6	69.6	62.3	50.0	63.8	61.9	61.3	57.3	55.7		
Other	14.3	0.0	11.1	9.5	19.6	32.1	25.5	17.5	25.6	22.9	23.4	24.1		
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	7	9	9	21	112	106	106	80	915	848	782	709		

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander				2010	Hispanic (of any race)				2010	White			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.2	11.4	14.4	13.3	13.5	14.1	17.3	16.7		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.8	3.6	6.2	4.5	6.1	7.8	6.9	7.9		
Reunification	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	69.3	65.8	61.6	63.8	63.7	60.1	59.6	60.3		
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	18.6	19.2	17.8	18.5	16.6	18.0	16.3	15.1		
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	1	1	2	3	1,670	1,568	1,422	1,407	2,750	2,424	2,334	2,306		

	Unable to Determine				2010	Two or More Races				2010	Missing Data			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	14.0	14.9	17.3	18.0	21.9	22.1	24.4	21.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	1.9	8.0	6.5	6.3	4.2	7.7	6.5	9.7	0.0	10.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	72.4	66.7	67.8	65.4	64.6	60.4	58.1	56.5	100.0	90.0	100.0	66.7		
Other	11.7	10.4	8.4	10.2	9.2	9.8	11.0	12.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	33.3		
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	214	249	214	205	260	235	246	308	6	10	5	6		

¹⁴ 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. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Less than 12 mos.	67.8	70.2	68.0	68.4
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	22.4	19.7	22.4	22.3
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	5.6	5.8	5.7	5.0
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	2.2	2.4	2.1	2.3
48 or more mos.	2.0	2.0	1.7	2.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	3,888	3,399	3,070	3,059

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children entering care for the first time	75.2	75.1	75.2	75.7
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	12.3	12.5	12.2	11.8
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	12.5	12.4	12.6	12.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	5,474	5,334	5,268	5,367

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Less than 12 mos.	1.3	0.7	1.1	1.6
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	25.7	21.2	23.1	35.9
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	31.2	31.8	33.3	24.0
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	20.5	24.6	21.0	16.4
48 or more mos.	21.3	21.6	21.6	22.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	708	707	824	799

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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children with 2 or fewer placements	75.4	78.6	80.9	80.2	48.9	49.1	53.3	56.8	23.4	24.2	25.1	25.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	24.5	21.3	19.0	19.8	51.0	50.9	46.7	43.2	76.6	75.8	74.9	74.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	<.1	0.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	6,673	6,380	6,267	6,458	3,431	3,117	3,148	3,280	4,766	4,537	4,196	3,856	10	16	2	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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Group homes	5.2	4.6	5.0	4.6
Institutions	1.7	1.3	1.0	1.6
Other settings	93.1	94.1	93.9	93.8
Missing data	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Number	3,154	3,061	3,065	3,330

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

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score¹⁷	120.7	122.3	117.4	115.7
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)	71.7	74.2	73.4	74.7
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)	6.4	5.9	6.3	6.1
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)	50.4	48.5	47.2	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?	15.3	15.6	17.0	18.7

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	83.7	75.9	88.7	103.1
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?	27.0	21.9	24.2	37.5
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?	32.6	34.6	32.4	30.4
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?	14.7	16.0	19.5	19.1
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	6.0	6.6	8.5	7.0
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?	45.0	38.0	44.7	54.2

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	112.9	114.5	119.4	123.9
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?	23.0	25.5	27.7	28.1
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?	91.0	89.8	91.7	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?	44.7	44.0	41.9	39.1

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	77.9	80.8	85.1	86.1
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?	74.0	77.4	80.2	79.5
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?	48.9	49.3	53.3	56.8
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?	23.4	24.2	25.1	25.5

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 (<http://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 Massachusetts's comments on the State data presented in *Child Welfare Outcomes 2010–2013: 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 initial assessment response. Not all reports of abuse or neglect require the same type of intervention. An initial 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 initial assessment response increased from 20% of the combined CPS investigations and assessment responses to 41% in 2013. 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. Nonemergency investigations and assessment responses must be initiated within 2 business days and completed within 15 business days unless an extension is approved.

Placement

- The number of children in care decreased significantly from 2008 to 2012 and stabilized during ffy2013.
 - Children in care at any time during the year decreased by 19.4 percent from FFY2008 to FFY2012 [16,881/13,613]. There were 13,598 children in care at any time during FFY2013
 - Admissions decreased by 20.8 percent from FFY2008 to FFY2012 [6654/5268] and increased from 5268 to 5367 in ffy2013
- Placement stability slowly and steadily increased from 2007 to 2013.

Timeliness of Adoption

The Department of Children and Families has worked to reinforce its practice expectations regarding legal consults to improve timeliness of termination of parental rights (TPR) determination. These practice expectations have been reinforced through reviews of children with the goal of adoption and through ensuring clinical and legal managers receive administrative reports listing children in placement 12-months and longer. These reports are utilized to identify children requiring permanency planning conferences where decisions to file a TPR are made.

Michigan

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total children under 18 years	2,333,121	2,299,116	2,269,365	2,245,201
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6
Asian	2.7	2.8	2.9	3.0
Black	16.5	16.4	16.2	16.1
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	7.4	7.6	7.7	7.9
White	68.8	68.5	68.3	68.0
Two or more races	4.1	4.2	4.3	4.4
Child population in poverty (%)	23.5	24.8	24.9	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Child maltreatment victims	32,412	33,333	33,394	33,938
Foster care entry rate per 1,000	3.4	3.1	3.0	3.3
Children in foster care on 9/30	16,498	15,020	14,380	14,464
Children adopted	2,597	2,506	2,559	2,365

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	N/A	N/A	96	95
Numerator	N/A	N/A	3,319	3,115
Denominator	N/A	N/A	3,442	3,290
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	N/A	N/A	85	88
Numerator	N/A	N/A	2,830	2,747
Denominator	N/A	N/A	3,319	3,115

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2010		2011		2012		2013	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children who received a Child Protective Services response for an allegation of child maltreatment	146,135	62.6 per 1,000	156,153	67.9 per 1,000	171,585	75.6 per 1,000	170,290	75.8 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims	32,412	13.9 per 1,000	33,333	14.5 per 1,000	33,394	14.7 per 1,000	33,938	15.1 per 1,000
Child fatalities	71	3.0 per 100,000	74	3.2 per 100,000	63	2.8 per 100,000	59	2.6 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	15.5	15.3	16.2	17.9
1 year	7.0	6.9	6.7	6.4
2 years	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.6
3 years	6.5	6.6	6.1	6.1
4 years	5.8	6.2	6.3	6.3
5 years	5.7	5.9	6.1	6.2
6 years	5.5	5.5	5.6	5.6
7 years	5.1	5.5	5.2	5.3
8 years	4.9	4.7	4.8	5.0
9 years	4.8	4.6	4.5	4.7
10 years	4.5	4.7	4.5	4.3
11 years	4.2	4.5	4.5	4.2
12 years	4.4	4.3	4.2	4.0
13 years	4.3	4.4	4.5	4.0
14 years	4.5	4.2	4.3	4.3
15 years	4.4	4.2	3.9	3.9
16 years	3.8	3.6	3.7	3.2
17 years	2.3	2.0	2.2	1.9
18+ years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	<.1	0.2	0.2	0.1
Number	32,412	33,333	33,394	33,938

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.4
Asian	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2
Black	26.7	25.1	23.4	24.5
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	4.4	4.3	4.8	5.0
White	60.6	61.6	61.7	59.7
Two or more races	6.4	7.2	7.8	8.6
Missing data	1.1	1.0	1.6	1.5
Number	32,412	33,333	33,394	33,938

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 2013 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2011–2014 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 was a new methodology used to calculate the caseworker visits measures. Because the new methodology limits data comparisons with prior years, caseworker visits data from 2010 and 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.

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Emotional abuse	34.4	38.3	42.6	46.4
Medical neglect	3.1	3.1	3.1	2.8
Neglect	91.8	90.2	90.7	90.9
Physical abuse	23.1	23.4	25.2	26.2
Sexual abuse	3.6	3.6	3.7	4.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	36.9	38.0	40.1	42.7
Number	32,412	33,333	33,394	33,938

Response Time (in hours)⁹

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Mean	63.0	78.8	51.8	36.5
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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total number	17,662	16,289	15,336	14,596	8,012	7,082	6,844	7,498	9,176	8,358	7,800	7,630	16,498	15,020	14,380	14,464
Median length of stay (months)	15.7	14.3	14.6	13.9	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	20.6	20.0	20.4	18.6	14.5	14.8	14.2	13.4

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	6.0	6.3	6.0	6.2	18.9	18.4	18.7	19.3	2.2	2.3	2.7	3.5	6.4	6.1	6.3	6.9
1 year	7.0	7.6	7.6	7.3	6.9	7.2	7.8	7.3	7.4	7.5	7.7	7.9	7.7	7.9	7.5	7.6
2 years	6.2	6.6	6.9	6.8	6.5	6.6	6.9	6.6	7.0	7.6	8.4	7.7	6.6	7.2	7.0	6.7
3 years	5.7	5.9	6.0	5.9	5.8	5.7	5.4	6.1	6.6	6.8	7.2	7.1	6.0	6.2	6.1	6.4
4 years	5.0	5.2	5.1	5.3	4.9	5.5	5.3	5.7	5.7	5.7	6.2	6.3	5.3	5.3	5.5	5.5
5 years	4.6	4.6	4.9	4.7	4.7	4.8	5.0	5.5	5.1	5.0	5.4	5.3	4.6	5.1	4.8	5.1
6 years	4.1	4.5	4.4	4.3	4.6	4.7	4.5	4.8	4.8	5.0	5.1	5.3	4.6	4.5	4.4	4.8
7 years	3.9	3.9	4.3	3.9	4.0	4.1	3.7	4.1	4.0	4.4	5.0	4.3	4.0	4.4	4.0	4.0
8 years	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.8	3.8	3.8	4.2	3.9	4.3	4.1	4.0	3.8	3.8	3.9	3.8
9 years	3.3	3.5	3.4	3.2	3.1	3.7	3.2	3.4	3.7	3.6	4.1	4.1	3.6	3.5	3.3	3.7
10 years	3.3	3.1	3.4	3.1	3.3	3.6	3.0	3.1	3.4	3.9	3.7	3.3	3.1	3.5	3.2	2.9
11 years	3.2	3.2	3.0	3.2	3.3	3.3	3.6	3.0	3.1	3.0	3.4	3.4	3.3	3.1	3.2	3.0
12 years	3.5	3.4	3.1	3.1	3.8	3.7	3.4	2.9	3.1	3.6	3.0	3.3	3.4	3.2	3.1	2.9
13 years	3.8	3.8	3.6	3.5	4.0	3.9	3.9	3.6	3.4	3.3	3.2	3.3	3.8	3.5	3.4	3.1
14 years	4.9	4.8	4.5	4.4	5.6	5.0	5.0	4.7	3.1	3.5	3.0	3.1	4.7	4.4	4.2	4.0
15 years	6.8	6.4	6.1	6.0	6.6	6.7	5.8	5.0	3.7	3.7	3.5	3.8	6.2	5.9	5.6	5.2
16 years	9.2	8.5	8.4	7.6	7.0	6.4	6.7	5.9	5.2	4.7	4.5	4.8	8.2	8.0	7.3	6.7
17 years	9.3	8.8	8.7	9.0	3.1	2.9	2.7	2.6	7.5	6.6	5.9	6.5	8.7	8.3	8.6	7.0
18 years	6.3	5.8	6.2	6.3	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.4	9.1	7.7	6.3	6.2	5.9	5.9	6.3	6.1
19 years	0.2	0.2	0.5	1.4	<.1	<.1	0.2	0.7	7.9	7.8	7.1	5.6	0.2	0.3	1.4	2.6
20 years	<.1	<.1	0.2	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.8	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.5	<.1	0.1	0.8	1.6
Missing data	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.2	1.0	<.1	<.1	0.2	0.6

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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.8	1.0	0.7	1.2	1.0	0.7	0.7	1.1	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.9
Asian	0.1	<.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	<.1	0.3	0.3	0.1	<.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2
Black	45.3	42.2	40.3	38.0	35.4	32.7	27.9	29.0	42.9	38.9	35.4	33.3	41.8	39.5	37.1	35.8
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	5.8	5.9	5.8	5.7	5.9	5.9	6.5	6.9	5.9	5.9	6.7	6.1	5.8	5.9	5.7	6.1
White	40.2	42.5	43.4	45.4	48.2	49.9	54.1	51.2	42.4	45.7	47.4	49.9	42.9	44.2	46.3	46.1
Two or more races	7.6	8.3	9.2	9.6	9.0	10.4	9.8	11.5	7.6	8.6	9.1	9.6	8.3	9.1	9.6	10.6
Unable to determine	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.1	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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total waiting children	5,283	4,297	3,605	3,334
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	4,339	3,677	3,149	2,825

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	5.2	4.9	5.2	5.9
1 year	9.6	9.0	8.4	9.6
2 years	8.2	9.3	8.2	8.9
3 years	7.5	7.2	8.1	7.5
4 years	6.5	6.7	6.6	6.8
5 years	5.7	6.1	5.6	6.3
6 years	5.4	5.1	5.6	5.3
7 years	5.0	4.8	4.6	4.7
8 years	4.8	4.6	4.4	4.7
9 years	4.5	4.3	4.2	4.4
10 years	3.7	4.5	4.2	3.8
11 years	4.4	3.3	4.5	4.0
12 years	4.3	4.2	4.5	4.3
13 years	5.0	4.5	4.3	3.8
14 years	5.2	5.7	5.2	4.9
15 years	6.2	5.9	6.4	5.0
16 years	5.1	5.8	5.5	5.5
17 years	3.7	4.1	4.6	4.6

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.6	0.9	0.9	0.8
Asian	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.2
Black	38.7	38.2	35.7	33.0
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	<.1	0.1	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	6.6	6.7	6.3	7.0
White	44.7	44.6	45.6	46.1
Two or more races	9.2	9.4	11.4	12.8
Unable to determine	<.1	0.1	<.1	<.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total children adopted	2,597	2,506	2,559	2,365

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	1.6	1.9	2.4	3.7
1 year	11.5	11.7	11.6	12.4
2 years	12.1	12.7	14.6	11.5
3 years	10.9	11.3	10.9	11.5
4 years	9.1	8.0	8.9	9.4
5 years	7.7	7.9	7.5	7.8
6 years	7.4	7.4	6.6	6.6
7 years	5.4	6.1	7.1	5.2
8 years	5.1	5.3	5.2	5.1
9 years	4.7	4.8	5.0	5.0
10 years	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.0
11 years	4.1	3.1	3.6	3.6
12 years	3.7	4.4	2.7	3.8
13 years	3.3	2.5	2.4	3.0
14 years	2.5	3.3	2.8	2.1
15 years	2.6	2.2	1.6	2.4
16 years	2.0	1.5	1.7	1.5
17 years	1.7	1.6	0.8	1.1
18 years	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20 years	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.6	0.4	1.2	0.6
Asian	0.1	0.1	<.1	<.1
Black	30.8	30.0	29.8	27.8
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	7.0	7.5	7.0	6.3
White	51.6	50.6	51.9	53.3
Two or more races	9.6	11.3	9.8	11.9
Unable to determine	<.1	0.0	0.2	<.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.

Michigan

OUTCOMES DATA

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children without a recurrence	91.7	93.2	92.8	93.3
Children with one or more recurrences	8.3	6.8	7.2	6.7
Number	16,592	16,279	17,400	16,531

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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.90	0.87	0.66	0.69
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.10	99.13	99.34	99.31
Number	25,674	23,371	22,180	22,094

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	28.0	29.1	32.4	30.9
Guardianship	3.6	5.0	5.6	6.0
Reunification	53.8	52.9	49.8	50.3
Other	13.2	12.8	12.1	12.5
Missing data	1.4	0.2	0.2	0.3
Number	9,176	8,358	7,800	7,630

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	30.1	33.5	39.3	37.2
Guardianship	3.3	6.1	5.1	5.3
Reunification	42.4	39.1	35.8	36.9
Other	22.1	21.0	19.5	20.0
Missing data	2.1	0.3	0.3	0.5
Number	1,350	1,357	1,395	1,351

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	3.7	3.0	3.9	3.4
Guardianship	3.6	5.5	6.2	6.0
Reunification	58.1	58.8	54.7	52.9
Other	30.5	31.8	34.6	37.3
Missing data	4.1	0.9	0.6	0.6
Number	2,695	2,237	1,917	1,994

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children age 12 or younger at entry	33.7	33.8	29.0	21.5
Children older than 12 at entry	66.3	66.2	71.0	78.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	908	878	793	825

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	American Indian/Alaska Native				2010	Asian				2010	Black			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	21.5	17.9	33.7	23.3	23.1	66.7	8.3	14.3	19.9	22.1	27.1	25.9		
Guardianship	4.6	8.9	8.1	3.3	7.7	0.0	25.0	0.0	3.2	4.2	4.3	5.4		
Reunification	55.4	55.4	53.5	65.0	61.5	33.3	58.3	85.7	57.8	55.1	49.7	49.8		
Other	16.9	17.9	4.7	8.3	7.7	0.0	8.3	0.0	16.8	18.1	18.6	18.6		
Missing data	1.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.3	0.5	0.3	0.3		
Number	65	56	86	60	13	3	12	14	3,936	3,255	2,758	2,540		

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander				2010	Hispanic (of any race)				2010	White			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	75.0	0.0	75.0	0.0	33.3	37.3	34.3	32.0	34.0	32.5	35.5	32.9		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.9	3.3	6.9	5.2	4.3	5.5	5.8	6.5		
Reunification	25.0	100.0	25.0	50.0	50.5	47.8	49.3	51.1	50.1	52.3	49.8	51.0		
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	50.0	12.3	11.6	9.4	11.8	10.9	9.6	8.8	9.3		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.1	0.1	0.3		
Number	4	1	4	2	543	490	519	466	3,892	3,823	3,700	3,806		

	Unable to Determine				2010	Two or More Races				2010	Missing Data			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	8.7	0.0	33.3	9.1	37.1	38.2	35.3	38.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.1	6.6	7.8	6.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	60.9	100.0	50.0	72.7	53.4	48.5	50.1	46.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Other	26.1	0.0	16.7	18.2	5.9	6.7	6.8	8.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Missing data	4.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	23	15	12	11	700	715	709	731	0	0	0	0		

¹⁴ 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. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Less than 12 mos.	35.8	39.3	38.4	44.3
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	43.2	42.3	44.4	41.6
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	13.4	11.5	11.7	9.5
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	3.7	3.5	2.7	2.8
48 or more mos.	3.7	3.0	2.6	1.8
Missing data	0.2	0.3	0.2	<.1
Number	4,933	4,424	3,882	3,840

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children entering care for the first time	92.2	89.4	91.9	91.2
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	3.0	3.6	2.7	2.7
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	2.0	3.2	3.4	4.0
Missing data	2.9	3.8	1.9	2.0
Number	8,012	7,082	6,844	7,498

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Less than 12 mos.	4.0	3.4	5.8	7.1
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	29.9	31.1	32.6	34.2
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	34.3	34.7	34.3	33.6
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	17.8	17.5	15.1	14.2
48 or more mos.	13.9	13.2	12.2	10.8
Missing data	0.2	<.1	<.1	<.1
Number	2,569	2,429	2,525	2,355

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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children with 2 or fewer placements	87.7	88.1	87.5	87.8	73.6	74.4	74.0	73.6	44.6	44.7	47.6	48.5	89.4	95.5	95.5	86.7
Children with 3 or more placements	12.3	11.9	12.5	12.2	26.4	25.6	26.0	26.4	55.4	55.3	52.4	51.5	10.6	4.5	4.5	13.3
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	9,164	8,264	7,962	8,835	7,389	7,169	6,726	6,355	9,074	7,871	7,470	6,889	47	67	22	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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Group homes	0.4	0.5	0.2	0.4
Institutions	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.1
Other settings	98.5	98.3	98.1	98.4
Missing data	<.1	0.1	0.4	0.2
Number	5,833	5,280	5,051	5,671

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

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score¹⁷	113.2	118.9	116.6	122.3
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)	53.3	56.8	54.5	59.2
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)	11.4	10.7	11.1	10.0
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)	23.7	28.9	26.8	28.9
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?	3.8	3.1	3.6	3.1

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	110.9	119.9	138.6	141.7
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?	34.0	34.5	38.4	41.4
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?	29.1	28.9	27.6	26.5
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?	28.8	31.4	33.5	34.7
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	16.3	14.4	18.2	15.1
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?	40.1	44.3	53.3	58.3

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	124.4	131.8	136.0	141.9
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?	33.4	36.7	39.1	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?	96.8	97.6	98.7	98.3
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?	49.0	44.6	43.2	40.2

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	107.8	108.3	108.4	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?	87.6	87.9	87.2	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?	73.9	74.5	74.1	73.7
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?	46.4	46.7	48.3	47.3

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 (<http://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 Michigan's comments on the State data presented in *Child Welfare Outcomes 2010–2013: Report to Congress*.

Child Welfare Vision

The Michigan Department of Human Services (DHS) will lead the state in supporting our children, youth and families to reach their full potential.

Child Welfare Mission

Child welfare professionals will demonstrate an unwavering commitment to engage and partner with families we serve to ensure safety, permanency and well-being through a trauma-informed approach.

The vision and mission are achieved through the following guiding principles:

- Safety is the first priority of the child welfare system.
- Families, children, youth and caregivers will be treated with dignity and respect while having a voice in decisions that affect them.
- The ideal place for children is with their families; therefore, we will ensure children remain in their own homes whenever safely possible.
- When placement away from the family is necessary, children will be placed in the most family-like setting and placed with siblings whenever possible.
- The impact of traumatic stress on child and family development is recognized and used to inform intervention strategies.
- The well-being of children is recognized and promoted by building relationships, developing child competencies and strengthening formal and informal community resources.
- Permanent connections with siblings and caring and supportive adults will be preserved and encouraged.
- Children will be reunited with their families and siblings as soon as safely possible.
- Community stakeholders and tribes will be actively engaged to protect children and support families.
- Child welfare professionals will be supported through identifying and addressing secondary traumatic stress, ongoing development and mentoring to promote success and retention.
- Leadership will be demonstrated within all levels of the child welfare system.
- Decision making will be outcome-based, research-driven and continuously evaluated for improvement.

DHS established a collective set of strategies to implement long term, systemic reforms in Michigan's child welfare system. That set of strategies, commonly referred to as the Strengthening Our Focus on Children and Families Approach, includes three primary components:

- MiTEAM Practice Model¹
- Continuous Quality Improvement Approach
- Performance Based Child Welfare System

Due to the extensive improvements in the child welfare system both Michigan's overall foster care population and the median length of stay in foster care continues to decrease. This is a direct result of our positive efforts to maintain children in their own home whenever possible.

Michigan continues to prioritize efforts to reduce maltreatment of children in foster care and increase the absence of recurrence of maltreatment by strategically addressing applicable program areas, identifying systemic factors while improving data collection and reporting.

Although Michigan is short of meeting the standard for timeliness to reunification, the standard median that keeps children from re-entering care has been consistently exceeded, making performance significantly better than the national median. Michigan believes it is important to reunify children with their families as quickly as possible, but strongly supports that children should be reunited when it is safe and appropriate, with sufficient supports in place to prevent re-entry into foster care.

The Michigan Department of Human Services is committed to improving our state's performance in outcomes related to child safety, permanency and well-being.

¹MiTEAM is Michigan's practice model which has four core competencies: teaming, engagement, assessment and mentoring

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total children under 18 years	1,282,693	1,280,424	1,278,050	1,279,111
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
American Indian/ Alaska Native	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4
Asian	5.3	5.4	5.5	5.6
Black	7.5	7.7	7.8	8.0
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	8.0	8.2	8.3	8.4
White	73.4	72.7	72.3	71.9
Two or more races	4.4	4.6	4.6	4.7
Child population in poverty (%)	15.2	15.4	14.6	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Child maltreatment victims	4,462	4,342	4,238	4,183
Foster care entry rate per 1,000	4.4	4.6	4.6	4.7
Children in foster care on 9/30	5,107	5,090	5,426	5,929
Children adopted	627	572	520	583

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	N/A	N/A	80	79
Numerator	N/A	N/A	42,510	48,057
Denominator	N/A	N/A	53,076	60,954
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	N/A	N/A	85	91
Numerator	N/A	N/A	36,304	43,540
Denominator	N/A	N/A	42,510	48,057

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2010		2011		2012		2013	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children who received a Child Protective Services response for an allegation of child maltreatment	22,815	17.8 per 1,000	23,016	18.0 per 1,000	23,635	18.5 per 1,000	25,742	20.1 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims	4,462	3.5 per 1,000	4,342	3.4 per 1,000	4,238	3.3 per 1,000	4,183	3.3 per 1,000
Child fatalities	14	1.1 per 100,000	15	1.2 per 100,000	10	0.8 per 100,000	18	1.4 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	12.1	12.3	13.1	14.3
1 year	6.7	6.5	6.9	6.5
2 years	6.4	6.9	6.1	6.0
3 years	6.4	7.3	6.7	6.1
4 years	7.2	6.6	7.0	7.1
5 years	6.1	6.6	6.1	7.4
6 years	6.4	6.2	6.6	6.6
7 years	6.1	6.3	6.3	5.2
8 years	5.8	5.3	5.5	6.0
9 years	5.9	5.3	5.6	4.8
10 years	4.9	4.5	5.1	5.5
11 years	5.1	4.4	4.3	4.6
12 years	4.5	4.6	3.8	4.2
13 years	3.9	4.4	3.9	3.5
14 years	3.3	3.9	4.0	3.8
15 years	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.5
16 years	3.0	3.1	2.8	2.9
17 years	2.3	2.0	2.3	2.0
18+ years	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0
Missing data	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.2
Number	4,462	4,342	4,238	4,183

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/ Alaska Native	7.4	9.0	8.3	8.2
Asian	1.9	2.6	2.7	2.9
Black	20.0	19.3	18.3	22.1
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	11.3	11.4	11.1	10.7
White	46.1	45.0	45.1	41.1
Two or more races	12.4	12.0	13.3	13.9
Missing data	0.8	0.7	1.1	1.2
Number	4,462	4,342	4,238	4,183

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 2013 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2011–2014 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 was a new methodology used to calculate the caseworker visits measures. Because the new methodology limits data comparisons with prior years, caseworker visits data from 2010 and 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.

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Emotional abuse	0.7	1.2	0.7	0.7
Medical neglect	1.2	1.1	1.2	1.0
Neglect	72.2	72.2	72.4	70.8
Physical abuse	20.4	21.6	19.2	21.5
Sexual abuse	18.5	18.5	20.2	18.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	4,462	4,342	4,238	4,183

Response Time (in hours)⁹

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Mean	43.1	44.9	45.2	115.7
Median	>24 but<48	>24 but<48	>24 but<48	>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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total number	5,141	4,790	4,772	5,024	5,587	5,885	5,869	5,984	5,621	5,585	5,215	5,079	5,107	5,090	5,426	5,929
Median length of stay (months)	12.2	10.9	9.3	8.8	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	5.0	5.5	5.1	5.6	10.5	8.9	9.1	10.0

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	5.3	5.5	6.0	6.5	10.1	9.6	11.1	11.7	4.9	4.2	5.0	5.1	5.4	5.9	6.0	6.5
1 year	5.8	5.4	5.6	6.6	5.0	4.8	5.3	5.7	5.5	5.5	5.9	6.0	5.5	5.8	6.4	6.6
2 years	5.5	5.4	5.0	5.8	5.0	5.3	5.0	4.9	5.3	5.9	5.1	5.9	5.4	4.8	5.5	6.0
3 years	4.3	5.0	5.1	5.3	4.3	4.8	5.1	4.8	4.9	5.0	4.8	5.6	4.8	5.1	5.0	5.2
4 years	3.8	4.2	4.4	5.0	4.0	4.1	4.3	5.0	4.0	4.5	5.0	4.9	4.2	4.1	4.8	4.7
5 years	3.7	3.5	4.2	4.2	3.5	3.8	3.7	4.7	3.8	4.2	4.0	4.5	3.5	4.1	4.0	4.9
6 years	3.4	3.5	3.6	4.2	3.5	4.0	3.9	4.0	3.5	3.3	3.8	4.2	3.4	3.6	4.0	4.3
7 years	3.3	3.4	3.7	3.5	3.0	3.6	3.2	3.9	3.4	3.7	3.2	3.9	3.3	3.6	3.4	3.9
8 years	3.2	3.0	3.5	4.0	3.0	3.4	3.9	3.6	3.1	2.6	3.9	3.5	3.0	3.7	3.6	3.7
9 years	3.1	3.4	3.8	3.7	3.1	3.2	3.3	3.2	2.7	3.2	3.5	4.1	3.4	3.6	3.4	3.8
10 years	3.7	3.5	3.9	3.8	3.3	3.1	3.1	3.2	3.2	3.0	3.5	3.4	3.4	3.7	3.7	3.2
11 years	3.5	4.3	3.7	3.8	3.9	3.4	3.0	3.5	3.0	3.0	3.2	3.2	4.2	3.8	3.5	3.5
12 years	4.4	3.9	4.7	4.1	4.3	4.4	4.1	4.3	3.8	3.3	3.5	4.1	4.0	4.8	3.8	4.0
13 years	5.0	5.7	5.1	5.3	6.0	5.5	6.1	5.2	4.3	4.5	5.0	4.9	5.9	5.2	5.2	4.4
14 years	6.5	7.3	7.0	6.3	7.9	7.7	7.9	6.9	5.6	6.6	6.8	6.3	7.4	7.2	6.2	5.7
15 years	9.0	7.9	8.4	8.2	9.6	9.6	9.4	9.5	7.9	7.6	8.7	8.7	8.2	8.5	8.5	7.3
16 years	11.5	10.7	9.2	9.1	10.3	9.9	10.0	8.7	8.6	9.0	9.2	9.3	10.9	9.6	9.1	8.6
17 years	14.3	12.9	11.8	9.8	9.5	9.0	7.2	7.2	10.6	9.6	8.2	9.0	12.8	11.6	9.4	7.7
18 years	0.6	1.2	1.3	1.1	0.8	0.8	0.4	<.1	11.6	10.3	6.8	3.6	1.3	1.2	4.0	5.1
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.4	1.0	0.6	<.1	0.1	0.1	0.5	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	<.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

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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/Alaska Native	15.9	15.5	16.6	19.7	9.6	11.2	11.6	12.7	10.5	10.4	9.3	11.2	15.0	16.1	18.2	20.0
Asian	2.0	1.3	2.0	2.1	2.0	3.1	3.0	2.8	2.5	2.3	3.0	3.3	1.4	2.2	2.2	1.8
Black	18.5	18.2	17.9	17.9	22.1	22.2	22.1	20.3	22.0	22.2	21.8	22.2	18.6	18.4	18.7	16.5
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	9.9	9.2	10.0	9.4	9.1	10.0	10.0	9.3	9.5	9.6	10.7	9.9	9.5	9.7	9.3	8.9
White	43.5	46.0	43.0	40.4	46.0	43.0	41.8	41.6	43.8	45.3	43.8	41.8	45.9	43.4	41.0	40.4
Two or more races	8.9	9.5	10.2	10.1	9.2	9.8	10.4	12.0	9.0	9.7	10.5	10.6	9.2	9.6	10.1	11.5
Unable to determine	1.2	0.1	0.2	0.4	1.7	0.7	1.0	1.1	2.5	0.4	0.8	1.0	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	<.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total waiting children	1,083	960	987	1,081
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	1,007	907	953	1,021

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	4.8	3.0	4.4	4.2
1 year	7.8	8.1	8.3	9.6
2 years	8.2	5.9	7.1	8.6
3 years	7.7	7.1	6.1	5.4
4 years	5.5	7.6	6.9	7.0
5 years	4.5	5.5	5.7	5.6
6 years	5.0	4.5	5.6	5.7
7 years	5.1	5.2	4.7	5.3
8 years	4.5	3.6	4.7	4.0
9 years	3.9	4.6	4.1	5.0
10 years	4.0	4.6	4.8	3.6
11 years	4.7	4.7	5.0	5.2
12 years	4.5	4.7	4.5	5.3
13 years	4.6	4.1	4.2	5.0
14 years	6.0	4.9	4.9	4.7
15 years	5.3	6.0	5.5	4.7
16 years	6.7	7.8	6.9	5.7
17 years	7.2	8.0	7.1	5.5

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/Alaska Native	8.6	10.5	11.3	10.2
Asian	0.7	0.6	1.9	1.2
Black	24.8	22.7	22.7	21.4
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	11.4	12.5	11.9	10.8
White	43.3	42.6	39.5	44.7
Two or more races	11.1	10.9	12.3	11.5
Unable to determine	<.1	0.1	0.4	0.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total children adopted	627	572	520	583

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	2.7	3.5	3.1	2.7
1 year	14.2	14.9	15.8	15.6
2 years	14.7	13.6	10.6	15.3
3 years	10.0	8.9	8.7	10.1
4 years	7.3	8.7	11.0	8.2
5 years	8.6	7.0	8.3	7.0
6 years	6.2	5.9	5.4	4.8
7 years	5.4	6.5	6.3	6.5
8 years	4.9	4.9	6.0	4.3
9 years	5.4	4.7	3.8	5.1
10 years	4.5	3.7	3.5	3.9
11 years	3.5	3.1	3.5	2.6
12 years	2.6	3.0	4.2	3.6
13 years	2.9	2.6	2.1	2.9
14 years	1.6	3.5	2.1	1.7
15 years	2.1	1.9	1.2	2.1
16 years	1.3	1.0	2.5	1.5
17 years	1.8	1.6	1.7	1.2
18 years	0.3	0.9	0.4	0.5
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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/Alaska Native	5.7	7.2	7.5	8.1
Asian	1.8	0.9	0.8	3.3
Black	26.3	20.5	14.0	17.7
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	10.0	8.9	13.1	13.0
White	41.6	51.2	54.2	46.5
Two or more races	13.1	11.4	10.2	10.8
Unable to determine	1.4	0.0	0.2	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.

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children without a recurrence	95.0	94.4	96.2	96.5
Children with one or more recurrences	5.0	5.6	3.8	3.5
Number	2,265	2,196	2,238	2,039

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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.23	0.34	0.41	0.25
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.77	99.66	99.59	99.75
Number	10,728	10,675	10,641	11,008

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	11.0	10.2	10.0	11.5
Guardianship	9.2	9.3	10.7	10.8
Reunification	65.7	67.1	69.5	71.7
Other	14.1	13.3	9.8	5.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	5,621	5,585	5,215	5,079

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	14.4	13.6	14.0	16.8
Guardianship	4.8	4.4	6.2	7.1
Reunification	56.2	58.9	62.8	65.9
Other	24.6	23.1	16.9	10.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	2,041	2,004	1,906	1,882

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	0.7	0.6	0.8	0.8
Guardianship	3.2	3.0	3.8	3.9
Reunification	70.4	72.7	76.2	82.4
Other	25.7	23.6	19.3	12.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	2,451	2,428	2,132	1,946

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children age 12 or younger at entry	22.4	22.4	19.3	15.2
Children older than 12 at entry	77.6	77.6	80.7	84.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	608	558	337	132

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	American Indian/Alaska Native				2010	Asian				2010	Black			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	5.8	6.9	8.3	9.0	7.8	3.8	2.6	11.4	13.3	9.4	6.3	9.0		
Guardianship	20.0	18.4	27.5	26.4	12.1	4.6	8.4	4.8	5.7	6.4	8.6	7.6		
Reunification	57.7	58.1	52.4	58.1	69.5	77.9	81.3	78.4	67.7	70.7	74.9	76.0		
Other	16.6	16.7	11.8	6.5	10.6	13.7	7.7	5.4	13.2	13.5	10.2	7.4		
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	591	582	483	568	141	131	155	167	1,237	1,241	1,139	1,128		

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander				2010	Hispanic (of any race)				2010	White			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	11.0	9.6	11.6	15.1	10.6	11.6	12.4	12.8		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.9	10.3	7.3	6.6	7.8	8.5	9.0	9.9		
Reunification	50.0	100.0	50.0	100.0	66.9	70.6	72.0	73.9	66.2	66.2	68.4	71.3		
Other	50.0	0.0	50.0	0.0	12.2	9.6	9.1	4.4	15.5	13.6	10.2	6.0		
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	1	2	1	534	534	560	502	2,464	2,528	2,285	2,122		

	Unable to Determine				2010	Two or More Races				2010	Missing Data			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	6.4	0.0	2.3	8.2	16.0	12.2	9.9	11.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	4.3	4.2	0.0	2.0	11.9	10.1	12.5	11.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	80.7	83.3	95.3	87.8	61.0	66.3	70.1	73.1	100.0	100.0	100.0	50.0		
Other	8.6	12.5	2.3	2.0	11.1	11.4	7.5	4.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	50.0		
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	140	24	43	49	505	543	546	540	7	1	2	2		

¹⁴ 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. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Less than 12 mos.	88.3	88.5	89.4	89.1
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	8.9	9.2	8.4	8.6
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	1.5	1.4	1.0	1.4
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	0.7	0.5	0.3	0.5
48 or more mos.	0.6	0.4	0.7	0.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0
Number	3,693	3,750	3,625	3,642

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children entering care for the first time	63.3	65.9	64.3	68.1
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	19.2	19.6	20.0	16.3
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	16.9	14.3	15.3	15.0
Missing data	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.6
Number	5,587	5,885	5,869	5,984

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Less than 12 mos.	5.2	7.9	8.5	8.4
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	38.3	39.9	43.7	43.2
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	31.5	30.8	25.6	29.0
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	15.3	12.1	13.3	10.1
48 or more mos.	9.7	9.4	8.9	9.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	619	572	519	586

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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children with 2 or fewer placements	87.9	86.8	86.0	87.0	60.0	60.9	56.8	60.4	29.9	30.5	32.9	33.7	97.4	97.5	100.0	95.2
Children with 3 or more placements	12.1	13.2	14.0	12.4	40.0	39.1	43.2	39.6	70.1	69.5	67.1	66.3	2.6	2.5	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.8
Number	6,621	6,936	7,005	7,127	1,801	1,733	1,848	2,084	2,267	1,966	1,771	1,776	39	40	17	21

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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Group homes	8.4	6.9	6.8	2.9
Institutions	5.3	6.0	6.4	5.4
Other settings	86.2	87.1	86.8	91.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	3,097	3,356	3,443	3,717

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

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score¹⁷	117.0	116.1	113.6	112.6
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)	85.3	87.0	87.7	87.4
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)	3.7	4.3	4.3	4.8
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)	57.0	57.4	56.1	53.4
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?	24.5	25.1	27.3	26.2

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	98.4	97.5	102.7	106.3
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?	43.4	47.7	52.2	51.5
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?	26.6	25.6	23.2	23.6
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?	20.2	20.3	18.8	21.4
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	2.8	2.9	5.2	4.7
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?	38.0	43.5	42.0	42.4

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	110.3	113.1	116.3	128.5
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?	21.2	20.3	20.4	23.9
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?	89.4	90.9	94.2	97.1
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	38.9	36.7	29.7

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	93.4	92.7	92.0	96.1
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?	85.2	83.9	83.3	85.6
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?	60.0	61.1	56.7	60.2
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?	30.0	31.0	33.4	34.2

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 (<http://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.

Mississippi

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total children under 18 years	754,111	747,742	742,941	737,432
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6
Asian	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.9
Black	43.6	43.3	43.1	43.0
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	3.5	3.7	3.8	3.9
White	49.6	49.6	49.6	49.4
Two or more races	1.9	2.0	2.1	2.2
Child population in poverty (%)	32.5	31.8	34.7	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Child maltreatment victims	7,403	6,712	7,599	7,415
Foster care entry rate per 1,000	3.3	3.0	3.0	3.4
Children in foster care on 9/30	3,716	3,684	3,680	4,085
Children adopted	355	358	425	345

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	N/A	N/A	47	66
Numerator	N/A	N/A	19,005	26,287
Denominator	N/A	N/A	40,638	39,710
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	N/A	N/A	83	85
Numerator	N/A	N/A	15,732	22,232
Denominator	N/A	N/A	19,005	26,287

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2010		2011		2012		2013	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children who received a Child Protective Services response for an allegation of child maltreatment	26,875	35.6 per 1,000	27,138	36.3 per 1,000	32,829	44.2 per 1,000	30,194	40.9 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims	7,403	9.8 per 1,000	6,712	9.0 per 1,000	7,599	10.2 per 1,000	7,415	10.1 per 1,000
Child fatalities	17	2.3 per 100,000	13	1.7 per 100,000	7	0.9 per 100,000	12	1.6 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	10.0	10.4	9.7	10.2
1 year	6.5	6.5	5.9	5.5
2 years	5.9	6.4	6.0	5.7
3 years	6.2	5.9	6.2	5.8
4 years	5.6	6.6	6.2	5.9
5 years	6.3	5.8	6.3	6.5
6 years	6.4	5.7	6.3	7.3
7 years	5.7	5.1	6.0	6.0
8 years	5.6	5.1	5.3	5.4
9 years	5.6	5.3	5.0	4.7
10 years	4.5	5.1	5.4	5.1
11 years	4.5	4.7	5.1	4.2
12 years	4.8	5.3	5.0	4.9
13 years	4.8	4.8	5.0	5.0
14 years	5.3	4.7	4.9	5.5
15 years	4.8	5.1	5.1	5.2
16 years	4.7	4.5	3.7	4.0
17 years	2.5	2.8	2.6	2.7
18+ years	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1
Number	7,403	6,712	7,599	7,415

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.2	0.5	0.2	0.2
Asian	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1
Black	41.6	43.5	42.6	40.7
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	2.1	2.8	2.7	2.1
White	50.7	48.3	49.4	52.8
Two or more races	1.1	1.3	1.6	1.5
Missing data	4.0	3.5	3.3	2.5
Number	7,403	6,712	7,599	7,415

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 2013 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2011–2014 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 was a new methodology used to calculate the caseworker visits measures. Because the new methodology limits data comparisons with prior years, caseworker visits data from 2010 and 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.

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Emotional abuse	11.3	12.4	13.6	16.8
Medical neglect	4.5	3.8	3.8	4.5
Neglect	68.4	72.7	72.9	72.7
Physical abuse	21.0	20.1	19.2	19.5
Sexual abuse	13.2	12.8	14.3	13.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.4
Number	7,403	6,712	7,599	7,415

Response Time (in hours)⁹

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Mean	79.3	116.0	229.5	51.2
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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total number	3,318	3,588	3,575	3,627	2,474	2,244	2,256	2,514	2,076	2,148	2,151	2,056	3,716	3,684	3,680	4,085
Median length of stay (months)	12.9	12.0	13.1	12.4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	11.8	12.0	13.6	12.8	11.7	13.1	12.6	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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	6.1	5.8	6.0	5.2	14.9	15.2	13.9	14.2	5.0	3.6	3.9	3.2	5.7	5.9	5.1	5.6
1 year	7.7	7.6	7.5	6.5	7.9	7.8	7.6	7.0	7.9	7.5	7.3	6.5	7.6	7.5	6.8	7.0
2 years	7.5	7.2	6.9	7.6	7.4	7.0	7.0	6.7	8.8	8.7	8.1	7.4	7.2	6.8	7.5	7.0
3 years	6.0	6.8	6.3	6.4	6.5	5.4	6.3	6.5	6.9	7.4	7.9	7.1	6.7	6.4	6.2	6.7
4 years	5.2	5.5	5.5	6.3	5.5	5.1	6.5	5.6	6.8	6.1	5.5	7.6	5.4	5.6	6.2	5.9
5 years	5.2	5.1	5.2	6.0	4.8	5.2	4.9	5.9	6.3	5.9	5.2	6.5	5.0	5.2	5.9	5.2
6 years	4.2	4.9	4.8	4.8	6.1	4.2	4.7	6.1	5.3	4.8	5.3	5.4	5.0	4.6	4.6	6.3
7 years	4.3	3.8	4.2	5.1	4.6	4.4	4.9	5.7	4.6	5.4	4.6	5.8	3.9	4.2	5.1	5.0
8 years	3.8	4.8	3.9	4.0	4.8	4.8	3.7	4.3	4.5	4.7	4.0	4.7	5.1	3.7	4.0	4.9
9 years	4.3	3.8	4.4	3.5	3.9	4.0	4.1	3.7	3.4	4.1	5.0	4.1	3.6	4.4	3.4	3.7
10 years	4.0	4.4	4.2	4.4	3.9	4.4	4.8	4.0	4.4	4.3	4.3	4.0	4.4	4.2	4.4	3.8
11 years	3.9	3.9	4.2	4.2	3.3	4.0	3.9	3.3	3.7	4.1	4.3	3.8	3.8	4.4	4.3	3.9
12 years	3.5	4.0	3.9	4.3	4.2	4.4	4.6	4.1	3.7	3.6	4.3	3.9	4.1	3.8	4.2	4.0
13 years	3.8	3.3	4.4	4.2	4.0	4.7	4.9	4.2	3.2	3.8	3.5	3.8	3.5	4.5	4.6	4.5
14 years	4.7	4.3	3.6	4.7	4.2	4.4	5.2	4.8	3.5	3.6	3.7	4.5	4.4	3.7	4.9	4.4
15 years	6.9	5.1	5.6	4.3	4.9	5.7	5.0	5.7	4.2	4.2	4.0	4.1	5.1	5.3	4.4	5.4
16 years	7.5	7.6	5.6	6.1	6.0	5.3	4.5	4.7	4.6	4.7	4.7	4.1	7.4	5.7	6.1	5.2
17 years	6.2	7.1	7.3	5.2	3.3	3.7	3.4	3.3	5.5	5.7	4.2	4.0	6.9	7.2	5.3	5.8
18 years	3.1	3.3	4.0	4.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	4.5	4.9	6.6	4.7	3.4	4.1	4.1	3.2
19 years	1.3	1.2	2.0	2.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	1.7	1.3	2.2	2.3	1.2	2.0	2.0	2.0
20 years	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.8	1.1	1.6	0.5	0.5	0.9	0.6
Missing data	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.7	0.3	0.9	0.2	<.1	<.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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/ Alaska Native	<.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	<.1	0.2	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2
Asian	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	<.1	0.3	0.3	0.1	<.1	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2
Black	53.0	48.5	49.3	48.7	41.6	46.5	43.3	42.6	45.9	44.6	44.9	46.0	49.3	49.5	48.2	46.4
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	2.4	2.2	2.8	3.8	2.8	4.1	3.6	2.8	3.1	2.9	1.9	3.4	2.3	3.0	3.8	3.4
White	42.1	46.4	44.6	44.2	52.8	46.0	49.2	50.2	48.4	50.1	49.6	47.0	45.7	44.0	44.5	46.5
Two or more races	1.8	1.8	2.2	2.1	1.3	2.0	2.3	2.1	1.6	1.5	2.4	1.9	1.6	2.1	2.1	2.2
Unable to determine	0.4	0.7	0.6	0.6	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.6	0.6	0.8	0.8	1.1	0.7	0.9	0.8	1.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total waiting children	861	905	912	1,027
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	470	483	390	379

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	1.7	1.7	2.5	2.5
1 year	6.5	7.6	5.9	7.2
2 years	8.0	8.4	10.0	8.1
3 years	9.2	6.6	7.3	8.6
4 years	5.7	7.8	7.1	8.3
5 years	4.9	6.3	6.6	5.6
6 years	5.1	5.7	5.4	7.4
7 years	4.9	4.9	5.7	5.2
8 years	5.3	4.0	4.6	5.3
9 years	5.2	5.7	4.8	3.9
10 years	6.3	4.8	4.9	4.4
11 years	5.5	5.6	5.4	4.8
12 years	5.7	5.4	5.9	5.5
13 years	4.5	5.2	5.0	5.6
14 years	4.1	4.1	5.4	4.3
15 years	6.9	5.3	5.2	5.5
16 years	6.3	6.1	4.9	4.1
17 years	4.3	4.8	3.3	4.0

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.7
Asian	0.0	0.1	0.5	0.2
Black	53.1	49.9	50.5	48.8
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	1.6	1.9	3.4	4.2
White	41.6	45.1	41.2	42.7
Two or more races	3.4	2.4	3.3	2.7
Unable to determine	0.2	0.4	0.8	0.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total children adopted	355	358	425	345

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	1.1	0.8	1.4	0.3
1 year	8.7	6.4	8.0	5.5
2 years	14.9	13.4	14.8	11.3
3 years	13.8	14.2	11.3	11.9
4 years	9.9	7.8	8.7	10.1
5 years	9.0	6.7	7.5	9.6
6 years	6.8	6.4	7.1	6.1
7 years	4.5	6.4	4.7	6.1
8 years	5.6	6.7	4.9	7.5
9 years	3.4	4.2	5.9	5.8
10 years	4.5	5.3	4.5	4.1
11 years	4.5	5.0	5.2	5.2
12 years	2.8	3.6	4.0	3.5
13 years	3.7	3.6	3.5	3.8
14 years	2.0	2.2	1.2	2.6
15 years	2.3	3.1	1.9	2.9
16 years	1.7	2.0	0.7	2.6
17 years	0.6	1.1	3.3	1.2
18 years	0.0	0.8	1.2	0.0
19 years	0.3	0.0	0.2	0.0
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.2
Black	42.5	40.5	40.0	45.5
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	3.7	2.5	1.6	2.3
White	50.1	53.4	57.4	45.2
Two or more races	2.5	3.6	0.7	5.2
Unable to determine	0.6	0.0	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.

Mississippi

OUTCOMES DATA

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children without a recurrence	94.0	92.6	93.2	93.5
Children with one or more recurrences	6.0	7.4	6.8	6.5
Number	3,691	3,310	3,565	3,492

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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children maltreated while in foster care	1.88	1.59	1.65	0.94
Children not maltreated while in foster care	98.12	98.41	98.35	99.06
Number	5,792	5,832	5,831	6,141

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	16.2	15.7	18.6	16.3
Guardianship	4.3	5.6	5.6	4.4
Reunification	73.1	73.5	69.9	73.6
Other	6.1	4.9	5.7	5.3
Missing data	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3
Number	2,076	2,148	2,151	2,056

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	40.7	38.6	57.4	62.7
Guardianship	3.7	3.3	3.6	2.0
Reunification	46.5	48.4	31.3	29.2
Other	9.1	8.8	7.7	5.8
Missing data	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.3
Number	241	215	336	295

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	1.3	2.3	2.6	2.3
Guardianship	4.4	4.5	5.3	4.2
Reunification	76.5	78.2	73.3	77.8
Other	17.6	14.8	18.9	15.6
Missing data	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0
Number	459	514	509	474

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children age 12 or younger at entry	30.4	21.6	22.0	23.5
Children older than 12 at entry	69.6	78.4	78.0	76.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	79	74	82	81

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	American Indian/Alaska Native				2010	Asian			2010	Black			2013
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2011	2012	2013		2011	2012		
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	40.0	15.0	13.4	16.3	16.1	
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.4	4.0	5.7	3.6	
Reunification	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	100.0	50.0	100.0	40.0	73.5	76.1	70.8	74.2	
Other	100.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	50.0	0.0	20.0	7.9	6.3	6.8	5.9	
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.2	
Number	2	0	2	1	3	2	6	10	953	958	966	945	

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander				2010	Hispanic (of any race)			2010	White			2013
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2011	2012	2013		2011	2012		
Adoption	66.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	20.3	14.5	17.1	11.4	16.7	17.6	21.8	15.7	
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.1	1.6	0.0	0.0	5.1	7.3	5.4	5.8	
Reunification	33.3	0.0	0.0	100.0	76.6	80.6	80.5	84.3	73.0	71.0	67.9	73.3	
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.2	2.4	4.3	5.0	3.8	4.9	4.7	
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.5	
Number	3	0	0	2	64	62	41	70	1,005	1,076	1,067	966	

	Unable to Determine				2010	Two or More Races			2010	Missing Data			2013
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2011	2012	2013		2011	2012		
Adoption	15.4	0.0	5.9	9.1	27.3	37.5	5.8	45.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Guardianship	7.7	0.0	17.6	0.0	9.1	9.4	7.7	2.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Reunification	76.9	100.0	70.6	86.4	63.6	50.0	80.8	50.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Other	0.0	0.0	5.9	4.5	0.0	3.1	5.8	2.5	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	13	18	17	22	33	32	52	40	0	0	0	0	

¹⁴ 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. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Less than 12 mos.	66.4	63.4	58.8	60.1
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	22.0	26.0	27.7	26.8
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	6.6	6.4	7.7	7.7
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	2.0	1.8	2.6	2.6
48 or more mos.	3.0	2.3	3.1	2.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1
Number	1,518	1,578	1,503	1,513

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children entering care for the first time	89.0	88.5	86.3	86.3
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	4.7	4.5	5.5	5.0
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	6.2	7.0	8.2	8.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	2,474	2,244	2,256	2,514

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Less than 12 mos.	4.5	3.6	2.2	2.1
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	30.0	23.1	23.4	18.8
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	31.2	32.2	37.4	38.1
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	21.7	21.6	17.7	23.5
48 or more mos.	12.8	19.5	19.2	17.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	337	338	401	336

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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children with 2 or fewer placements	80.7	77.9	80.0	80.0	55.9	52.4	51.2	57.5	28.1	29.7	30.5	30.5	75.0	66.7	50.0	66.7
Children with 3 or more placements	18.0	20.0	19.6	17.0	43.7	47.5	48.5	41.9	71.9	70.3	69.5	69.5	25.0	33.3	50.0	8.3
Missing placement setting counts	1.3	2.1	0.4	3.1	0.4	<.1	0.3	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	25.0
Number	2,950	2,776	2,701	2,990	1,335	1,513	1,483	1,502	1,503	1,540	1,645	1,637	4	3	2	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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Group homes	7.4	4.3	4.1	4.0
Institutions	1.1	1.9	1.6	1.9
Other settings	91.6	93.7	94.3	94.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,875	1,644	1,713	1,840

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

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score¹⁷	133.4	134.5	127.3	133.3
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)	72.6	70.0	67.1	70.2
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)	6.5	7.4	7.3	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)	48.3	48.2	44.4	50.3
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?	7.2	6.3	6.9	7.4

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	114.9	116.3	129.5	125.2
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?	34.5	26.7	25.9	20.8
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?	29.5	32.1	30.7	33.6
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?	24.5	23.7	30.6	28.2
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	11.7	17.8	14.4	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?	60.0	56.6	63.4	68.8

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	138.2	137.1	138.3	146.5
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?	33.9	31.8	35.0	38.9
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?	95.9	95.5	95.1	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	34.9	32.7	31.5

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	88.8	85.6	87.5	91.0
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?	80.9	78.5	79.8	81.6
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?	56.3	52.8	51.8	57.9
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?	29.8	31.3	32.7	33.3

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 (<http://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

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total children under 18 years	1,424,042	1,414,444	1,405,015	1,397,685
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
Asian	1.6	1.7	1.7	1.8
Black	13.9	13.8	13.7	13.6
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2
Hispanic (of any race)	5.7	5.8	6.0	6.2
White	74.6	74.4	74.1	73.9
Two or more races	3.6	3.8	3.9	4.0
Child population in poverty (%)	20.9	22.1	22.6	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Child maltreatment victims	5,313	5,826	4,685	1,827
Foster care entry rate per 1,000	3.8	3.9	4.2	4.4
Children in foster care on 9/30	8,530	9,102	9,817	10,691
Children adopted	1,170	1,212	1,228	1,231

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	N/A	N/A	98	98
Numerator	N/A	N/A	120,195	126,675
Denominator	N/A	N/A	122,747	129,878
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	N/A	N/A	99	99
Numerator	N/A	N/A	119,013	125,438
Denominator	N/A	N/A	120,195	126,675

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2010		2011		2012		2013	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children who received a Child Protective Services response for an allegation of child maltreatment	60,029	42.2 per 1,000	69,037	48.8 per 1,000	71,912	51.2 per 1,000	70,569	50.5 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims	5,313	3.7 per 1,000	5,826	4.1 per 1,000	4,685	3.3 per 1,000	1,827	1.3 per 1,000
Child fatalities	31	2.2 per 100,000	36	2.5 per 100,000	20	1.4 per 100,000	19	1.4 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	7.3	7.2	7.7	9.5
1 year	6.6	6.8	5.9	7.3
2 years	6.8	7.8	6.9	7.2
3 years	7.2	7.6	6.5	6.3
4 years	6.4	7.1	6.7	6.6
5 years	6.7	6.6	7.6	7.1
6 years	5.8	5.9	5.5	5.1
7 years	5.9	5.5	5.6	5.2
8 years	5.4	5.1	4.8	5.9
9 years	4.9	5.3	4.9	4.9
10 years	4.5	5.3	4.4	4.0
11 years	3.8	4.5	5.1	3.2
12 years	4.7	4.7	5.1	4.5
13 years	5.1	4.6	5.5	5.5
14 years	5.0	5.2	5.4	5.4
15 years	6.1	5.1	5.4	5.7
16 years	5.3	3.7	4.7	4.6
17 years	2.5	2.2	2.2	2.0
18+ years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	5,313	5,826	4,685	1,827

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.4
Asian	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Black	17.8	17.0	14.9	11.6
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	0.2	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	3.9	3.4	3.8	2.7
White	75.9	76.3	77.5	80.7
Two or more races	0.0	0.0	1.3	1.9
Missing data	1.9	2.6	1.8	2.5
Number	5,313	5,826	4,685	1,827

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 2013 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2011–2014 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 was a new methodology used to calculate the caseworker visits measures. Because the new methodology limits data comparisons with prior years, caseworker visits data from 2010 and 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.

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Emotional abuse	3.9	4.1	4.5	8.2
Medical neglect	3.0	3.0	3.5	6.9
Neglect	57.0	60.9	60.4	68.9
Physical abuse	30.8	29.8	29.8	38.3
Sexual abuse	28.1	24.1	24.3	29.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0
Number	5,313	5,826	4,685	1,827

Response Time (in hours)⁹

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Mean	27.8	28.8	29.9	26.4
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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total number	7,985	8,763	9,272	9,958	5,428	5,584	5,891	6,205	4,883	5,246	5,347	5,472	8,530	9,102	9,817	10,691
Median length of stay (months)	12.8	12.0	12.3	12.3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	14.4	14.3	15.1	15.8	12.3	12.6	12.7	12.6

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	6.1	6.4	6.3	6.5	15.9	15.9	16.5	16.8	4.6	4.6	3.9	3.7	6.3	6.1	6.4	6.4
1 year	7.2	7.4	7.4	7.7	8.2	7.1	7.2	6.7	7.8	7.7	7.9	8.1	7.4	7.3	7.7	7.7
2 years	6.8	7.3	6.7	6.6	7.4	6.5	6.5	6.7	7.5	8.1	7.6	7.2	7.4	6.7	6.6	6.8
3 years	6.0	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.5	7.1	6.2	6.6	7.0	7.3	6.5	7.5	6.5	6.6	6.6	6.3
4 years	5.7	6.1	6.3	6.3	6.1	6.5	5.9	5.9	5.7	7.3	6.5	6.4	6.0	6.4	6.3	6.1
5 years	4.5	5.4	5.4	5.9	5.5	5.0	6.0	6.1	5.4	5.9	6.5	6.8	5.5	5.4	5.9	6.0
6 years	4.6	4.9	5.2	5.3	4.8	5.2	5.3	5.6	4.9	5.5	5.7	6.1	4.7	5.1	5.2	5.5
7 years	4.3	4.6	4.8	4.7	5.1	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.8	4.6	4.9	5.0	4.7	4.8	4.8	5.2
8 years	4.3	4.3	4.9	4.4	3.9	4.5	4.1	4.5	4.6	4.5	4.6	4.9	4.3	4.8	4.4	4.4
9 years	3.9	3.8	4.2	4.5	3.7	4.3	4.0	3.9	3.9	4.0	4.5	4.1	3.8	4.1	4.6	4.4
10 years	3.8	3.9	4.1	4.0	3.8	3.9	4.1	4.1	3.7	3.2	3.8	4.1	4.0	4.2	4.1	4.2
11 years	4.2	3.7	4.3	4.3	3.4	3.6	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.1	4.1	3.8	3.7	4.2	4.2	4.3
12 years	4.1	4.2	4.0	4.5	4.2	4.1	4.3	3.9	3.3	3.4	3.5	3.7	4.2	3.9	4.4	4.2
13 years	4.3	4.9	4.7	4.6	4.8	4.5	4.7	4.5	3.3	3.3	3.7	3.2	5.0	4.8	4.6	4.8
14 years	5.7	5.2	5.5	5.2	4.6	5.5	5.2	4.7	3.7	4.3	3.6	3.7	5.1	5.5	5.2	5.1
15 years	7.4	6.2	5.9	6.3	5.2	5.2	5.0	5.2	4.3	3.9	3.9	3.8	6.3	6.0	6.3	5.9
16 years	8.9	7.4	7.0	6.5	5.5	4.8	4.8	4.7	5.6	4.2	4.1	4.0	7.4	7.1	6.4	6.6
17 years	8.0	7.4	6.5	6.0	1.4	1.7	1.6	1.5	4.8	4.2	4.9	4.4	7.5	6.6	6.1	5.7
18 years	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	11.2	10.9	9.7	9.3	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	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2
Asian	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2
Black	27.4	24.9	22.7	22.0	20.5	20.4	19.3	19.3	23.5	23.6	20.3	19.8	25.2	22.9	22.0	21.5
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.2	0.1	<.1	<.1	0.2	0.2	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	2.9	2.9	3.1	3.4	3.9	3.5	3.8	4.1	3.9	3.2	3.5	3.8	3.0	3.1	3.3	3.6
White	67.0	69.7	70.9	71.0	72.8	72.3	72.9	71.8	69.5	70.6	72.7	72.4	69.2	70.8	71.1	70.8
Two or more races	1.2	0.9	1.3	1.3	1.1	1.4	1.6	1.7	1.5	0.9	1.5	1.6	0.9	1.3	1.3	1.4
Unable to determine	0.8	0.9	1.4	1.8	1.2	1.8	1.9	2.6	0.9	1.1	1.3	1.7	1.0	1.4	1.8	2.3
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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total waiting children	2,004	2,079	2,084	2,186
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	1,049	1,014	882	807

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	2.3	2.2	2.7	2.1
1 year	7.0	7.0	7.5	7.6
2 years	7.7	7.5	6.8	8.5
3 years	6.0	6.5	7.6	6.2
4 years	5.7	6.5	6.1	6.3
5 years	6.3	5.8	5.7	6.0
6 years	4.6	5.7	5.1	5.9
7 years	5.6	5.1	4.4	6.3
8 years	4.4	5.4	5.4	5.0
9 years	4.6	4.5	5.6	5.6
10 years	5.1	4.5	4.5	5.2
11 years	4.7	5.4	5.1	4.6
12 years	5.1	5.0	6.1	4.5
13 years	5.0	4.8	5.5	5.4
14 years	5.6	5.9	5.3	5.6
15 years	6.8	5.7	5.9	5.5
16 years	7.2	6.7	5.7	5.2
17 years	6.1	5.8	5.0	4.4

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.1	0.1	0.0	<.1
Asian	<.1	0.3	0.2	0.2
Black	34.7	30.5	29.0	25.7
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	1.8	3.1	3.4	4.3
White	61.9	63.4	65.0	66.0
Two or more races	0.8	1.1	1.0	1.3
Unable to determine	0.6	1.3	1.4	2.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total children adopted	1,170	1,212	1,228	1,231

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	3.1	4.0	2.3	3.2
1 year	12.4	13.4	12.5	13.8
2 years	12.6	13.6	13.6	11.9
3 years	10.1	9.4	9.8	10.7
4 years	7.9	9.7	8.6	8.9
5 years	7.9	7.9	8.3	7.8
6 years	5.7	6.6	7.3	6.7
7 years	5.0	6.2	6.4	4.6
8 years	4.9	5.2	5.1	5.1
9 years	4.3	4.2	5.0	4.5
10 years	3.8	3.7	3.7	3.7
11 years	3.7	2.6	3.5	4.6
12 years	4.0	2.9	3.0	3.3
13 years	2.9	2.6	1.8	3.2
14 years	2.6	1.9	2.0	1.9
15 years	2.5	2.0	2.4	1.8
16 years	3.2	2.2	2.0	1.5
17 years	2.0	1.4	1.9	1.7
18 years	0.9	0.2	0.4	0.5
19 years	0.3	<.1	0.2	<.1
20 years	<.1	0.0	0.2	<.1

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.6
Asian	0.7	0.2	0.2	<.1
Black	24.4	27.6	22.0	22.3
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	<.1	0.0	0.2	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	4.4	2.9	3.8	3.6
White	67.9	67.2	70.6	70.3
Two or more races	1.6	0.9	1.5	1.5
Unable to determine	0.6	0.7	1.2	1.5
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.

Missouri

OUTCOMES DATA

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children without a recurrence	97.3	96.7	97.9	98.0
Children with one or more recurrences	2.7	3.3	2.1	2.0
Number	2,482	2,625	2,751	817

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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.42	0.22	0.25	0.14
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.58	99.78	99.75	99.86
Number	13,413	14,347	15,163	16,163

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	21.8	20.9	21.3	21.3
Guardianship	4.4	6.9	12.6	14.3
Reunification	59.8	59.2	54.3	52.7
Other	13.8	12.9	11.7	11.5
Missing data	0.2	<.1	<.1	0.2
Number	4,883	5,246	5,347	5,472

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	23.4	22.6	24.8	23.2
Guardianship	3.7	6.8	11.0	13.1
Reunification	48.4	48.1	43.6	38.0
Other	24.1	22.4	20.5	25.4
Missing data	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.3
Number	1,606	1,606	1,639	1,179

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	3.4	2.9	4.0	3.3
Guardianship	3.0	4.5	6.3	8.7
Reunification	53.9	52.6	50.6	46.4
Other	39.1	39.6	38.9	41.0
Missing data	0.6	0.3	0.2	0.6
Number	1,194	1,188	1,198	1,155

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children age 12 or younger at entry	28.6	28.8	23.3	20.9
Children older than 12 at entry	71.4	71.2	76.7	79.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	566	594	550	535

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	American Indian/Alaska Native				2010	Asian				2010	Black			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	20.0	40.0	16.7	57.1	70.0	15.4	30.0	10.0	22.1	23.8	22.7	24.3		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	25.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.9	4.3	11.2	11.7		
Reunification	53.3	50.0	54.2	21.4	30.0	69.2	50.0	80.0	54.0	53.0	48.2	48.2		
Other	26.7	10.0	4.2	21.4	0.0	15.4	20.0	10.0	20.9	18.6	17.8	15.7		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.2	<.1	0.2		
Number	15	10	24	14	10	13	10	10	1,149	1,239	1,086	1,086		
	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander				2010	Hispanic (of any race)				2010	White			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	25.0	0.0	33.3	20.0	26.0	17.2	23.2	18.6	21.4	20.2	20.8	20.7		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	22.2	0.0	2.1	4.1	8.6	13.3	5.2	7.8	13.1	15.4		
Reunification	75.0	80.0	22.2	80.0	63.5	71.6	64.3	58.1	61.5	60.4	55.6	53.1		
Other	0.0	20.0	22.2	0.0	7.8	7.1	3.8	10.0	11.8	11.5	10.4	10.6		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	<.1	0.1	0.2		
Number	4	10	9	5	192	169	185	210	3,393	3,702	3,885	3,963		
	Unable to Determine				2010	Two or More Races				2010	Missing Data			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	13.0	15.5	18.8	20.2	23.0	20.0	25.3	17.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	4.3	8.6	7.2	5.3	4.1	13.3	16.5	8.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	60.9	70.7	56.5	64.9	66.2	62.2	54.4	64.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Other	21.7	5.2	17.4	9.6	6.8	4.4	3.8	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	46	58	69	94	74	45	79	90	0	0	0	0		

¹⁴ 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. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Less than 12 mos.	62.8	62.7	63.6	60.0
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	27.1	28.2	27.2	28.6
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	6.3	6.1	6.2	8.0
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	2.6	1.4	1.7	2.3
48 or more mos.	1.2	1.6	1.2	1.1
Missing data	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0
Number	2,919	3,106	2,905	2,884

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children entering care for the first time	83.3	82.0	82.6	84.7
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	6.6	6.8	6.1	5.3
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	10.0	11.1	11.4	10.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	5,428	5,584	5,891	6,205

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Less than 12 mos.	7.6	11.1	7.3	6.9
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	29.6	34.8	33.2	33.7
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	31.9	28.9	31.8	33.6
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	18.0	12.3	15.4	17.2
48 or more mos.	13.0	13.0	12.4	8.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,064	1,095	1,140	1,167

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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children with 2 or fewer placements	67.6	69.6	76.2	79.9	50.7	54.0	57.1	60.5	24.6	25.8	30.2	31.6	33.3	60.0	0.0	66.7
Children with 3 or more placements	31.7	29.8	22.6	19.4	49.2	45.9	42.8	39.3	75.3	74.1	69.6	68.2	66.7	40.0	100.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	0.8	0.6	1.1	0.7	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	<.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	33.3
Number	6,312	6,654	6,900	7,195	3,504	4,078	4,343	4,769	3,594	3,610	3,919	4,196	3	5	1	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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Group homes	0.1	0.5	0.5	0.6
Institutions	2.7	2.1	4.0	3.9
Other settings	97.1	97.4	95.5	95.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	4,209	4,340	4,596	4,873

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

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score¹⁷	108.8	117.7	118.0	111.6
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)	63.9	67.5	68.2	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)	8.2	8.1	8.0	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)	35.4	39.1	32.7	28.3
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?	11.9	10.2	10.8	10.2

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	129.7	132.9	127.7	130.6
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?	37.2	45.8	40.5	40.5
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?	28.5	25.2	26.2	26.7
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?	24.9	23.9	24.5	24.2
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	16.5	15.2	14.1	14.3
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?	56.8	57.5	54.4	58.0

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	111.5	115.3	117.2	127.4
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?	30.0	29.3	31.7	32.9
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?	85.6	87.5	88.9	91.4
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?	51.6	46.9	46.1	40.1

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	73.1	77.0	85.7	90.2
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?	66.6	68.6	76.3	79.7
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?	50.7	54.1	57.1	60.6
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?	24.7	25.9	30.3	31.8

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 (<http://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 Missouri's comments on the State data presented in *Child Welfare Outcomes 2010–2013: 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 better serve families.

Child safety is a priority for the Children's Division. In FY2013 the number of child abuse and neglect victims in Missouri decreased by almost 60 percent. After further analysis, Missouri determined the decrease in the number of victims was impacted by pending lawsuits. During this time, Missouri was defending several lawsuits challenging the validity of the Children's Division's investigative conclusions which were made after a ninety-day notification deadline imposed by state statute.

Two different divisions of the Missouri Court of Appeals held that the Children's Division lacked the statutory authority to take any further action on a hotline report if the Division did not complete its investigation and notify the alleged perpetrator of the results of the investigation within 90 days of the date of the report. In compliance with these court rulings, CD staff were instructed to halt any further action on investigations with a preliminary finding of preponderance of evidence (POE) which were open beyond ninety days. Child fatality reports were not included in the above instruction to staff. The court cases have been resolved and employees have been instructed to conclude pending reports. In FY2014 Missouri anticipates further fluctuation in the reported number of victims in NCANDS due to the conclusion of the court cases.

Due to Missouri's AFCARS Improvement Plan, several modifications to the state's SACWIS system have been completed including modifications made to the extract code. Missouri has the ability to correctly report per AFCARS guidelines information such as caretaker race, special needs for children, and 24-hour location of children in foster care.

Missouri has experienced an increase in the foster care population. In May of 2014, Missouri's population of children in foster care reached its highest point in over two decades. The rate of entries is exceeding the rate of exits for the state. Missouri continues to address the population increase with several statewide initiatives. Family engagement strategies including implementing a new family-centered services model and a judicial engagement project through Casey Family Programs are two of the ways Missouri is addressing the increase in population.

Despite the increased number of foster children, Missouri achieved 99 percent on the frequency of caseworker visits with children during 2013. 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. Our increased performance in this area has undoubtedly improved the lives of the children we serve.

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total children under 18 years	223,292	222,977	222,905	223,981
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
American Indian/ Alaska Native	9.4	9.4	9.5	9.5
Asian	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.7
Black	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.7
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	5.0	5.3	5.4	5.5
White	80.3	79.9	79.5	79.1
Two or more races	4.1	4.2	4.3	4.4
Child population in poverty (%)	20.1	19.7	20.3	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Child maltreatment victims	1,383	1,066	1,324	1,414
Foster care entry rate per 1,000	4.3	4.5	5.6	6.2
Children in foster care on 9/30	1,739	1,805	1,930	2,239
Children adopted	191	238	225	154

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	N/A	N/A	65	59
Numerator	N/A	N/A	13,496	14,249
Denominator	N/A	N/A	20,775	24,240
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	N/A	N/A	89	86
Numerator	N/A	N/A	11,990	12,267
Denominator	N/A	N/A	13,496	14,249

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2010		2011		2012		2013	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children who received a Child Protective Services response for an allegation of child maltreatment	10,316	46.2 per 1,000	10,413	46.7 per 1,000	10,607	47.6 per 1,000	10,393	46.4 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims	1,383	6.2 per 1,000	1,066	4.8 per 1,000	1,324	5.9 per 1,000	1,414	6.3 per 1,000
Child fatalities	0	0.0 per 100,000	0	0.0 per 100,000	2	0.9 per 100,000	1	0.4 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	11.1	12.8	10.6	13.0
1 year	7.7	8.0	8.0	7.1
2 years	8.0	7.8	8.2	6.7
3 years	8.2	8.3	7.2	7.3
4 years	6.4	6.5	8.2	7.1
5 years	5.9	7.0	6.4	6.1
6 years	6.4	7.0	6.0	7.1
7 years	6.1	4.9	5.6	5.8
8 years	5.7	6.1	4.9	6.2
9 years	4.6	3.9	5.4	4.1
10 years	5.1	4.4	4.0	4.2
11 years	4.0	3.1	4.5	4.0
12 years	4.6	4.2	4.2	3.3
13 years	3.7	2.6	3.4	3.7
14 years	3.0	3.0	3.3	3.3
15 years	3.5	3.0	2.2	3.1
16 years	2.2	2.6	2.6	2.8
17 years	1.2	1.5	1.1	1.5
18+ years	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0
Missing data	3.0	3.3	4.2	3.7
Number	1,383	1,066	1,324	1,414

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/ Alaska Native	21.5	21.9	18.7	19.4
Asian	<.1	<.1	0.2	0.4
Black	0.8	0.7	1.0	1.8
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.1	0.0	0.4	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	5.9	5.3	5.9	5.1
White	59.9	61.1	65.3	61.2
Two or more races	4.3	4.7	3.9	5.6
Missing data	7.5	6.4	4.6	6.5
Number	1,383	1,066	1,324	1,414

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 2013 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2011–2014 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 was a new methodology used to calculate the caseworker visits measures. Because the new methodology limits data comparisons with prior years, caseworker visits data from 2010 and 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.

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Emotional abuse	13.9	9.9	7.4	5.8
Medical neglect	2.0	1.0	0.8	0.9
Neglect	89.1	91.8	91.2	94.8
Physical abuse	12.1	12.6	14.6	11.2
Sexual abuse	6.2	5.1	5.0	4.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	<.1	0.5	0.4	0.6
Number	1,383	1,066	1,324	1,414

Response Time (in hours)⁹

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Mean	128.6	129.9	195.3	127.6
Median	>48 but<72	>48 but<72	>72 but<96	>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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total number	1,662	1,747	1,772	1,966	955	996	1,245	1,392	876	938	1,089	1,119	1,739	1,805	1,930	2,239
Median length of stay (months)	16.6	15.9	15.7	12.3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	16.1	15.6	15.2	11.7	15.2	16.0	13.0	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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	5.1	4.4	7.2	8.1	14.8	18.6	18.4	19.0	4.1	3.3	4.0	4.9	4.3	7.0	7.9	7.1
1 year	9.9	7.3	7.3	9.3	8.0	9.9	8.1	8.2	8.0	7.0	6.0	8.1	7.5	7.1	9.3	9.8
2 years	7.2	8.8	8.3	8.3	8.5	8.5	7.1	7.3	8.9	8.4	7.3	8.8	8.8	7.9	8.0	8.9
3 years	7.9	7.4	8.4	8.0	7.4	8.0	6.9	6.4	8.0	8.5	7.7	6.3	7.4	8.3	8.2	7.3
4 years	5.9	7.4	7.4	7.6	6.4	6.3	7.6	7.3	7.6	7.7	7.3	7.8	7.4	7.6	7.6	7.6
5 years	5.7	5.0	6.5	6.9	6.2	5.2	5.5	6.0	5.9	5.5	7.7	7.8	5.2	6.5	6.9	7.3
6 years	5.2	6.1	5.4	5.3	4.7	5.7	5.1	7.1	5.3	6.0	6.6	5.7	6.0	5.3	5.4	6.6
7 years	4.5	5.4	5.9	4.8	5.2	4.4	4.7	5.7	4.8	4.7	5.5	5.9	5.1	5.8	4.8	5.5
8 years	5.2	4.9	4.8	5.5	5.1	4.3	5.4	5.0	5.3	4.4	5.0	6.3	4.8	4.7	5.5	4.8
9 years	4.8	5.1	5.2	5.6	4.4	4.2	4.5	4.0	4.2	4.1	4.3	5.0	5.0	5.2	5.3	5.3
10 years	4.0	4.6	4.5	4.8	3.9	2.9	4.0	3.7	4.2	4.4	4.9	4.5	4.7	4.5	4.9	4.6
11 years	4.5	4.1	4.1	4.5	3.0	1.7	3.7	3.4	3.2	3.6	3.9	4.6	3.9	4.2	4.4	4.3
12 years	3.7	5.0	3.6	3.5	4.0	3.5	3.1	3.6	2.7	3.8	3.4	3.8	4.7	3.6	3.5	3.8
13 years	3.4	4.4	4.2	3.6	3.5	3.2	3.9	2.9	2.5	3.2	3.3	3.8	4.4	4.5	3.6	3.5
14 years	5.7	3.9	3.7	4.3	4.1	3.9	3.9	3.6	3.5	4.4	3.9	4.1	3.9	3.9	4.4	3.2
15 years	5.1	5.4	3.5	3.3	4.7	3.6	3.3	3.3	4.0	4.8	4.4	3.3	5.6	3.8	3.5	3.9
16 years	4.8	5.3	4.5	3.3	3.9	4.0	3.1	2.2	3.3	5.0	3.8	2.8	5.4	4.6	3.2	3.3
17 years	6.3	4.6	4.6	2.8	2.3	1.7	1.8	1.4	4.8	3.9	5.2	2.2	4.9	4.8	3.1	2.7
18 years	1.2	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.9	6.5	5.6	3.7	1.1	0.7	0.6	0.5
19 years	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.5	0.4	0.7	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	0.2	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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/Alaska Native	36.2	36.3	38.4	34.0	34.0	30.9	26.7	28.9	32.2	27.9	31.2	27.0	37.0	37.7	34.8	34.3
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1
Black	1.1	1.4	0.8	0.7	1.7	0.8	1.2	2.0	1.4	1.4	1.2	0.9	1.3	1.1	0.8	1.4
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.1	0.2	<.1	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.0	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.4	0.1	<.1	0.3	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	6.3	7.2	6.8	7.2	5.0	7.6	7.1	6.5	4.9	7.9	7.4	5.3	6.3	7.1	6.7	7.7
White	47.8	47.1	45.9	49.7	51.5	54.3	58.4	54.2	52.3	54.7	52.3	57.9	47.6	47.1	50.3	48.4
Two or more races	6.9	7.3	7.4	7.2	5.5	5.0	4.9	6.8	6.4	6.7	7.2	7.4	6.4	6.3	6.0	6.8
Unable to determine	1.7	0.6	0.6	0.9	1.6	1.1	1.1	1.3	2.2	1.0	0.6	1.2	1.4	0.7	0.9	1.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total waiting children	495	461	404	499
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	350	313	293	370

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	0.6	2.0	1.7	2.0
1 year	4.8	4.6	7.4	8.4
2 years	8.3	6.7	7.9	10.6
3 years	5.5	8.0	8.2	7.8
4 years	6.3	5.9	7.7	8.6
5 years	6.1	4.6	5.0	7.0
6 years	4.8	5.4	5.0	5.6
7 years	4.8	5.2	5.0	4.8
8 years	4.4	4.6	5.7	5.2
9 years	4.8	4.1	4.5	4.4
10 years	5.3	5.2	3.7	3.8
11 years	4.4	5.2	5.2	4.2
12 years	7.7	5.0	4.0	3.8
13 years	4.6	7.8	6.2	4.0
14 years	5.7	4.8	7.7	4.0
15 years	8.5	5.0	5.0	6.0
16 years	7.5	7.8	5.0	4.6
17 years	5.9	8.2	5.4	5.0

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/Alaska Native	25.7	26.9	31.9	27.5
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Black	1.8	1.7	0.7	0.8
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.2
Hispanic (of any race)	7.5	7.6	5.2	9.0
White	54.7	54.4	53.2	52.9
Two or more races	9.1	9.3	8.2	9.2
Unable to determine	1.2	0.0	0.5	0.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total children adopted	191	238	225	154

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	2.6	0.4	1.8	1.3
1 year	8.9	6.3	7.1	11.7
2 years	14.7	11.8	10.2	15.6
3 years	13.6	13.9	12.0	9.1
4 years	13.1	10.1	9.3	8.4
5 years	4.2	8.8	9.8	8.4
6 years	7.3	7.1	9.3	7.1
7 years	6.8	5.5	4.9	6.5
8 years	4.7	4.6	5.3	7.1
9 years	7.3	4.6	5.8	4.5
10 years	3.7	5.9	4.9	3.2
11 years	3.7	4.2	4.9	3.2
12 years	1.0	4.6	4.0	2.6
13 years	2.1	2.1	2.7	2.6
14 years	2.1	2.1	1.8	5.2
15 years	1.6	3.4	0.9	2.6
16 years	1.6	3.4	0.9	0.6
17 years	1.0	1.3	4.0	0.0
18 years	0.0	0.0	0.4	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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/Alaska Native	25.7	20.2	24.0	16.9
Asian	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0
Black	1.0	1.7	0.4	0.0
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	4.2	9.2	8.4	7.1
White	59.2	57.1	48.4	59.1
Two or more races	8.9	11.8	18.2	16.9
Unable to determine	0.0	0.0	0.4	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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children without a recurrence	96.3	96.2	96.6	95.7
Children with one or more recurrences	3.7	3.8	3.4	4.3
Number	699	557	672	784

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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.11	0.18	0.30	0.18
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.89	99.82	99.70	99.82
Number	2,617	2,743	3,017	3,358

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	21.2	25.4	20.8	14.7
Guardianship	4.6	4.8	8.9	8.3
Reunification	59.9	57.9	56.0	68.1
Other	12.6	9.6	11.3	6.3
Missing data	1.7	2.3	3.0	2.5
Number	876	938	1,089	1,119

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	37.4	48.2	42.4	41.7
Guardianship	3.0	3.6	6.4	4.3
Reunification	32.3	30.9	32.6	36.8
Other	26.3	14.4	15.1	14.7
Missing data	1.0	2.9	3.5	2.5
Number	99	139	172	163

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	0.7	2.5	2.5	0.6
Guardianship	4.0	5.6	7.6	5.0
Reunification	57.3	63.8	47.0	63.8
Other	36.0	24.4	37.9	25.0
Missing data	2.0	3.8	5.1	5.6
Number	150	160	198	160

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children age 12 or younger at entry	48.4	52.1	35.8	37.3
Children older than 12 at entry	51.6	47.9	64.2	62.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	93	73	67	51

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	American Indian/Alaska Native				2010	Asian				2010	Black			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2011	2012	2013	2011		2012	2013		
Adoption	17.7	17.6	15.3	10.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	16.7	30.8	7.7	0.0		
Guardianship	6.0	6.5	14.4	12.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	63.1	64.1	57.4	67.9	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	75.0	53.8	69.2	100.0		
Other	11.3	8.0	9.1	5.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.3	15.4	7.7	0.0		
Missing data	1.8	3.8	3.8	4.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	15.4	0.0		
Number	282	262	340	302	4	0	0	0	12	13	13	10		
	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander				2010	Hispanic (of any race)				2010	White			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2011	2012	2013	2011		2012	2013		
Adoption	50.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	18.6	29.7	23.5	16.9	23.4	26.9	19.6	14.8		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.4	4.9	6.8	5.0	4.3	6.8	7.6		
Reunification	50.0	66.7	0.0	100.0	67.4	62.2	56.8	69.5	57.2	56.9	58.1	67.9		
Other	0.0	33.3	0.0	0.0	11.6	4.1	14.8	1.7	12.7	10.7	12.6	7.7		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.3	2.7	0.0	5.1	1.7	1.2	2.8	2.0		
Number	2	3	0	4	43	74	81	59	458	513	570	648		
	Unable to Determine				2010	Two or More Races				2010	Missing Data			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2011	2012	2013	2011		2012	2013		
Adoption	5.3	0.0	16.7	0.0	30.4	44.4	52.6	33.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	0.0	22.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.8	6.4	2.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	68.4	33.3	66.7	100.0	51.8	38.1	30.8	59.0	0.0	100.0	100.0	0.0		
Other	26.3	33.3	0.0	0.0	16.1	7.9	9.0	4.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Missing data	0.0	11.1	16.7	0.0	1.8	4.8	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	19	9	6	13	56	63	78	83	0	1	1	0		

¹⁴ 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. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Less than 12 mos.	61.0	62.2	63.1	65.4
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	27.2	26.2	25.1	25.9
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	6.1	4.4	7.7	7.3
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	1.7	1.1	2.3	0.8
48 or more mos.	4.0	6.1	1.8	0.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	525	543	610	762

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children entering care for the first time	71.5	77.0	77.8	81.8
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	9.3	8.0	8.2	5.7
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	18.5	14.2	13.5	11.9
Missing data	0.6	0.8	0.6	0.6
Number	955	996	1,245	1,392

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Less than 12 mos.	4.8	1.3	2.2	3.0
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	18.8	25.2	20.8	22.4
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	33.9	29.8	35.0	30.9
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	18.8	22.3	23.0	24.2
48 or more mos.	23.7	21.4	19.0	19.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	186	238	226	165

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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children with 2 or fewer placements	87.0	87.2	87.8	87.6	60.7	64.9	66.1	68.0	35.7	34.6	37.2	39.8	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	13.0	12.8	12.2	12.4	39.3	35.1	33.9	32.0	64.3	65.4	62.8	60.2	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	1,053	1,123	1,398	1,602	641	650	720	883	917	964	894	870	6	6	5	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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Group homes	8.8	8.3	6.3	5.3
Institutions	0.1	0.6	0.6	0.4
Other settings	91.1	91.1	93.1	94.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	774	827	1,043	1,197

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

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score¹⁷	101.4	111.0	111.5	114.5
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)	60.6	67.6	70.5	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)	8.3	7.2	6.2	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)	32.1	41.2	35.2	42.5
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?	15.1	13.3	14.3	13.1

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	92.9	106.8	123.9	110.4
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?	23.8	26.5	23.1	25.5
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?	32.2	34.1	32.0	32.9
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?	21.0	25.0	26.7	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	12.4	13.5	10.4	10.9
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?	39.8	56.1	62.0	47.0

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	97.8	110.1	124.1	108.4
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?	26.0	33.0	39.0	30.3
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?	87.7	93.6	92.6	90.8
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?	63.5	66.7	58.2	69.2

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	96.5	97.7	99.4	100.6
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?	85.5	86.1	86.9	86.6
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?	60.4	64.7	65.9	67.9
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?	36.4	34.6	37.3	39.9

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 (<http://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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total children under 18 years	459,621	460,872	462,673	464,348
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
American Indian/ Alaska Native	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Asian	1.9	2.0	2.0	2.1
Black	5.8	5.8	5.8	5.7
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	15.2	15.6	15.9	16.1
White	72.5	71.9	71.5	71.1
Two or more races	3.5	3.5	3.7	3.7
Child population in poverty (%)	18.2	18.1	17.9	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Child maltreatment victims	4,572	4,307	3,888	3,993
Foster care entry rate per 1,000	7.2	6.7	6.0	5.8
Children in foster care on 9/30	5,334	5,103	5,120	4,614
Children adopted	437	413	417	586

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	N/A	N/A	85	94
Numerator	N/A	N/A	42,570	41,934
Denominator	N/A	N/A	49,990	44,468
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	N/A	N/A	91	91
Numerator	N/A	N/A	38,778	38,267
Denominator	N/A	N/A	42,570	41,934

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2010		2011		2012		2013	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children who received a Child Protective Services response for an allegation of child maltreatment	24,236	52.7 per 1,000	24,856	53.9 per 1,000	23,910	51.7 per 1,000	21,180	45.6 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims	4,572	9.9 per 1,000	4,307	9.3 per 1,000	3,888	8.4 per 1,000	3,993	8.6 per 1,000
Child fatalities	7	1.5 per 100,000	7	1.5 per 100,000	6	1.3 per 100,000	6	1.3 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	11.6	11.7	11.0	12.1
1 year	8.4	8.0	8.0	7.0
2 years	8.2	8.8	8.2	8.6
3 years	7.5	7.4	7.9	7.1
4 years	7.4	7.6	6.6	6.9
5 years	5.9	6.3	6.6	7.3
6 years	5.7	6.2	6.9	7.0
7 years	5.8	5.7	5.7	6.6
8 years	5.4	4.9	5.3	5.9
9 years	5.1	4.8	4.9	4.4
10 years	4.4	4.6	4.8	4.3
11 years	4.3	4.0	4.2	4.3
12 years	3.9	3.9	3.7	3.9
13 years	3.7	3.5	4.2	3.1
14 years	3.6	3.1	3.5	3.5
15 years	3.5	3.8	3.4	3.3
16 years	3.1	3.1	2.6	2.3
17 years	2.1	2.2	2.0	1.9
18+ years	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3
Missing data	<.1	0.2	0.1	0.4
Number	4,572	4,307	3,888	3,993

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/ Alaska Native	5.0	4.2	4.5	4.4
Asian	0.7	0.8	0.9	0.6
Black	16.6	15.6	11.7	14.3
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.2	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	13.0	13.5	11.7	13.4
White	56.6	58.0	61.3	54.8
Two or more races	1.7	1.8	2.3	5.0
Missing data	6.3	6.1	7.5	7.4
Number	4,572	4,307	3,888	3,993

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 2013 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2011-2014 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 was a new methodology used to calculate the caseworker visits measures. Because the new methodology limits data comparisons with prior years, caseworker visits data from 2010 and 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.

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Emotional abuse	0.7	1.2	1.2	0.9
Medical neglect	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1
Neglect	96.5	97.6	93.6	90.0
Physical abuse	11.7	10.9	13.1	13.7
Sexual abuse	6.9	5.7	8.0	8.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	4,572	4,307	3,888	3,993

Response Time (in hours)⁹

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Mean	185.9	199.7	156.9	99.6
Median	>96 but<120	>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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total number	5,187	5,225	5,254	5,063	3,303	3,101	2,787	2,682	3,156	3,223	2,921	3,131	5,334	5,103	5,120	4,614
Median length of stay (months)	11.3	11.5	13.2	13.9	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	15.0	14.4	15.6	18.0	11.7	12.3	14.0	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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	3.7	4.4	3.9	3.4	11.0	10.4	10.6	12.3	1.7	1.9	2.1	1.8	4.3	4.1	3.5	4.5
1 year	5.8	5.9	5.8	5.5	6.5	5.4	5.6	5.7	4.8	5.6	4.3	4.8	5.8	5.9	5.4	5.7
2 years	5.3	5.7	5.6	5.7	5.3	5.9	5.0	5.6	6.1	5.2	5.9	5.7	5.7	5.5	5.8	5.4
3 years	5.3	5.4	5.8	5.2	5.0	4.9	4.7	4.8	5.4	5.4	5.8	5.6	5.3	5.9	5.2	5.1
4 years	4.3	5.0	5.2	5.0	4.1	4.5	4.2	5.1	4.8	5.2	4.9	5.3	5.0	5.2	5.1	5.1
5 years	3.9	4.3	5.0	5.3	4.4	4.4	4.7	4.3	3.8	4.6	4.4	4.9	4.2	4.8	5.3	4.8
6 years	4.0	3.8	4.0	4.9	3.9	3.6	4.4	4.7	3.8	3.8	3.9	4.7	3.8	4.0	4.8	5.2
7 years	3.6	3.8	3.4	4.4	2.9	3.5	3.2	4.3	4.0	3.4	3.1	4.2	3.8	3.6	4.4	4.8
8 years	3.4	3.2	4.0	3.7	2.6	3.2	3.0	3.8	3.5	3.1	3.5	3.6	3.1	4.1	3.7	4.7
9 years	3.5	3.1	3.1	3.3	2.9	3.2	3.1	3.5	3.7	3.0	3.1	3.4	3.0	3.0	3.3	3.8
10 years	2.7	3.3	3.3	3.3	2.9	2.9	2.9	3.5	2.3	3.1	3.3	2.7	3.2	3.3	3.3	3.6
11 years	2.9	2.9	3.0	3.4	2.9	3.1	3.3	3.7	2.7	3.2	2.8	3.9	2.9	3.0	3.4	3.4
12 years	3.6	3.1	3.2	3.4	4.2	4.4	3.8	4.1	3.4	3.1	2.3	3.1	3.2	3.3	3.3	3.7
13 years	4.1	4.2	3.9	4.3	5.0	4.8	5.0	4.2	2.9	3.5	2.9	3.6	4.3	3.9	4.3	3.9
14 years	5.6	5.3	5.6	5.2	5.8	6.8	7.1	5.9	3.7	3.8	3.2	3.6	5.2	5.5	5.2	5.0
15 years	7.8	7.4	7.8	7.9	8.8	8.7	9.0	7.0	4.7	4.6	5.3	5.3	7.5	7.6	8.0	6.9
16 years	10.6	10.0	9.7	9.1	10.7	9.8	9.8	8.5	7.7	7.3	7.1	6.6	10.2	9.6	9.2	9.3
17 years	12.4	11.8	10.7	10.4	9.0	8.7	9.0	7.5	10.1	9.7	10.1	9.1	11.9	10.6	10.4	9.1
18 years	7.8	7.5	6.9	6.4	1.8	1.9	1.7	1.5	13.8	14.3	14.4	12.8	7.5	7.2	6.4	6.1
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.1	6.2	7.4	5.3	<.1	0.1	<.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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/ Alaska Native	7.5	7.1	7.9	8.8	6.6	6.4	7.8	9.2	7.7	5.8	6.9	7.2	6.8	7.5	8.4	10.1
Asian	0.6	0.9	0.8	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.9	0.8	0.4	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.5
Black	19.3	20.5	20.2	18.8	16.8	17.5	14.9	14.2	15.7	18.2	17.6	17.4	20.0	20.2	18.8	17.1
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	0.0	0.1	<.1	0.2	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	13.3	13.4	13.4	13.3	15.1	15.0	13.2	14.2	14.6	15.1	14.5	14.2	13.6	13.3	12.6	13.2
White	54.1	54.0	53.1	52.1	55.3	55.9	56.9	53.7	57.0	56.1	56.0	54.1	53.1	53.8	53.6	51.7
Two or more races	2.6	3.2	3.5	4.6	2.4	2.1	2.5	4.0	2.1	2.3	2.2	3.9	2.8	3.1	3.7	4.7
Unable to determine	2.5	0.8	1.0	1.9	3.2	1.7	3.8	4.1	2.6	1.4	1.7	2.5	2.9	1.0	2.1	2.7
Missing data	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.7	0.4	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.1	<.1	0.4	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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total waiting children	773	833	907	704
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	464	488	556	407

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	3.0	3.1	1.4	1.6
1 year	6.5	6.0	6.1	5.7
2 years	8.0	8.4	7.6	6.7
3 years	6.5	9.8	8.0	7.1
4 years	7.5	6.8	6.9	7.8
5 years	6.1	6.4	7.5	7.1
6 years	4.8	5.3	7.2	7.7
7 years	6.2	4.7	6.1	7.8
8 years	5.2	6.6	4.6	7.0
9 years	5.2	4.7	6.0	4.7
10 years	4.8	4.1	5.2	6.0
11 years	4.8	4.8	4.1	4.7
12 years	4.7	4.3	3.9	4.0
13 years	4.7	4.2	5.3	5.5
14 years	4.4	5.6	4.2	4.3
15 years	6.2	5.4	6.3	4.5
16 years	6.0	5.9	5.2	4.5
17 years	5.7	3.8	4.5	3.4

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/Alaska Native	6.6	5.6	5.8	5.8
Asian	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.1
Black	20.4	27.1	25.8	25.0
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	15.3	9.1	11.4	12.6
White	51.7	52.2	49.6	46.6
Two or more races	2.8	5.2	5.8	8.4
Unable to determine	2.7	0.5	1.1	1.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total children adopted	437	413	417	586

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	2.1	1.9	2.6	2.4
1 year	11.7	13.3	9.8	8.4
2 years	13.5	13.1	12.7	13.5
3 years	10.3	9.7	16.3	12.5
4 years	10.5	9.0	12.2	10.6
5 years	6.6	9.0	8.9	8.9
6 years	8.2	6.5	6.5	8.9
7 years	7.3	7.0	4.3	7.3
8 years	5.3	5.8	5.3	4.8
9 years	5.3	3.9	3.6	5.1
10 years	3.7	5.1	2.4	2.7
11 years	4.6	3.6	4.1	3.2
12 years	3.7	3.1	2.9	2.6
13 years	2.5	3.4	1.7	2.0
14 years	2.1	1.9	1.7	2.0
15 years	0.7	1.5	1.7	2.7
16 years	1.1	1.0	1.7	1.7
17 years	0.7	0.5	1.7	0.7
18 years	0.2	0.7	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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/Alaska Native	5.7	4.4	3.8	4.6
Asian	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.3
Black	15.8	16.0	17.7	20.6
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5
Hispanic (of any race)	17.6	15.0	12.5	11.6
White	55.6	59.8	61.6	54.8
Two or more races	3.4	2.9	3.1	5.8
Unable to determine	1.1	1.9	1.2	1.7
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.

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children without a recurrence	92.1	92.3	92.6	93.8
Children with one or more recurrences	7.9	7.7	7.4	6.2
Number	2,035	2,026	1,913	1,785

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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.39	0.28	0.46	0.36
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.61	99.72	99.54	99.64
Number	8,490	8,326	8,041	7,745

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	13.3	12.5	14.2	18.8
Guardianship	8.9	7.4	7.2	7.9
Reunification	64.1	67.2	64.6	61.2
Other	13.6	12.5	14.1	12.2
Missing data	<.1	0.4	0.0	0.0
Number	3,156	3,223	2,921	3,131

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	15.7	15.8	16.9	24.6
Guardianship	9.4	9.5	7.5	7.4
Reunification	55.1	56.5	53.5	50.7
Other	19.8	18.2	22.0	17.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,431	1,415	1,211	1,237

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	0.6	0.4	0.9	1.5
Guardianship	7.3	6.4	6.3	5.2
Reunification	66.1	68.5	66.0	66.7
Other	26.0	24.5	26.8	26.6
Missing data	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0
Number	1,401	1,379	1,296	1,205

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children age 12 or younger at entry	12.2	11.0	11.5	8.9
Children older than 12 at entry	87.8	89.0	88.5	91.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	304	301	304	246

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	American Indian/Alaska Native				2010	Asian				2010	Black			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	9.9	9.0	8.4	11.9	22.2	0.0	0.0	16.7	12.8	10.6	14.0	22.2		
Guardianship	18.9	14.9	14.4	26.1	0.0	0.0	8.3	0.0	7.9	7.2	3.1	6.4		
Reunification	59.3	49.5	60.4	45.1	44.4	89.7	54.2	75.0	60.5	66.4	66.1	58.9		
Other	10.7	20.2	16.8	16.8	33.3	10.3	37.5	8.3	18.8	15.9	16.8	12.5		
Missing data	1.2	6.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	243	188	202	226	9	29	24	12	494	586	513	545		

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander				2010	Hispanic (of any race)				2010	White			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	60.0	15.8	12.5	12.3	15.1	13.3	13.5	15.7	19.2		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.0	8.4	6.4	3.1	8.4	6.6	7.8	7.1		
Reunification	0.0	100.0	0.0	40.0	65.2	68.6	68.1	69.0	65.4	68.4	64.0	62.2		
Other	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	11.0	10.5	13.2	12.8	12.9	11.5	12.6	11.5		
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	4	2	5	462	488	423	445	1,800	1,807	1,635	1,693		

	Unable to Determine				2010	Two or More Races				2010	Missing Data			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	4.9	18.2	9.8	11.4	20.9	16.4	20.0	27.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	4.9	4.5	5.9	5.1	6.0	8.2	7.7	10.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	72.8	75.0	72.5	65.8	56.7	64.4	60.0	54.9	0.0	100.0	33.3	75.0		
Other	17.3	2.3	11.8	17.7	16.4	11.0	12.3	6.6	0.0	0.0	66.7	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	81	44	51	79	67	73	65	122	0	4	6	4		

¹⁴ 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. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Less than 12 mos.	52.0	52.8	48.7	44.1
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	34.0	34.8	32.8	34.6
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	9.0	8.6	13.1	13.0
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	3.0	2.6	3.2	5.4
48 or more mos.	1.9	1.2	2.2	2.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	2,022	2,167	1,886	1,916

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children entering care for the first time	76.6	76.6	79.2	77.9
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	9.4	8.7	6.4	6.8
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	14.0	14.7	14.4	15.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	3,303	3,101	2,787	2,682

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Less than 12 mos.	5.5	7.2	4.6	4.4
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	29.0	29.0	27.5	27.2
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	33.3	30.9	37.1	32.5
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	17.1	16.6	19.8	23.8
48 or more mos.	15.0	16.3	11.1	12.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	420	404	415	588

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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children with 2 or fewer placements	85.2	85.7	84.9	86.3	57.4	58.6	64.3	65.9	26.3	29.1	33.4	35.8	100.0	86.2	100.0	93.3
Children with 3 or more placements	14.8	14.1	14.4	12.9	42.6	41.4	35.6	34.0	73.7	70.9	66.6	64.2	0.0	13.8	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	0.0	0.3	0.7	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.7
Number	3,986	3,814	3,304	3,160	2,435	2,428	2,317	2,145	2,063	2,055	2,413	2,425	6	29	7	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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Group homes	2.3	1.6	1.4	0.7
Institutions	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.8
Other settings	96.8	96.8	97.8	98.5
Missing data	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.0
Number	1,919	1,816	1,605	1,734

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

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score¹⁷	110.6	111.5	107.9	112.0
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)	64.6	64.9	62.2	58.3
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)	8.7	8.7	9.0	10.0
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	44.8	37.0	36.7
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?	12.9	14.1	11.9	8.5

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	122.4	118.6	116.9	130.9
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?	34.8	36.4	32.2	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?	27.7	28.7	29.4	30.6
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?	24.9	22.0	20.6	29.1
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	13.8	12.7	14.4
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?	64.0	59.1	58.0	65.1

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	148.5	153.2	150.0	159.8
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?	37.7	38.2	32.5	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?	95.4	97.3	96.8	98.8
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?	21.2	18.5	17.4	22.8

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	91.4	93.8	97.9	100.9
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?	84.9	85.4	85.2	86.7
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?	58.4	59.8	65.4	66.8
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?	27.6	31.5	35.4	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 (<http://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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total children under 18 years	663,180	659,236	659,655	661,605
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.8
Asian	5.6	5.7	5.8	6.0
Black	8.4	8.5	8.6	8.6
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6
Hispanic (of any race)	39.5	39.8	40.0	40.2
White	39.6	39.0	38.4	37.9
Two or more races	5.4	5.5	5.7	5.8
Child population in poverty (%)	22.0	22.1	24.0	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Child maltreatment victims	4,624	5,331	5,437	5,438
Foster care entry rate per 1,000	4.3	4.2	4.7	5.1
Children in foster care on 9/30	4,811	4,638	4,759	4,788
Children adopted	644	821	766	726

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	N/A	N/A	86	88
Numerator	N/A	N/A	44,909	47,552
Denominator	N/A	N/A	52,394	54,278
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	N/A	N/A	77	77
Numerator	N/A	N/A	34,430	36,684
Denominator	N/A	N/A	44,909	47,552

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2010		2011		2012		2013	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children who received a Child Protective Services response for an allegation of child maltreatment	21,105	31.8 per 1,000	23,515	35.7 per 1,000	22,246	33.7 per 1,000	23,633	35.7 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims	4,624	7.0 per 1,000	5,331	8.1 per 1,000	5,437	8.2 per 1,000	5,438	8.2 per 1,000
Child fatalities	12	1.8 per 100,000	21	3.2 per 100,000	18	2.7 per 100,000	11	1.7 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	16.7	16.5	16.7	16.7
1 year	7.9	8.0	8.5	7.5
2 years	8.3	7.7	7.5	7.7
3 years	7.6	7.8	7.3	6.9
4 years	6.9	7.0	6.7	7.0
5 years	6.0	6.5	6.2	6.9
6 years	6.0	5.3	5.9	6.4
7 years	5.3	5.0	5.1	5.6
8 years	5.0	4.4	5.1	5.0
9 years	4.4	4.3	4.8	4.7
10 years	4.1	4.3	4.0	4.5
11 years	3.8	3.9	3.7	3.6
12 years	3.3	3.6	3.3	3.4
13 years	3.5	3.7	3.5	3.3
14 years	3.6	3.8	3.5	3.0
15 years	3.3	3.2	3.6	3.1
16 years	2.7	3.0	2.7	2.3
17 years	1.6	1.7	1.5	2.1
18+ years	<.1	<.1	0.1	<.1
Missing data	<.1	0.2	0.2	0.1
Number	4,624	5,331	5,437	5,438

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.8
Asian	1.0	0.9	1.1	0.8
Black	18.4	18.7	20.5	20.6
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	1.2	0.5	1.2	0.7
Hispanic (of any race)	30.0	29.7	27.4	29.2
White	40.9	41.5	39.6	38.2
Two or more races	6.7	6.8	7.5	6.4
Missing data	0.8	1.1	1.8	3.3
Number	4,624	5,331	5,437	5,438

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 2013 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2011–2014 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 was a new methodology used to calculate the caseworker visits measures. Because the new methodology limits data comparisons with prior years, caseworker visits data from 2010 and 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.

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Emotional abuse	1.6	1.7	1.7	1.0
Medical neglect	2.2	1.4	2.5	2.0
Neglect	76.4	74.5	75.6	75.6
Physical abuse	32.6	37.1	34.8	36.4
Sexual abuse	7.4	6.3	4.9	5.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	4,624	5,331	5,437	5,438

Response Time (in hours)⁹

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Mean	18.2	15.7	16.9	14.4
Median	>24 but<48	>24 but<48	>24 but<48	<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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total number	4,758	4,749	4,594	4,649	2,881	2,776	3,125	3,385	2,828	2,887	2,960	3,246	4,811	4,638	4,759	4,788
Median length of stay (months)	15.7	14.8	14.0	11.9	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	15.5	17.4	17.0	12.9	14.8	13.9	12.0	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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	6.3	6.6	6.6	7.8	18.5	17.6	18.5	19.4	4.1	3.5	3.2	3.9	6.6	6.6	7.8	8.8
1 year	9.8	9.4	9.0	9.7	8.5	8.2	9.1	7.8	7.6	7.2	8.2	8.2	9.4	9.1	9.7	10.3
2 years	9.2	8.7	9.0	8.9	7.9	7.0	8.4	7.6	9.6	9.4	9.5	9.7	8.8	9.0	8.8	8.6
3 years	8.0	7.8	7.7	8.0	7.0	7.1	7.8	6.9	9.7	7.7	8.2	8.2	7.9	7.7	8.1	7.6
4 years	6.9	6.9	7.4	7.9	6.5	6.8	6.9	6.9	8.2	8.0	7.9	7.5	6.9	7.4	7.7	7.3
5 years	5.9	5.9	6.1	6.5	5.4	6.4	6.0	6.5	6.0	6.3	6.4	6.9	5.9	6.1	6.5	7.1
6 years	5.9	5.7	5.6	5.6	5.3	4.7	4.9	5.8	6.0	6.1	6.2	6.6	5.7	5.7	5.5	6.1
7 years	5.0	5.8	5.0	5.0	4.8	4.5	4.7	4.2	4.8	5.5	5.5	5.2	5.8	5.0	5.1	5.1
8 years	5.0	4.7	5.3	4.5	4.0	4.4	4.2	4.8	5.2	5.0	4.9	4.8	4.7	5.3	4.5	4.7
9 years	4.0	4.4	4.4	4.7	4.1	4.1	4.2	3.8	3.9	4.7	4.4	4.6	4.4	4.3	4.8	4.2
10 years	4.0	4.4	4.1	3.7	4.2	4.5	3.3	3.8	4.1	4.9	4.7	4.1	4.3	4.2	3.7	4.3
11 years	3.8	3.7	4.2	3.3	3.5	3.9	2.8	3.4	3.5	4.2	4.4	2.9	3.7	4.2	3.4	3.7
12 years	3.5	4.1	3.4	3.4	3.0	3.6	3.0	3.6	2.8	3.7	3.6	4.1	4.0	3.4	3.4	3.4
13 years	4.0	3.6	4.2	3.1	3.6	3.7	3.2	2.7	3.1	3.6	3.5	3.3	3.6	4.1	3.1	3.0
14 years	4.0	4.3	3.8	4.0	3.8	3.7	3.5	3.2	3.6	3.2	3.3	3.2	4.3	3.8	4.0	3.0
15 years	4.3	4.3	4.6	4.1	3.2	3.5	3.4	3.2	2.4	3.3	3.6	3.4	4.3	4.5	4.0	3.8
16 years	4.7	4.4	4.6	4.5	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.1	3.3	3.4	2.7	2.9	4.4	4.5	4.5	3.9
17 years	5.5	5.1	4.8	5.1	3.2	2.8	2.6	3.3	3.1	2.0	2.0	2.7	5.1	4.8	5.0	5.1
18 years	0.3	0.3	<.1	0.2	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	9.0	8.3	7.8	7.8	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1
19 years	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0
20 years	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.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	<.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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/ Alaska Native	1.0	0.7	0.8	0.9	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.7	1.1	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.9	0.9
Asian	0.9	0.7	0.8	1.1	0.8	0.9	1.2	1.1	1.2	0.8	0.8	1.2	0.7	0.8	1.1	1.1
Black	25.1	23.7	23.2	24.7	21.0	22.6	22.3	22.5	23.2	23.5	20.1	24.3	23.8	23.2	24.5	23.4
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.9	0.7	0.4	0.8	1.1	0.4	1.2	1.1	1.4	0.7	0.7	1.0	0.7	0.4	0.7	0.8
Hispanic (of any race)	25.1	26.9	25.4	23.8	27.9	25.9	26.0	25.8	24.9	28.5	28.1	25.0	26.8	25.3	24.1	24.4
White	39.4	39.5	41.1	40.7	41.0	41.4	40.4	41.3	40.8	38.4	40.8	39.9	39.5	41.3	40.8	41.7
Two or more races	7.5	7.7	8.3	7.9	7.5	7.9	7.7	7.3	7.2	7.3	8.4	7.7	7.7	8.1	7.8	7.6
Unable to determine	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.2	<.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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total waiting children	2,100	1,978	1,899	1,471
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	1,297	1,241	1,126	689

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	6.0	5.6	7.1	3.9
1 year	10.9	10.6	10.6	12.6
2 years	10.1	11.0	9.5	10.3
3 years	9.1	8.6	8.7	8.0
4 years	7.5	8.0	8.2	8.2
5 years	6.6	6.4	7.8	7.5
6 years	7.0	6.3	5.8	7.0
7 years	7.0	5.9	5.4	5.6
8 years	5.7	6.6	5.3	5.2
9 years	4.9	4.8	6.1	4.6
10 years	4.7	4.4	4.4	5.0
11 years	3.9	4.4	4.1	3.9
12 years	4.0	3.2	4.2	3.9
13 years	3.4	4.1	3.3	3.4
14 years	4.1	2.9	3.5	3.3
15 years	2.8	4.1	2.8	3.7
16 years	1.4	1.9	2.4	1.9
17 years	0.9	1.0	0.9	2.0

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.8	0.8	0.7	1.0
Asian	0.6	1.0	1.0	1.4
Black	24.4	25.7	28.0	26.6
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.4	0.8	0.5	0.5
Hispanic (of any race)	26.1	25.5	22.2	23.5
White	39.5	39.3	40.4	39.9
Two or more races	8.0	7.0	7.1	7.0
Unable to determine	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total children adopted	644	821	766	726

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	1.6	1.6	2.9	2.6
1 year	7.5	8.4	11.1	10.5
2 years	16.5	12.8	14.9	14.2
3 years	14.1	11.0	11.7	11.0
4 years	12.0	10.5	9.4	9.4
5 years	7.8	8.0	5.9	8.3
6 years	7.0	7.1	6.4	6.2
7 years	5.6	7.7	7.3	5.2
8 years	4.2	5.8	6.4	5.6
9 years	4.7	5.2	3.3	6.6
10 years	3.6	4.9	4.7	4.8
11 years	3.1	3.4	4.4	2.8
12 years	3.4	3.4	2.2	4.3
13 years	3.4	2.9	2.5	3.2
14 years	2.6	2.8	3.0	1.7
15 years	1.4	1.9	2.1	1.5
16 years	1.1	1.7	1.0	1.2
17 years	0.6	0.6	0.8	1.0
18 years	0.0	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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.6	0.5	1.2	0.4
Asian	1.2	0.4	0.3	0.8
Black	21.6	22.0	20.1	24.1
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.1	0.5	0.1
Hispanic (of any race)	25.9	30.3	25.8	23.1
White	42.1	39.6	44.3	45.0
Two or more races	8.1	7.1	7.7	6.2
Unable to determine	0.5	0.0	0.1	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.

Nevada

OUTCOMES DATA

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children without a recurrence	94.5	93.6	95.2	96.2
Children with one or more recurrences	5.5	6.4	4.8	3.8
Number	2,251	2,541	2,731	2,777

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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.26	0.41	0.66	0.47
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.74	99.59	99.34	99.53
Number	7,639	7,525	7,719	8,034

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	22.8	28.2	25.3	21.8
Guardianship	2.8	3.6	3.4	3.9
Reunification	63.5	58.7	62.0	64.7
Other	10.8	9.4	9.1	9.4
Missing data	<.1	<.1	0.2	0.2
Number	2,828	2,887	2,960	3,246

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	32.1	37.3	35.7	28.6
Guardianship	2.0	3.4	4.3	3.1
Reunification	37.2	36.0	38.7	45.5
Other	28.7	23.3	21.1	22.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.2
Number	564	644	653	611

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	0.6	2.9	2.1	2.0
Guardianship	3.4	4.4	2.9	4.5
Reunification	54.7	53.1	53.6	54.1
Other	41.1	39.4	40.9	38.8
Missing data	0.2	0.2	0.6	0.5
Number	530	482	487	556

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children age 12 or younger at entry	20.3	24.8	21.5	20.7
Children older than 12 at entry	79.7	75.2	78.5	78.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4
Number	251	234	223	251

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	American Indian/Alaska Native				2010	Asian				2010	Black			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2011	2012	2013	2011		2012	2013		
Adoption	18.8	21.1	14.3	18.2	39.4	4.3	21.7	18.4	21.5	25.4	23.2	21.7		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	4.8	0.0	3.0	17.4	13.0	0.0	1.7	2.2	2.3	3.3		
Reunification	53.1	63.2	57.1	72.7	36.4	69.6	56.5	71.1	65.0	62.7	63.1	65.1		
Other	28.1	15.8	23.8	9.1	21.2	8.7	8.7	10.5	11.8	9.6	11.4	9.6		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.3		
Number	32	19	21	22	33	23	23	38	655	678	596	789		
	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander				2010	Hispanic (of any race)				2010	White			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2011	2012	2013	2011		2012	2013		
Adoption	2.4	14.3	19.0	16.1	21.0	28.4	25.9	19.7	25.4	29.5	26.5	24.6		
Guardianship	0.0	4.8	4.8	3.2	3.4	3.8	1.9	4.3	3.5	3.6	4.7	4.5		
Reunification	92.7	71.4	52.4	67.7	66.4	60.1	64.9	66.7	60.4	56.6	59.1	61.4		
Other	4.9	9.5	23.8	12.9	9.2	7.7	7.0	9.3	10.7	10.4	9.6	9.4		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.2		
Number	41	21	21	31	705	823	833	813	1,154	1,110	1,207	1,295		
	Unable to Determine				2010	Two or More Races				2010	Missing Data			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2011	2012	2013	2011		2012	2013		
Adoption	40.0	33.3	0.0	0.0	19.7	34.3	25.6	17.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	11.1	0.0	2.0	6.2	3.2	2.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	60.0	66.7	77.8	71.4	67.0	49.0	64.8	71.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Other	0.0	0.0	11.1	28.6	11.3	10.5	5.6	8.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	5	3	9	7	203	210	250	251	0	0	0	0		

¹⁴ 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. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Less than 12 mos.	60.7	61.0	55.3	63.6
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	25.4	26.1	30.5	27.0
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	8.2	10.0	10.4	6.7
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	4.2	2.2	1.9	1.5
48 or more mos.	1.6	0.6	1.9	1.1
Missing data	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1
Number	1,797	1,696	1,835	2,099

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children entering care for the first time	81.8	80.5	83.1	83.7
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	5.2	4.8	4.9	5.6
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	12.9	14.7	12.0	10.7
Missing data	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Number	2,881	2,776	3,125	3,385

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Less than 12 mos.	2.0	1.2	2.0	2.0
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	12.6	16.8	23.3	25.8
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	34.8	34.3	40.9	40.3
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	23.3	25.2	17.2	17.6
48 or more mos.	27.3	22.5	16.5	14.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	644	814	750	709

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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children with 2 or fewer placements	83.7	81.6	83.1	82.8	61.8	61.6	58.0	61.1	31.2	31.8	30.3	29.4	80.0	100.0	88.9	64.3
Children with 3 or more placements	15.1	17.7	16.4	16.6	38.0	38.0	41.8	38.8	68.6	68.1	69.5	70.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	1.2	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.2	0.4	0.2	<.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	20.0	0.0	11.1	35.7
Number	3,323	3,160	3,533	3,877	1,791	1,986	2,012	2,225	2,515	2,376	2,165	1,918	10	3	9	14

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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Group homes	0.5	0.7	0.4	0.2
Institutions	5.2	6.0	5.0	6.0
Other settings	94.3	93.2	94.6	93.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	2,361	2,275	2,601	2,833

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

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score¹⁷	134.4	134.3	126.9	131.0
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)	69.3	72.2	66.5	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)	6.4	5.9	7.2	6.7
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)	43.5	34.1	38.6	36.3
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?	6.8	7.3	8.3	7.9

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	108.9	114.5	135.3	145.1
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?	14.6	18.1	25.3	27.8
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?	36.3	35.4	30.6	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?	29.5	37.8	36.4	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	21.8	16.0	19.7	19.3
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?	42.6	45.3	62.1	65.9

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	141.6	144.9	139.2	141.2
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?	39.9	47.1	44.7	43.1
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?	95.8	97.2	95.4	95.4
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?	37.2	43.4	41.9	38.7

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	93.3	91.4	90.6	91.1
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?	82.8	80.0	81.8	81.3
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	61.7	58.0	61.0
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?	31.4	32.0	30.4	29.5

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 (<http://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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total children under 18 years	285,702	280,486	275,818	271,122
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Asian	2.6	2.8	2.9	2.9
Black	1.5	1.6	1.7	1.7
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	4.8	5.0	5.2	5.3
White	87.9	87.4	87.0	86.7
Two or more races	2.9	3.0	3.1	3.2
Child population in poverty (%)	10.0	12.0	15.6	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Child maltreatment victims	851	876	901	822
Foster care entry rate per 1,000	1.7	1.8	1.9	1.7
Children in foster care on 9/30	833	776	795	749
Children adopted	173	144	96	110

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	N/A	N/A	99	98
Numerator	N/A	N/A	7,100	7,768
Denominator	N/A	N/A	7,146	7,902
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	N/A	N/A	99	98
Numerator	N/A	N/A	7,018	7,610
Denominator	N/A	N/A	7,100	7,768

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2010		2011		2012		2013	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children who received a Child Protective Services response for an allegation of child maltreatment	9,949	34.8 per 1,000	11,022	39.3 per 1,000	11,450	41.5 per 1,000	11,064	40.8 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims	851	3.0 per 1,000	876	3.1 per 1,000	901	3.3 per 1,000	822	3.0 per 1,000
Child fatalities	1	0.4 per 100,000	2	0.7 per 100,000	1	0.4 per 100,000	3	1.1 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	11.0	11.6	12.7	12.0
1 year	6.8	6.7	6.9	5.6
2 years	7.1	7.1	5.9	5.2
3 years	5.6	6.6	7.4	8.3
4 years	6.2	6.7	4.1	4.5
5 years	6.6	6.8	4.1	5.5
6 years	3.5	6.7	5.0	6.6
7 years	5.8	6.4	5.3	5.5
8 years	3.8	4.3	5.1	4.9
9 years	5.4	3.9	5.0	3.8
10 years	4.5	5.4	5.2	4.7
11 years	5.1	3.8	4.0	4.5
12 years	4.3	4.2	4.3	4.7
13 years	5.3	5.4	5.5	5.2
14 years	4.8	4.6	4.7	6.3
15 years	6.6	4.8	5.5	4.4
16 years	3.9	3.0	5.5	5.4
17 years	3.3	1.8	3.2	2.6
18+ years	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.4	0.1	0.4	0.4
Number	851	876	901	822

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.4
Asian	0.8	0.1	0.4	0.2
Black	2.9	3.2	3.4	2.4
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Hispanic (of any race)	7.3	7.1	8.0	6.7
White	79.1	77.6	78.7	79.4
Two or more races	2.2	4.1	2.1	3.4
Missing data	7.5	7.3	7.2	7.3
Number	851	876	901	822

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 2013 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2011–2014 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 was a new methodology used to calculate the caseworker visits measures. Because the new methodology limits data comparisons with prior years, caseworker visits data from 2010 and 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.

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Emotional abuse	1.9	1.6	2.7	1.9
Medical neglect	2.8	3.4	2.4	3.3
Neglect	80.5	84.2	84.4	81.1
Physical abuse	14.3	9.5	7.4	8.0
Sexual abuse	13.7	10.8	13.5	16.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	851	876	901	822

Response Time (in hours)⁹

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Mean	17.3	14.9	13.1	13.9
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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total number	865	759	660	710	497	492	533	464	529	475	398	425	833	776	795	749
Median length of stay (months)	19.2	15.7	12.6	12.5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	16.4	13.3	10.0	13.6	15.2	13.4	12.1	13.4

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	3.6	3.7	5.3	5.9	10.9	13.0	14.8	13.6	4.2	4.2	5.5	4.0	3.5	4.5	5.4	4.8
1 year	6.0	6.1	5.6	7.3	6.6	7.5	6.0	6.5	5.3	5.9	6.5	3.8	5.9	4.9	6.8	7.7
2 years	6.6	4.9	7.7	5.9	5.6	6.5	5.6	6.9	7.0	6.9	6.8	10.4	4.6	6.8	5.8	6.1
3 years	4.9	6.3	5.0	7.5	5.0	6.7	7.1	6.0	5.3	7.6	6.3	7.8	6.0	4.3	7.0	4.9
4 years	5.3	4.6	5.5	5.6	3.6	3.5	4.3	3.2	6.2	6.1	6.5	7.5	4.4	5.5	5.2	6.3
5 years	4.4	4.2	4.7	4.5	4.6	3.7	3.0	4.5	4.0	4.0	3.0	4.7	4.1	4.0	4.3	4.5
6 years	4.2	5.1	3.9	4.5	3.6	3.7	4.1	2.8	4.7	4.2	3.3	4.7	4.8	3.7	4.0	3.7
7 years	3.9	3.0	4.5	4.6	3.4	4.1	2.4	5.2	4.5	5.3	3.3	4.9	2.9	4.5	4.3	3.5
8 years	3.7	4.3	2.6	3.5	3.6	2.2	3.4	3.2	4.3	4.0	6.0	4.2	4.1	2.6	3.1	4.7
9 years	3.4	2.2	3.9	2.5	2.8	3.3	3.0	1.9	4.2	2.5	4.3	2.8	2.3	3.5	2.3	2.8
10 years	3.5	2.8	3.3	3.7	3.6	4.5	3.4	3.0	3.4	2.9	2.8	2.8	2.6	3.0	3.1	2.8
11 years	3.9	4.3	3.2	2.8	2.2	3.0	2.3	2.6	3.2	3.8	4.5	2.6	4.2	2.8	2.6	3.1
12 years	5.9	3.8	3.9	3.1	4.4	4.1	4.1	4.7	3.6	4.4	3.0	2.6	3.5	3.5	3.0	3.6
13 years	4.5	6.6	4.8	3.4	4.4	4.7	4.3	5.2	4.5	3.4	4.0	2.8	6.5	4.9	3.8	4.5
14 years	5.1	4.9	7.7	5.5	8.5	6.5	7.5	9.1	3.4	4.4	4.8	4.9	5.5	7.5	5.7	5.6
15 years	7.9	9.2	5.8	8.9	11.1	8.7	8.3	7.8	6.0	5.5	6.8	3.1	9.5	6.4	9.3	7.6
16 years	6.5	8.2	9.4	7.5	11.3	11.6	11.3	8.6	6.2	9.1	7.0	6.8	9.5	10.7	8.1	10.3
17 years	9.5	7.2	7.6	8.7	3.8	2.2	4.9	4.7	6.4	2.7	6.0	4.7	7.4	9.3	10.7	9.7
18 years	3.1	3.7	2.3	1.8	0.6	0.4	0.2	0.2	9.8	8.0	6.8	10.4	4.4	3.4	2.8	2.7
19 years	1.8	2.0	1.8	1.3	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	1.7	1.0	1.9	1.8	1.9	1.0	0.1
20 years	1.8	1.8	1.4	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	1.5	0.5	0.2	1.7	1.2	1.5	0.7
Missing data	0.6	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.2	1.9	1.9	1.3	2.4	0.8	1.2	0.3	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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.3	0.8	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.2	0.6	0.0	0.2	0.6	0.3	0.0	0.6	0.5	0.8	0.7
Asian	0.6	1.1	0.5	0.4	1.2	0.8	0.6	0.9	0.4	1.9	0.5	0.9	1.1	0.4	0.5	0.4
Black	2.9	3.0	2.9	2.8	3.0	3.5	3.9	2.8	1.9	3.8	3.8	1.4	3.6	2.8	3.1	3.6
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.7	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	8.8	9.0	8.6	9.4	9.7	10.0	9.2	7.5	9.5	10.9	7.0	7.3	8.9	8.4	9.8	9.5
White	79.0	77.1	76.4	73.1	74.0	74.0	75.0	76.9	78.3	73.7	77.4	72.7	76.5	77.2	75.0	75.7
Two or more races	2.9	4.6	5.6	5.2	3.6	3.5	2.8	4.3	1.5	3.2	3.0	5.2	4.2	4.8	5.0	4.7
Unable to determine	5.5	4.3	5.2	7.7	7.6	7.5	7.5	7.3	8.3	5.5	8.0	11.8	5.0	5.7	5.3	5.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total waiting children	232	168	183	189
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	76	26	24	23

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	0.4	0.6	0.5	0.0
1 year	6.9	6.0	4.4	5.8
2 years	9.1	11.3	7.7	10.6
3 years	8.2	5.4	10.4	3.7
4 years	6.0	7.7	8.2	10.6
5 years	7.8	6.0	8.2	8.5
6 years	6.9	4.2	8.7	7.9
7 years	6.0	7.1	7.7	6.3
8 years	6.9	3.0	7.1	7.9
9 years	3.9	7.7	2.2	5.3
10 years	4.3	5.4	6.0	4.8
11 years	8.6	5.4	4.9	6.3
12 years	5.2	6.0	2.2	4.8
13 years	9.1	6.0	4.9	4.8
14 years	2.6	9.5	6.6	4.2
15 years	3.9	3.0	6.6	4.8
16 years	3.4	3.6	1.6	3.2
17 years	0.9	2.4	2.2	0.5

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.0	0.0	1.6	1.6
Asian	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
Black	4.7	4.2	4.9	5.3
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	12.9	10.1	9.8	11.1
White	75.4	73.2	71.6	70.9
Two or more races	4.7	7.1	8.2	7.4
Unable to determine	1.7	5.4	3.8	3.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total children adopted	173	144	96	110

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	0.6	0.7	1.0	0.9
1 year	5.2	2.8	6.3	3.6
2 years	11.6	11.8	14.6	16.4
3 years	11.0	13.2	10.4	10.9
4 years	11.6	10.4	15.6	14.5
5 years	6.9	6.3	4.2	11.8
6 years	5.8	9.0	5.2	10.0
7 years	8.1	9.7	5.2	7.3
8 years	5.2	9.7	10.4	4.5
9 years	5.2	4.9	3.1	4.5
10 years	5.2	1.4	3.1	4.5
11 years	1.2	5.6	5.2	4.5
12 years	6.4	6.3	3.1	0.9
13 years	4.6	2.1	2.1	0.9
14 years	5.2	1.4	2.1	1.8
15 years	3.5	2.1	4.2	0.9
16 years	1.2	2.1	3.1	0.0
17 years	1.7	0.7	1.0	0.9
18 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9
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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Black	1.2	4.2	0.0	2.7
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	9.2	17.4	7.3	7.3
White	84.4	74.3	87.5	86.4
Two or more races	1.7	3.5	2.1	2.7
Unable to determine	3.5	0.7	2.1	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9

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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children without a recurrence	97.2	95.3	98.3	98.2
Children with one or more recurrences	2.8	4.7	1.7	1.8
Number	352	381	403	333

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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Children not maltreated while in foster care	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Number	1,362	1,251	1,193	1,174

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	30.6	30.7	24.9	27.5
Guardianship	5.1	2.3	2.8	4.0
Reunification	47.4	49.9	58.0	51.3
Other	12.3	10.9	6.8	13.4
Missing data	4.5	6.1	7.5	3.8
Number	529	475	398	425

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	16.1	13.0	10.9	7.8
Guardianship	6.5	2.6	3.1	3.9
Reunification	40.9	37.7	60.9	31.4
Other	24.7	31.2	10.9	49.0
Missing data	11.8	15.6	14.1	7.8
Number	93	77	64	51

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	1.4	2.2	3.4	2.5
Guardianship	3.5	3.0	6.7	6.6
Reunification	62.5	52.2	57.1	51.6
Other	23.6	24.6	15.1	30.3
Missing data	9.0	17.9	17.6	9.0
Number	144	134	119	122

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children age 12 or younger at entry	40.8	38.0	34.6	32.7
Children older than 12 at entry	59.2	62.0	65.4	67.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	49	50	26	55

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	American Indian/Alaska Native				2010	Asian				2010	Black			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	11.1	0.0	0.0	20.0	27.8	0.0	33.3		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	20.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	50.0	77.8	100.0	75.0	50.0	38.9	86.7	66.7		
Other	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	50.0	11.1	0.0	25.0	10.0	11.1	6.7	0.0		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	22.2	6.7	0.0		
Number	1	3	1	0	2	9	2	4	10	18	15	6		
	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander				2010	Hispanic (of any race)				2010	White			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	34.0	40.4	32.1	25.8	31.6	31.4	26.3	31.1		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.9	0.0	0.0	5.6	2.9	2.9	5.5		
Reunification	0.0	100.0	0.0	66.7	54.0	46.2	53.6	61.3	46.6	48.0	57.5	49.2		
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	33.3	10.0	5.8	0.0	9.7	11.6	12.6	6.5	10.0		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0	5.8	14.3	3.2	4.6	5.1	6.8	4.2		
Number	0	1	0	3	50	52	28	31	414	350	308	309		
	Unable to Determine				2010	Two or More Races				2010	Missing Data			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	18.2	11.5	12.5	8.0	50.0	40.0	33.3	31.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	4.5	0.0	6.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	50.0	76.9	56.3	50.0	37.5	46.7	50.0	59.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Other	18.2	3.8	12.5	40.0	12.5	6.7	16.7	4.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Missing data	9.1	7.7	12.5	2.0	0.0	6.7	0.0	4.5	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	44	26	32	50	8	15	12	22	0	1	0	0		

¹⁴ 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. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Less than 12 mos.	77.3	72.2	79.2	77.5
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	15.9	21.1	14.7	17.0
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	3.2	2.1	1.3	2.3
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	1.2	0.8	2.2	0.9
48 or more mos.	2.4	3.0	2.2	1.4
Missing data	0.0	0.8	0.4	0.9
Number	251	237	231	218

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children entering care for the first time	63.8	66.1	71.9	71.8
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	20.5	16.1	12.8	11.4
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	6.8	7.7	5.8	8.2
Missing data	8.9	10.2	9.6	8.6
Number	497	492	533	464

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Less than 12 mos.	1.2	4.1	4.0	1.7
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	18.5	29.5	36.4	20.5
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	47.5	32.2	36.4	63.2
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	17.9	17.1	12.1	7.7
48 or more mos.	14.8	17.1	10.1	6.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0
Number	162	146	99	117

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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children with 2 or fewer placements	83.9	82.8	82.6	81.4	64.1	63.4	71.6	66.2	38.5	35.1	30.1	41.4	0.0	100.0	66.7	85.7
Children with 3 or more placements	15.4	16.7	16.7	18.3	35.5	36.6	28.1	33.4	61.5	64.9	69.9	58.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	0.7	0.5	0.7	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.4	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	33.3	14.3
Number	591	563	603	531	251	295	285	305	520	390	302	331	0	3	3	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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Group homes	6.8	6.5	4.2	4.5
Institutions	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other settings	92.2	93.5	95.2	94.5
Missing data	0.7	0.0	0.6	1.0
Number	293	321	336	292

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

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score¹⁷	108.7	104.9	99.6	115.0
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)	76.4	72.5	78.0	77.7
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)	7.0	6.2	6.2	6.7
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)	48.7	42.6	45.0	38.9
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?	20.8	23.5	24.6	17.0

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	143.7	145.2	145.3	152.4
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?	19.8	34.0	40.8	22.2
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?	30.1	31.3	26.6	28.5
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?	34.8	36.7	31.1	37.6
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	15.4	10.3	14.7	12.5
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?	81.9	87.0	75.3	89.6

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	115.9	129.5	122.1	144.1
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?	32.3	34.8	30.8	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?	99.4	98.6	100.0	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?	58.5	41.4	51.1	24.1

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	97.5	93.9	97.2	98.1
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?	83.6	82.0	82.4	81.0
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?	64.3	63.4	71.8	66.7
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?	39.1	36.2	31.1	42.0

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 (<http://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 New Hampshire's comments on the State data presented in *Child Welfare Outcomes 2010–2013: 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 performance for the Absence of Child Abuse and Neglect in Foster Care measure was at 100% in FY 2013 and has exceeded the National Standard (99.68%) for the last 3 years.

New Hampshire has been above the national standard of 94.6% on the Absence of Recurrence of Maltreatment measure for the last 3 years; 95.3% in FY 2011, 98.3% in FY 2012 and 98.2% in FY 2013.

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 FY 2011, 97.2 in FY 2012 and 98.1 in FY 2013.

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 the Permanency Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions (standard: 106.4 or higher), our state score for FY 2011 is 145.2, for FY12 is 145.3, and for FY 2013 is 152.4, 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 FY 2011 to 28.5 months in FY 2013.
- New Hampshire ranks 2nd highest for the Permanency for Children and Youth in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time composite with a score of 144.1, the National Standard being 121.7.
- In FY 2013, 89.6% 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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total children under 18 years	2,062,013	2,049,453	2,035,106	2,022,117
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Asian	8.6	8.8	9.1	9.2
Black	14.3	14.1	13.9	13.8
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	22.5	23.1	23.8	24.4
White	51.7	50.9	50.1	49.4
Two or more races	2.7	2.8	2.9	2.9
Child population in poverty (%)	14.5	14.7	15.4	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Child maltreatment victims	8,981	8,238	9,031	9,490
Foster care entry rate per 1,000	2.3	2.2	2.6	2.6
Children in foster care on 9/30	6,971	6,555	6,903	7,025
Children adopted	1,275	1,089	1,023	876

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	N/A	N/A	96	98
Numerator	N/A	N/A	73,150	77,379
Denominator	N/A	N/A	76,032	79,271
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	N/A	N/A	96	96
Numerator	N/A	N/A	70,474	74,206
Denominator	N/A	N/A	73,150	77,379

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2010		2011		2012		2013	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children who received a Child Protective Services response for an allegation of child maltreatment	75,607	36.7 per 1,000	71,517	34.9 per 1,000	76,164	37.4 per 1,000	75,794	37.5 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims	8,981	4.4 per 1,000	8,238	4.0 per 1,000	9,031	4.4 per 1,000	9,490	4.7 per 1,000
Child fatalities	18	0.9 per 100,000	22	1.1 per 100,000	16	0.8 per 100,000	18	0.9 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	13.7	15.0	14.5	13.4
1 year	7.1	6.6	6.9	6.8
2 years	6.6	6.8	6.6	6.3
3 years	6.2	6.6	6.4	6.7
4 years	5.9	6.0	6.2	6.6
5 years	5.7	5.7	6.2	6.2
6 years	5.4	5.9	5.7	6.5
7 years	5.5	5.4	5.9	5.4
8 years	5.0	5.0	5.3	5.0
9 years	4.9	4.6	4.4	4.6
10 years	5.0	4.8	4.5	4.7
11 years	4.2	4.4	4.3	4.3
12 years	4.6	4.2	4.5	4.7
13 years	4.4	3.9	4.2	4.2
14 years	4.0	4.2	4.1	4.2
15 years	4.2	4.2	3.8	3.8
16 years	4.0	3.4	3.1	3.5
17 years	3.0	3.1	2.9	2.8
18+ years	<.1	<.1	0.2	<.1
Missing data	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.2
Number	8,981	8,238	9,031	9,490

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/ Alaska Native	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1
Asian	1.2	1.1	0.9	0.9
Black	30.6	28.4	27.3	29.7
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	0.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	19.6	21.1	23.0	21.2
White	28.6	30.4	31.1	33.5
Two or more races	1.6	1.9	1.6	1.7
Missing data	18.1	16.9	15.9	12.8
Number	8,981	8,238	9,031	9,490

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 2013 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2011–2014 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 was a new methodology used to calculate the caseworker visits measures. Because the new methodology limits data comparisons with prior years, caseworker visits data from 2010 and 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.

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Emotional abuse	0.4	0.4	0.8	0.5
Medical neglect	2.7	2.3	2.4	2.2
Neglect	80.9	82.6	84.8	85.8
Physical abuse	16.4	14.4	12.4	14.0
Sexual abuse	10.9	11.1	10.5	9.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	8,981	8,238	9,031	9,490

Response Time (in hours)⁹

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Mean	20.9	17.8	15.5	30.2
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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total number	7,480	6,701	6,351	6,710	4,676	4,491	5,237	5,342	5,236	4,672	4,718	5,065	6,971	6,555	6,903	7,025
Median length of stay (months)	15.4	14.6	13.6	12.3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	13.4	13.1	10.0	9.6	14.3	13.5	12.1	12.6

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	8.9	8.9	9.2	9.2	21.7	22.2	21.3	20.1	6.1	6.4	6.8	7.2	9.0	9.2	9.3	8.5
1 year	10.3	10.6	10.7	10.7	7.8	7.5	7.9	8.0	8.5	8.2	9.0	9.0	10.5	10.8	10.7	10.5
2 years	8.5	8.9	9.3	9.3	6.3	6.9	6.7	6.8	9.3	8.9	9.5	9.5	9.0	9.3	9.3	8.8
3 years	7.2	7.0	8.0	7.7	5.6	6.5	6.5	6.6	7.3	7.9	8.0	7.8	6.9	8.1	7.5	8.0
4 years	5.5	6.0	5.8	7.1	5.3	5.1	6.2	5.5	6.2	6.6	6.5	6.9	6.0	5.7	7.1	6.7
5 years	4.6	5.1	5.4	5.5	4.5	4.5	4.9	5.3	5.5	5.1	5.4	5.6	5.1	5.4	5.4	6.5
6 years	4.6	4.1	4.6	5.4	4.2	4.9	5.0	5.4	4.8	4.9	5.2	5.3	4.1	4.5	5.3	5.6
7 years	3.7	4.1	4.3	4.4	4.0	4.4	4.4	4.5	4.3	4.5	4.7	5.0	4.1	4.2	4.4	4.9
8 years	4.0	3.8	4.0	4.2	3.8	3.5	3.7	3.7	3.8	4.0	3.9	4.5	3.7	3.9	4.0	4.3
9 years	3.2	3.4	3.7	3.8	3.3	3.5	3.5	3.3	4.0	3.7	3.9	3.1	3.3	3.7	3.7	3.7
10 years	3.9	3.1	3.2	3.3	3.6	3.4	3.0	3.7	3.6	3.3	3.4	3.6	3.1	3.1	3.4	3.8
11 years	3.8	3.8	3.4	3.2	3.5	3.0	3.1	2.8	3.8	3.2	3.1	3.1	3.8	3.4	3.1	3.1
12 years	3.5	3.7	3.6	3.2	3.4	3.2	2.8	3.5	2.9	3.1	2.9	2.9	3.6	3.6	3.2	3.3
13 years	4.0	4.0	3.7	3.7	3.8	3.3	3.6	3.9	3.6	3.3	3.3	3.2	3.9	3.7	3.7	3.8
14 years	4.2	4.1	4.0	3.9	3.7	3.9	4.1	3.8	3.1	3.6	3.5	3.7	4.1	4.0	4.0	3.9
15 years	5.4	5.0	4.7	4.1	4.8	4.8	3.9	3.9	3.8	3.7	3.6	3.7	4.9	4.7	4.3	4.2
16 years	6.8	6.4	5.6	4.8	5.8	4.7	4.9	4.8	4.2	4.4	3.9	3.4	6.5	5.6	4.9	4.7
17 years	7.3	7.7	6.3	6.0	5.0	4.7	4.6	4.2	4.9	4.5	4.2	6.7	7.7	6.6	6.2	5.6
18 years	0.7	0.3	0.4	0.4	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	9.4	10.5	9.2	5.7	0.6	0.5	0.2	0.2
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.3	0.2	<.1	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	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/ Alaska Native	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Asian	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.5	0.7	0.8	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.3
Black	50.2	48.2	44.9	42.3	40.5	37.8	35.2	38.9	44.2	43.9	38.5	39.6	48.3	44.2	41.9	41.7
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)	17.6	18.0	21.3	21.5	19.9	23.0	21.7	20.6	19.1	19.7	22.1	23.0	17.9	20.2	21.0	19.7
White	24.3	25.5	25.6	27.2	28.3	27.0	30.1	29.7	26.4	26.6	28.5	27.7	25.4	25.7	27.1	28.7
Two or more races	3.0	3.6	3.9	3.7	2.9	2.5	2.5	2.8	2.3	2.9	3.3	3.0	3.5	3.3	3.3	3.6
Unable to determine	4.4	4.3	3.9	4.9	7.6	9.1	9.7	7.1	7.1	6.2	7.0	5.8	4.5	6.2	6.2	5.9
Missing data	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total waiting children	2,630	2,308	2,232	2,453
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	1,639	699	766	766

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	4.2	2.9	2.4	2.2
1 year	13.4	14.7	14.3	12.9
2 years	13.3	12.7	13.1	12.1
3 years	9.2	10.4	10.6	10.5
4 years	7.9	7.3	8.7	8.5
5 years	6.4	7.5	5.9	8.1
6 years	4.9	5.6	6.4	6.2
7 years	4.6	5.2	4.7	6.0
8 years	4.1	4.7	4.3	4.8
9 years	4.2	3.9	4.3	4.2
10 years	3.8	3.5	3.9	4.1
11 years	4.4	4.0	3.4	3.8
12 years	4.5	3.9	3.3	3.1
13 years	3.6	3.7	4.3	3.2
14 years	3.8	3.4	3.2	3.9
15 years	3.0	3.0	2.9	2.8
16 years	2.6	2.1	2.4	2.2
17 years	2.1	1.6	1.7	1.6

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1
Asian	0.4	0.3	<.1	0.2
Black	49.7	47.7	45.8	41.7
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	17.5	18.3	19.3	19.8
White	25.7	24.6	25.5	28.1
Two or more races	4.1	4.4	5.3	4.9
Unable to determine	2.6	4.5	3.9	5.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total children adopted	1,275	1,089	1,023	876

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	1.7	1.8	1.7	1.3
1 year	10.6	10.1	12.0	11.3
2 years	17.6	18.2	19.0	18.6
3 years	12.2	13.9	13.8	13.4
4 years	8.5	9.0	8.0	11.5
5 years	6.9	7.3	7.7	7.9
6 years	5.2	5.7	6.6	6.2
7 years	4.6	4.1	4.2	5.4
8 years	4.5	4.1	4.8	4.5
9 years	5.3	4.6	4.2	2.9
10 years	4.5	2.8	2.9	3.4
11 years	4.4	3.2	3.0	2.7
12 years	2.7	3.9	2.9	2.6
13 years	3.5	2.9	2.9	2.5
14 years	2.7	2.7	2.6	1.6
15 years	1.6	2.0	1.8	1.9
16 years	2.0	1.9	1.1	1.4
17 years	1.3	1.5	0.7	0.9
18 years	<.1	0.2	0.0	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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Asian	0.3	0.2	0.7	0.0
Black	49.6	45.7	47.0	41.6
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	18.5	18.3	17.8	21.9
White	25.6	28.5	27.0	28.2
Two or more races	3.5	5.1	5.0	5.6
Unable to determine	2.4	2.2	2.5	2.7
Missing data	<.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.

New Jersey

OUTCOMES DATA

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children without a recurrence	94.3	94.8	94.9	94.2
Children with one or more recurrences	5.7	5.2	5.1	5.8
Number	4,473	3,914	4,691	3,738

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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.15	0.13	0.23	0.34
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.85	99.87	99.77	99.66
Number	12,156	11,192	11,588	12,052

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	24.8	22.9	21.6	18.1
Guardianship	4.4	4.2	4.2	3.7
Reunification	58.6	60.5	63.7	68.6
Other	12.2	12.4	10.5	9.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	5,236	4,672	4,718	5,065

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	30.7	24.9	20.8	15.9
Guardianship	2.9	1.2	3.0	2.9
Reunification	44.5	50.3	55.4	61.7
Other	21.9	23.5	20.8	19.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	548	485	471	522

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	2.3	2.7	1.3	2.5
Guardianship	4.4	3.5	4.2	3.3
Reunification	52.2	52.9	58.1	60.0
Other	41.1	40.9	36.5	34.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,116	1,043	1,004	1,058

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children age 12 or younger at entry	25.9	24.2	24.7	20.4
Children older than 12 at entry	72.3	74.4	73.1	78.4
Missing data	1.8	1.4	2.2	1.2
Number	513	488	413	407

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	American Indian/Alaska Native				2010	Asian				2010	Black			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	11.4	9.1	21.9	0.0	28.1	23.8	26.5	19.3		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.7	4.5	6.3	2.3	4.8	4.5	4.8	4.4		
Reunification	33.3	100.0	0.0	50.0	77.1	81.8	71.9	90.7	51.4	55.8	55.5	64.4		
Other	66.7	0.0	0.0	50.0	5.7	4.5	0.0	7.0	15.7	15.9	13.3	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	3	4	0	2	35	22	32	43	2,314	2,053	1,816	2,006		

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander				2010	Hispanic (of any race)				2010	White			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	20.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	23.7	21.5	17.4	16.7	23.8	24.5	20.5	18.4		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	3.2	2.9	3.6	3.0	5.0	4.9	4.4	3.6		
Reunification	60.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	63.1	64.6	70.3	72.1	61.0	60.6	66.1	69.0		
Other	20.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.1	11.0	8.7	8.2	10.1	10.0	9.0	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	5	1	1	1	1,002	921	1,042	1,165	1,380	1,245	1,344	1,401		

	Unable to Determine				2010	Two or More Races				2010	Missing Data			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	8.4	8.3	7.9	7.8	37.8	39.4	32.9	35.1	14.3	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	2.4	2.8	1.2	1.0	5.0	5.8	5.2	5.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	81.9	82.0	83.8	86.8	53.8	51.1	49.7	53.6	85.7	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Other	7.3	6.9	7.0	4.4	3.4	3.6	12.3	6.0	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	371	289	328	296	119	137	155	151	7	0	0	0		

¹⁴ 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. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Less than 12 mos.	71.8	70.3	76.6	75.1
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	19.9	20.0	15.2	18.8
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	4.1	5.0	4.5	3.7
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	1.9	2.4	1.8	0.8
48 or more mos.	1.7	1.7	1.3	0.9
Missing data	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.7
Number	3,068	2,825	3,005	3,476

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children entering care for the first time	81.8	81.8	81.8	79.3
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	8.4	8.4	8.3	10.1
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	9.8	9.8	9.9	10.6
Missing data	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0
Number	4,676	4,491	5,237	5,342

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Less than 12 mos.	3.2	2.9	3.6	2.1
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	21.5	22.9	21.1	23.0
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	32.0	34.1	37.2	35.2
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	21.7	21.4	21.0	20.6
48 or more mos.	20.5	17.8	16.7	18.3
Missing data	1.2	0.8	0.5	0.8
Number	1,299	1,072	1,021	917

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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children with 2 or fewer placements	86.9	87.8	89.0	88.2	72.6	72.5	71.4	72.6	44.7	45.8	47.8	50.3	100.0	100.0	100.0	94.4
Children with 3 or more placements	13.1	12.2	11.0	11.8	27.4	27.5	28.6	27.4	55.3	54.2	52.2	49.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.6
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	5,504	5,200	5,935	6,166	2,735	2,637	2,579	2,908	3,904	3,339	3,066	2,942	13	16	8	36

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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Group homes	0.8	0.4	0.6	0.4
Institutions	1.8	1.3	1.3	1.5
Other settings	97.5	98.3	98.1	98.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	3,582	3,518	4,117	4,217

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

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score¹⁷	119.7	116.6	120.2	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)	67.3	65.0	71.8	69.8
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)	7.9	8.4	6.5	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)	46.4	42.4	43.4	44.9
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?	10.4	11.0	12.9	14.7

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	130.1	133.0	141.3	129.2
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?	24.9	26.1	24.8	25.3
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?	32.6	31.2	30.9	32.3
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?	33.3	31.1	34.6	31.6
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	17.0	14.1	18.4	16.3
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?	63.7	73.9	70.5	66.5

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	136.6	138.5	143.3	144.5
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?	38.4	38.0	40.5	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?	97.5	97.0	97.3	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?	40.3	36.7	37.6	30.6

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	105.4	106.7	107.8	108.6
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?	85.4	86.2	87.5	86.5
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?	72.6	72.6	71.3	72.6
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?	44.9	46.0	48.0	50.6

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 (<http://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 New Jersey's comments on the State data presented in *Child Welfare Outcomes 2010–2013: Report to Congress*.

New Jersey investigates all reports of child abuse and neglect. The number of unique children who were the subject of an investigated report due to maltreatment decreased slightly (76,174 in 2012 to 75,794 in 2013). Thirteen percent of these children were victims of maltreatment in 2013 in comparison to 12 percent in 2012.

New Jersey achieved 98 percent compliance in the number of monthly caseworker visits with children in foster care for 2013.

The median length of stay for children in care on the first day of the year continues to decrease from 15 months in 2010 to 12 months in 2013. A slightly higher number of children entered care (5,237 in 2012 to 5,342 in 2013). More children exited care (4,718 in 2012 to 5,065 in 2013), with quicker exits over the past four years (from 13 months in 2010 to 10 months in 2013).

New Jersey's commitment to achieving permanency for children is ongoing. Ninety percent of children in care exited to permanency through adoption, guardianship or reunification, exceeding the 89 percent national median.

Seventy-five percent of children in care less than 12 months exited to reunification exceeding the 74 percent national standard.

Of children entering care in the six-month period prior, 45 percent were discharged to reunification within 12 months of removal, exceeding the 38 percent national median.

Exits to reunification for Black children increased from 56 percent in 2012 to 64 percent in 2013, with a 4 percent decrease in the number of Black children waiting for adoption between 2012 and 2013.

New Jersey continues to demonstrate a strong commitment to permanency for older youth in care, as the number of children who entered care older than 12 years of age and who exited to adoption, guardianship, or reunification increased 7 percent over four years, from 59 percent in 2010 to 66 percent in 2013.

New Jersey continues to strive for placement stability and exceeds the national standard, having 88 percent of children in care less than 12 months, 73 percent of children in care 12 to 24 months, and 50 percent of children in care 24 months or longer in two or fewer placement settings.

Finally, the number of children age 12 years or younger that are placed in group homes or institutional settings remains under 2 percent since 2011.

New Mexico

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total children under 18 years	518,763	516,513	512,314	507,540
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
American Indian/ Alaska Native	10.3	10.2	10.2	10.2
Asian	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Black	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.7
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	58.3	58.7	58.9	59.1
White	26.4	26.1	25.8	25.4
Two or more races	2.3	2.3	2.4	2.5
Child population in poverty (%)	30.0	30.7	29.3	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Child maltreatment victims	5,440	5,601	5,882	6,530
Foster care entry rate per 1,000	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.7
Children in foster care on 9/30	1,872	1,870	1,939	2,110
Children adopted	420	351	345	262

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	N/A	N/A	98	99
Numerator	N/A	N/A	20,611	21,893
Denominator	N/A	N/A	20,949	22,223
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	N/A	N/A	98	98
Numerator	N/A	N/A	20,256	21,437
Denominator	N/A	N/A	20,611	21,893

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2010		2011		2012		2013	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children who received a Child Protective Services response for an allegation of child maltreatment	22,314	43.0 per 1,000	22,752	44.0 per 1,000	21,899	42.7 per 1,000	23,399	46.1 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims	5,440	10.5 per 1,000	5,601	10.8 per 1,000	5,882	11.5 per 1,000	6,530	12.9 per 1,000
Child fatalities	19	3.7 per 100,000	15	2.9 per 100,000	16	3.1 per 100,000	7	1.4 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	10.7	10.7	11.2	13.1
1 year	7.7	7.6	7.1	6.4
2 years	7.0	7.4	6.5	7.1
3 years	6.3	7.1	6.9	6.6
4 years	6.6	7.0	6.7	6.6
5 years	6.6	7.1	6.4	7.5
6 years	6.6	6.7	7.0	6.7
7 years	6.6	6.1	5.8	6.4
8 years	5.7	6.0	5.5	5.6
9 years	5.3	5.0	5.1	4.9
10 years	4.9	4.7	5.3	4.6
11 years	4.7	4.6	5.2	4.5
12 years	4.5	4.4	4.6	4.3
13 years	4.0	3.9	4.1	3.7
14 years	4.2	4.0	3.8	3.8
15 years	3.2	2.6	3.2	3.2
16 years	3.0	2.8	3.0	2.4
17 years	1.8	1.8	2.0	1.8
18+ years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.7
Number	5,440	5,601	5,882	6,530

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/ Alaska Native	9.0	5.6	6.2	7.6
Asian	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Black	2.5	2.7	1.8	3.0
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	57.9	60.0	62.2	61.0
White	25.2	26.7	25.1	23.6
Two or more races	2.4	2.1	1.9	1.8
Missing data	2.6	2.6	2.8	2.8
Number	5,440	5,601	5,882	6,530

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 2013 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2011–2014 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 was a new methodology used to calculate the caseworker visits measures. Because the new methodology limits data comparisons with prior years, caseworker visits data from 2010 and 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.

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Emotional abuse	20.9	22.0	22.0	21.6
Medical neglect	1.7	2.5	2.7	2.4
Neglect	86.5	85.8	86.6	93.0
Physical abuse	13.9	13.5	13.6	12.6
Sexual abuse	3.6	3.7	3.6	2.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1
Number	5,440	5,601	5,882	6,530

Response Time (in hours)⁹

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Mean	—	—	0.0	84.1
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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total number	1,950	1,858	1,835	1,893	1,766	1,778	1,725	1,856	1,844	1,766	1,621	1,639	1,872	1,870	1,939	2,110
Median length of stay (months)	13.3	12.9	13.2	13.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	8.9	4.9	7.4	3.3	12.8	13.1	12.8	12.6

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	5.2	5.1	6.0	5.8	13.0	13.7	14.0	14.8	5.6	4.8	5.7	6.0	5.1	6.1	5.7	5.8
1 year	8.4	8.4	8.5	8.5	9.9	10.0	8.4	8.6	8.3	8.6	7.9	8.2	8.4	8.5	8.5	8.4
2 years	8.5	8.3	8.7	7.9	9.4	8.7	6.7	7.3	9.8	8.6	8.0	8.4	8.2	8.9	7.8	8.0
3 years	7.9	8.0	8.4	7.6	7.4	7.9	7.3	7.8	8.5	8.2	8.5	8.2	8.2	8.3	7.8	7.4
4 years	6.9	6.6	8.1	7.4	6.9	7.3	8.4	7.6	7.4	6.9	8.3	7.2	6.7	8.1	7.3	7.9
5 years	5.7	6.4	6.5	7.9	5.9	5.5	6.4	6.4	6.0	5.8	7.0	7.3	6.3	6.4	8.1	7.1
6 years	6.4	6.0	6.2	6.4	5.7	6.9	5.9	5.2	6.0	5.8	5.9	5.7	6.1	6.2	6.4	6.5
7 years	6.3	5.0	6.4	5.4	4.6	4.6	5.0	6.8	6.1	5.5	6.0	6.3	5.0	6.4	5.5	6.4
8 years	5.4	6.5	4.8	6.0	5.3	5.2	5.4	4.8	5.1	5.4	5.1	5.6	6.5	4.9	5.8	6.0
9 years	5.3	5.4	6.0	5.2	5.1	4.4	4.5	3.8	5.0	4.9	4.7	4.6	5.4	6.0	5.2	5.1
10 years	4.6	5.1	4.5	5.8	4.8	3.7	4.1	4.0	4.2	5.2	3.9	4.9	5.0	4.6	5.8	4.3
11 years	4.3	4.6	3.2	4.3	3.7	3.1	4.6	3.9	4.6	4.4	4.5	4.9	4.6	3.3	4.4	4.8
12 years	3.6	3.7	4.4	3.9	3.2	3.6	4.0	3.4	3.3	3.1	4.0	3.7	3.6	4.3	3.8	3.7
13 years	4.1	3.8	3.8	4.0	3.5	3.5	3.0	3.8	3.5	4.4	3.7	3.5	3.7	3.7	4.0	4.1
14 years	3.2	4.3	3.3	3.8	3.3	2.9	3.4	3.5	3.0	3.2	2.9	4.1	4.3	3.3	3.8	3.6
15 years	4.3	3.2	4.0	3.4	2.7	3.0	3.5	3.0	3.1	3.2	3.5	3.1	3.2	3.9	3.4	3.6
16 years	5.1	4.1	2.7	3.9	3.7	3.6	3.4	3.1	3.0	4.0	3.2	2.9	4.1	2.7	3.7	3.7
17 years	4.8	5.6	4.5	2.9	2.1	2.4	2.0	2.2	6.0	6.5	5.5	4.3	5.5	4.4	2.8	3.6
18 years	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.5	1.5	1.7	1.0	0.1	<.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	<.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	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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/ Alaska Native	9.9	9.4	8.9	8.5	10.4	7.5	8.6	9.2	10.8	8.3	9.3	10.4	9.4	8.7	8.3	7.6
Asian	0.1	0.2	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.2	<.1	0.0	0.1	<.1	0.0	0.0
Black	3.0	3.4	3.9	2.5	3.7	4.6	1.7	4.1	3.3	4.0	3.3	3.1	3.4	4.0	2.4	3.6
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.2	<.1	0.0	0.2	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.2	0.1
Hispanic (of any race)	58.9	58.9	57.1	60.2	54.1	54.9	58.3	58.0	54.8	57.5	55.0	57.0	58.4	56.5	59.9	60.7
White	23.8	25.0	27.2	25.6	28.3	28.4	27.2	25.1	26.4	25.3	28.3	26.4	25.5	28.0	26.4	24.5
Two or more races	4.0	3.0	2.8	3.0	2.8	3.5	3.1	2.4	3.7	3.8	3.1	2.0	3.2	2.7	2.8	3.2
Unable to determine	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.7	0.6	0.9	0.5	0.7	0.5	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.3	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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total waiting children	780	787	841	886
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	467	442	420	485

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	1.9	2.3	2.4	2.5
1 year	6.3	6.5	7.5	7.7
2 years	6.7	8.1	7.8	7.9
3 years	7.6	7.4	8.3	7.1
4 years	7.2	8.6	7.5	7.1
5 years	6.8	6.4	8.3	7.6
6 years	6.7	7.9	6.7	7.7
7 years	6.3	6.2	5.5	6.5
8 years	7.4	5.0	6.4	6.0
9 years	6.2	7.5	6.1	6.1
10 years	5.6	5.0	6.7	5.6
11 years	5.0	4.4	4.9	5.9
12 years	5.1	6.1	3.7	4.4
13 years	5.1	5.0	5.2	3.8
14 years	5.8	4.7	4.2	4.7
15 years	4.9	5.2	4.4	4.2
16 years	4.1	2.9	3.9	4.0
17 years	1.4	0.9	0.6	1.2

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/Alaska Native	10.9	11.2	10.6	9.4
Asian	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0
Black	2.9	4.1	3.6	2.9
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3
Hispanic (of any race)	59.2	58.7	59.0	59.3
White	22.9	22.7	23.8	24.5
Two or more races	4.0	3.2	3.1	3.6
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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total children adopted	420	351	345	262

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	1.9	0.6	1.2	0.8
1 year	9.5	8.5	8.1	9.9
2 years	13.8	8.5	11.0	13.4
3 years	10.7	9.7	10.4	11.1
4 years	9.5	8.8	10.1	8.4
5 years	7.6	6.6	8.7	7.6
6 years	7.1	7.7	6.1	7.3
7 years	6.7	6.3	7.5	5.0
8 years	4.8	6.3	4.9	6.1
9 years	5.2	6.3	4.9	5.7
10 years	3.3	8.0	3.8	5.0
11 years	5.5	7.1	6.7	6.5
12 years	2.9	2.3	4.9	3.1
13 years	3.3	5.1	3.5	1.5
14 years	2.9	2.6	2.3	3.8
15 years	1.7	3.1	2.9	2.3
16 years	1.9	1.7	2.0	1.1
17 years	1.4	0.9	0.9	1.5
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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/Alaska Native	5.0	7.1	9.6	5.3
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0
Black	5.7	2.6	2.0	3.4
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.4
Hispanic (of any race)	56.0	68.7	60.6	61.1
White	27.9	17.9	24.6	28.6
Two or more races	5.5	3.7	2.6	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.

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children without a recurrence	91.7	90.1	91.0	88.5
Children with one or more recurrences	8.3	9.9	9.0	11.5
Number	2,746	2,790	2,948	3,140

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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.32	0.36	0.62	0.32
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.68	99.64	99.38	99.68
Number	3,716	3,636	3,560	3,749

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	22.8	20.1	21.5	19.5
Guardianship	0.9	2.4	1.5	2.4
Reunification	68.4	69.6	70.6	72.9
Other	7.9	7.8	6.5	5.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,844	1,766	1,621	1,639

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	43.1	40.6	41.7	38.5
Guardianship	1.2	3.3	1.7	3.7
Reunification	45.5	43.7	44.4	49.3
Other	10.2	12.4	12.2	8.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	655	572	475	481

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	3.6	4.4	3.1	2.1
Guardianship	0.4	3.1	1.2	1.6
Reunification	68.8	63.9	72.0	76.5
Other	27.2	28.7	23.7	19.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	279	321	257	243

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children age 12 or younger at entry	24.5	23.2	29.5	18.4
Children older than 12 at entry	75.5	76.8	70.5	81.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	94	99	78	49

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	American Indian/Alaska Native				2010	Asian				2010	Black			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	13.0	19.9	23.8	11.8	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	39.3	8.5	18.9	20.0		
Guardianship	2.0	2.7	4.0	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.4	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	64.5	62.3	59.6	73.5	100.0	75.0	0.0	0.0	52.5	81.7	73.6	76.0		
Other	20.5	15.1	12.6	13.5	0.0	25.0	0.0	0.0	8.2	8.5	7.5	4.0		
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	146	151	170	1	4	1	0	61	71	53	50		
	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander				2010	Hispanic (of any race)				2010	White			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	24.9	23.1	23.0	21.7	20.7	15.0	19.4	18.2		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	2.8	1.8	3.0	0.4	2.2	0.4	1.6		
Reunification	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	68.1	66.8	69.9	70.7	72.3	76.7	74.3	76.2		
Other	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	5.9	7.3	5.3	4.6	6.6	6.1	5.9	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		
Number	1	0	1	0	1,011	1,016	891	935	487	446	459	433		
	Unable to Determine				2010	Two or More Races				2010	Missing Data			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	25.0	26.9	13.7	21.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	90.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	64.7	61.2	72.5	68.8	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0		
Other	10.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.3	11.9	13.7	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	10	12	8	14	68	67	51	32	5	4	6	5		

¹⁴ 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. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Less than 12 mos.	76.0	79.5	76.1	75.8
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	18.9	17.9	20.4	19.7
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	3.9	1.7	3.0	3.4
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	0.8	0.6	0.3	0.5
48 or more mos.	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.5
Missing data	0.0	0.2	0.0	<.1
Number	1,261	1,230	1,144	1,195

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children entering care for the first time	84.0	83.6	83.5	83.5
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	7.3	6.4	6.9	7.5
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	8.7	10.0	9.3	9.1
Missing data	0.0	<.1	0.3	0.0
Number	1,766	1,778	1,725	1,856

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Less than 12 mos.	2.9	3.1	2.6	1.9
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	35.0	29.0	31.3	31.3
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	33.8	34.9	30.5	41.1
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	17.1	19.7	21.3	15.4
48 or more mos.	11.2	13.2	14.4	10.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	420	355	348	319

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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children with 2 or fewer placements	89.4	87.5	85.1	83.6	60.6	57.7	56.4	50.9	22.0	20.9	21.9	23.5	100.0	50.0	100.0	88.9
Children with 3 or more placements	10.6	12.4	14.8	16.3	39.4	42.3	43.6	49.1	78.0	79.1	78.1	76.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	50.0	0.0	11.1
Number	1,920	1,927	1,861	1,980	930	905	904	926	860	802	793	834	6	2	2	9

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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Group homes	7.0	3.4	4.3	4.4
Institutions	0.7	0.5	0.3	1.2
Other settings	92.3	96.1	95.4	94.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,494	1,499	1,457	1,557

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

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score¹⁷	109.6	116.2	115.5	106.5
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)	61.0	71.2	65.2	60.5
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)	10.0	9.5	9.7	11.0
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)	38.1	29.4	25.5	26.0
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?	8.4	10.6	8.3	10.0

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	144.8	137.0	129.4	132.4
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?	37.9	32.1	33.9	33.2
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?	27.8	28.5	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?	41.3	36.1	39.6	32.5
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	17.4	16.1	22.2	30.4
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?	57.8	54.7	48.2	48.9

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	130.2	124.2	116.7	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?	42.4	40.8	42.5	38.6
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?	93.0	91.2	91.6	95.5
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?	47.4	46.5	51.9	42.9

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	87.6	83.7	81.7	77.8
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?	82.2	79.6	76.4	73.7
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?	60.6	57.5	56.2	50.9
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?	22.0	21.0	21.9	23.5

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 (<http://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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total children under 18 years	4,318,033	4,294,555	4,264,694	4,239,976
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3
Asian	6.9	7.1	7.3	7.4
Black	16.2	16.0	15.9	15.8
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	22.6	22.9	23.3	23.6
White	51.2	50.7	50.2	49.6
Two or more races	2.8	3.0	3.1	3.2
Child population in poverty (%)	21.2	22.6	22.8	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Child maltreatment victims	77,011	72,625	68,375	64,578
Foster care entry rate per 1,000	2.7	2.4	2.4	2.1
Children in foster care on 9/30	26,774	25,044	24,625	23,031
Children adopted	2,205	2,214	2,182	2,139

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	N/A	N/A	95	94
Numerator	N/A	N/A	230,326	217,053
Denominator	N/A	N/A	243,570	230,468
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	N/A	N/A	92	92
Numerator	N/A	N/A	211,201	198,940
Denominator	N/A	N/A	230,326	217,053

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2010		2011		2012		2013	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children who received a Child Protective Services response for an allegation of child maltreatment	224,410	52.0 per 1,000	222,195	51.7 per 1,000	217,663	51.0 per 1,000	205,424	48.4 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims	77,011	17.8 per 1,000	72,625	16.9 per 1,000	68,375	16.0 per 1,000	64,578	15.2 per 1,000
Child fatalities	114	2.6 per 100,000	83	1.9 per 100,000	100	2.3 per 100,000	107	2.5 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	9.4	9.5	9.8	10.0
1 year	6.5	6.4	6.2	6.3
2 years	6.0	6.2	6.1	6.1
3 years	5.7	5.9	6.0	5.6
4 years	5.2	5.4	5.6	5.9
5 years	5.3	5.5	5.7	5.9
6 years	5.8	5.6	6.0	6.2
7 years	5.6	5.6	5.7	5.7
8 years	5.4	5.4	5.2	5.3
9 years	4.9	5.0	5.0	5.2
10 years	4.9	4.8	4.8	4.8
11 years	4.6	4.7	4.6	4.7
12 years	4.6	4.7	4.8	4.7
13 years	5.0	5.0	4.9	4.9
14 years	5.6	5.3	5.2	5.2
15 years	6.0	5.8	5.5	5.4
16 years	5.9	5.7	5.4	5.1
17 years	3.3	3.4	3.1	2.7
18+ years	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Missing data	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1
Number	77,011	72,625	68,375	64,578

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.3
Asian	1.5	1.4	1.7	1.8
Black	28.4	28.3	28.7	28.2
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	24.6	24.9	25.1	25.1
White	32.6	32.7	32.6	32.2
Two or more races	2.8	2.5	2.1	2.9
Missing data	9.8	9.8	9.4	9.3
Number	77,011	72,625	68,375	64,578

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 2013 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2011–2014 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 was a new methodology used to calculate the caseworker visits measures. Because the new methodology limits data comparisons with prior years, caseworker visits data from 2010 and 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.

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Emotional abuse	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.9
Medical neglect	5.7	5.4	6.0	5.8
Neglect	106.6	107.3	108.3	107.9
Physical abuse	11.4	11.0	10.7	10.5
Sexual abuse	3.5	3.3	3.3	3.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	32.0	31.4	30.4	29.6
Number	77,011	72,625	68,375	64,578

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Mean	3.4	3.9	5.7	6.6
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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total number	27,495	26,305	24,530	24,235	11,782	10,468	10,149	8,823	12,503	11,729	10,054	10,027	26,774	25,044	24,625	23,031
Median length of stay (months)	22.5	22.5	22.6	23.4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	16.0	16.8	18.3	20.5	23.1	23.0	22.4	23.6

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	4.1	4.2	4.3	4.2	15.9	15.8	16.0	17.3	4.2	4.2	3.7	4.1	3.9	3.9	3.9	4.1
1 year	5.6	5.7	5.7	6.0	6.2	6.3	5.9	5.3	4.7	4.7	4.1	4.6	5.6	5.6	6.0	5.3
2 years	5.5	6.1	6.2	5.7	5.4	5.6	5.2	5.1	5.4	5.3	5.7	5.4	6.1	6.2	5.8	6.2
3 years	5.2	5.2	5.9	5.8	4.4	4.7	4.6	4.9	5.2	5.7	5.9	6.1	5.2	5.8	5.8	5.4
4 years	4.4	4.8	5.0	5.5	4.4	4.3	4.3	4.4	5.2	4.9	5.2	5.8	4.8	4.9	5.4	5.3
5 years	4.2	4.3	4.5	4.7	3.7	3.9	4.1	4.3	4.2	4.5	4.7	5.0	4.2	4.5	4.7	4.9
6 years	4.0	4.0	4.2	4.4	3.7	3.9	3.9	4.0	4.1	4.3	4.6	4.7	4.0	4.1	4.3	4.4
7 years	3.7	3.8	3.9	3.9	3.5	3.4	3.4	3.0	4.2	3.7	4.0	3.8	3.8	3.9	3.9	4.1
8 years	3.8	3.6	3.6	3.8	3.4	3.1	3.7	3.1	3.8	3.6	3.7	3.7	3.5	3.5	3.8	3.7
9 years	3.7	3.5	3.4	3.5	2.9	3.0	3.2	2.9	3.6	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.5	3.4	3.5	3.5
10 years	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.3	3.2	3.0	2.8	2.6	3.4	3.1	3.4	3.2	3.5	3.4	3.3	3.4
11 years	3.4	3.4	3.5	3.3	3.0	3.1	2.9	2.7	2.9	3.3	3.2	3.3	3.4	3.5	3.4	3.1
12 years	3.4	3.5	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.6	3.6	3.3	3.4	3.0	3.0	2.9	3.5	3.4	3.5	3.3
13 years	4.2	3.9	4.1	3.8	5.2	4.9	4.9	5.2	3.5	3.4	3.4	3.3	3.8	4.0	3.8	3.8
14 years	5.0	5.2	4.8	4.9	7.4	6.9	7.4	7.8	4.7	4.6	4.4	4.4	5.1	4.8	4.9	4.9
15 years	7.1	6.7	6.5	6.1	11.0	10.7	10.4	10.1	6.7	6.6	6.6	6.1	6.6	6.4	6.1	6.2
16 years	8.5	8.1	7.4	7.4	8.6	8.3	8.5	9.0	8.8	9.0	8.2	7.3	8.2	7.6	7.5	7.4
17 years	8.0	7.5	7.3	7.0	4.0	4.5	4.2	4.2	6.8	6.8	6.5	5.7	7.8	7.4	7.2	7.3
18 years	5.4	5.4	5.2	5.0	0.2	0.5	0.5	0.4	5.8	5.8	5.6	6.0	5.7	5.5	5.4	5.2
19 years	4.2	4.1	4.3	4.2	0.1	0.3	0.4	0.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	4.2	4.4	4.1	4.1
20 years	3.1	3.2	3.4	3.5	<.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	2.2	2.6	3.3	2.3	3.3	3.4	3.3	3.7
Missing data	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.0	5.4	4.9	6.5	0.4	0.4	0.7	0.6

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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Asian	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.8	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.3
Black	48.7	48.0	42.6	37.2	42.6	28.2	23.6	21.1	43.9	41.2	37.2	34.3	48.3	42.9	37.0	32.3
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)	21.7	21.5	18.7	16.4	21.6	13.5	10.5	8.8	21.5	19.6	16.6	14.8	21.7	19.1	16.2	14.1
White	18.5	18.7	18.3	18.4	22.4	21.8	23.7	25.7	21.7	21.7	22.4	22.6	18.7	18.5	18.9	19.4
Two or more races	2.9	3.1	3.3	3.4	3.8	3.9	3.2	4.5	3.6	3.3	3.3	4.0	3.0	3.3	3.2	3.6
Unable to determine	7.5	7.9	16.2	23.8	8.4	32.0	38.3	39.5	8.3	13.3	19.8	23.3	7.5	15.4	23.9	30.0
Missing data	<.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	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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total waiting children	6,669	6,499	6,258	5,878
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	3,421	3,406	3,119	2,852

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.6
1 year	4.6	4.3	5.0	5.1
2 years	7.8	8.4	8.4	9.3
3 years	8.3	9.0	9.6	8.5
4 years	8.0	7.9	8.9	8.5
5 years	6.6	7.3	7.8	7.9
6 years	6.4	6.3	6.4	7.2
7 years	5.5	6.1	6.2	6.2
8 years	5.8	5.6	5.6	5.9
9 years	5.7	5.7	5.0	5.2
10 years	5.6	5.7	5.1	5.0
11 years	5.5	5.1	5.4	5.0
12 years	5.5	5.2	4.9	4.8
13 years	5.0	5.0	4.7	4.8
14 years	5.3	5.0	4.7	4.9
15 years	5.3	5.4	4.5	4.7
16 years	4.5	4.3	4.0	3.6
17 years	4.3	3.3	3.1	2.9

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4
Asian	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.1
Black	52.2	51.1	46.9	39.8
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	19.9	21.3	20.5	17.8
White	16.7	15.7	16.4	18.1
Two or more races	2.9	3.1	3.2	3.5
Unable to determine	7.8	8.4	12.5	20.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total children adopted	2,205	2,214	2,182	2,139

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	0.4	0.8	0.6	0.2
1 year	4.5	4.4	3.3	4.4
2 years	9.4	9.0	10.0	10.0
3 years	11.2	11.2	10.9	12.5
4 years	9.8	10.1	9.0	11.2
5 years	8.8	8.6	8.8	9.8
6 years	7.4	7.9	7.8	7.7
7 years	6.5	6.1	6.2	5.9
8 years	5.7	5.6	6.0	5.8
9 years	6.2	5.9	5.7	4.6
10 years	4.8	4.6	5.5	5.2
11 years	3.7	5.1	4.4	4.5
12 years	4.7	3.8	4.7	4.4
13 years	4.0	4.8	3.9	3.0
14 years	3.4	2.7	4.0	2.8
15 years	2.9	2.6	3.1	2.4
16 years	2.7	2.5	2.1	2.3
17 years	1.6	2.2	1.9	1.2
18 years	1.5	1.3	1.1	1.2
19 years	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.7
20 years	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.1

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.2	<.1	0.1	0.1
Asian	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.3
Black	42.1	44.1	46.2	44.6
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	19.1	18.2	16.9	17.0
White	25.1	26.8	23.8	24.0
Two or more races	4.6	3.8	4.5	3.8
Unable to determine	8.7	6.7	8.0	10.1
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.

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children without a recurrence	87.7	87.8	87.6	88.3
Children with one or more recurrences	12.3	12.2	12.4	11.7
Number	41,086	39,144	37,341	34,683

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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children maltreated while in foster care	1.91	1.38	1.19	0.90
Children not maltreated while in foster care	98.09	98.62	98.81	99.10
Number	39,277	36,773	34,679	33,058

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	17.0	18.3	21.0	21.3
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.2
Reunification	67.0	64.8	62.2	59.6
Other	14.9	15.7	15.7	16.2
Missing data	1.0	1.2	1.1	0.7
Number	12,503	11,729	10,054	10,027

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	20.9	22.6	25.5	25.0
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.1
Reunification	57.0	54.2	49.1	46.9
Other	21.9	23.1	24.4	25.3
Missing data	0.2	0.1	1.0	0.7
Number	4,529	4,640	3,600	3,902

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	0.9	1.5	1.3	1.5
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8
Reunification	66.2	64.0	63.5	59.3
Other	30.3	31.6	34.0	36.8
Missing data	2.6	2.9	1.2	1.5
Number	4,366	4,229	3,434	3,370

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children age 12 or younger at entry	33.9	31.1	28.9	24.3
Children older than 12 at entry	66.1	68.9	71.1	75.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,389	1,349	1,186	1,308

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	American Indian/Alaska Native				2010	Asian				2010	Black			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	16.7	3.7	4.2	9.1	5.9	10.9	17.4	13.2	16.5	19.9	26.2	27.7		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.9		
Reunification	70.0	88.9	79.2	75.8	82.4	71.9	63.0	60.4	66.4	60.0	52.1	47.7		
Other	10.0	0.0	16.7	12.1	11.8	15.6	19.6	22.6	17.0	19.3	20.6	20.6		
Missing data	3.3	7.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.6	0.0	1.9	<.1	0.8	1.0	1.0		
Number	30	27	24	33	68	64	46	53	5,485	4,833	3,739	3,441		

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander				2010	Hispanic (of any race)				2010	White			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	15.3	17.4	21.8	24.4	19.0	22.0	21.8	22.6		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.8		
Reunification	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	71.1	65.4	59.3	51.1	67.5	64.6	64.3	62.2		
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	13.5	16.9	18.4	21.7	12.0	11.8	12.2	12.6		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.5	0.2	1.4	1.7	1.7	0.8		
Number	0	0	0	0	2,686	2,295	1,672	1,489	2,714	2,546	2,252	2,268		

	Unable to Determine				2010	Two or More Races				2010	Missing Data			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	18.1	9.1	8.4	9.3	21.8	20.7	27.7	20.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	64.4	79.2	81.8	78.2	55.3	64.2	59.3	67.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Other	17.4	11.4	8.8	10.6	11.0	7.5	11.4	9.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Missing data	<.1	0.3	1.0	0.6	11.9	7.5	1.5	1.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	1,040	1,561	1,989	2,341	454	386	332	402	26	17	0	0		

¹⁴ 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. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Less than 12 mos.	57.7	56.5	56.2	55.9
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	21.8	23.2	22.9	21.5
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	9.8	9.7	9.9	9.9
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	5.6	5.0	4.7	5.6
48 or more mos.	5.0	5.5	6.1	7.0
Missing data	0.1	0.1	0.2	<.1
Number	8,381	7,601	6,258	5,973

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children entering care for the first time	77.4	75.8	75.7	77.4
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	11.3	12.2	12.0	10.0
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	11.2	12.0	12.3	12.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	11,782	10,468	10,149	8,823

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Less than 12 mos.	1.3	2.0	1.1	1.9
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	9.1	11.0	9.1	9.8
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	19.0	20.3	19.3	21.4
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	24.9	20.6	21.6	19.9
48 or more mos.	45.8	46.1	48.9	47.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	2,127	2,152	2,107	2,138

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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children with 2 or fewer placements	90.0	90.1	90.5	89.9	71.7	72.4	72.0	73.9	43.8	44.1	45.0	44.9	68.8	76.5	78.3	60.0
Children with 3 or more placements	10.0	9.9	9.5	10.1	28.3	27.6	28.0	26.1	56.2	55.9	55.0	55.1	31.3	23.5	21.7	40.0
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	13,577	12,371	11,601	10,382	7,803	7,579	7,056	6,693	17,881	16,806	15,999	15,978	16	17	23	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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Group homes	0.9	0.8	0.8	1.7
Institutions	4.3	3.4	3.8	4.3
Other settings	94.8	95.9	95.4	94.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1
Number	7,413	6,615	6,389	5,499

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

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score¹⁷	97.3	96.3	94.4	90.3
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)	54.7	54.1	54.1	54.0
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)	10.9	11.1	11.1	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)	39.8	40.9	38.0	37.2
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	14.7	14.2	15.5

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	66.4	72.0	71.2	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?	10.5	13.1	10.4	11.8
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?	45.6	45.5	46.4	45.8
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?	16.9	17.6	18.3	18.7
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	10.4	11.1	11.5	10.3
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?	45.0	49.1	49.1	54.3

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	121.6	122.8	124.1	125.8
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?	26.7	27.0	27.1	29.3
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?	95.7	96.4	97.5	97.6
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?	44.0	44.3	41.8	42.2

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	108.5	109.2	109.9	110.1
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?	89.2	89.5	90.0	89.5
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?	71.7	72.4	72.2	73.8
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?	47.5	47.8	48.4	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 (<http://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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total children under 18 years	2,282,288	2,284,238	2,284,122	2,285,605
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
American Indian/ Alaska Native	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3
Asian	2.4	2.5	2.6	2.7
Black	23.7	23.4	23.3	23.2
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	13.6	14.1	14.5	14.8
White	55.4	55.0	54.5	54.0
Two or more races	3.5	3.7	3.8	3.9
Child population in poverty (%)	24.9	25.6	26.0	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Child maltreatment victims	21,895	22,940	23,150	19,873
Foster care entry rate per 1,000	2.1	2.2	2.2	2.2
Children in foster care on 9/30	9,079	8,732	8,494	8,920
Children adopted	1,615	1,463	1,329	1,218

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	N/A	N/A	95	93
Numerator	N/A	N/A	88,451	90,130
Denominator	N/A	N/A	93,111	96,886
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	N/A	N/A	89	89
Numerator	N/A	N/A	78,604	80,165
Denominator	N/A	N/A	88,451	90,130

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2010		2011		2012		2013	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children who received a Child Protective Services response for an allegation of child maltreatment	117,166	51.3 per 1,000	123,198	53.9 per 1,000	125,062	54.8 per 1,000	121,641	53.2 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims	21,895	9.6 per 1,000	22,940	10.0 per 1,000	23,150	10.1 per 1,000	19,873	8.7 per 1,000
Child fatalities	17	0.7 per 100,000	19	0.8 per 100,000	24	1.1 per 100,000	29	1.3 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	12.5	11.5	11.7	12.3
1 year	8.3	8.0	7.6	7.5
2 years	7.7	7.8	7.5	7.2
3 years	7.2	7.3	7.0	7.0
4 years	6.3	6.8	7.0	6.9
5 years	6.2	6.5	6.6	6.9
6 years	5.9	5.8	5.9	6.2
7 years	5.5	5.7	5.8	5.7
8 years	5.1	5.1	5.4	5.4
9 years	4.9	4.8	4.7	4.9
10 years	4.6	4.9	4.8	4.4
11 years	4.6	4.6	4.7	4.5
12 years	4.3	4.3	4.4	4.3
13 years	4.3	4.3	4.4	4.5
14 years	4.1	4.1	4.3	4.1
15 years	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.9
16 years	3.4	3.3	3.0	2.9
17 years	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.1
18+ years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	<.1	<.1	0.2	0.2
Number	21,895	22,940	23,150	19,873

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/ Alaska Native	2.0	2.2	3.0	3.1
Asian	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.4
Black	30.5	30.1	30.2	29.8
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1
Hispanic (of any race)	10.0	9.8	9.6	9.9
White	51.6	51.7	51.3	50.7
Two or more races	4.4	4.8	4.7	5.1
Missing data	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.9
Number	21,895	22,940	23,150	19,873

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 2013 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2011–2014 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 was a new methodology used to calculate the caseworker visits measures. Because the new methodology limits data comparisons with prior years, caseworker visits data from 2010 and 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.

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Emotional abuse	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Medical neglect	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.7
Neglect	87.0	86.5	87.0	84.3
Physical abuse	9.9	9.7	9.4	10.0
Sexual abuse	8.5	8.3	8.2	8.3
Missing data	0.7	0.9	0.8	0.7
Other	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.4
Number	21,895	22,940	23,150	19,873

Response Time (in hours)⁹

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Mean	41.7	48.8	48.0	48.3
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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total number	9,150	8,466	8,266	8,197	4,708	5,071	4,931	5,094	4,779	4,805	4,703	4,371	9,079	8,732	8,494	8,920
Median length of stay (months)	14.5	13.6	12.6	12.3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	16.4	15.2	14.8	14.8	14.8	13.4	12.8	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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	6.1	6.1	5.5	6.6	18.3	15.3	17.4	17.1	4.0	3.6	3.4	3.2	5.7	5.3	6.4	5.8
1 year	7.7	8.2	8.1	7.7	8.8	8.3	7.9	7.8	8.7	8.0	8.1	8.7	7.8	7.8	7.5	8.7
2 years	7.3	7.9	7.9	7.7	7.2	7.9	7.7	6.9	7.9	9.4	8.4	8.2	7.7	7.8	7.6	7.0
3 years	6.7	6.5	7.4	7.5	7.0	7.0	6.4	6.5	8.3	7.8	8.5	8.4	6.5	7.3	7.4	6.8
4 years	5.1	5.9	6.4	6.5	5.2	6.5	6.0	5.3	6.0	6.5	6.8	7.1	5.9	6.3	6.4	6.4
5 years	4.8	4.9	5.4	5.4	4.9	5.4	4.7	6.0	5.4	6.3	6.7	6.4	4.9	5.5	5.3	5.7
6 years	4.3	4.7	4.7	5.2	5.1	4.6	4.9	4.6	4.8	5.1	5.2	5.4	4.7	4.6	5.2	5.3
7 years	4.1	4.3	4.5	4.6	4.1	4.0	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.5	4.3	4.9	4.3	4.5	4.6	4.6
8 years	4.7	4.1	4.2	4.3	3.3	3.5	4.0	4.0	4.5	4.1	4.3	4.5	4.0	4.1	4.2	4.3
9 years	4.2	4.0	3.8	4.1	3.1	3.4	3.1	3.8	4.2	3.8	3.8	4.7	3.9	3.8	4.0	4.1
10 years	4.1	4.1	3.6	3.9	3.2	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.4	3.7	3.5	3.9	4.1	3.6	3.8	3.7
11 years	4.1	4.0	4.2	3.8	3.1	3.5	3.2	3.2	3.3	4.0	3.2	3.1	4.0	4.1	3.6	3.7
12 years	3.7	4.2	3.8	4.2	3.7	2.9	3.5	3.3	3.3	3.2	3.9	3.5	4.0	3.7	4.1	3.7
13 years	4.4	4.1	4.5	4.0	3.8	4.1	4.0	4.0	3.0	3.5	3.4	3.3	4.0	4.4	3.8	4.3
14 years	5.1	4.8	4.9	5.3	4.4	4.7	4.6	4.6	3.2	3.3	3.5	2.7	4.6	4.6	5.1	4.5
15 years	5.8	6.3	5.6	5.6	5.1	4.7	4.8	5.0	3.7	3.4	3.6	4.0	6.0	5.5	5.4	6.2
16 years	7.5	6.9	6.7	6.0	4.7	4.1	3.3	3.9	4.6	4.6	4.3	4.0	6.5	6.4	5.9	5.6
17 years	7.0	6.0	5.0	4.2	3.1	2.7	2.3	2.3	4.4	3.8	3.6	3.0	7.1	6.7	5.9	5.8
18 years	2.0	1.7	1.8	1.8	1.5	3.1	4.0	3.3	10.5	9.3	9.0	8.3	2.3	2.2	2.1	1.9
19 years	0.9	0.9	1.0	0.9	0.4	0.6	0.4	0.4	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.3	1.3	1.0	1.0	0.9
20 years	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.8	0.7	0.9	1.0	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5
Missing data	<.1	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.4	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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/Alaska Native	1.3	1.6	1.9	2.4	2.1	2.1	3.0	3.1	1.4	1.6	2.1	3.1	1.6	1.9	2.4	2.5
Asian	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3
Black	39.8	37.8	36.7	34.4	32.3	32.8	31.2	31.9	36.2	34.6	35.1	32.7	37.9	36.7	34.3	33.8
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.2	0.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	<.1	0.1	0.1	<.1	0.1
Hispanic (of any race)	8.2	8.7	8.5	8.1	9.6	8.6	8.5	8.6	9.2	8.5	9.5	7.8	8.4	8.7	8.0	8.5
White	45.3	46.3	46.7	48.2	50.2	49.3	49.9	49.0	47.7	48.8	46.8	49.6	46.5	46.7	48.4	47.9
Two or more races	4.7	4.8	5.5	6.1	4.9	6.0	6.5	6.0	4.7	5.5	5.7	5.8	4.8	5.2	6.0	6.2
Unable to determine	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.9	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.4	0.4	0.5	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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total waiting children	2,473	2,266	2,087	2,191
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	1,274	1,169	1,047	990

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	2.7	2.7	3.2	2.6
1 year	6.9	7.3	7.3	8.9
2 years	8.9	8.2	8.1	8.2
3 years	7.0	7.0	7.3	7.4
4 years	7.1	6.0	7.0	7.4
5 years	5.4	5.9	5.5	6.5
6 years	4.7	4.7	6.0	6.5
7 years	5.0	5.4	4.9	6.0
8 years	5.4	5.0	5.5	5.0
9 years	5.3	5.7	5.1	4.5
10 years	5.4	4.9	4.3	4.2
11 years	5.5	6.1	4.5	4.4
12 years	5.9	5.6	5.9	4.5
13 years	4.5	6.1	5.2	5.4
14 years	4.5	4.5	5.8	4.7
15 years	5.9	4.6	5.4	5.7
16 years	4.7	5.9	4.3	4.5
17 years	5.1	4.2	4.7	3.6

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/Alaska Native	1.1	1.3	1.1	1.7
Asian	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0
Black	37.5	35.6	34.7	31.6
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.2	0.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	8.2	10.4	8.5	9.3
White	46.5	46.4	49.4	49.8
Two or more races	6.2	5.7	5.7	7.1
Unable to determine	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total children adopted	1,615	1,463	1,329	1,218

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	3.0	2.2	2.8	2.1
1 year	10.5	9.0	8.7	8.1
2 years	11.5	13.7	12.3	13.2
3 years	12.0	10.2	11.2	10.2
4 years	8.1	9.0	8.1	10.6
5 years	6.7	9.0	8.1	7.5
6 years	6.9	6.9	6.8	7.5
7 years	5.7	5.6	4.9	5.8
8 years	6.1	5.4	6.0	5.6
9 years	5.4	4.4	5.0	6.5
10 years	4.8	4.9	4.5	4.4
11 years	3.2	4.1	4.7	2.7
12 years	4.0	3.9	4.9	4.1
13 years	3.6	3.1	3.6	3.5
14 years	2.9	2.9	2.5	2.5
15 years	2.0	1.8	1.9	2.5
16 years	2.1	2.1	2.3	2.1
17 years	1.5	1.7	1.4	1.0
18 years	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/Alaska Native	1.7	1.4	2.2	1.3
Asian	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1
Black	34.0	35.9	27.7	30.9
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	4.5	4.2	6.6	5.8
White	50.1	47.0	51.2	49.3
Two or more races	9.2	11.4	12.3	12.5
Unable to determine	0.2	0.0	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.

North Carolina

OUTCOMES DATA

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children without a recurrence	97.5	96.7	97.9	98.1
Children with one or more recurrences	2.5	3.3	2.1	1.9
Number	4,189	4,463	4,517	3,763

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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.35	0.47	0.45	0.33
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.65	99.53	99.55	99.67
Number	13,858	13,537	13,197	13,291

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	27.3	26.5	26.0	24.3
Guardianship	12.7	14.2	15.3	15.1
Reunification	46.8	46.5	46.3	49.1
Other	13.0	12.7	12.4	11.6
Missing data	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0
Number	4,779	4,805	4,703	4,371

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	20.5	22.7	22.1	22.8
Guardianship	10.0	10.6	13.7	11.1
Reunification	45.0	42.6	41.9	43.8
Other	24.3	24.0	22.1	22.3
Missing data	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0
Number	560	538	475	386

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	2.8	3.5	3.4	3.4
Guardianship	8.3	9.1	9.1	9.7
Reunification	48.8	45.3	46.7	43.9
Other	39.8	41.7	40.5	43.0
Missing data	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.0
Number	1,119	1,106	1,077	940

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children age 12 or younger at entry	23.6	15.7	18.9	12.6
Children older than 12 at entry	76.4	84.3	81.1	87.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	552	515	507	443

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	American Indian/Alaska Native				2010	Asian				2010	Black			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	20.9	15.8	19.6	6.7	15.4	0.0	0.0	9.1	27.6	27.0	22.2	25.3		
Guardianship	11.9	6.6	13.4	16.3	7.7	5.3	0.0	0.0	11.7	13.7	14.7	11.6		
Reunification	55.2	75.0	57.7	71.9	69.2	84.2	87.5	81.8	42.9	44.2	47.0	48.7		
Other	11.9	2.6	9.3	5.2	7.7	10.5	12.5	9.1	17.7	15.1	16.0	14.4		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0		
Number	67	76	97	135	13	19	8	11	1,728	1,661	1,652	1,429		

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander				2010	Hispanic (of any race)				2010	White			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	45.5	100.0	12.5	0.0	23.2	26.7	34.4	25.5	27.8	25.3	26.2	23.7		
Guardianship	18.2	0.0	12.5	0.0	9.3	10.5	9.4	12.6	14.0	15.5	17.4	18.3		
Reunification	36.4	0.0	50.0	33.3	59.2	53.8	46.3	51.6	46.7	46.8	45.2	47.3		
Other	0.0	0.0	25.0	66.7	8.2	8.8	9.7	10.3	11.2	12.4	11.1	10.8		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.2	<.1	<.1	0.0		
Number	11	5	8	3	439	409	445	341	2,278	2,346	2,202	2,167		

	Unable to Determine				2010	Two or More Races				2010	Missing Data			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	33.3	28.0	18.2	25.0	29.8	38.3	36.8	33.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	5.6	4.0	4.5	9.4	14.2	15.5	13.4	11.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	55.6	60.0	68.2	59.4	48.4	35.6	43.5	48.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Other	5.6	8.0	9.1	6.3	7.1	10.6	6.3	7.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	18	25	22	32	225	264	269	253	0	0	0	0		

¹⁴ 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. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Less than 12 mos.	54.4	55.8	54.9	56.8
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	31.8	32.6	33.3	32.0
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	8.0	6.8	8.0	7.6
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	2.9	2.2	2.3	1.9
48 or more mos.	3.0	2.6	1.5	1.8
Missing data	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0
Number	2,235	2,233	2,176	2,144

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children entering care for the first time	96.7	96.4	95.8	96.0
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	1.7	2.3	2.9	2.7
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	1.6	1.3	1.2	1.4
Missing data	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0
Number	4,708	5,071	4,931	5,094

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Less than 12 mos.	6.1	6.6	7.9	5.3
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	30.1	27.1	31.4	33.1
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	30.7	36.3	31.5	34.0
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	18.9	15.3	16.1	14.4
48 or more mos.	14.2	14.7	13.2	13.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,306	1,275	1,221	1,064

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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children with 2 or fewer placements	92.2	91.6	91.6	91.3	76.3	77.0	76.2	76.1	42.7	41.8	43.4	43.7	100.0	92.3	75.0	83.3
Children with 3 or more placements	7.8	8.4	8.4	8.7	23.7	23.0	23.8	23.9	57.3	58.2	56.6	56.3	0.0	7.7	25.0	16.7
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	5,581	5,926	5,902	5,996	3,764	3,550	3,687	3,792	4,504	4,035	3,604	3,497	9	26	4	6

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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Group homes	1.2	0.9	1.0	1.2
Institutions	1.3	1.7	2.4	2.2
Other settings	94.6	94.9	94.0	95.0
Missing data	2.9	2.5	2.6	1.6
Number	3,576	3,817	3,730	3,842

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

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score¹⁷	119.8	123.0	120.1	112.3
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)	57.7	60.3	58.1	59.6
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)	10.3	9.7	10.5	10.1
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)	23.6	26.1	25.2	24.7
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?	2.0	2.3	3.1	5.1

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	123.9	122.8	136.3	133.4
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?	36.2	33.7	39.3	38.3
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	27.6	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?	26.4	29.0	29.8	27.9
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	10.7	12.7	14.1	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?	64.6	59.6	70.2	68.2

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	120.0	130.2	129.2	122.3
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?	31.1	33.4	35.0	33.0
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?	95.4	96.7	96.7	96.0
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?	48.4	42.7	43.8	47.1

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	110.9	110.8	111.0	110.6
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?	92.1	91.7	91.5	91.2
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?	76.3	77.2	76.5	76.3
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?	43.4	42.5	43.8	43.7

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 (<http://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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total children under 18 years	150,179	152,357	156,765	162,688
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
American Indian/ Alaska Native	8.5	8.5	8.4	8.2
Asian	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9
Black	1.8	2.0	2.2	2.4
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	3.7	4.1	4.4	4.8
White	81.6	81.0	80.4	79.8
Two or more races	3.5	3.6	3.7	3.8
Child population in poverty (%)	16.2	14.6	13.2	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Child maltreatment victims	1,122	1,295	1,402	1,517
Foster care entry rate per 1,000	5.3	5.1	5.4	5.8
Children in foster care on 9/30	1,131	1,105	1,173	1,289
Children adopted	145	119	155	104

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	N/A	N/A	91	93
Numerator	N/A	N/A	10,958	12,075
Denominator	N/A	N/A	12,096	13,026
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	N/A	N/A	81	78
Numerator	N/A	N/A	8,914	9,469
Denominator	N/A	N/A	10,958	12,075

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2010		2011		2012		2013	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children who received a Child Protective Services response for an allegation of child maltreatment	6,345	42.2 per 1,000	6,152	40.4 per 1,000	6,172	39.4 per 1,000	6,170	37.9 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims	1,122	7.5 per 1,000	1,295	8.5 per 1,000	1,402	8.9 per 1,000	1,517	9.3 per 1,000
Child fatalities	1	0.7 per 100,000	1	0.7 per 100,000	1	0.6 per 100,000	1	0.6 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	7.2	9.2	9.8	9.5
1 year	7.4	6.6	6.7	6.4
2 years	7.0	7.0	6.8	7.1
3 years	7.8	7.9	7.3	6.5
4 years	6.1	7.3	7.2	7.3
5 years	5.8	6.3	6.2	7.3
6 years	5.5	6.7	6.7	7.4
7 years	5.5	4.4	5.6	5.7
8 years	5.5	5.1	5.1	6.1
9 years	4.3	4.2	4.8	4.9
10 years	4.2	5.3	4.1	5.3
11 years	3.7	4.9	4.9	4.2
12 years	5.1	4.9	4.1	3.9
13 years	4.4	5.9	4.6	4.5
14 years	3.0	4.2	4.1	3.7
15 years	3.6	4.2	5.1	4.5
16 years	3.9	2.5	3.1	2.6
17 years	2.1	1.7	2.4	1.7
18+ years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	7.8	1.6	1.4	1.3
Number	1,122	1,295	1,402	1,517

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/ Alaska Native	17.7	25.0	20.7	18.8
Asian	0.2	<.1	0.4	0.0
Black	1.2	4.3	3.2	3.0
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.2	0.2	0.6	0.1
Hispanic (of any race)	5.9	3.0	7.6	6.5
White	54.4	52.7	58.0	59.7
Two or more races	5.3	6.1	6.5	8.6
Missing data	15.2	8.5	3.1	3.3
Number	1,122	1,295	1,402	1,517

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 2013 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2011–2014 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 was a new methodology used to calculate the caseworker visits measures. Because the new methodology limits data comparisons with prior years, caseworker visits data from 2010 and 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.

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Emotional abuse	42.6	37.0	36.7	36.4
Medical neglect	3.4	2.3	2.3	1.3
Neglect	67.6	70.4	70.8	72.3
Physical abuse	16.0	15.9	14.3	12.5
Sexual abuse	3.9	4.4	4.3	4.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,122	1,295	1,402	1,517

Response Time (in hours)⁹

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Mean	53.2	33.2	37.9	208.9
Median	<24	<24	<24	>144 but <168

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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total number	1,098	983	1,031	1,066	796	780	844	947	763	658	702	724	1,131	1,105	1,173	1,289
Median length of stay (months)	11.5	13.0	11.8	11.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	10.0	10.8	12.0	11.3	13.2	11.9	11.0	10.8

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	3.9	3.0	4.1	5.2	11.1	11.0	10.7	11.8	4.5	4.7	2.1	4.3	3.1	3.9	4.9	5.0
1 year	5.3	5.7	4.9	5.9	4.6	6.2	5.5	5.6	4.3	4.6	4.3	5.0	5.7	4.7	5.6	6.2
2 years	4.6	4.3	5.5	5.3	5.5	4.6	4.9	6.3	5.2	4.6	5.4	7.0	4.7	5.4	5.2	5.4
3 years	4.6	5.6	4.7	5.6	4.3	4.9	5.6	5.8	4.2	6.2	5.3	5.7	5.7	4.6	5.5	5.8
4 years	4.7	4.1	5.1	5.1	4.1	4.6	5.5	5.5	4.2	4.1	4.7	5.5	4.1	5.4	5.5	5.7
5 years	3.7	4.3	4.7	5.1	4.4	4.7	5.1	5.4	3.9	3.2	5.3	4.4	4.7	4.6	4.9	5.0
6 years	3.7	4.3	4.7	5.2	2.5	4.5	5.3	4.3	3.5	4.1	4.6	4.7	4.3	4.6	5.0	5.4
7 years	3.6	3.1	4.0	4.5	3.4	3.7	3.8	4.4	3.0	4.1	3.4	5.0	3.2	4.1	4.6	4.7
8 years	3.6	3.8	3.1	3.7	2.5	2.9	3.1	3.7	2.2	2.4	4.4	3.2	4.2	3.4	3.8	4.5
9 years	2.7	3.3	3.9	2.3	2.0	2.4	3.3	3.2	1.6	2.7	3.7	2.6	2.7	3.8	2.3	4.5
10 years	3.8	3.9	2.5	4.4	3.5	2.9	3.0	4.1	4.1	2.9	2.6	3.2	3.8	3.0	4.2	2.6
11 years	4.5	2.6	4.5	3.0	2.3	2.7	3.2	3.5	3.7	2.3	2.3	2.9	2.6	4.2	3.2	4.3
12 years	4.0	4.9	2.5	4.7	3.9	4.0	3.6	3.4	2.8	3.5	2.1	2.5	4.2	2.6	4.9	3.7
13 years	4.4	6.1	5.1	3.2	5.5	4.7	3.7	4.9	2.8	3.0	3.7	3.2	5.6	5.0	3.2	5.0
14 years	7.0	6.4	7.1	5.7	7.5	6.9	6.8	6.2	3.9	5.3	5.0	3.3	6.5	7.0	5.5	5.4
15 years	8.7	9.3	9.6	8.4	10.9	11.7	9.8	8.1	8.5	7.0	6.3	5.8	8.8	10.0	8.4	7.1
16 years	12.1	11.5	10.6	11.3	11.2	9.6	9.8	6.5	9.4	8.7	10.3	9.3	10.7	10.2	11.5	9.0
17 years	13.3	11.4	11.3	9.3	8.7	7.8	7.2	7.1	14.0	12.6	12.3	10.9	11.1	11.1	9.0	8.0
18 years	1.1	1.9	1.6	1.5	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.1	13.1	12.5	11.5	10.5	2.5	1.8	2.1	1.9
19 years	0.5	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.5
20 years	0.0	0.6	<.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.5	<.1	0.3	<.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.9	<.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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/Alaska Native	25.5	28.5	29.8	28.0	23.4	27.9	24.9	23.0	22.8	25.2	26.2	22.8	25.8	30.0	28.4	27.3
Asian	1.1	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.9	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.9	0.5	0.4	0.4	1.1	0.3	0.2	0.2
Black	4.2	3.4	3.6	3.2	4.1	3.3	4.6	4.1	4.2	3.0	5.4	5.1	4.2	3.5	3.2	2.8
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.2	0.1	<.1	0.4	0.1	0.5	1.1	0.0	0.3	0.3	0.9	0.3	<.1	0.3	0.3	0.2
Hispanic (of any race)	6.2	5.0	4.8	6.4	4.1	4.5	5.1	6.3	5.8	5.2	3.1	7.0	5.0	4.5	6.1	6.0
White	53.5	51.4	52.4	53.4	56.4	52.7	56.2	53.1	57.5	54.0	56.3	52.9	52.8	50.8	52.8	53.5
Two or more races	9.3	10.6	7.4	6.6	7.8	6.3	4.6	9.6	7.1	9.9	5.7	8.4	9.7	8.0	6.4	7.8
Unable to determine	<.1	0.6	1.6	1.9	0.8	4.5	3.3	3.4	0.3	2.0	2.0	3.0	0.4	2.5	2.6	2.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.4	0.1	0.0	0.1	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	<.1	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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total waiting children	235	245	220	247
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	138	131	128	143

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	3.8	2.4	4.1	2.8
1 year	8.5	6.9	9.5	5.7
2 years	9.4	7.3	7.7	6.9
3 years	9.4	7.8	6.8	6.9
4 years	6.4	8.2	7.7	6.1
5 years	9.4	6.9	8.2	6.5
6 years	4.3	6.5	6.4	9.7
7 years	7.7	5.7	9.5	7.7
8 years	8.5	6.5	4.5	7.7
9 years	4.7	4.9	2.7	6.9
10 years	3.4	4.9	5.0	2.8
11 years	3.4	4.9	5.0	6.9
12 years	4.3	2.9	4.5	4.5
13 years	4.7	6.5	2.3	5.3
14 years	2.1	5.7	4.5	2.8
15 years	3.4	3.3	5.5	4.5
16 years	3.4	4.5	3.6	4.5
17 years	3.4	4.1	2.3	2.0

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/Alaska Native	24.3	35.9	30.9	32.0
Asian	3.8	0.4	0.0	0.0
Black	9.8	6.5	0.9	2.0
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.4
Hispanic (of any race)	7.7	5.7	7.7	9.7
White	44.3	33.5	47.7	45.3
Two or more races	10.2	17.6	11.4	9.3
Unable to determine	0.0	0.4	0.9	1.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total children adopted	145	119	155	104

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	21.4	15.1	26.5	2.9
1 year	10.3	9.2	8.4	11.5
2 years	6.9	5.9	6.5	21.2
3 years	6.2	10.9	12.3	9.6
4 years	4.1	10.1	7.1	8.7
5 years	7.6	6.7	5.2	7.7
6 years	8.3	5.0	5.2	8.7
7 years	4.1	4.2	2.6	4.8
8 years	5.5	8.4	4.5	3.8
9 years	4.1	5.0	6.5	3.8
10 years	7.6	2.5	1.3	3.8
11 years	4.8	2.5	1.9	1.0
12 years	5.5	3.4	3.2	2.9
13 years	0.0	1.7	2.6	1.9
14 years	1.4	5.0	1.3	2.9
15 years	1.4	0.8	2.6	0.0
16 years	0.7	0.8	1.3	1.9
17 years	0.0	2.5	1.3	1.9
18 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0
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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/Alaska Native	9.0	12.6	18.1	24.0
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.0
Black	2.8	9.2	9.7	0.0
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	9.0	7.6	4.5	5.8
White	69.7	58.0	55.5	53.8
Two or more races	9.7	12.6	11.0	16.3
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.

North Dakota

OUTCOMES DATA

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children without a recurrence	98.6	98.6	97.4	95.4
Children with one or more recurrences	1.4	1.4	2.6	4.6
Number	576	702	760	747

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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.00	0.06	0.59	0.10
Children not maltreated while in foster care	100.00	99.94	99.41	99.90
Number	1,894	1,763	1,875	2,013

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	15.6	14.9	15.4	13.3
Guardianship	4.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reunification	50.7	64.7	65.7	68.6
Other	12.1	20.2	18.8	18.1
Missing data	17.6	0.2	0.1	0.0
Number	763	658	702	724

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	16.9	11.5	14.6	9.1
Guardianship	2.8	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reunification	42.8	60.1	58.9	60.8
Other	15.5	28.3	26.5	30.1
Missing data	22.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	290	321	355	319

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	0.6	2.1	1.3	1.1
Guardianship	2.8	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reunification	55.5	65.6	63.9	61.8
Other	16.9	31.9	34.4	37.2
Missing data	24.3	0.3	0.3	0.0
Number	362	288	302	285

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children age 12 or younger at entry	22.0	16.1	9.7	10.2
Children older than 12 at entry	78.0	83.9	90.3	89.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	50	62	62	59

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	American Indian/Alaska Native				2010	Asian				2010	Black			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	6.3	10.8	14.1	15.2	57.1	0.0	33.3	0.0	21.9	35.0	28.9	0.0		
Guardianship	5.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	48.9	60.8	59.8	61.2	42.9	100.0	66.7	100.0	37.5	55.0	47.4	67.6		
Other	19.0	27.7	26.1	23.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	25.0	10.0	23.7	32.4		
Missing data	20.7	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	15.6	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	174	166	184	165	7	3	3	3	32	20	38	37		

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander				2010	Hispanic (of any race)				2010	White			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	29.5	23.5	18.2	5.9	16.6	14.1	12.4	13.6		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.5	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	50.0	100.0	66.7	100.0	40.9	64.7	68.2	64.7	56.3	67.0	71.9	71.0		
Other	0.0	0.0	33.3	0.0	15.9	11.8	13.6	29.4	8.9	18.9	15.4	15.4		
Missing data	50.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	15.7	0.0	0.3	0.0		
Number	2	2	6	2	44	34	22	51	439	355	395	383		

	Unable to Determine				2010	Two or More Races				2010	Missing Data			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	20.4	23.1	42.5	26.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	16.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	50.0	84.6	71.4	95.5	33.3	58.5	45.0	65.6	22.2	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Other	50.0	15.4	28.6	4.5	5.6	18.5	12.5	8.2	11.1	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	24.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	66.7	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	2	13	14	22	54	65	40	61	9	0	0	0		

¹⁴ 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. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Less than 12 mos.	70.5	67.8	63.6	63.8
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	23.0	24.2	26.0	28.2
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	2.8	4.5	7.2	4.8
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	1.3	1.2	2.0	1.0
48 or more mos.	2.1	2.1	1.1	1.4
Missing data	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.8
Number	387	426	461	497

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children entering care for the first time	72.5	75.1	80.1	78.8
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	8.9	11.9	8.3	9.3
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	9.8	12.2	11.1	10.5
Missing data	8.8	0.8	0.5	1.5
Number	796	780	844	947

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Less than 12 mos.	22.7	5.1	2.8	5.2
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	23.5	27.6	27.8	38.5
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	22.7	35.7	43.5	31.3
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	22.7	24.5	11.1	12.5
48 or more mos.	8.4	7.1	14.8	11.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0
Number	119	98	108	96

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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children with 2 or fewer placements	85.1	82.4	74.4	80.4	60.6	52.4	53.3	50.9	40.1	45.0	40.1	33.4	88.9	100.0	100.0	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	14.9	17.6	25.6	19.6	39.4	47.6	46.7	49.1	59.9	55.0	59.9	66.6	11.1	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	962	902	978	1,084	469	418	467	513	454	440	429	410	9	3	1	6

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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Group homes	0.2	1.5	0.4	0.3
Institutions	4.3	6.3	7.9	6.5
Other settings	93.6	92.2	91.7	93.2
Missing data	1.9	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	421	459	519	633

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

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score¹⁷	122.0	114.5	111.3	116.7
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)	76.7	71.5	68.8	67.0
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)	6.6	6.5	8.4	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)	34.4	40.6	43.2	37.5
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?	13.3	13.0	14.7	12.1

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	108.1	114.3	116.5	123.3
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?	46.6	32.7	30.5	44.2
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?	25.6	29.7	27.5	24.5
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?	18.5	22.0	22.9	21.8
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	7.5	9.7	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?	43.2	43.0	58.1	60.0

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	131.3	138.8	140.1	140.3
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?	23.8	25.7	27.4	24.3
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?	97.3	96.0	96.4	97.9
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?	29.3	22.1	25.5	20.8

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	96.7	92.5	84.6	86.2
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?	82.9	80.9	72.2	79.1
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?	61.0	52.0	53.2	50.1
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?	40.9	45.3	40.8	33.6

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 (<http://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 2010–2013: Report to Congress*.

Context Data

In “Child Maltreatment Data, Section B (Response Time),” please note that North Dakota did not have the ability to measure response time data in hours until the FFY2013 NCANDS submission. Prior submissions reported this element in days. State policy and administrative rules for response time differ from the NCANDS criteria for initiating an assessment (investigation), which may contribute to the significant difference in the mean and median times reported.

In “Characteristics of Children in Foster Care,” it may be helpful for readers to be aware that North Dakota's foster care universe includes the juvenile justice population and tribal IV-E children pursuant to North Dakota's state/tribal IV-E agreements.

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 is being addressed so that future reporting is accurate.

3.4 Exits to Emancipation: Emancipation is not an option in North Dakota. 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 settings 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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total children under 18 years	2,722,589	2,693,469	2,668,125	2,649,830
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Asian	1.7	1.8	1.8	1.9
Black	14.6	14.6	14.6	14.6
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	5.0	5.2	5.3	5.5
White	74.5	74.1	73.8	73.5
Two or more races	4.0	4.1	4.2	4.3
Child population in poverty (%)	23.3	24.2	23.8	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Child maltreatment victims	31,295	30,601	29,250	27,562
Foster care entry rate per 1,000	3.4	3.7	3.6	3.7
Children in foster care on 9/30	11,881	12,135	12,026	12,249
Children adopted	1,438	1,420	1,250	1,244

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	N/A	N/A	96	96
Numerator	N/A	N/A	129,764	131,150
Denominator	N/A	N/A	134,612	136,188
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	N/A	N/A	91	90
Numerator	N/A	N/A	117,476	118,613
Denominator	N/A	N/A	129,764	131,150

B. Child Maltreatment Data (National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System [NCANDS] Unique Counts)⁶Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2010		2011		2012		2013	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children who received a Child Protective Services response for an allegation of child maltreatment	91,636	33.7 per 1,000	103,554	38.4 per 1,000	102,734	38.5 per 1,000	103,381	39.0 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims	31,295	11.5 per 1,000	30,601	11.4 per 1,000	29,250	11.0 per 1,000	27,562	10.4 per 1,000
Child fatalities	83	3.0 per 100,000	67	2.5 per 100,000	70	2.6 per 100,000	48	1.8 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	12.1	12.4	12.8	14.5
1 year	6.9	6.5	6.1	5.9
2 years	6.9	6.8	6.8	6.0
3 years	6.6	6.8	6.6	6.1
4 years	6.4	6.4	6.6	6.5
5 years	6.2	6.0	6.3	6.4
6 years	5.6	5.9	5.8	6.1
7 years	5.4	5.5	5.4	5.5
8 years	5.1	5.0	5.0	5.1
9 years	4.6	4.9	4.7	4.6
10 years	4.4	4.4	4.6	4.0
11 years	4.4	4.3	4.2	4.1
12 years	4.4	4.3	4.3	4.4
13 years	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.5
14 years	4.6	4.6	4.8	4.9
15 years	4.7	4.5	4.6	4.7
16 years	3.8	3.8	3.6	3.8
17 years	2.8	2.8	2.9	2.6
18+ years	<.1	0.1	0.2	0.1
Missing data	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.3
Number	31,295	30,601	29,250	27,562

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/ Alaska Native	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Asian	0.1	0.2	<.1	0.1
Black	18.8	18.8	18.6	22.2
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	2.5	3.0	3.1	4.3
White	51.8	48.0	47.3	56.7
Two or more races	0.0	3.5	4.1	6.0
Missing data	26.6	26.6	26.7	10.6
Number	31,295	30,601	29,250	27,562

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 2013 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2011–2014 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 was a new methodology used to calculate the caseworker visits measures. Because the new methodology limits data comparisons with prior years, caseworker visits data from 2010 and 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.

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Emotional abuse	6.6	7.4	6.7	6.2
Medical neglect	1.8	1.6	1.9	1.8
Neglect	47.4	50.1	48.5	48.3
Physical abuse	39.2	40.2	42.2	43.2
Sexual abuse	18.5	17.7	18.8	18.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	31,295	30,601	29,250	27,562

Response Time (in hours)⁹

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Mean	27.7	33.3	21.5	21.8
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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total number	11,768	11,689	11,822	11,622	9,199	9,918	9,561	9,840	9,086	9,472	9,357	9,213	11,881	12,135	12,026	12,249
Median length of stay (months)	14.3	12.2	11.1	11.8	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	10.6	10.2	9.8	9.9	11.9	10.9	11.6	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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	7.3	7.8	7.7	7.9	18.1	16.8	17.6	17.7	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.8	7.9	7.6	7.8	8.3
1 year	8.1	8.2	8.3	8.3	7.6	7.4	6.7	6.6	8.3	8.6	8.0	8.2	8.3	8.2	8.3	7.8
2 years	7.0	7.2	7.4	7.0	6.5	6.8	6.2	5.8	7.8	8.0	8.0	7.7	7.1	7.4	7.1	7.2
3 years	5.2	6.1	6.3	6.5	5.7	5.7	5.9	5.6	6.5	6.8	6.4	6.1	6.1	6.3	6.5	5.8
4 years	4.3	5.0	5.6	5.7	5.0	5.2	5.3	5.2	5.2	5.7	5.9	5.9	5.0	5.5	5.7	6.1
5 years	4.0	4.1	4.6	4.9	4.2	4.2	4.5	4.6	4.4	4.3	5.2	5.3	4.2	4.5	4.9	5.2
6 years	3.9	3.8	4.1	4.4	3.7	3.9	3.9	4.3	3.5	4.0	4.3	4.7	3.8	4.0	4.3	4.5
7 years	3.6	3.9	3.6	3.9	3.2	3.4	3.5	4.0	3.7	4.0	3.8	3.9	3.8	3.6	3.9	4.1
8 years	3.7	3.2	3.5	3.6	3.4	2.9	3.4	3.4	3.8	3.2	3.5	3.5	3.2	3.4	3.6	3.8
9 years	3.5	3.4	3.3	3.3	3.0	3.4	3.0	3.1	3.2	3.4	3.1	3.1	3.4	3.2	3.2	3.6
10 years	3.3	3.4	3.2	3.3	3.0	2.7	3.2	2.7	3.0	2.9	3.0	3.0	3.3	3.3	3.2	3.2
11 years	3.7	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.2	3.0	2.9	2.9	3.0	2.9	2.9	2.7	3.4	3.4	3.3	3.2
12 years	3.8	4.1	3.6	3.5	3.8	3.3	3.4	3.7	3.1	2.8	3.0	2.9	4.2	3.6	3.6	3.6
13 years	4.5	4.3	4.8	4.1	4.3	4.9	4.2	4.9	3.2	3.2	3.4	2.9	4.4	4.9	4.2	4.7
14 years	5.5	5.1	5.4	5.7	5.3	5.5	6.0	5.4	3.8	3.7	4.4	4.1	5.3	5.5	5.7	5.4
15 years	7.2	6.9	6.8	6.5	6.8	6.8	6.6	6.9	4.2	4.4	4.9	4.8	7.2	7.0	6.7	7.0
16 years	9.4	8.3	8.2	7.8	7.3	7.6	7.4	7.1	6.1	5.9	5.8	6.1	8.3	8.5	8.1	7.8
17 years	10.8	10.4	9.3	9.3	5.9	6.6	6.1	6.0	6.2	6.3	6.0	6.5	10.2	9.3	9.3	8.5
18 years	1.4	1.0	0.9	0.7	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1	13.5	12.9	11.8	11.5	0.8	0.6	0.4	0.2
19 years	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.0	<.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	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/ Alaska Native	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Asian	0.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.2	<.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	<.1	0.2	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Black	38.0	36.1	34.8	32.8	32.4	31.2	30.2	28.2	35.2	32.5	32.8	31.4	35.8	34.8	32.7	30.2
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	3.6	3.7	4.1	4.7	3.7	4.0	5.0	4.7	3.6	3.9	4.4	4.8	3.7	3.9	4.5	4.6
White	51.0	52.0	51.6	53.5	51.5	51.0	53.6	56.2	50.3	52.2	51.6	53.2	51.9	51.0	53.2	55.8
Two or more races	6.1	6.2	7.6	8.0	5.6	6.6	7.1	8.6	5.7	6.2	7.3	8.3	6.0	6.5	7.3	8.3
Unable to determine	0.7	1.0	0.7	0.4	1.6	1.7	1.1	0.5	1.2	1.4	1.1	0.6	1.1	1.2	0.7	0.4
Missing data	0.3	0.8	1.1	0.4	5.1	5.2	2.8	1.5	3.9	3.4	2.5	1.4	1.3	2.4	1.4	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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total waiting children	3,014	3,460	2,704	2,999
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	2,688	3,327	2,327	2,613

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	3.0	5.2	4.1	3.4
1 year	7.3	8.8	7.7	8.2
2 years	7.9	8.1	8.1	7.6
3 years	6.6	6.9	7.0	6.7
4 years	5.1	5.8	6.3	6.8
5 years	4.4	5.0	5.2	6.0
6 years	4.8	4.5	5.0	5.1
7 years	4.7	4.8	4.4	4.9
8 years	4.3	4.6	4.8	4.5
9 years	5.1	3.8	4.3	4.9
10 years	4.8	4.3	4.1	4.5
11 years	4.6	4.5	4.8	4.4
12 years	5.7	4.4	5.9	4.5
13 years	5.5	5.5	4.9	6.0
14 years	6.2	5.4	6.1	5.6
15 years	6.9	6.9	6.1	6.5
16 years	7.0	5.6	6.3	5.6
17 years	6.1	6.1	4.9	4.8

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.2
Asian	<.1	<.1	0.2	0.1
Black	34.5	33.0	32.1	31.7
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	3.7	4.6	4.9	5.3
White	54.0	53.8	52.8	53.5
Two or more races	6.9	7.2	9.0	8.8
Unable to determine	0.8	0.9	0.5	0.4
Missing data	<.1	0.4	0.4	<.1

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total children adopted	1,438	1,420	1,250	1,244

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	3.3	3.1	3.7	4.4
1 year	15.0	13.3	12.8	14.7
2 years	15.2	13.6	15.1	15.1
3 years	11.5	11.4	11.1	10.5
4 years	9.3	8.9	8.7	9.2
5 years	5.3	6.6	6.6	7.1
6 years	5.5	5.2	5.8	5.7
7 years	6.6	5.1	5.0	5.1
8 years	4.2	4.5	5.0	4.6
9 years	4.2	5.6	4.5	3.6
10 years	3.3	4.9	4.0	2.8
11 years	3.3	3.7	2.9	2.8
12 years	3.1	3.9	2.0	3.9
13 years	2.9	2.6	3.2	2.1
14 years	2.0	2.1	3.0	2.4
15 years	2.4	1.5	2.3	2.4
16 years	1.5	2.7	2.0	1.7
17 years	1.0	0.8	2.1	1.6
18 years	0.4	0.6	0.2	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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2
Black	29.8	24.2	26.1	19.6
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	4.9	5.9	5.0	6.4
White	56.4	61.1	58.7	62.4
Two or more races	8.6	8.0	9.4	11.1
Unable to determine	0.3	0.8	0.8	0.2
Missing data	0.0	<.1	<.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.

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children without a recurrence	93.0	92.3	92.4	93.1
Children with one or more recurrences	7.0	7.7	7.6	6.9
Number	15,297	14,953	14,705	13,765

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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.39	0.39	0.50	0.56
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.61	99.61	99.50	99.44
Number	20,967	21,607	21,383	21,462

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	15.8	15.0	13.3	13.4
Guardianship	3.5	3.4	3.7	3.7
Reunification	64.2	65.3	64.5	67.8
Other	16.2	15.6	16.6	14.0
Missing data	0.3	0.7	1.9	1.2
Number	9,086	9,472	9,357	9,213

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	22.5	30.7	19.8	20.7
Guardianship	2.0	2.6	2.7	2.8
Reunification	39.9	34.4	45.1	49.8
Other	35.4	31.7	31.4	26.1
Missing data	0.2	0.6	1.0	0.6
Number	556	654	1,119	1,903

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	1.5	1.2	1.3	1.1
Guardianship	3.1	2.4	2.9	2.9
Reunification	56.2	58.2	58.6	61.1
Other	38.8	37.2	35.7	33.8
Missing data	0.4	0.9	1.5	1.0
Number	2,776	2,868	2,830	2,844

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children age 12 or younger at entry	27.2	28.1	36.5	25.9
Children older than 12 at entry	72.8	71.9	63.5	74.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,301	1,346	1,436	1,172

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	American Indian/Alaska Native				2010	Asian				2010	Black			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	17.6	13.4	11.1	10.6	8.3		
Guardianship	14.3	7.1	25.0	0.0	15.4	8.7	0.0	0.0	2.8	3.0	3.2	4.1		
Reunification	57.1	78.6	75.0	100.0	76.9	87.0	75.0	82.4	62.0	64.5	64.6	67.6		
Other	28.6	14.3	0.0	0.0	7.7	4.3	25.0	0.0	21.4	20.8	20.3	18.9		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.6	1.3	1.0		
Number	7	14	4	4	13	23	8	17	3,194	3,081	3,071	2,896		
	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander				2010	Hispanic (of any race)				2010	White			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	21.7	23.0	14.9	18.0	17.7	17.5	15.0	15.7		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.5	3.0	2.6	4.3	4.0	3.3	4.1	3.2		
Reunification	66.7	0.0	100.0	100.0	65.6	62.2	70.4	64.7	63.3	64.1	63.2	67.6		
Other	33.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	11.1	11.0	10.1	11.4	14.9	14.4	15.4	12.3		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	1.9	1.6	0.2	0.7	2.3	1.2		
Number	6	0	2	1	323	365	416	439	4,572	4,946	4,831	4,904		
	Unable to Determine				2010	Two or More Races				2010	Missing Data			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	4.8	8.2	9.8	3.6	24.1	19.3	17.0	17.8	0.0	0.3	0.4	0.0		
Guardianship	7.6	6.0	2.0	5.5	2.9	4.6	4.4	4.8	4.0	6.3	3.4	0.8		
Reunification	81.9	77.6	68.6	81.8	61.9	65.1	61.4	66.4	93.2	90.6	86.9	89.1		
Other	4.8	6.7	17.6	9.1	11.1	10.3	15.6	9.5	2.6	1.9	5.9	7.8		
Missing data	1.0	1.5	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	1.6	1.4	0.3	0.9	3.4	2.3		
Number	105	134	102	55	515	590	687	768	351	319	236	129		

¹⁴ 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. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Less than 12 mos.	73.2	74.3	73.0	72.2
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	19.9	20.5	21.6	22.4
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	4.7	3.7	4.0	4.4
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	1.3	0.8	0.7	0.7
48 or more mos.	0.9	0.6	0.7	0.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	5,835	6,189	6,037	6,246

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children entering care for the first time	73.4	73.3	76.0	76.6
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	10.7	9.7	11.0	11.1
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	13.3	13.2	12.6	12.2
Missing data	2.6	3.8	0.5	0.1
Number	9,199	9,918	9,561	9,840

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Less than 12 mos.	4.6	5.1	5.6	6.6
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	28.5	25.8	26.9	28.2
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	32.2	27.9	32.6	34.0
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	18.6	19.1	17.6	18.0
48 or more mos.	16.1	22.0	17.2	13.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,436	1,420	1,241	1,232

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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children with 2 or fewer placements	91.2	90.9	88.7	88.1	72.4	72.3	67.6	66.1	37.6	39.6	36.5	34.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Children with 3 or more placements	8.4	8.8	10.8	11.5	27.6	27.7	32.4	33.9	62.4	60.4	63.5	65.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.4	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	10,917	11,773	11,593	11,759	4,403	4,823	5,052	4,925	5,647	5,011	4,738	4,778	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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Group homes	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.6
Institutions	1.9	1.9	2.1	1.7
Other settings	97.7	97.8	97.6	97.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	6,451	6,782	6,630	6,809

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

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score¹⁷	123.6	119.8	119.7	117.7
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)	71.4	73.1	72.0	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)	6.2	6.5	7.0	6.7
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)	49.5	50.5	48.1	47.3
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?	13.1	14.9	14.0	15.3

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	109.2	104.8	117.8	119.3
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?	33.1	31.0	32.6	34.8
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?	29.8	32.2	29.4	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?	22.6	25.4	23.8	23.0
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	12.9	13.3	17.7	21.1
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?	45.0	46.5	47.2	41.1

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	114.4	122.7	128.0	127.7
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?	26.1	28.7	28.9	27.6
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?	87.4	86.1	84.8	87.8
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?	43.2	35.8	28.2	29.7

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	106.0	106.4	101.5	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?	90.6	90.3	88.0	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?	72.5	72.2	67.5	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?	38.0	39.9	36.9	34.9

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 (<http://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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total children under 18 years	931,483	935,714	939,911	947,027
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
American Indian/ Alaska Native	10.8	10.7	10.5	10.2
Asian	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.8
Black	8.3	8.2	8.2	8.1
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2
Hispanic (of any race)	14.4	14.9	15.2	15.5
White	55.9	55.5	55.3	54.9
Two or more races	8.8	8.9	9.0	9.3
Child population in poverty (%)	24.7	23.4	24.1	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Child maltreatment victims	7,207	7,836	9,627	11,575
Foster care entry rate per 1,000	4.6	5.0	5.7	6.3
Children in foster care on 9/30	7,848	8,262	9,212	10,620
Children adopted	1,628	1,294	1,533	1,283

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	N/A	N/A	93	93
Numerator	N/A	N/A	92,555	105,051
Denominator	N/A	N/A	99,743	113,172
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	N/A	N/A	94	94
Numerator	N/A	N/A	87,323	98,797
Denominator	N/A	N/A	92,555	105,051

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2010		2011		2012		2013	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children who received a Child Protective Services response for an allegation of child maltreatment	42,113	45.2 per 1,000	44,188	47.2 per 1,000	45,539	48.5 per 1,000	52,009	54.9 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims	7,207	7.7 per 1,000	7,836	8.4 per 1,000	9,627	10.2 per 1,000	11,575	12.2 per 1,000
Child fatalities	27	2.9 per 100,000	38	4.1 per 100,000	25	2.7 per 100,000	43	4.5 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	19.0	16.6	16.0	16.1
1 year	9.0	8.8	7.7	7.9
2 years	8.5	8.2	8.5	7.4
3 years	7.4	7.3	7.7	7.6
4 years	6.4	7.3	7.4	7.2
5 years	6.1	6.8	7.2	6.8
6 years	5.2	6.0	6.0	6.7
7 years	5.3	5.2	5.5	5.6
8 years	4.6	5.2	4.9	5.2
9 years	4.4	4.7	4.7	4.7
10 years	4.2	4.1	4.2	4.2
11 years	4.1	3.3	3.7	3.7
12 years	3.2	3.5	3.4	3.4
13 years	3.0	3.3	3.5	3.4
14 years	3.1	3.0	3.2	3.3
15 years	2.6	2.7	2.8	2.8
16 years	2.0	2.1	2.1	2.1
17 years	1.4	1.5	1.4	1.4
18+ years	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1
Missing data	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.4
Number	7,207	7,836	9,627	11,575

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/ Alaska Native	7.2	7.4	6.0	6.5
Asian	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2
Black	11.0	9.8	9.9	8.5
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	13.9	15.2	14.9	16.4
White	44.3	43.9	43.1	43.0
Two or more races	23.3	23.4	25.8	25.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1
Number	7,207	7,836	9,627	11,575

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 2013 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2011–2014 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 was a new methodology used to calculate the caseworker visits measures. Because the new methodology limits data comparisons with prior years, caseworker visits data from 2010 and 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.

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Emotional abuse	18.4	20.5	22.4	23.5
Medical neglect	2.2	1.9	2.0	1.9
Neglect	88.4	77.5	54.6	68.2
Physical abuse	15.4	29.7	58.1	36.8
Sexual abuse	7.7	8.1	6.3	5.5
Missing data	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	7,207	7,836	9,627	11,575

Response Time (in hours)⁹

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Mean	77.9	79.1	53.3	44.7
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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total number	8,731	7,814	8,277	9,065	4,259	4,719	5,341	5,980	5,142	4,271	4,406	4,425	7,848	8,262	9,212	10,620
Median length of stay (months)	17.2	15.0	13.1	12.7	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	19.8	18.6	18.0	17.6	15.1	13.2	12.8	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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	6.9	8.3	7.4	7.8	22.4	20.0	20.0	21.1	3.7	4.4	4.2	4.0	8.3	7.5	7.7	8.3
1 year	9.5	8.9	10.1	9.3	9.5	9.3	8.1	9.0	9.3	8.3	8.9	8.5	8.9	10.1	9.3	9.4
2 years	9.7	8.8	8.7	8.5	8.5	8.2	8.3	7.6	10.7	9.5	9.9	8.9	8.8	8.8	8.5	8.9
3 years	7.5	7.8	7.9	8.5	7.1	7.4	7.8	7.6	9.5	8.8	8.3	9.0	7.9	8.0	8.5	8.1
4 years	6.8	6.8	7.1	7.5	6.2	6.8	7.5	6.8	7.2	7.9	7.5	8.3	6.9	7.2	7.5	7.5
5 years	6.7	6.4	6.6	7.3	5.5	6.4	7.0	5.7	6.0	6.0	7.0	6.3	6.4	6.6	7.2	6.9
6 years	6.1	6.0	6.4	6.4	4.6	5.4	6.0	6.1	6.0	6.4	6.6	6.6	6.0	6.4	6.4	6.8
7 years	5.4	5.4	5.5	6.1	4.6	5.1	5.2	4.9	5.4	5.7	6.0	6.2	5.4	5.5	6.0	6.0
8 years	4.5	5.1	5.2	5.2	4.3	4.4	4.5	4.6	4.6	4.9	4.8	5.3	5.1	5.2	5.2	5.3
9 years	4.9	4.6	4.5	4.7	3.6	4.3	4.2	4.2	4.5	5.1	5.1	4.4	4.5	4.5	4.8	4.9
10 years	4.2	4.2	4.0	4.1	3.6	3.2	3.4	3.8	4.0	4.2	3.5	4.5	4.3	4.0	4.1	4.6
11 years	4.0	4.1	3.8	3.6	4.0	3.3	2.9	3.5	4.0	4.2	3.7	4.0	4.2	3.7	3.6	3.5
12 years	3.7	4.0	3.6	3.4	2.9	3.0	2.9	3.4	3.4	3.9	3.5	3.5	4.1	3.6	3.6	3.5
13 years	3.4	3.5	3.9	3.4	3.0	3.2	2.9	3.0	3.1	3.0	3.2	3.4	3.5	3.9	3.4	3.3
14 years	3.7	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.2	3.3	2.9	2.8	2.7	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.6	3.5	3.6	3.1
15 years	3.7	3.9	3.7	3.4	2.8	2.9	2.9	2.7	2.7	2.8	2.6	2.7	3.9	3.7	3.4	3.4
16 years	4.2	4.0	4.0	3.6	2.7	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.6	1.9	2.7	2.3	4.1	4.0	3.6	3.2
17 years	4.4	4.0	3.7	3.5	1.7	1.6	1.5	1.1	2.7	2.3	2.5	2.4	4.0	3.7	3.4	3.0
18 years	0.8	0.6	0.4	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	7.2	7.4	6.7	6.6	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.5	0.3	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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/ Alaska Native	8.3	8.4	8.0	6.4	9.1	9.0	6.9	7.8	8.3	7.8	8.8	6.3	8.7	9.1	7.0	7.3
Asian	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	0.2
Black	17.7	15.0	12.8	10.7	11.4	11.2	10.4	10.6	16.4	14.4	12.6	10.6	15.2	13.2	11.5	10.7
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	15.5	15.7	15.3	16.2	13.9	15.1	14.6	16.6	14.7	16.7	14.5	16.7	15.2	14.8	15.3	16.2
White	35.1	35.9	37.8	37.9	43.1	41.2	42.3	39.8	38.8	36.9	40.5	40.1	37.0	38.4	39.1	38.1
Two or more races	23.2	24.8	26.1	28.6	22.3	23.2	25.4	24.9	21.6	23.9	23.3	26.1	23.7	24.4	27.0	27.6
Unable to determine	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total waiting children	2,869	2,953	2,830	3,236
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	1,919	1,871	1,609	1,757

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	3.9	4.0	4.2	4.2
1 year	7.5	9.3	8.9	8.8
2 years	8.4	7.9	7.6	9.0
3 years	7.6	7.6	8.2	7.7
4 years	7.4	6.9	7.6	7.1
5 years	5.8	6.0	6.5	7.1
6 years	5.9	6.1	5.9	6.9
7 years	6.1	5.5	5.8	6.0
8 years	5.6	5.8	5.6	6.0
9 years	5.4	5.3	5.3	5.6
10 years	5.5	4.9	5.2	5.2
11 years	5.1	4.5	4.8	4.3
12 years	5.2	4.7	4.7	4.2
13 years	5.2	5.1	4.6	4.1
14 years	5.2	4.9	5.1	4.4
15 years	5.3	5.3	4.9	4.6
16 years	3.3	4.0	3.3	2.8
17 years	1.6	2.1	1.9	2.0

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/Alaska Native	7.2	7.7	5.1	5.7
Asian	0.1	0.1	<.1	0.1
Black	19.2	17.3	15.3	12.1
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	16.9	15.0	16.7	16.1
White	33.4	36.4	38.1	38.8
Two or more races	23.1	23.4	24.8	27.2
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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total children adopted	1,628	1,294	1,533	1,283

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	1.7	1.6	2.2	2.1
1 year	11.2	10.4	12.7	12.3
2 years	14.6	13.4	13.7	13.6
3 years	12.8	12.5	10.8	10.8
4 years	8.5	11.2	8.5	10.1
5 years	7.9	7.4	8.2	7.8
6 years	7.6	6.5	7.5	6.7
7 years	6.3	6.8	6.5	5.8
8 years	5.3	4.9	5.4	5.2
9 years	3.4	5.3	5.7	4.1
10 years	3.7	4.3	3.4	4.9
11 years	4.3	4.4	3.8	3.4
12 years	2.9	3.2	3.3	3.7
13 years	2.4	2.8	2.3	3.0
14 years	1.7	2.2	2.0	1.8
15 years	2.5	1.2	1.4	1.7
16 years	1.6	0.9	1.6	1.2
17 years	1.3	1.0	0.9	1.2
18 years	0.4	<.1	0.1	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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/Alaska Native	9.6	9.7	11.1	10.1
Asian	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.4
Black	17.9	13.7	13.8	11.4
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	15.9	20.3	15.1	17.5
White	37.8	36.2	40.0	38.3
Two or more races	18.8	19.9	20.0	22.4
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.

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children without a recurrence	94.1	93.1	93.8	91.6
Children with one or more recurrences	5.9	6.9	6.2	8.4
Number	3,517	3,740	4,660	5,551

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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.79	0.48	0.89	1.09
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.21	99.52	99.11	98.91
Number	12,990	12,533	13,618	15,045

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	30.5	28.7	33.0	27.4
Guardianship	7.7	6.7	6.2	5.9
Reunification	51.2	52.9	50.3	56.5
Other	10.7	11.7	10.5	10.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	5,142	4,271	4,406	4,425

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	31.2	31.2	37.5	30.7
Guardianship	7.1	8.2	7.8	4.6
Reunification	37.8	37.4	31.1	41.0
Other	23.9	23.2	23.6	23.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,165	1,026	1,024	1,088

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	6.4	2.9	4.9	6.2
Guardianship	9.6	8.6	8.1	6.2
Reunification	48.0	47.5	49.8	49.3
Other	36.0	41.0	37.2	38.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	669	547	596	582

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children age 12 or younger at entry	43.7	38.6	36.5	34.6
Children older than 12 at entry	56.3	61.4	63.5	65.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	380	324	304	295

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	American Indian/Alaska Native				2010	Asian				2010	Black			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	24.6	24.1	25.8	22.2	0.0	16.7	12.5	60.0	34.9	28.8	37.2	30.5		
Guardianship	7.3	7.5	6.2	8.2	10.0	16.7	0.0	0.0	8.2	5.5	3.6	2.8		
Reunification	47.3	42.5	42.6	46.6	90.0	66.7	75.0	40.0	46.2	55.1	49.1	56.3		
Other	20.8	25.9	25.3	22.9	0.0	0.0	12.5	0.0	10.7	10.5	10.1	10.4		
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	427	332	387	279	10	6	8	5	842	617	556	469		

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander				2010	Hispanic (of any race)				2010	White			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	0.0	75.0	0.0	0.0	33.7	35.2	36.2	29.9	30.7	29.1	34.5	27.7		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.0	5.2	5.3	3.8	7.7	6.7	6.8	6.4		
Reunification	0.0	25.0	100.0	100.0	52.7	49.9	49.3	59.1	53.1	55.4	50.7	58.1		
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.6	9.7	9.2	7.2	8.5	8.9	8.1	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		
Number	0	4	3	2	754	713	639	738	1,996	1,577	1,786	1,774		

	Unable to Determine				2010	Two or More Races				2010	Missing Data			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	27.1	24.9	29.3	25.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.1	8.1	7.0	7.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	0.0	0.0	100.0	50.0	51.7	53.4	53.4	54.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	50.0	12.1	13.6	10.2	12.8	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	0	0	1	2	1,113	1,022	1,026	1,156	0	0	0	0		

¹⁴ 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. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Less than 12 mos.	47.1	52.0	54.2	45.4
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	34.2	31.3	32.0	38.5
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	11.8	10.3	10.1	12.2
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	4.7	3.2	1.4	2.5
48 or more mos.	2.1	2.0	2.3	1.4
Missing data	0.2	1.2	0.0	0.0
Number	2,632	2,261	2,216	2,499

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children entering care for the first time	84.4	84.3	86.5	85.9
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	5.6	5.1	4.4	4.3
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	9.9	10.5	9.1	9.8
Missing data	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Number	4,259	4,719	5,341	5,980

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Less than 12 mos.	3.5	3.7	5.2	5.4
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	24.7	24.1	32.9	34.6
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	30.6	29.0	29.9	32.8
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	21.7	19.1	15.5	11.7
48 or more mos.	19.5	24.2	16.5	15.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,567	1,226	1,456	1,212

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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children with 2 or fewer placements	72.2	73.9	71.6	74.0	47.2	47.6	49.7	50.8	22.8	21.8	22.9	24.8	87.5	91.2	0.0	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	27.7	25.9	28.0	25.3	52.7	52.4	50.3	49.2	77.2	78.2	77.1	75.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	<.1	0.2	0.5	0.7	0.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	12.5	8.8	0.0	0.0
Number	4,842	5,170	5,862	6,482	3,351	3,356	3,926	4,523	4,781	3,973	3,830	4,038	16	34	0	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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Group homes	8.0	8.5	6.6	5.3
Institutions	2.3	2.3	3.0	1.7
Other settings	89.7	89.2	90.4	92.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	3,666	4,064	4,590	5,176

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

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score¹⁷	112.4	115.2	111.9	107.7
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)	57.1	63.8	65.1	58.7
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)	10.2	8.4	8.2	10.2
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)	30.8	27.9	22.2	24.2
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?	6.3	7.5	10.3	10.0

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	124.1	124.0	139.2	134.2
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?	28.1	27.7	38.0	40.0
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?	32.5	33.0	27.9	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?	30.4	28.8	32.0	26.0
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	23.0	21.9	20.6	18.8
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?	47.9	50.8	54.2	60.8

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	111.0	110.6	119.4	115.9
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?	38.4	35.6	38.2	34.4
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?	88.2	87.0	89.3	88.5
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?	64.6	59.5	52.2	50.7

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	72.8	74.6	75.3	78.4
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?	69.5	71.7	70.3	72.9
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?	47.2	47.6	49.7	50.8
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?	22.8	21.9	23.1	24.8

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 (<http://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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total children under 18 years	865,129	862,518	859,910	857,606
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
American Indian/ Alaska Native	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.2
Asian	3.7	3.7	3.8	3.9
Black	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Hispanic (of any race)	20.9	21.2	21.4	21.6
White	66.2	65.8	65.5	65.0
Two or more races	5.4	5.5	5.6	5.8
Child population in poverty (%)	21.6	23.6	23.0	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Child maltreatment victims	—	—	9,576	10,280
Foster care entry rate per 1,000	5.6	5.0	4.9	4.4
Children in foster care on 9/30	9,012	8,814	8,718	8,432
Children adopted	780	657	683	768

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	N/A	N/A	75	70
Numerator	N/A	N/A	69,490	64,100
Denominator	N/A	N/A	93,169	91,716
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	N/A	N/A	65	70
Numerator	N/A	N/A	44,884	44,807
Denominator	N/A	N/A	69,490	64,100

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2010		2011		2012		2013	
	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	33,173	38.6 per 1,000	40,047	46.7 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims	—	— per 1,000	—	— per 1,000	9,576	11.1 per 1,000	10,280	12.0 per 1,000
Child fatalities	22	2.5 per 100,000	19	2.2 per 100,000	17	2.0 per 100,000	10	1.2 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	—	—	11.7	12.7
1 year	—	—	7.7	6.9
2 years	—	—	7.3	7.5
3 years	—	—	7.5	7.3
4 years	—	—	6.9	7.0
5 years	—	—	7.0	6.7
6 years	—	—	6.0	6.3
7 years	—	—	5.4	5.4
8 years	—	—	5.1	5.6
9 years	—	—	4.5	4.7
10 years	—	—	4.3	4.2
11 years	—	—	4.3	4.2
12 years	—	—	4.2	3.9
13 years	—	—	4.3	4.2
14 years	—	—	4.1	4.1
15 years	—	—	3.7	3.4
16 years	—	—	3.3	2.9
17 years	—	—	2.2	2.0
18+ years	—	—	<.1	0.1
Missing data	—	—	0.4	0.8
Number	—	—	9,576	10,280

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/ Alaska Native	—	—	2.4	2.2
Asian	—	—	0.6	0.8
Black	—	—	4.4	4.6
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	—	—	0.3	0.3
Hispanic (of any race)	—	—	15.9	14.9
White	—	—	55.3	57.8
Two or more races	—	—	4.0	3.8
Missing data	—	—	17.1	15.5
Number	—	—	9,576	10,280

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 2013 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2011–2014 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 was a new methodology used to calculate the caseworker visits measures. Because the new methodology limits data comparisons with prior years, caseworker visits data from 2010 and 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.

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Emotional abuse	—	—	2.0	1.8
Medical neglect	—	—	1.6	1.3
Neglect	—	—	49.9	50.7
Physical abuse	—	—	9.4	13.5
Sexual abuse	—	—	7.9	8.3
Missing data	—	—	<.1	0.0
Other	—	—	55.9	50.1
Number	—	—	9,576	10,280

Response Time (in hours)⁹

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Mean	—	—	87.3	122.1
Median	—	—	<24	>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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total number	8,459	8,961	8,352	8,525	4,816	4,310	4,194	3,804	4,263	4,457	3,829	3,897	9,012	8,814	8,718	8,432
Median length of stay (months)	15.4	15.2	16.7	17.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	15.3	14.5	17.3	18.1	14.9	16.9	16.9	17.9

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	5.3	5.2	5.1	4.9	16.2	17.0	16.5	18.1	3.7	3.8	3.7	3.1	5.3	5.0	4.9	5.1
1 year	7.7	7.3	7.1	7.5	8.9	9.0	8.7	8.0	8.0	7.1	5.6	6.4	7.4	7.1	7.5	7.0
2 years	7.1	7.7	7.3	7.5	8.7	7.4	7.6	8.0	9.3	9.4	8.8	9.7	7.8	7.2	7.5	7.5
3 years	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.8	7.8	6.9	8.0	7.1	8.3	8.5	8.3	8.2	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.6
4 years	5.7	6.6	5.9	6.5	6.9	6.1	6.7	6.4	7.4	7.9	7.8	7.6	6.5	5.8	6.5	6.4
5 years	5.3	5.2	5.7	5.5	5.8	5.6	6.1	7.3	6.9	6.7	6.7	7.5	5.2	5.6	5.4	6.0
6 years	4.6	5.2	5.0	5.7	5.2	5.2	5.6	5.7	5.2	5.9	5.7	6.9	5.2	4.9	5.7	5.4
7 years	4.7	4.3	4.9	4.9	4.5	5.2	5.0	5.5	4.9	5.2	5.3	5.9	4.4	4.9	4.9	5.3
8 years	4.6	4.5	4.4	4.6	4.0	4.2	4.1	4.7	5.3	4.8	5.1	5.1	4.6	4.3	4.7	4.6
9 years	3.9	4.0	4.3	4.2	4.2	4.4	3.7	3.5	4.1	4.2	4.3	4.7	4.0	4.3	4.2	4.3
10 years	4.2	4.1	4.0	3.7	3.7	4.3	3.2	3.5	3.5	4.4	3.7	3.8	4.1	4.0	3.8	4.0
11 years	4.4	4.2	4.2	3.8	4.0	3.4	3.6	3.2	3.6	3.4	3.8	3.7	4.2	4.2	3.8	3.6
12 years	3.9	4.5	4.2	4.2	3.7	4.1	3.5	3.8	3.6	3.7	3.3	3.4	4.5	4.2	4.2	3.7
13 years	4.6	4.4	4.8	4.4	3.7	3.7	4.6	3.4	3.0	3.1	3.4	3.4	4.4	4.8	4.4	4.3
14 years	4.7	4.9	4.6	5.1	4.5	4.0	3.8	4.0	3.3	3.0	3.7	3.5	4.8	4.7	5.1	4.5
15 years	5.4	5.2	5.3	4.8	3.5	4.1	3.9	3.1	3.5	3.1	3.4	3.5	5.1	5.4	4.8	5.2
16 years	5.9	5.3	5.5	5.4	3.1	3.4	3.2	3.0	3.4	3.4	3.9	3.0	5.3	5.5	5.3	4.9
17 years	5.3	5.1	5.3	4.8	1.5	2.0	2.0	1.5	3.3	2.6	3.7	3.0	4.9	5.4	4.8	5.1
18 years	3.3	2.9	3.2	2.9	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	5.7	5.0	5.1	4.3	2.8	3.2	3.1	3.2
19 years	1.6	1.8	1.5	1.8	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	2.1	2.4	2.1	1.9	1.7	1.5	1.9	1.8
20 years	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	1.2	1.3	1.5	1.1	0.9	0.9	0.7	1.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.8	0.8	1.0	0.4	<.1	0.1	<.1	0.5

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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.8	3.0	4.0	4.4	1.3	4.0	4.5	4.6	1.0	1.9	3.7	4.9	1.0	4.0	4.4	4.3
Asian	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.2	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.2	0.6	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.6
Black	0.6	4.5	5.0	5.5	1.1	3.6	4.7	3.9	0.7	2.9	3.7	5.0	0.8	4.9	5.4	5.0
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Hispanic (of any race)	13.4	13.7	13.9	15.2	14.0	16.3	17.5	17.3	15.8	15.8	14.9	16.3	12.6	13.9	15.2	15.7
White	57.6	58.8	58.4	58.1	59.5	56.6	59.9	58.6	57.9	57.7	60.7	57.7	58.4	58.3	58.1	58.6
Two or more races	23.8	16.5	15.1	12.7	15.8	12.8	6.1	6.4	19.0	15.5	10.9	10.0	21.7	15.3	12.6	11.1
Unable to determine	3.4	2.7	2.7	3.2	7.7	5.5	6.6	8.4	5.3	5.3	5.4	5.6	4.8	2.7	3.3	4.4
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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total waiting children	1,831	1,881	1,876	1,868
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	1,097	1,288	1,388	1,322

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	1.8	1.3	1.4	1.3
1 year	9.1	7.2	7.9	8.8
2 years	11.0	10.6	11.9	10.5
3 years	9.5	9.6	10.2	10.3
4 years	8.5	8.2	8.3	8.8
5 years	7.3	7.7	7.4	7.9
6 years	7.6	6.9	7.9	7.0
7 years	6.2	6.3	6.7	6.7
8 years	5.6	6.3	6.0	6.2
9 years	5.0	5.3	5.1	5.4
10 years	4.4	4.5	5.0	5.0
11 years	4.4	4.0	4.4	4.1
12 years	4.6	4.1	2.6	4.0
13 years	3.7	4.5	2.8	2.7
14 years	3.7	3.9	3.6	2.5
15 years	2.9	3.9	3.1	3.2
16 years	2.2	3.0	3.1	2.7
17 years	2.4	2.5	2.6	2.9

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.4	1.1	1.1	1.1
Asian	0.2	0.2	<.1	0.3
Black	0.7	4.6	6.0	4.7
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.3	0.6	0.5	0.3
Hispanic (of any race)	13.5	14.7	15.8	14.8
White	59.3	58.9	54.1	60.0
Two or more races	22.8	18.0	20.3	17.0
Unable to determine	2.8	1.9	2.2	1.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total children adopted	780	657	683	768

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.4
1 year	9.6	7.5	3.8	5.2
2 years	15.0	17.0	14.5	15.1
3 years	15.3	13.4	15.4	16.0
4 years	10.3	11.3	12.6	10.8
5 years	9.6	10.0	8.9	9.8
6 years	7.9	8.7	6.9	9.1
7 years	4.9	6.5	7.0	5.9
8 years	7.6	5.5	7.2	8.1
9 years	5.3	4.7	5.1	4.3
10 years	4.0	5.2	4.0	3.9
11 years	3.3	3.7	3.4	4.3
12 years	3.1	2.4	3.5	1.8
13 years	1.0	1.7	3.1	2.2
14 years	1.7	1.4	1.9	1.3
15 years	0.5	0.6	1.0	1.0
16 years	0.1	0.5	0.9	0.8
17 years	0.6	0.0	0.9	0.0
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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.3	0.5	0.6	1.2
Asian	0.1	0.3	0.4	0.0
Black	3.7	3.8	3.7	5.3
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.2	0.3	0.8
Hispanic (of any race)	21.0	16.4	10.2	16.8
White	65.9	63.6	66.5	51.0
Two or more races	9.0	14.2	15.4	21.2
Unable to determine	0.0	1.1	2.9	3.6
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.

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children without a recurrence	—	—	92.9	96.4
Children with one or more recurrences	—	—	7.1	3.6
Number	—	—	5,056	4,562

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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children maltreated while in foster care	—	—	0.84	0.64
Children not maltreated while in foster care	—	—	99.16	99.36
Number	—	—	12,572	12,329

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	18.4	14.6	17.8	21.0
Guardianship	4.7	5.6	7.5	8.9
Reunification	64.0	67.0	62.1	60.8
Other	10.8	10.8	12.6	9.4
Missing data	2.1	2.1	<.1	0.0
Number	4,263	4,457	3,829	3,897

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	23.5	28.9	30.1	26.4
Guardianship	5.8	7.2	4.8	9.3
Reunification	42.4	36.2	32.7	35.0
Other	24.5	23.6	32.3	29.3
Missing data	3.8	4.2	0.1	0.0
Number	1,003	993	694	440

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	0.7	0.4	0.6	1.0
Guardianship	3.0	4.6	5.4	5.6
Reunification	55.1	54.3	54.8	57.7
Other	35.9	37.6	39.1	35.7
Missing data	5.4	3.1	0.1	0.0
Number	728	715	690	605

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children age 12 or younger at entry	49.6	44.8	39.2	33.8
Children older than 12 at entry	50.4	55.2	60.8	66.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	240	290	301	231

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	American Indian/Alaska Native				2010	Asian				2010	Black			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	2.3	3.5	2.9	4.2	0.0	7.7	27.3	0.0	10.0	10.2	16.8	23.8		
Guardianship	14.0	16.5	9.3	26.6	0.0	7.7	0.0	7.7	0.0	3.9	7.0	9.3		
Reunification	79.1	64.7	65.7	55.7	85.7	84.6	54.5	84.6	73.3	64.1	50.3	52.3		
Other	2.3	11.8	22.1	13.5	0.0	0.0	18.2	7.7	16.7	18.8	25.2	14.5		
Missing data	2.3	3.5	0.0	0.0	14.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.1	0.7	0.0		
Number	43	85	140	192	7	26	11	13	30	128	143	193		

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander				2010	Hispanic (of any race)				2010	White			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	0.0	5.6	12.5	60.0	17.7	14.7	12.3	21.6	18.0	15.2	19.5	18.3		
Guardianship	14.3	11.1	6.3	0.0	5.0	6.5	5.3	6.8	4.7	4.6	7.8	8.7		
Reunification	57.1	77.8	62.5	20.0	69.6	70.6	72.3	66.2	63.7	65.4	60.3	63.1		
Other	14.3	5.6	18.8	20.0	5.5	6.1	10.2	5.4	11.5	12.6	12.4	9.9		
Missing data	14.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.2	2.1	0.0	0.0	2.1	2.2	0.0	0.0		
Number	7	18	16	10	674	703	570	634	2,468	2,571	2,323	2,248		

	Unable to Determine				2010	Two or More Races				2010	Missing Data			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	18.3	5.5	9.1	13.7	21.7	17.9	25.6	46.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	0.4	2.5	7.2	3.2	5.4	8.1	8.9	7.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	65.6	79.3	77.4	75.3	58.8	64.6	53.3	37.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Other	13.8	10.5	6.3	7.8	12.2	7.8	12.0	9.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Missing data	1.8	2.1	0.0	0.0	1.9	1.6	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	224	237	208	219	810	689	418	388	0	0	0	0		

¹⁴ 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. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Less than 12 mos.	57.7	59.6	54.7	51.5
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	31.4	28.4	32.2	34.6
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	7.0	6.5	8.9	8.4
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	1.6	1.5	1.6	2.1
48 or more mos.	2.3	2.3	2.1	2.2
Missing data	0.0	1.7	0.6	1.3
Number	2,730	2,984	2,376	2,369

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children entering care for the first time	79.8	78.1	79.1	77.8
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	8.1	8.2	8.0	9.2
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	12.1	13.3	12.7	12.9
Missing data	0.0	0.4	0.1	0.2
Number	4,816	4,310	4,194	3,804

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Less than 12 mos.	1.0	0.6	0.3	0.2
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	20.8	17.3	12.3	12.0
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	35.8	35.6	43.9	37.8
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	23.2	23.1	26.9	32.1
48 or more mos.	19.2	23.4	16.5	17.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	785	649	683	817

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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children with 2 or fewer placements	88.0	88.3	86.9	87.0	68.1	69.5	70.4	71.3	32.8	35.2	39.6	40.6	100.0	97.3	100.0	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	12.0	11.2	12.8	12.8	31.9	30.2	29.5	28.7	67.2	64.6	60.3	59.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	0.0	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.3	0.2	<.1	0.0	0.2	<.1	0.0	0.0	2.7	0.0	0.0
Number	5,619	5,161	4,780	4,408	3,207	3,437	3,034	3,133	4,418	4,599	4,718	4,752	31	74	15	36

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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Group homes	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.1
Institutions	0.9	0.9	1.0	0.8
Other settings	99.0	99.1	98.8	99.0
Missing data	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0
Number	3,999	3,551	3,430	3,210

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

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score¹⁷	116.8	134.8	139.8	145.7
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)	70.6	79.0	81.3	86.5
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	3.4	1.9	1.4
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)	42.9	41.8	42.1	21.9
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?	13.0	12.0	11.8	9.6

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	97.9	90.2	78.7	85.8
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?	21.8	17.9	12.6	12.2
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?	33.0	34.5	34.3	36.0
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?	20.7	17.6	18.7	22.7
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	8.7	12.2	11.5	11.2
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?	56.1	49.7	36.4	39.7

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	108.5	103.1	111.5	117.5
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?	25.3	24.7	24.9	31.2
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?	97.9	94.2	97.0	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?	59.6	60.8	55.9	56.5

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	100.7	102.7	103.8	104.6
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?	87.4	88.2	86.3	86.5
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?	68.2	69.9	70.6	71.4
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?	33.9	36.1	41.1	42.5

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 (<http://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.

Pennsylvania

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total children under 18 years	2,785,316	2,761,343	2,737,905	2,715,645
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Asian	3.0	3.1	3.2	3.3
Black	13.1	13.1	13.0	13.0
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	9.4	9.8	10.2	10.5
White	71.1	70.5	69.9	69.5
Two or more races	3.2	3.4	3.5	3.6
Child population in poverty (%)	19.1	19.6	19.7	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Child maltreatment victims	3,555	3,287	3,417	3,260
Foster care entry rate per 1,000	3.6	3.6	3.7	3.5
Children in foster care on 9/30	15,201	14,715	14,862	14,766
Children adopted	2,365	2,013	1,881	1,886

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	N/A	N/A	98	97
Numerator	N/A	N/A	2,918	2,930
Denominator	N/A	N/A	2,967	3,028
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	N/A	N/A	99	98
Numerator	N/A	N/A	2,882	2,861
Denominator	N/A	N/A	2,918	2,930

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2010		2011		2012		2013	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children who received a Child Protective Services response for an allegation of child maltreatment	22,263	8.0 per 1,000	21,570	7.8 per 1,000	23,579	8.6 per 1,000	23,488	8.6 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims	3,555	1.3 per 1,000	3,287	1.2 per 1,000	3,417	1.2 per 1,000	3,260	1.2 per 1,000
Child fatalities	29	1.0 per 100,000	37	1.3 per 100,000	38	1.4 per 100,000	34	1.3 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	6.7	6.6	6.7	6.2
1 year	3.0	3.4	3.6	3.2
2 years	3.5	3.6	3.5	3.0
3 years	4.1	4.7	4.1	4.0
4 years	4.9	5.0	5.6	4.8
5 years	5.1	4.6	5.1	5.1
6 years	4.6	4.8	4.8	4.0
7 years	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.4
8 years	5.7	4.9	4.5	5.6
9 years	4.8	4.7	4.9	5.4
10 years	4.7	5.4	4.7	4.8
11 years	5.3	4.8	4.9	4.8
12 years	5.8	5.4	6.5	6.2
13 years	6.3	6.8	7.0	7.5
14 years	7.3	7.7	7.9	8.6
15 years	9.3	8.5	7.1	7.6
16 years	6.6	7.1	6.8	6.7
17 years	5.5	5.3	5.6	5.6
18+ years	2.2	2.2	1.9	2.4
Missing data	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0
Number	3,555	3,287	3,417	3,260

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/ Alaska Native	—	—	—	—
Asian	—	—	—	—
Black	—	—	—	—
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	—	—	—	—
Hispanic (of any race)	—	—	—	—
White	—	—	—	—
Two or more races	—	—	—	—
Missing data	—	—	—	—
Number	3,555	3,287	3,417	3,260

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 2013 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2011–2014 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 was a new methodology used to calculate the caseworker visits measures. Because the new methodology limits data comparisons with prior years, caseworker visits data from 2010 and 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.

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Emotional abuse	1.2	0.9	0.5	0.8
Medical neglect	2.8	2.3	3.2	3.2
Neglect	2.8	3.5	3.3	3.6
Physical abuse	33.1	32.1	32.1	30.0
Sexual abuse	65.5	65.2	66.2	67.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	3,555	3,287	3,417	3,260

Response Time (in hours)⁹

	2010	2011	2012	2013
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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total number	15,816	14,058	13,639	13,474	9,904	9,928	10,040	9,599	10,519	9,271	8,817	8,307	15,201	14,715	14,862	14,766
Median length of stay (months)	15.6	14.6	14.0	13.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	13.5	12.4	11.9	12.4	14.3	13.4	13.0	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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	4.7	5.2	5.7	5.7	13.2	13.2	13.3	13.1	3.5	3.6	3.7	3.7	5.0	5.1	5.2	5.1
1 year	6.9	6.8	7.2	7.8	5.6	5.7	5.8	5.9	5.6	6.2	6.3	6.1	6.4	6.7	7.3	6.9
2 years	6.2	6.5	6.4	6.4	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.1	6.7	6.6	6.9	6.9	6.1	6.0	6.0	6.9
3 years	5.1	5.4	5.7	5.6	4.1	4.6	4.4	4.5	5.5	5.7	5.6	5.5	5.0	5.4	5.2	5.6
4 years	4.5	4.5	5.1	5.2	3.6	4.0	4.0	3.7	4.7	5.3	5.2	4.9	4.4	4.7	4.8	4.8
5 years	4.2	4.1	4.1	4.7	3.3	3.2	3.6	3.8	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.9	3.9	3.8	4.5	4.4
6 years	3.8	3.7	3.9	4.1	3.2	3.2	3.1	3.3	3.8	4.0	3.5	4.0	3.5	3.5	3.8	4.1
7 years	3.5	3.6	3.4	3.6	2.8	2.6	2.9	2.8	3.3	3.4	3.3	3.5	3.4	3.1	3.5	3.7
8 years	3.4	3.4	3.2	3.2	2.3	2.6	2.5	2.7	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.1	3.2	3.0	3.1	3.2
9 years	3.1	3.0	2.9	3.2	2.5	2.3	2.6	2.3	3.0	3.4	2.7	2.9	2.8	2.7	3.0	2.9
10 years	3.4	3.0	2.7	3.0	2.5	2.5	2.7	2.4	3.2	2.8	2.5	2.7	2.9	2.6	2.9	2.9
11 years	3.1	3.2	3.0	2.9	2.8	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.7	2.9	2.7	2.6	3.1	2.8	2.8	3.0
12 years	3.3	3.5	3.1	3.2	3.2	3.4	3.5	3.0	2.7	2.8	2.7	2.6	3.4	3.1	3.1	3.0
13 years	4.0	3.9	4.0	3.8	4.8	5.0	5.0	4.9	3.5	3.7	3.7	3.8	3.8	4.0	3.7	3.6
14 years	5.3	5.0	5.1	5.1	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.0	4.8	4.9	4.9	4.9	5.1	5.4	5.4	5.0
15 years	7.5	6.8	6.4	6.3	10.7	10.5	9.4	9.9	6.6	6.7	6.6	7.0	7.3	6.9	7.1	6.6
16 years	10.0	8.8	8.6	8.0	12.3	12.0	11.4	11.4	9.9	8.3	8.7	8.1	9.3	9.6	8.5	8.4
17 years	10.0	10.5	9.5	8.9	9.2	8.7	9.0	8.8	10.1	8.8	9.2	9.4	11.1	10.3	9.8	9.3
18 years	4.7	4.7	5.5	4.9	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.9	8.9	8.5	9.2	8.4	5.7	6.4	5.5	5.5
19 years	2.1	2.8	2.6	2.8	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.7	1.8	2.1	2.2	2.2	2.9	2.9	3.0	3.1
20 years	1.2	1.5	1.6	1.6	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.2	1.4	1.9	1.7	1.8	1.5	1.8	1.7	2.0
Missing data	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.9	1.3	1.0	<.1	0.1	0.1	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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	<.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2
Asian	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.3
Black	45.2	44.4	40.3	40.2	42.3	40.8	38.6	38.4	41.4	39.8	36.6	34.3	45.9	44.9	41.4	42.4
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)	10.8	11.5	12.0	12.4	12.0	12.2	11.8	12.9	11.2	12.1	11.4	12.1	11.2	11.7	12.3	12.9
White	40.1	40.4	41.9	41.8	41.5	43.3	43.9	43.0	43.5	44.5	45.9	47.6	38.7	39.8	40.8	39.3
Two or more races	0.9	1.8	3.3	4.0	1.3	1.7	3.0	3.7	0.9	1.6	3.2	4.0	1.1	1.9	3.2	3.8
Unable to determine	2.5	1.2	1.8	1.0	2.0	1.1	2.1	1.4	2.2	1.2	2.2	1.4	2.4	1.1	1.7	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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total waiting children	2,468	2,087	2,018	1,981
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	1,468	1,313	1,321	1,313

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	1.8	1.8	2.4	2.6
1 year	7.7	8.7	9.1	8.5
2 years	10.5	10.2	8.1	10.6
3 years	8.5	8.7	8.1	9.8
4 years	8.3	7.7	7.5	7.2
5 years	7.4	7.0	7.0	8.3
6 years	6.2	5.5	6.5	6.5
7 years	6.2	4.9	6.8	4.8
8 years	5.7	5.2	5.2	4.7
9 years	4.9	5.1	5.7	4.4
10 years	4.6	4.6	4.0	4.3
11 years	5.1	5.1	4.6	3.7
12 years	3.9	4.6	4.4	4.7
13 years	4.3	4.1	4.8	3.7
14 years	3.4	4.4	4.0	5.4
15 years	4.1	3.8	4.1	4.2
16 years	4.2	4.1	4.1	3.7
17 years	3.5	4.4	3.6	2.8

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.2	0.1	<.1	<.1
Asian	0.2	0.2	<.1	<.1
Black	38.7	37.0	34.8	32.9
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	11.5	13.2	13.7	16.9
White	45.0	45.1	45.4	44.8
Two or more races	0.9	2.5	4.8	4.9
Unable to determine	3.5	1.7	1.0	0.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total children adopted	2,365	2,013	1,881	1,886

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	0.9	1.2	1.1	1.8
1 year	11.3	12.1	12.8	12.1
2 years	14.4	15.3	16.7	15.4
3 years	12.7	11.5	11.9	10.8
4 years	9.5	10.2	10.4	9.4
5 years	8.5	8.5	8.1	8.5
6 years	7.1	7.2	6.5	7.6
7 years	6.0	6.2	5.7	6.7
8 years	6.0	4.9	5.1	5.1
9 years	4.7	5.5	4.4	4.6
10 years	4.5	3.6	3.7	4.1
11 years	3.5	3.4	3.3	3.1
12 years	2.7	2.7	2.3	2.1
13 years	2.7	2.6	2.4	2.7
14 years	2.0	1.7	1.5	1.5
15 years	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.3
16 years	1.2	1.3	1.2	1.4
17 years	0.6	0.3	0.9	1.0
18 years	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.2
20 years	<.1	0.0	0.1	0.2

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.3	0.0	0.1	<.1
Asian	<.1	0.2	0.3	0.3
Black	40.6	40.1	31.8	29.4
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	13.3	12.6	13.1	13.3
White	44.1	45.2	48.1	49.9
Two or more races	1.4	1.6	4.7	6.3
Unable to determine	0.3	0.2	1.9	0.8
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.

Pennsylvania

OUTCOMES DATA

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children without a recurrence	97.4	98.0	97.4	98.1
Children with one or more recurrences	2.6	2.0	2.6	1.9
Number	1,750	1,621	1,715	1,565

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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.14	0.08	0.14	0.11
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.86	99.92	99.86	99.89
Number	25,720	23,986	23,679	23,073

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	22.1	21.6	21.3	22.6
Guardianship	8.6	6.9	6.2	6.9
Reunification	55.8	58.8	58.6	58.3
Other	13.4	12.6	13.9	12.1
Missing data	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Number	10,519	9,271	8,817	8,307

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	24.1	21.7	20.8	22.6
Guardianship	4.5	4.6	4.8	5.5
Reunification	50.9	52.0	53.2	52.5
Other	20.6	21.7	21.2	19.3
Missing data	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.2
Number	2,116	1,690	1,535	1,596

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	0.8	1.2	0.9	1.6
Guardianship	4.2	3.9	3.9	5.3
Reunification	68.9	68.9	67.8	68.3
Other	26.0	26.0	27.3	24.7
Missing data	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Number	4,320	3,615	3,594	3,345

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children age 12 or younger at entry	18.6	17.7	20.4	16.5
Children older than 12 at entry	81.4	82.3	79.6	83.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	878	853	848	746

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	American Indian/Alaska Native				2010	Asian				2010	Black			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	30.4	0.0	15.4	25.0	0.0	8.3	17.4	11.1	20.3	21.4	17.7	18.8		
Guardianship	4.3	6.7	7.7	0.0	10.3	6.7	21.7	2.8	10.7	8.3	6.2	8.1		
Reunification	47.8	80.0	46.2	75.0	82.8	78.3	56.5	77.8	52.9	55.7	58.4	59.5		
Other	17.4	13.3	30.8	0.0	5.2	6.7	4.3	8.3	16.1	14.5	17.6	13.4		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.1		
Number	23	15	13	8	58	60	46	36	4,360	3,692	3,229	2,850		

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander				2010	Hispanic (of any race)				2010	White			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	0.0	50.0	0.0	0.0	25.1	21.4	24.6	26.5	22.9	22.2	22.5	23.9		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.2	5.5	3.3	3.4	7.5	5.8	6.9	7.0		
Reunification	100.0	50.0	0.0	100.0	57.4	61.3	59.4	57.4	57.7	60.4	58.7	57.8		
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	11.3	11.8	12.8	12.6	11.9	11.6	11.9	11.4		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0		
Number	2	2	0	2	1,182	1,118	1,002	1,008	4,574	4,130	4,051	3,953		

	Unable to Determine				2010	Two or More Races				2010	Missing Data			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	23.8	15.9	28.1	9.4	37.6	24.5	28.9	34.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	7.9	15.9	2.0	1.7	2.2	8.8	5.4	8.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	61.7	56.1	60.2	75.2	50.5	61.9	56.8	49.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Other	6.6	12.1	9.7	13.7	9.7	4.8	8.9	7.8	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	227	107	196	117	93	147	280	333	0	0	0	0		

¹⁴ 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. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Less than 12 mos.	70.6	72.1	74.2	72.5
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	19.8	17.9	17.5	19.1
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	5.3	5.2	4.8	5.1
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	2.2	1.8	1.5	1.4
48 or more mos.	1.9	2.5	1.7	1.6
Missing data	0.2	0.5	0.3	0.4
Number	5,873	5,449	5,166	4,846

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children entering care for the first time	66.8	70.6	71.8	72.3
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	23.3	20.1	19.5	18.6
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	9.9	9.2	8.6	9.1
Missing data	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Number	9,904	9,928	10,040	9,599

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Less than 12 mos.	2.8	3.9	4.0	4.7
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	27.5	29.5	32.5	34.4
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	32.0	33.1	35.9	37.2
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	21.9	18.0	14.7	14.5
48 or more mos.	15.8	15.4	13.0	9.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	2,326	2,005	1,876	1,880

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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children with 2 or fewer placements	86.3	86.2	85.4	87.6	64.9	66.0	65.7	68.6	40.5	38.6	38.6	42.3	100.0	98.3	100.0	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	13.7	13.8	14.6	12.3	35.1	34.0	34.3	31.3	59.5	61.4	61.4	57.7	0.0	1.7	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	11,486	11,269	11,397	10,911	5,914	5,583	5,649	5,912	8,279	7,075	6,606	6,205	41	59	27	45

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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Group homes	1.9	2.5	2.7	2.5
Institutions	1.8	2.1	2.3	1.8
Other settings	96.4	95.4	95.0	95.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	5,326	5,399	5,578	5,289

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

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score¹⁷	89.6	89.5	92.6	87.2
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)	69.4	70.8	72.8	71.2
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)	7.4	6.3	6.0	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)	46.1	42.2	42.8	40.2
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?	25.8	27.8	27.6	28.0

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	134.7	132.4	137.0	145.4
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?	30.4	33.5	36.6	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?	30.9	29.7	27.6	26.8
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?	30.7	31.2	30.7	32.3
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	14.6	11.5	11.8	14.8
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?	73.9	68.8	72.4	77.6

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	148.5	145.4	146.7	153.0
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?	39.5	37.7	36.2	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?	98.7	98.3	97.8	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?	28.5	29.3	26.7	23.0

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	100.7	100.3	99.6	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?	85.4	85.0	84.3	86.7
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?	65.0	66.2	66.0	68.9
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?	42.1	40.2	40.3	44.8

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 (<http://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 Pennsylvania's comments on the State data presented in *Child Welfare Outcomes 2010–2013: Report to Congress*.

- 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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total children under 18 years	896,945	869,327	841,740	814,068
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 (%)	56.3	57.5	56.4	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Child maltreatment victims	11,030	10,271	8,470	8,850
Foster care entry rate per 1,000	1.2	0.9	0.8	0.8
Children in foster care on 9/30	3,558	4,938	5,101	4,595
Children adopted	116	56	47	15

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	N/A	N/A	64	62
Numerator	N/A	N/A	6,524	32,591
Denominator	N/A	N/A	10,221	52,632
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	N/A	N/A	—	77
Numerator	N/A	N/A	—	25,185
Denominator	N/A	N/A	—	32,591

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2010		2011		2012		2013	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children who received a Child Protective Services response for an allegation of child maltreatment	28,859	32.2 per 1,000	27,108	31.2 per 1,000	22,793	27.1 per 1,000	29,167	35.8 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims	11,030	12.3 per 1,000	10,271	11.8 per 1,000	8,470	10.1 per 1,000	8,850	10.9 per 1,000
Child fatalities	8	0.9 per 100,000	18	2.1 per 100,000	19	2.3 per 100,000	10	1.2 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	2.5	2.7	2.1	5.8
1 year	5.5	5.7	5.7	5.5
2 years	6.8	7.0	7.3	5.7
3 years	6.3	6.5	6.3	5.8
4 years	6.1	5.8	6.1	6.1
5 years	6.3	5.8	5.8	6.5
6 years	5.7	6.0	6.3	6.5
7 years	5.6	5.6	5.6	6.2
8 years	5.6	5.3	5.2	5.2
9 years	5.8	5.1	5.0	5.0
10 years	5.4	5.4	5.0	4.5
11 years	4.9	5.4	5.2	4.4
12 years	5.2	5.3	5.0	4.5
13 years	6.2	5.4	5.4	4.9
14 years	5.9	6.2	6.4	5.2
15 years	6.2	6.2	6.5	4.6
16 years	5.1	5.4	5.1	4.2
17 years	3.8	4.0	4.3	2.2
18+ years	1.0	1.2	1.5	0.1
Missing data	<.1	0.1	0.3	7.0
Number	11,030	10,271	8,470	8,850

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
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	83.7
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	16.3
Number	11,030	10,271	8,470	8,850

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 2013 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2011–2014 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 was a new methodology used to calculate the caseworker visits measures. Because the new methodology limits data comparisons with prior years, caseworker visits data from 2010 and 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.

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Emotional abuse	39.1	41.1	44.4	49.8
Medical neglect	5.6	5.2	6.4	7.6
Neglect	55.6	61.6	63.5	67.2
Physical abuse	24.6	22.5	22.9	26.6
Sexual abuse	2.2	2.6	2.6	2.9
Missing data	18.9	14.5	12.6	1.1
Other	0.2	0.5	1.1	1.4
Number	11,030	10,271	8,470	8,850

Response Time (in hours)⁹

	2010	2011	2012	2013
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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total number	3,410	4,555	4,758	4,367	1,050	757	679	622	927	376	336	401	3,558	4,938	5,101	4,595
Median length of stay (months)	30.8	42.6	40.8	40.4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	20.8	20.0	18.1	18.3	33.1	47.9	43.8	47.4

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	1.8	2.0	2.3	2.5	10.8	11.2	13.6	10.2	1.9	4.0	3.6	3.2	2.2	1.1	1.4	1.1
1 year	2.8	3.4	3.2	3.2	5.9	7.1	5.3	5.2	4.1	5.6	5.7	4.7	2.9	2.6	2.7	2.9
2 years	2.9	4.0	4.3	3.5	4.5	5.0	6.7	6.8	4.4	8.8	5.1	8.0	3.3	3.6	3.4	3.2
3 years	3.0	4.0	4.4	5.1	5.0	6.2	6.1	4.2	4.2	6.9	8.3	8.2	2.9	3.7	4.3	3.4
4 years	3.3	3.9	4.8	5.0	3.5	5.6	4.6	6.0	4.6	3.2	8.3	8.7	2.9	4.1	4.3	4.7
5 years	3.4	4.5	4.7	5.2	5.0	4.5	4.6	6.0	4.1	4.8	8.0	5.0	3.2	4.3	4.6	5.0
6 years	3.4	4.6	4.6	4.9	3.1	5.4	5.2	5.5	3.5	6.1	5.7	6.5	3.3	4.5	4.4	5.2
7 years	3.3	4.2	4.8	4.8	3.6	5.0	4.7	4.2	3.6	6.6	5.7	4.5	3.5	4.5	4.7	4.8
8 years	3.7	5.4	4.4	5.0	3.0	5.6	3.6	3.4	4.3	5.3	5.1	6.0	3.0	4.2	4.8	4.6
9 years	4.1	5.5	5.9	4.6	3.3	4.5	4.0	3.7	3.6	4.3	6.3	6.0	3.3	5.6	4.3	4.7
10 years	4.0	5.6	5.3	5.6	3.6	4.1	3.7	3.1	3.8	4.8	5.4	3.5	4.0	5.2	5.6	4.5
11 years	5.4	5.9	5.7	5.5	4.2	3.4	3.7	3.1	3.5	6.6	4.8	3.7	4.3	5.4	5.1	5.5
12 years	5.7	6.8	5.9	6.0	4.0	5.0	3.7	4.0	4.5	6.4	2.7	4.7	5.2	5.7	5.7	5.3
13 years	5.9	8.1	7.4	6.3	5.8	3.8	5.8	5.0	5.1	4.3	3.3	3.5	6.0	6.5	5.7	5.9
14 years	7.2	8.4	8.6	8.6	7.9	6.3	6.8	8.2	3.7	4.5	5.1	5.2	6.4	7.9	7.6	6.4
15 years	7.6	10.1	9.1	9.5	9.1	7.3	8.8	8.6	6.4	8.0	6.5	6.5	8.2	8.2	8.5	8.8
16 years	7.4	7.8	8.1	7.5	7.1	5.4	4.6	6.6	5.2	7.2	6.0	7.7	8.2	9.9	9.2	9.4
17 years	7.9	5.8	6.4	7.4	6.8	4.1	4.3	6.1	6.3	2.1	3.6	2.2	7.7	7.2	7.6	7.6
18 years	7.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.2	0.3	0.1	0.0	5.5	0.5	1.2	2.0	7.3	5.7	6.2	7.2
19 years	5.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
20 years	3.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	1.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.2	11.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.5	<.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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/ Alaska Native	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1
Asian	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0
Black	0.5	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.6	<.1	<.1	<.1
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	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	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	89.6	98.5	98.5	98.6	88.9	97.9	98.4	96.3	87.7	97.6	97.6	97.3	89.9	98.5	98.6	98.4
White	3.4	0.5	0.7	0.5	1.1	1.7	0.9	1.9	2.4	0.0	1.8	1.0	3.0	0.7	0.7	0.7
Two or more races	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Unable to determine	6.1	0.9	0.7	0.8	9.1	0.4	0.7	1.8	9.2	2.1	0.6	1.7	6.2	0.7	0.7	0.8
Missing data	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total waiting children	52	997	938	908
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	5	77	21	26

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	1.9	0.5	1.9	1.0
1 year	3.8	2.0	1.9	3.6
2 years	5.8	2.9	4.3	4.4
3 years	9.6	3.5	3.9	4.2
4 years	1.9	5.0	4.1	5.4
5 years	7.7	5.2	5.3	6.7
6 years	7.7	5.7	5.5	6.6
7 years	7.7	5.1	5.2	6.1
8 years	3.8	4.8	5.5	6.3
9 years	5.8	7.9	5.8	5.7
10 years	5.8	9.4	8.2	6.1
11 years	9.6	8.9	8.4	7.8
12 years	5.8	8.5	8.7	7.9
13 years	3.8	9.1	8.0	7.0
14 years	13.5	8.1	8.7	7.5
15 years	1.9	6.6	7.0	6.3
16 years	0.0	4.4	4.7	4.8
17 years	3.8	2.1	2.7	2.5

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Asian	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0
Black	0.0	0.3	0.3	0.1
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	98.1	98.9	99.1	99.6
White	0.0	0.5	0.3	0.1
Two or more races	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Unable to determine	1.9	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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total children adopted	116	56	47	15

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	3.4	5.4	0.0	0.0
1 year	8.6	10.7	4.3	0.0
2 years	12.9	5.4	10.6	6.7
3 years	9.5	10.7	8.5	20.0
4 years	4.3	5.4	10.6	20.0
5 years	12.9	7.1	6.4	0.0
6 years	9.5	7.1	4.3	13.3
7 years	6.0	12.5	6.4	6.7
8 years	6.0	7.1	10.6	6.7
9 years	3.4	3.6	10.6	6.7
10 years	7.8	7.1	6.4	0.0
11 years	5.2	8.9	0.0	13.3
12 years	3.4	1.8	0.0	0.0
13 years	0.9	1.8	4.3	0.0
14 years	0.0	0.0	4.3	0.0
15 years	3.4	3.6	4.3	0.0
16 years	0.0	0.0	2.1	6.7
17 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
18 years	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0
19 years	0.9	0.0	4.3	0.0
20 years	0.0	0.0	2.1	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
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)	99.1	100.0	97.9	100.0
White	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Two or more races	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Unable to determine	0.9	0.0	2.1	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.

Puerto Rico

OUTCOMES DATA

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children without a recurrence	97.3	95.5	94.9	95.4
Children with one or more recurrences	2.7	4.5	5.1	4.6
Number	6,226	5,037	4,336	4,171

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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.45	0.04	0.09	1.34
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.55	99.96	99.91	98.66
Number	4,463	5,314	5,437	4,998

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	0.1	10.6	17.0	7.2
Guardianship	0.0	0.3	0.3	1.0
Reunification	76.1	85.1	75.6	85.6
Other	23.8	1.1	3.9	2.0
Missing data	0.0	2.9	3.3	4.2
Number	927	376	336	402

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	1.0	2.0	11.3	9.5
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	1.9	4.8
Reunification	77.2	94.0	75.5	81.0
Other	21.8	2.0	7.5	2.4
Missing data	0.0	2.0	3.8	2.4
Number	101	50	53	42

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reunification	60.5	100.0	91.2	91.7
Other	39.5	0.0	8.8	4.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.2
Number	261	60	57	72

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children age 12 or younger at entry	51.1	100.0	66.7	33.3
Children older than 12 at entry	46.1	0.0	33.3	33.3
Missing data	2.8	0.0	0.0	33.3
Number	141	2	9	6

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	American Indian/Alaska Native				2010	Asian			2010	Black			2010	2011	2012	2013
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2011	2012	2013		2011	2012	2013				
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	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	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reunification	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	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	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
Number	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander				2010	Hispanic (of any race)			2010	White			2010	2011	2012	2013
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012		2013	2010	2011				
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	10.9	17.1	7.4	0.0	0.0	16.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.3	1.0	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	75.0	85.6	75.6	85.4	68.2	0.0	66.7	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	24.8	1.1	4.0	1.8	31.8	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	2.2	3.0	4.3	0.0	0.0	16.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	0	0	0	0	813	367	328	391	22	0	6	4	0	0	0	0

	Unable to Determine				2010	Two or More Races			2010	Missing Data			2010	2011	2012	2013
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012		2013	2010	2011				
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	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	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reunification	87.1	62.5	100.0	85.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	75.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	12.9	0.0	0.0	14.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	25.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	0.0	37.5	0.0	0.0	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	85	8	2	7	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

¹⁴ 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. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Less than 12 mos.	31.8	31.3	36.6	34.6
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	29.6	34.7	35.4	39.0
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	21.1	12.5	14.2	14.8
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	5.0	11.6	3.9	2.9
48 or more mos.	11.1	10.0	9.4	8.7
Missing data	1.4	0.0	0.4	0.0
Number	705	320	254	344

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children entering care for the first time	89.5	94.2	94.4	97.3
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	8.7	0.5	1.9	1.6
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	1.4	3.8	2.9	0.3
Missing data	0.4	1.5	0.7	0.8
Number	1,050	757	679	622

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Less than 12 mos.	0.0	2.5	0.0	6.9
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	0.0	7.5	1.8	3.4
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	0.0	7.5	8.8	27.6
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	0.0	27.5	19.3	13.8
48 or more mos.	100.0	55.0	70.2	48.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1	40	57	29

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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children with 2 or fewer placements	83.6	100.0	99.5	100.0	69.3	100.0	99.2	99.3	42.2	99.2	99.4	99.5	100.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	16.4	0.0	0.5	0.0	30.7	0.0	0.8	0.4	57.8	0.8	0.6	0.5	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,181	838	763	729	789	839	1,094	910	2,490	3,637	3,579	3,357	3	0	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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Group homes	4.0	1.5	1.9	2.5
Institutions	8.2	11.5	9.4	8.2
Other settings	87.7	87.1	88.6	89.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	619	550	466	402

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

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score¹⁷	44.5	81.5	94.5	70.7
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)	35.1	39.0	42.5	39.2
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)	17.2	15.5	14.5	16.2
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)	28.1	9.1	10.3	9.0
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?	14.2	8.4	0.0	2.3

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	—	—	50.4	72.3
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?	—	—	1.8	10.3
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?	—	—	53.1	42.9
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?	—	—	1.8	0.9
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	—	—	<.1	0.0
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?	—	—	100.0	88.9

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	—	73.4	99.0	73.0
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?	—	3.7	3.9	3.4
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?	—	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?	—	71.1	71.6	68.7

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	101.3	150.4	149.8	150.3
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?	82.8	100.0	99.5	100.0
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?	68.8	100.0	99.2	99.6
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?	45.5	99.2	99.4	99.5

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 (<http://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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total children under 18 years	223,088	219,783	216,591	213,987
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Asian	3.1	3.2	3.2	3.3
Black	7.1	7.1	7.1	7.1
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	20.7	21.3	21.9	22.5
White	64.5	63.7	62.9	62.3
Two or more races	4.1	4.2	4.2	4.3
Child population in poverty (%)	19.0	21.9	19.5	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Child maltreatment victims	3,268	3,131	3,218	3,132
Foster care entry rate per 1,000	6.2	5.3	5.4	5.5
Children in foster care on 9/30	2,157	1,850	1,710	1,756
Children adopted	184	201	191	162

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	N/A	N/A	85	81
Numerator	N/A	N/A	15,746	15,176
Denominator	N/A	N/A	18,557	18,793
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	N/A	N/A	57	56
Numerator	N/A	N/A	9,036	8,555
Denominator	N/A	N/A	15,746	15,176

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2010		2011		2012		2013	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children who received a Child Protective Services response for an allegation of child maltreatment	8,559	38.4 per 1,000	8,263	37.6 per 1,000	8,571	39.6 per 1,000	8,485	39.7 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims	3,268	14.6 per 1,000	3,131	14.2 per 1,000	3,218	14.9 per 1,000	3,132	14.6 per 1,000
Child fatalities	2	0.9 per 100,000	3	1.4 per 100,000	1	0.5 per 100,000	1	0.5 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	15.1	14.6	14.9	14.9
1 year	8.1	7.1	7.1	8.0
2 years	8.5	8.4	8.1	7.0
3 years	7.5	7.5	7.0	7.0
4 years	6.6	7.0	7.1	6.3
5 years	5.7	5.7	6.2	6.5
6 years	5.6	5.6	6.1	7.1
7 years	5.8	5.6	5.4	4.7
8 years	4.5	4.9	5.3	5.4
9 years	4.1	3.9	4.4	4.6
10 years	4.1	4.5	4.9	4.2
11 years	4.8	4.2	4.4	4.0
12 years	3.9	4.2	4.0	4.3
13 years	3.8	3.9	3.4	3.5
14 years	3.4	3.5	3.4	4.1
15 years	2.8	3.6	3.5	3.0
16 years	3.2	3.2	2.7	2.9
17 years	2.4	2.1	1.5	2.1
18+ years	<.1	<.1	0.2	0.2
Missing data	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3
Number	3,268	3,131	3,218	3,132

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.8	0.4	0.7	0.5
Asian	0.9	1.0	0.7	1.0
Black	12.0	11.2	12.1	12.6
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	23.5	22.6	25.4	21.9
White	51.2	50.8	47.5	47.9
Two or more races	6.6	6.7	6.2	7.7
Missing data	5.1	7.2	7.4	8.2
Number	3,268	3,131	3,218	3,132

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 2013 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2011–2014 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 was a new methodology used to calculate the caseworker visits measures. Because the new methodology limits data comparisons with prior years, caseworker visits data from 2010 and 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.

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Emotional abuse	<.1	<.1	0.2	0.3
Medical neglect	1.8	2.4	2.5	2.0
Neglect	94.0	93.8	91.4	92.3
Physical abuse	13.9	14.3	13.4	13.9
Sexual abuse	4.2	4.1	5.2	4.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.9	1.0	1.6	1.7
Number	3,268	3,131	3,218	3,132

Response Time (in hours)⁹

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Mean	48.5	48.3	65.6	105.7
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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total number	2,031	1,991	1,716	1,651	1,380	1,170	1,169	1,174	1,254	1,311	1,175	1,069	2,157	1,850	1,710	1,756
Median length of stay (months)	14.3	13.3	14.2	12.3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	11.5	12.2	11.8	10.0	14.0	13.9	13.1	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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	6.1	7.0	6.2	7.1	15.2	15.3	15.2	18.6	4.5	4.5	4.9	6.5	6.3	5.8	6.7	7.7
1 year	6.2	7.2	7.3	7.8	5.8	5.2	5.7	5.0	6.9	6.9	5.4	7.3	6.7	7.0	7.4	7.5
2 years	4.5	5.1	6.1	6.4	4.2	4.2	5.0	4.9	5.3	6.5	7.1	8.5	4.9	6.0	6.3	5.2
3 years	4.2	4.5	4.8	5.2	2.9	4.9	4.5	3.4	4.1	5.5	5.9	4.9	4.1	4.6	4.9	4.7
4 years	3.4	3.4	4.2	4.2	3.6	3.9	4.4	3.6	4.7	3.7	4.7	4.0	3.1	3.8	4.0	4.6
5 years	3.2	3.2	4.0	3.7	2.7	3.1	3.1	3.8	4.4	2.9	3.7	4.1	2.8	3.7	3.7	4.0
6 years	2.8	2.8	3.8	3.6	3.0	3.2	2.4	2.9	3.1	3.2	3.6	3.5	2.5	3.4	3.4	3.7
7 years	3.3	3.4	2.5	4.1	2.9	3.2	2.5	2.1	2.8	3.5	2.7	3.5	3.0	2.4	3.9	2.6
8 years	2.9	2.9	3.5	2.2	2.1	2.6	2.1	2.7	3.3	2.7	2.6	3.0	2.9	3.3	2.0	2.9
9 years	2.8	2.5	3.1	2.7	1.7	1.7	2.1	2.0	2.3	2.6	3.4	2.9	2.2	2.8	2.6	2.3
10 years	4.2	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.3	2.0	2.2	2.4	2.2	1.9	2.3	2.0	2.8	2.6	2.7	3.0
11 years	3.3	4.2	2.4	3.1	2.5	3.0	2.4	3.0	2.5	3.3	1.4	2.2	3.9	2.4	3.1	3.1
12 years	3.2	3.3	4.7	3.3	2.5	3.9	3.0	3.4	2.4	2.8	3.1	2.1	3.2	4.5	3.0	3.4
13 years	3.8	3.5	4.1	5.0	5.0	4.4	4.9	3.5	4.1	3.3	3.6	3.5	3.7	3.8	4.5	4.1
14 years	5.8	5.3	4.5	5.5	8.4	7.2	7.3	7.4	4.1	4.7	4.1	4.5	5.4	4.8	5.5	6.0
15 years	9.5	7.9	6.7	8.2	10.4	10.8	12.2	9.5	7.5	6.9	6.7	7.5	8.3	7.1	8.5	6.2
16 years	11.8	11.3	9.7	7.6	13.6	12.1	11.0	9.9	9.4	9.0	9.2	8.1	11.7	10.5	8.0	9.9
17 years	11.6	12.3	11.1	10.1	10.2	8.7	8.7	10.1	10.9	11.1	9.3	9.6	13.2	11.9	11.1	9.4
18 years	4.2	4.6	5.6	4.2	0.9	0.8	1.1	1.6	11.8	11.4	12.8	9.8	5.9	6.6	5.5	5.8
19 years	1.9	1.6	1.6	1.9	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	1.6	1.4	1.8	0.8	1.9	1.7	2.1	2.3
20 years	1.4	1.2	1.2	1.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.8	1.2	0.5	0.5	1.3	1.2	1.0	1.7
Missing data	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3	1.1	1.3	1.2	0.2	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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.9	1.3	0.9	0.6	0.3	1.4	0.6	0.8	0.5	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.7
Asian	2.4	1.4	1.7	1.5	1.2	1.5	1.1	0.7	2.6	1.2	1.2	1.7	1.6	1.6	1.7	0.9
Black	15.6	15.8	15.0	13.6	15.7	14.5	13.9	15.1	14.1	16.3	16.2	12.3	16.5	14.6	13.5	15.3
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	<.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
Hispanic (of any race)	24.1	26.0	24.7	25.9	27.0	25.5	27.8	25.5	25.1	27.3	26.8	27.5	25.4	24.7	25.3	24.6
White	48.1	47.1	48.9	48.6	44.9	47.2	47.0	48.5	47.3	44.9	46.7	49.2	46.5	48.8	49.1	48.2
Two or more races	7.4	7.6	7.5	8.3	6.9	7.9	7.1	7.2	7.6	8.3	6.8	7.3	7.0	7.2	7.7	8.1
Unable to determine	1.6	1.3	1.3	1.1	2.8	2.5	2.0	2.1	1.8	1.2	1.4	1.1	2.2	2.1	1.6	1.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.8	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.4	<.1	<.1	0.3	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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total waiting children	317	270	226	248
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	182	150	132	113

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	0.3	1.1	1.8	0.8
1 year	6.0	7.0	6.2	7.3
2 years	7.3	9.3	8.4	6.0
3 years	6.3	5.9	4.4	8.9
4 years	5.4	5.2	4.4	6.5
5 years	4.1	4.1	5.3	6.5
6 years	5.4	5.2	4.0	5.2
7 years	3.5	4.1	8.4	3.6
8 years	6.3	4.8	4.0	7.7
9 years	6.0	5.2	3.5	3.2
10 years	5.7	5.6	5.8	5.2
11 years	9.8	5.2	4.9	3.6
12 years	5.0	9.6	5.8	4.8
13 years	6.9	4.8	10.6	6.5
14 years	5.7	7.0	4.9	9.3
15 years	5.7	5.9	7.5	5.2
16 years	4.4	5.9	5.8	6.5
17 years	6.3	4.1	4.4	3.2

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.6	0.7	0.9	1.2
Asian	1.9	3.0	2.2	1.6
Black	15.8	13.7	13.3	14.1
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	36.9	30.4	27.4	26.6
White	35.0	43.0	44.2	44.4
Two or more races	8.8	7.8	10.2	11.3
Unable to determine	0.9	1.5	1.8	0.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total children adopted	184	201	191	162

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	3.3	3.0	3.7	3.1
1 year	19.6	16.9	13.6	14.8
2 years	15.2	18.9	22.5	24.7
3 years	10.3	12.9	8.4	9.9
4 years	7.1	8.5	5.2	6.2
5 years	9.2	4.0	5.2	8.0
6 years	2.7	2.5	5.2	3.7
7 years	3.3	3.5	4.7	6.2
8 years	5.4	3.0	2.6	4.3
9 years	2.7	6.0	5.8	3.7
10 years	3.3	2.5	5.2	4.9
11 years	3.3	5.5	3.7	1.9
12 years	3.8	4.0	1.6	1.9
13 years	4.3	3.0	4.2	2.5
14 years	1.1	2.5	3.1	1.2
15 years	2.2	1.0	1.0	1.2
16 years	2.7	1.0	2.1	1.2
17 years	0.5	1.5	2.1	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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.5	0.0	1.0	1.2
Asian	1.6	1.0	0.5	2.5
Black	10.3	10.9	9.4	12.3
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	24.5	34.8	26.2	25.9
White	50.0	40.3	48.2	42.6
Two or more races	12.5	11.9	13.6	14.2
Unable to determine	0.5	0.5	1.0	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.

Rhode Island

OUTCOMES DATA

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children without a recurrence	92.3	91.5	93.1	91.8
Children with one or more recurrences	7.7	8.5	6.9	8.2
Number	1,556	1,700	1,670	1,590

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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.97	1.23	1.04	1.13
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.03	98.77	98.96	98.87
Number	3,411	3,161	2,885	2,825

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	14.6	15.3	15.7	15.1
Guardianship	7.6	9.6	11.5	9.9
Reunification	63.2	59.6	57.0	62.2
Other	14.7	15.4	15.8	12.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,254	1,311	1,175	1,069

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	16.8	17.2	16.1	16.3
Guardianship	5.3	5.4	8.2	6.7
Reunification	55.5	54.0	46.7	57.4
Other	22.4	23.4	29.0	19.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	416	389	366	326

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	0.4	0.7	0.4	0.5
Guardianship	3.3	3.0	3.1	2.8
Reunification	69.4	67.8	66.3	70.4
Other	27.0	28.5	30.2	26.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	549	569	484	423

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children age 12 or younger at entry	23.4	25.6	27.0	25.6
Children older than 12 at entry	76.6	74.4	73.0	74.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	111	129	111	78

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	American Indian/Alaska Native				2010	Asian				2010	Black			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	5.6	0.0	22.2	20.0	9.4	12.5	14.3	22.2	9.6	10.3	9.5	15.2		
Guardianship	11.1	37.5	11.1	0.0	12.5	0.0	21.4	0.0	4.0	14.5	8.9	5.3		
Reunification	66.7	37.5	66.7	60.0	62.5	68.8	57.1	55.6	66.7	57.9	65.3	61.4		
Other	16.7	25.0	0.0	20.0	15.6	18.8	7.1	22.2	19.8	17.3	16.3	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	18	8	9	5	32	16	14	18	177	214	190	132		

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander				2010	Hispanic (of any race)				2010	White			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	14.0	19.3	14.9	14.6	15.7	13.9	15.8	13.1		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.4	5.9	9.2	9.5	8.9	8.3	13.8	12.0		
Reunification	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	67.3	60.1	59.4	63.6	60.2	62.1	53.4	62.0		
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	13.3	14.8	16.5	12.2	15.2	15.6	16.9	12.9		
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	0	1	0	0	315	358	315	294	593	588	549	526		

	Unable to Determine				2010	Two or More Races				2010	Missing Data			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	4.3	6.3	11.8	8.3	25.3	22.0	32.5	29.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	4.3	6.3	5.9	0.0	11.6	19.3	10.0	10.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	91.3	68.8	64.7	75.0	53.7	47.7	50.0	57.7	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0		
Other	0.0	18.8	17.6	16.7	9.5	11.0	7.5	2.6	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	23	16	17	12	95	109	80	78	1	1	1	4		

¹⁴ 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. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Less than 12 mos.	71.2	68.4	72.4	77.6
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	19.2	21.7	19.4	16.4
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	5.7	5.1	5.4	4.1
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	2.0	3.1	1.6	1.1
48 or more mos.	1.9	1.7	1.2	0.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	792	782	670	665

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children entering care for the first time	71.6	70.5	67.8	72.6
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	15.2	16.7	18.8	15.2
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	13.2	12.8	12.7	11.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.3
Number	1,380	1,170	1,169	1,174

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Less than 12 mos.	6.6	7.0	9.2	5.6
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	34.4	31.8	37.0	28.6
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	26.8	29.9	23.9	34.2
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	13.7	11.9	12.0	17.4
48 or more mos.	18.6	19.4	17.9	14.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	183	201	184	161

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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children with 2 or fewer placements	86.6	87.2	87.8	88.6	65.5	62.7	64.2	68.9	34.7	34.4	33.7	38.6	100.0	100.0	0.0	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	13.4	12.8	12.2	11.4	34.5	37.3	35.8	31.1	65.3	65.6	66.3	61.4	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	1,649	1,481	1,404	1,435	743	780	698	655	1,017	895	783	734	2	5	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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Group homes	18.4	11.8	7.4	7.9
Institutions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4
Other settings	81.6	88.2	92.6	91.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	706	650	635	673

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

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score¹⁷	98.1	100.2	104.0	96.7
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)	70.2	68.8	72.2	77.5
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)	7.4	8.1	7.2	6.4
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)	43.5	44.3	46.2	46.8
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?	23.4	21.3	21.8	27.8

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	134.5	134.9	142.3	135.0
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?	41.0	38.8	46.2	34.2
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?	26.0	26.3	25.1	27.0
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?	18.1	20.9	20.9	21.7
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	14.5	16.0	16.6	12.9
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?	77.6	76.4	79.9	81.3

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	127.9	130.6	120.2	132.6
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?	24.5	28.2	26.6	25.3
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?	96.4	95.0	96.4	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?	32.6	33.2	44.8	27.1

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	99.6	98.9	99.2	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?	86.2	86.8	87.5	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?	66.3	63.2	65.4	69.8
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?	36.0	36.0	34.4	40.1

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 (<http://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 2010–2013: Report to Congress*.

Rhode Island continues to work to improve the accuracy of our data. Our Data and Evaluation Unit reviews data on a regular basis to support continuous quality improvement. When necessary, system modifications are made to assist in accurate data entry.

Rhode Island's data on re-entry into foster care within 12 months continues to be a challenge. Modifications to our SACWIS system to support the documentation of a 'trial home visit' are not yet complete. We anticipate completing those modifications by January 2015. Until then, children physically returning home under the definition of a trial home visit will continue to be reported as re-entering foster care if they return to placement even though legal status was never returned to the parent.

South Carolina

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total children under 18 years	1,079,978	1,076,524	1,077,455	1,079,798
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
Asian	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.4
Black	32.1	31.7	31.5	31.3
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	7.6	7.9	8.1	8.3
White	55.4	55.4	55.2	55.1
Two or more races	3.1	3.2	3.3	3.4
Child population in poverty (%)	26.1	27.8	26.9	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Child maltreatment victims	11,802	11,324	11,439	10,404
Foster care entry rate per 1,000	3.1	2.7	2.6	2.7
Children in foster care on 9/30	4,488	3,841	3,132	3,203
Children adopted	529	588	776	504

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	N/A	N/A	91	91
Numerator	N/A	N/A	34,364	31,303
Denominator	N/A	N/A	37,646	34,576
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	N/A	N/A	79	76
Numerator	N/A	N/A	27,021	23,792
Denominator	N/A	N/A	34,364	31,303

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2010		2011		2012		2013	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children who received a Child Protective Services response for an allegation of child maltreatment	38,953	36.1 per 1,000	36,011	33.5 per 1,000	40,732	37.8 per 1,000	43,948	40.7 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims	11,802	10.9 per 1,000	11,324	10.5 per 1,000	11,439	10.6 per 1,000	10,404	9.6 per 1,000
Child fatalities	25	2.3 per 100,000	15	1.4 per 100,000	23	2.1 per 100,000	25	2.3 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	12.7	12.4	12.3	13.7
1 year	7.5	7.3	6.7	7.7
2 years	7.9	7.4	7.0	7.1
3 years	7.2	6.8	7.0	6.9
4 years	6.1	6.9	6.9	6.6
5 years	6.0	6.6	6.8	7.1
6 years	5.8	6.0	6.0	6.6
7 years	5.1	5.7	6.0	5.5
8 years	5.1	5.1	5.3	5.1
9 years	4.9	4.8	4.6	4.4
10 years	4.4	4.6	4.5	4.1
11 years	4.3	4.4	4.3	4.2
12 years	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.8
13 years	4.0	4.0	4.0	3.9
14 years	4.1	3.9	3.7	3.9
15 years	3.8	3.6	4.0	3.5
16 years	3.5	3.2	3.3	3.0
17 years	1.5	1.2	1.4	1.2
18+ years	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing data	1.9	2.0	2.1	1.9
Number	11,802	11,324	11,439	10,404

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.2
Asian	0.1	0.1	0.3	<.1
Black	36.5	35.0	35.4	34.8
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	4.2	4.2	4.1	3.6
White	51.6	52.3	52.1	53.1
Two or more races	4.2	4.6	5.1	4.8
Missing data	3.3	3.4	2.8	3.3
Number	11,802	11,324	11,439	10,404

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 2013 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2011–2014 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 was a new methodology used to calculate the caseworker visits measures. Because the new methodology limits data comparisons with prior years, caseworker visits data from 2010 and 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.

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Emotional abuse	1.4	1.0	1.4	1.1
Medical neglect	3.9	3.5	3.8	2.7
Neglect	68.3	68.5	68.6	68.2
Physical abuse	37.1	38.4	40.2	42.3
Sexual abuse	5.5	5.6	6.0	6.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.3
Number	11,802	11,324	11,439	10,404

Response Time (in hours)⁹

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Mean	42.7	47.0	31.5	10.4
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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total number	4,898	4,430	3,741	3,060	3,393	2,939	2,796	2,943	3,802	3,528	3,405	2,800	4,488	3,841	3,132	3,203
Median length of stay (months)	15.6	16.9	17.0	13.6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	8.5	9.0	9.1	7.1	16.6	17.0	13.2	11.2

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	6.3	5.7	5.4	6.3	15.2	14.9	14.4	14.0	6.3	5.6	5.4	5.8	5.7	5.4	6.4	6.9
1 year	7.1	7.3	6.6	7.1	7.3	7.0	7.0	6.6	7.1	8.2	7.3	7.9	7.5	6.5	7.1	6.7
2 years	7.3	6.6	7.1	5.0	7.6	7.2	5.7	7.1	8.1	6.7	7.0	8.0	6.6	7.1	5.0	5.7
3 years	5.3	6.5	6.1	5.9	6.0	6.9	6.8	6.1	7.0	7.9	7.8	6.1	6.6	6.1	5.9	5.3
4 years	5.4	4.7	5.6	4.9	5.0	6.2	6.2	5.8	5.7	6.6	7.2	6.0	4.7	5.5	5.1	5.4
5 years	5.0	4.8	4.7	4.8	5.4	6.0	5.4	6.9	5.9	5.7	6.0	6.4	4.8	4.8	4.8	5.4
6 years	4.1	4.4	4.7	4.9	4.6	5.6	5.5	5.4	5.3	5.8	5.0	5.5	4.4	4.5	5.0	4.6
7 years	4.4	3.7	4.6	4.4	4.4	5.1	5.4	5.3	5.0	4.3	5.4	5.9	3.7	4.6	4.4	5.1
8 years	4.3	4.3	3.9	4.5	4.4	3.5	4.9	4.6	4.5	3.8	4.8	5.3	4.3	3.8	4.4	3.7
9 years	4.0	4.0	4.4	4.4	4.0	4.6	4.3	4.7	4.1	4.3	4.2	4.8	4.0	4.3	4.3	4.2
10 years	4.2	4.2	4.1	3.8	4.4	3.9	3.9	4.1	3.9	4.0	4.2	3.8	4.2	4.1	3.7	4.2
11 years	4.3	4.6	4.5	4.3	4.0	3.9	4.6	3.9	3.4	4.0	4.2	3.4	4.6	4.5	4.2	4.6
12 years	4.3	4.8	4.5	4.8	4.4	4.1	3.8	4.7	4.2	3.7	3.9	4.4	4.8	4.5	4.7	4.7
13 years	5.1	4.8	5.3	4.8	4.2	4.1	4.8	4.7	3.1	3.9	4.2	4.3	4.8	5.2	4.8	4.9
14 years	5.0	6.0	5.4	6.0	5.7	4.7	4.8	4.8	4.4	4.0	3.8	3.4	6.0	5.5	6.1	5.8
15 years	6.6	6.1	6.6	6.7	6.1	5.1	5.2	4.9	4.7	3.8	4.1	3.5	6.1	6.6	6.7	6.9
16 years	8.9	7.7	7.9	8.4	5.4	5.3	5.3	4.5	4.6	3.7	4.5	4.3	7.7	7.8	8.2	7.4
17 years	8.2	9.3	8.2	8.6	2.1	1.9	2.0	1.8	3.0	3.5	3.4	3.1	9.2	8.0	8.4	7.7
18 years	0.2	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.7	10.4	7.8	8.3	0.4	1.0	0.5	0.8
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.1	0.3	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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.1	0.2	0.2	<.1	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1
Asian	0.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.1	0.2
Black	44.3	42.4	40.2	40.2	38.8	39.4	37.6	34.5	41.9	42.1	38.0	37.9	42.1	40.5	40.2	36.9
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.2	<.1	0.1	<.1	0.2	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1
Hispanic (of any race)	4.3	5.3	5.3	5.0	6.9	5.1	6.2	5.7	5.3	5.5	6.3	5.4	5.4	5.0	4.9	5.4
White	44.2	44.3	45.7	46.8	45.9	47.2	48.4	51.6	45.1	44.9	46.9	49.0	44.7	45.9	46.7	49.3
Two or more races	6.8	7.1	7.9	7.4	6.2	6.0	6.6	6.5	6.2	5.8	7.3	6.5	6.9	7.4	7.4	7.3
Unable to determine	0.2	0.5	0.6	0.4	1.7	1.6	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.5	0.9	0.5	0.7
Missing data	0.0	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

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total waiting children	1,699	1,413	1,330	1,227
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	857	675	586	601

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	3.4	2.2	3.0	2.4
1 year	7.2	6.0	6.0	6.3
2 years	7.7	6.9	4.4	5.2
3 years	7.8	7.1	6.3	4.6
4 years	5.7	6.8	4.4	5.1
5 years	6.1	5.1	4.9	4.7
6 years	5.2	5.7	4.6	4.1
7 years	5.1	5.1	4.5	4.3
8 years	5.5	5.1	4.9	3.9
9 years	5.5	5.3	3.9	4.0
10 years	5.5	5.2	4.3	4.5
11 years	4.9	6.1	4.4	4.5
12 years	5.8	5.2	5.9	5.2
13 years	6.2	6.7	4.9	6.0
14 years	5.5	6.3	8.3	6.1
15 years	5.5	6.7	8.6	9.5
16 years	4.4	5.4	8.9	10.0
17 years	2.9	3.2	7.9	9.6

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.2	0.2	<.1	0.0
Asian	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2
Black	43.3	41.5	41.7	40.4
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	4.8	4.7	4.9	4.5
White	42.6	44.7	44.7	46.9
Two or more races	8.9	8.6	8.0	7.8
Unable to determine	<.1	0.3	0.4	<.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total children adopted	529	588	776	504

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	1.3	2.4	3.2	2.0
1 year	9.3	12.2	10.1	11.9
2 years	15.3	11.6	12.2	11.5
3 years	13.0	12.2	11.6	8.3
4 years	9.1	10.5	9.8	8.9
5 years	8.9	8.8	7.2	6.3
6 years	6.0	7.8	4.8	8.1
7 years	8.1	4.8	7.3	6.2
8 years	5.1	4.3	5.9	6.0
9 years	4.5	4.9	5.3	6.0
10 years	2.6	4.9	4.4	2.8
11 years	3.8	3.4	5.0	4.2
12 years	3.8	3.1	2.8	3.4
13 years	2.3	3.4	3.2	3.2
14 years	2.5	2.6	1.7	3.0
15 years	2.3	1.4	1.5	1.6
16 years	1.5	0.9	2.1	3.6
17 years	0.6	0.9	1.5	3.2
18 years	0.0	0.0	0.3	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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Black	33.5	35.2	34.5	38.1
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	3.4	6.1	5.4	6.5
White	53.1	48.3	49.1	46.2
Two or more races	9.8	10.2	10.2	8.9
Unable to determine	0.2	0.2	0.6	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.

South Carolina

OUTCOMES DATA

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children without a recurrence	96.8	96.6	97.2	97.5
Children with one or more recurrences	3.2	3.4	2.8	2.5
Number	5,754	5,705	6,517	4,978

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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.43	0.41	0.43	0.43
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.57	99.59	99.57	99.57
Number	8,291	7,369	6,537	6,003

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	14.0	16.6	22.8	18.1
Guardianship	1.6	2.0	2.2	2.8
Reunification	73.6	70.3	67.4	70.5
Other	10.8	11.1	7.6	8.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	3,803	3,528	3,405	2,800

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	17.2	16.1	32.9	29.6
Guardianship	0.0	0.8	0.7	0.8
Reunification	40.2	31.5	30.0	28.0
Other	42.6	51.6	36.4	41.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	169	124	140	125

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	0.7	0.4	1.2	2.7
Guardianship	1.3	1.7	1.9	1.4
Reunification	64.8	64.5	70.9	65.6
Other	33.2	33.5	26.0	30.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	856	780	688	564

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children age 12 or younger at entry	29.1	31.4	29.7	26.9
Children older than 12 at entry	70.9	68.6	70.3	73.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	385	366	246	227

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	American Indian/Alaska Native				2010	Asian				2010	Black			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	0.0	0.0	12.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	11.4	13.8	20.7	18.1	
Guardianship	25.0	18.2	0.0	20.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.6	1.3	2.1	1.4	
Reunification	75.0	72.7	87.5	40.0	85.7	75.0	100.0	100.0	74.2	71.0	67.0	69.7		
Other	0.0	9.1	0.0	40.0	14.3	25.0	0.0	0.0	12.9	13.9	10.2	10.8		
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	4	11	8	5	7	4	3	2	1,594	1,484	1,295	1,062		

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander				2010	Hispanic (of any race)				2010	White			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.4	18.6	19.4	22.0	16.6	17.9	23.8	17.2		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.5	1.5	0.9	2.7	1.6	2.5	2.4	3.3		
Reunification	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	83.3	72.7	73.6	69.3	71.2	70.2	67.3	72.2		
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.9	7.2	6.0	6.0	10.6	9.4	6.5	7.3		
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	2	7	2	0	203	194	216	150	1,714	1,585	1,598	1,371		

	Unable to Determine				2010	Two or More Races				2010	Missing Data			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	2.2	2.7	15.2	3.8	20.1	29.1	31.6	24.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	0.0	8.1	6.1	7.7	0.9	1.9	2.0	5.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	97.8	89.2	78.8	80.8	73.9	59.7	62.0	62.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0		
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.7	5.1	9.2	4.4	7.7	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	45	37	33	26	234	206	250	183	0	0	0	1		

¹⁴ 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. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Less than 12 mos.	76.9	78.0	77.0	82.6
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	16.6	15.9	15.6	12.6
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	4.2	4.4	3.6	2.8
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	1.1	1.0	1.7	0.9
48 or more mos.	1.3	0.6	2.1	1.1
Missing data	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	2,799	2,481	2,296	1,974

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children entering care for the first time	84.4	83.5	83.0	83.8
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	7.6	7.2	6.8	5.9
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	7.9	9.2	10.2	10.0
Missing data	<.1	0.2	<.1	0.3
Number	3,393	2,939	2,796	2,943

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Less than 12 mos.	2.4	3.8	4.9	3.9
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	19.5	21.3	23.7	26.8
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	31.3	28.8	26.2	26.6
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	23.6	24.6	20.9	15.0
48 or more mos.	23.2	21.5	24.3	27.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	534	586	775	507

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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children with 2 or fewer placements	79.9	81.4	83.8	86.5	45.8	48.8	52.9	56.2	25.1	26.1	23.5	23.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	20.1	18.6	16.0	13.4	54.2	51.1	46.9	43.6	74.9	73.9	76.5	76.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	0.0	<.1	0.2	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	4,072	3,589	3,358	3,429	1,637	1,391	1,245	1,145	2,554	2,377	1,933	1,416	28	12	1	13

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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Group homes	10.5	9.4	8.7	7.6
Institutions	10.4	10.8	12.6	14.3
Other settings	79.1	79.8	78.7	78.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	2,588	2,300	2,171	2,315

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

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score¹⁷	138.8	139.8	144.1	145.5
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)	73.0	75.0	73.4	80.1
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)	6.2	5.9	5.9	4.4
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)	61.5	60.0	64.0	56.0
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?	8.2	8.7	6.8	7.6

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	123.7	115.7	139.7	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?	21.9	25.1	28.6	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?	34.8	35.0	33.5	32.6
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?	20.3	23.0	36.7	30.8
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	13.8	13.2	18.0	26.7
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?	53.0	59.8	74.6	64.6

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	84.1	89.6	126.3	122.0
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?	26.5	27.0	40.7	34.0
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?	92.5	90.6	95.3	90.8
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?	52.0	57.0	52.7	50.0

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	80.0	83.5	85.9	89.8
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?	77.1	79.2	82.0	85.0
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?	45.9	48.9	53.0	56.2
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?	25.2	26.2	23.6	23.4

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 (<http://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 Dakota

CONTEXT DATA

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total children under 18 years	203,145	203,948	205,298	207,959
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
American Indian/ Alaska Native	13.4	13.3	13.2	13.1
Asian	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.2
Black	1.8	1.9	2.1	2.2
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	4.6	5.0	5.2	5.4
White	75.1	74.6	74.2	73.8
Two or more races	4.0	4.0	4.1	4.2
Child population in poverty (%)	18.2	18.2	17.5	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Child maltreatment victims	1,360	1,353	1,224	984
Foster care entry rate per 1,000	7.2	6.8	5.7	4.5
Children in foster care on 9/30	1,493	1,404	1,381	1,267
Children adopted	133	168	126	177

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	N/A	N/A	98	97
Numerator	N/A	N/A	15,209	15,022
Denominator	N/A	N/A	15,504	15,417
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	N/A	N/A	96	96
Numerator	N/A	N/A	14,653	14,403
Denominator	N/A	N/A	15,209	15,022

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2010		2011		2012		2013	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children who received a Child Protective Services response for an allegation of child maltreatment	6,315	31.1 per 1,000	6,334	31.1 per 1,000	5,716	27.8 per 1,000	4,346	20.9 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims	1,360	6.7 per 1,000	1,353	6.6 per 1,000	1,224	6.0 per 1,000	984	4.7 per 1,000
Child fatalities	2	1.0 per 100,000	3	1.5 per 100,000	6	2.9 per 100,000	5	2.4 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	13.4	13.8	14.5	15.8
1 year	10.4	9.4	8.1	9.2
2 years	8.5	8.7	7.9	8.1
3 years	9.0	8.6	8.7	8.6
4 years	8.5	7.2	7.4	7.0
5 years	6.5	7.2	6.4	7.2
6 years	5.2	7.1	5.7	6.9
7 years	5.4	5.4	6.0	5.3
8 years	4.9	5.3	5.1	5.9
9 years	5.1	4.9	5.2	4.5
10 years	3.8	3.5	4.2	4.3
11 years	2.9	3.7	3.3	4.2
12 years	3.6	3.3	3.8	2.4
13 years	2.9	3.1	3.3	3.0
14 years	3.1	2.7	4.0	2.5
15 years	2.6	2.2	2.2	2.4
16 years	2.4	1.8	2.4	1.3
17 years	0.9	1.3	1.1	0.7
18+ years	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.1
Missing data	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.4
Number	1,360	1,353	1,224	984

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/ Alaska Native	46.8	44.8	46.4	38.4
Asian	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.2
Black	3.2	3.3	3.2	2.9
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.2	0.1	<.1	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	6.4	7.3	6.0	6.2
White	33.3	34.1	34.2	39.5
Two or more races	7.6	8.7	7.7	10.6
Missing data	2.2	1.2	2.2	2.1
Number	1,360	1,353	1,224	984

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 2013 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2011-2014 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 was a new methodology used to calculate the caseworker visits measures. Because the new methodology limits data comparisons with prior years, caseworker visits data from 2010 and 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.

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Emotional abuse	2.0	1.0	1.4	2.4
Medical neglect	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Neglect	95.8	94.2	94.8	91.8
Physical abuse	9.3	12.6	10.9	14.3
Sexual abuse	3.9	4.7	4.3	5.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,360	1,353	1,224	984

Response Time (in hours)⁹

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Mean	139.3	116.8	108.0	76.2
Median	>96 but <120	>72 but <96	>72 but <96	>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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total number	1,435	1,436	1,357	1,368	1,455	1,396	1,162	927	1,397	1,428	1,138	1,028	1,493	1,404	1,381	1,267
Median length of stay (months)	11.8	13.6	13.6	13.5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	3.5	3.7	7.1	10.1	13.3	13.7	13.6	15.6

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	5.9	4.2	5.2	4.7	12.6	13.5	14.2	16.1	7.3	6.8	6.3	5.4	4.2	4.8	4.6	4.7
1 year	7.7	7.1	6.7	8.3	9.4	9.4	8.3	9.3	8.2	8.1	7.3	8.5	7.1	6.7	8.4	7.7
2 years	8.2	8.8	7.3	5.8	8.2	9.7	8.3	9.9	9.3	10.3	9.3	8.8	8.8	7.1	5.9	8.4
3 years	6.8	7.5	8.5	7.2	9.0	9.2	8.9	8.5	8.9	9.1	9.4	7.8	7.6	8.3	7.0	7.3
4 years	6.4	6.3	6.9	7.7	6.7	6.8	7.6	8.2	7.1	7.7	8.0	8.1	6.5	7.5	7.7	7.0
5 years	6.3	6.9	5.6	6.4	6.3	7.5	6.2	7.7	6.2	7.1	7.9	7.8	6.9	5.6	6.3	7.2
6 years	5.2	5.6	6.4	4.8	5.1	7.1	5.4	5.1	5.4	7.8	6.6	6.1	5.8	6.5	4.8	5.8
7 years	4.1	5.2	5.3	5.2	6.0	4.7	5.3	5.3	5.2	5.7	6.9	4.5	5.1	5.6	5.2	5.3
8 years	5.4	4.7	3.8	5.3	5.1	4.4	4.9	4.3	4.9	4.9	3.4	5.3	4.5	3.8	5.3	5.4
9 years	4.0	5.3	4.7	4.5	4.3	4.2	5.6	3.8	4.1	4.7	4.7	5.2	5.4	4.7	4.7	3.9
10 years	4.3	4.7	4.9	4.8	3.8	3.4	4.0	4.7	3.9	4.3	4.3	4.8	4.6	4.8	4.7	4.2
11 years	4.1	4.2	4.0	5.2	3.6	3.7	3.4	3.9	3.5	3.8	3.5	4.2	4.2	3.8	5.3	4.5
12 years	4.4	4.4	4.1	3.4	3.6	3.3	4.0	1.9	4.1	2.9	3.6	3.6	4.2	4.3	3.4	4.3
13 years	4.5	4.1	4.5	4.8	4.3	3.0	4.0	2.7	3.9	2.7	3.3	2.8	4.2	4.3	4.7	3.4
14 years	4.5	4.9	5.2	5.3	3.8	2.9	3.4	2.3	3.0	2.3	2.8	3.1	5.0	5.2	5.3	4.3
15 years	4.6	4.5	5.3	5.6	3.4	2.9	2.7	2.4	3.4	2.2	2.4	2.3	4.6	5.3	5.6	5.2
16 years	6.2	4.7	5.3	5.5	2.7	2.4	2.0	1.8	2.6	2.2	2.1	2.7	4.6	5.1	5.4	5.3
17 years	6.3	5.7	4.9	4.6	2.1	1.7	1.5	2.2	3.1	1.8	2.1	3.4	5.5	4.9	4.7	4.7
18 years	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.7	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	5.4	5.0	5.5	5.2	1.1	1.1	0.7	1.0
19 years	<.1	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.1	0.2
20 years	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.2	0.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/ Alaska Native	52.6	51.5	51.3	50.3	48.9	48.6	50.3	46.0	49.1	48.1	51.5	51.3	52.2	52.0	50.3	46.3
Asian	0.2	0.3	0.8	0.4	0.5	0.7	0.0	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.5	<.1	0.3	0.8	0.4	0.6
Black	2.6	2.4	3.1	2.9	5.4	5.4	3.2	4.5	5.7	4.6	3.4	3.1	2.4	3.2	2.9	3.9
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	6.7	6.9	6.6	6.9	6.5	8.5	6.8	6.9	6.9	9.1	6.7	7.2	6.2	6.2	6.7	6.7
White	29.8	30.4	28.0	29.5	30.7	27.9	28.8	31.4	30.1	30.0	26.1	29.3	30.3	28.2	30.3	31.1
Two or more races	8.0	8.4	10.1	9.7	7.8	8.7	10.2	10.2	7.5	7.6	11.2	8.2	8.3	9.5	9.3	11.4
Unable to determine	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	0.3	0.0	0.1	<.1	0.2	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	<.1	0.0	0.5	0.6	<.1	0.0	0.4	0.8	0.0	0.0	<.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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total waiting children	436	388	407	361
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	358	327	331	292

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	0.9	1.0	0.7	1.1
1 year	5.7	4.4	5.4	4.4
2 years	9.6	7.2	5.4	8.3
3 years	5.7	7.2	7.4	7.2
4 years	7.8	7.2	7.6	6.6
5 years	5.7	6.4	7.6	6.4
6 years	6.4	5.4	5.9	5.8
7 years	4.6	6.7	5.7	6.1
8 years	3.9	4.4	4.7	5.0
9 years	6.4	5.2	4.4	4.4
10 years	5.3	7.7	5.9	2.8
11 years	6.9	3.9	7.1	5.5
12 years	4.8	7.0	3.4	6.9
13 years	4.8	4.6	5.2	3.9
14 years	4.8	5.7	4.4	7.2
15 years	5.5	5.4	6.6	4.7
16 years	5.3	5.4	6.4	7.5
17 years	5.7	5.2	6.1	6.1

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/Alaska Native	48.4	48.5	42.5	41.3
Asian	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.0
Black	2.3	2.6	4.7	5.0
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.3
Hispanic (of any race)	8.5	7.2	7.6	9.1
White	29.1	29.9	33.7	32.7
Two or more races	11.2	11.6	11.1	11.6
Unable to determine	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total children adopted	133	168	126	177

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	1.5	0.6	0.8	0.0
1 year	4.5	8.3	5.6	4.5
2 years	17.3	14.9	12.7	13.0
3 years	11.3	10.7	14.3	10.7
4 years	15.8	14.3	10.3	15.3
5 years	8.3	9.5	11.9	10.7
6 years	9.0	6.5	9.5	8.5
7 years	3.0	6.5	8.7	7.9
8 years	2.3	4.2	4.0	5.6
9 years	10.5	4.2	6.3	5.1
10 years	1.5	6.0	5.6	5.1
11 years	3.0	4.2	2.4	4.0
12 years	5.3	2.4	4.8	2.3
13 years	3.0	2.4	2.4	1.1
14 years	0.8	1.2	0.0	3.4
15 years	2.3	0.6	0.0	0.6
16 years	0.8	1.8	0.0	1.1
17 years	0.0	1.8	0.8	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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/Alaska Native	44.4	44.6	36.5	36.7
Asian	0.0	1.2	0.8	0.0
Black	2.3	1.2	0.8	4.0
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	9.0	8.9	7.1	10.7
White	36.8	30.4	37.3	38.4
Two or more races	7.5	13.7	17.5	10.2
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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children without a recurrence	95.4	94.4	94.4	95.5
Children with one or more recurrences	4.6	5.6	5.6	4.5
Number	680	643	663	469

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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.10	0.00	0.00	0.09
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.90	100.00	100.00	99.91
Number	2,890	2,832	2,519	2,295

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	9.4	11.7	11.1	17.2
Guardianship	5.7	7.9	9.0	8.5
Reunification	60.5	57.9	54.0	57.0
Other	24.3	22.5	26.0	17.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,397	1,428	1,138	1,028

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	26.9	23.8	25.2	36.5
Guardianship	11.2	8.9	14.6	7.8
Reunification	27.3	34.5	32.0	33.3
Other	34.5	32.8	28.2	22.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	249	235	206	192

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	1.2	2.3	0.6	4.0
Guardianship	6.5	8.0	7.6	9.3
Reunification	57.5	53.4	50.3	55.3
Other	34.8	36.2	41.4	31.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	247	174	157	150

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children age 12 or younger at entry	32.1	41.0	37.9	32.8
Children older than 12 at entry	67.9	59.0	62.1	67.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	81	78	66	58

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	American Indian/Alaska Native				2010	Asian				2010	Black			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	8.7	10.9	7.8	12.3	0.0	25.0	16.7	0.0	3.8	3.1	2.6	21.9		
Guardianship	6.4	8.2	8.2	10.4	40.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.1	1.5	2.6	0.0		
Reunification	48.8	48.3	47.8	50.9	60.0	75.0	83.3	100.0	82.3	93.8	82.1	71.9		
Other	36.0	32.6	36.2	26.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.9	1.5	12.8	6.3		
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	686	687	586	527	5	4	6	1	79	65	39	32		
	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander				2010	Hispanic (of any race)				2010	White			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	12.4	11.5	11.8	25.7	11.2	11.9	15.8	22.6		
Guardianship	0.0	33.3	0.0	0.0	6.2	7.7	19.7	8.1	5.2	9.8	9.4	5.6		
Reunification	100.0	33.3	0.0	0.0	64.9	48.5	38.2	52.7	72.2	70.4	65.7	65.8		
Other	0.0	33.3	0.0	0.0	16.5	32.3	30.3	13.5	11.4	7.9	9.1	6.0		
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	3	0	0	97	130	76	74	421	429	297	301		
	Unable to Determine				2010	Two or More Races				2010	Missing Data			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.5	21.1	17.3	21.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.9	2.8	7.9	10.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	67.6	58.7	54.3	58.3	100.0	0.0	40.0	87.5		
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	21.0	17.4	20.5	9.5	0.0	0.0	60.0	12.5		
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	2	1	2	1	105	109	127	84	1	0	5	8		

¹⁴ 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. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Less than 12 mos.	81.4	82.7	75.6	75.9
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	13.8	14.9	21.7	20.0
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	2.5	1.2	1.5	3.1
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	1.1	0.8	0.5	0.5
48 or more mos.	1.2	0.4	0.8	0.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	845	827	614	586

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children entering care for the first time	72.5	73.3	70.2	74.3
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	11.5	11.7	13.7	9.4
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	15.1	15.0	15.5	15.9
Missing data	0.8	<.1	0.6	0.4
Number	1,455	1,396	1,162	927

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Less than 12 mos.	2.3	1.8	3.2	0.6
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	30.3	32.9	28.6	25.4
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	34.1	31.1	34.9	47.5
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	22.0	18.6	26.2	10.7
48 or more mos.	11.4	15.6	7.1	15.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	132	167	126	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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children with 2 or fewer placements	88.4	86.7	87.0	86.7	57.1	60.2	51.8	57.1	21.0	18.8	24.6	26.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0
Children with 3 or more placements	11.6	13.3	13.0	13.3	42.9	39.8	48.2	42.9	79.0	81.3	75.4	74.0	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	1,661	1,598	1,338	1,102	585	570	546	536	638	656	635	657	6	8	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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Group homes	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Institutions	11.2	15.0	10.8	8.5
Other settings	88.8	85.0	89.2	91.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,216	1,209	997	820

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

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score¹⁷	125.3	129.9	128.0	119.2
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)	80.6	84.4	75.2	81.3
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)	3.0	2.5	4.7	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)	47.0	41.5	47.1	43.7
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?	16.8	15.9	14.6	18.2

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	59.7	77.3	88.2	95.3
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?	32.6	34.7	31.7	26.0
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?	29.1	29.3	29.4	28.8
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?	19.2	22.3	19.7	25.4
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	11.6	7.6	6.1	8.1
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?	35.0	35.4	32.7	46.8

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	94.9	66.3	78.0	89.9
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?	24.3	24.6	23.6	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?	84.2	88.9	87.3	90.4
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?	54.0	59.5	54.5	52.4

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	87.4	85.2	87.0	89.6
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?	86.1	83.4	84.5	84.7
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?	56.6	60.3	51.7	57.2
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?	21.2	19.2	24.5	26.4

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 (<http://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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total children under 18 years	1,495,090	1,491,837	1,492,689	1,491,577
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Asian	1.6	1.6	1.7	1.7
Black	20.0	19.9	19.8	19.7
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	7.3	7.7	8.0	8.3
White	67.8	67.4	67.0	66.7
Two or more races	3.0	3.1	3.2	3.3
Child population in poverty (%)	25.7	26.3	25.8	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Child maltreatment victims	8,760	9,243	10,069	10,377
Foster care entry rate per 1,000	4.2	4.4	4.4	4.5
Children in foster care on 9/30	6,644	7,696	8,042	8,270
Children adopted	972	772	813	1,159

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	N/A	N/A	92	95
Numerator	N/A	N/A	83,021	86,700
Denominator	N/A	N/A	90,599	91,267
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	N/A	N/A	68	71
Numerator	N/A	N/A	56,606	61,831
Denominator	N/A	N/A	83,021	86,700

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2010		2011		2012		2013	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children who received a Child Protective Services response for an allegation of child maltreatment	80,125	53.6 per 1,000	80,005	53.6 per 1,000	85,180	57.1 per 1,000	81,715	54.8 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims	8,760	5.9 per 1,000	9,243	6.2 per 1,000	10,069	6.7 per 1,000	10,377	7.0 per 1,000
Child fatalities	38	2.5 per 100,000	29	1.9 per 100,000	31	2.1 per 100,000	40	2.7 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	16.4	16.1	16.6	18.7
1 year	5.7	5.9	5.4	5.9
2 years	5.6	5.7	5.0	5.0
3 years	5.6	6.2	6.2	6.1
4 years	5.7	6.1	5.9	6.0
5 years	5.2	5.8	6.1	6.0
6 years	5.3	5.0	5.2	5.3
7 years	4.4	4.7	5.2	4.9
8 years	5.0	4.6	4.8	4.4
9 years	4.3	4.3	4.8	4.1
10 years	4.4	4.7	4.4	4.1
11 years	4.2	4.2	4.4	4.0
12 years	5.7	5.3	5.0	4.5
13 years	4.6	4.7	4.6	4.5
14 years	4.6	4.3	4.4	4.2
15 years	4.9	4.0	4.0	4.3
16 years	4.4	4.1	3.7	3.8
17 years	3.5	2.9	2.9	2.7
18+ years	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Missing data	0.4	1.6	1.5	1.4
Number	8,760	9,243	10,069	10,377

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.2	<.1	<.1	<.1
Asian	0.3	<.1	<.1	<.1
Black	25.9	12.2	10.1	10.6
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	4.1	2.8	2.7	2.7
White	62.8	46.5	40.7	39.4
Two or more races	0.0	1.4	1.8	1.8
Missing data	6.7	36.9	44.5	45.3
Number	8,760	9,243	10,069	10,377

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 2013 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2011-2014 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 was a new methodology used to calculate the caseworker visits measures. Because the new methodology limits data comparisons with prior years, caseworker visits data from 2010 and 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.

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Emotional abuse	2.5	2.9	2.9	1.1
Medical neglect	1.3	1.9	1.9	1.5
Neglect	57.2	63.6	63.2	68.2
Physical abuse	17.3	14.5	13.6	12.3
Sexual abuse	30.1	28.1	29.7	25.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	8,760	9,243	10,069	10,377

Response Time (in hours)⁹

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Mean	0.0	76.2	97.0	106.6
Median	<24	>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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total number	6,511	6,535	7,429	7,786	6,221	6,525	6,596	6,702	6,088	5,364	5,983	6,218	6,644	7,696	8,042	8,270
Median length of stay (months)	8.9	8.5	8.3	9.5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	8.8	9.7	9.9	11.2	8.4	8.5	9.6	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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	4.5	5.8	6.5	5.8	12.1	12.6	11.8	13.3	4.8	4.7	4.0	5.0	5.7	6.4	5.7	6.2
1 year	6.1	6.2	6.5	6.9	5.6	6.0	5.4	5.4	6.0	6.1	6.2	6.1	6.1	6.4	6.8	6.6
2 years	5.5	5.0	6.0	6.2	5.1	5.1	5.1	4.9	5.6	5.3	5.9	5.7	5.0	5.9	6.1	6.0
3 years	4.4	5.0	4.9	5.3	4.0	4.9	4.6	4.5	4.6	5.0	4.6	5.5	5.0	4.9	5.2	5.4
4 years	4.1	3.9	5.1	5.2	3.6	4.6	4.5	4.4	4.3	4.4	4.9	5.0	3.9	5.0	5.1	4.6
5 years	4.0	3.7	4.4	5.0	3.7	4.1	4.2	4.1	4.1	4.0	4.0	4.8	3.7	4.3	4.9	4.8
6 years	3.5	3.5	3.5	4.3	3.0	3.5	3.9	4.0	3.5	3.5	3.7	4.3	3.5	3.5	4.2	4.3
7 years	2.9	3.4	3.4	4.1	2.9	3.2	3.7	3.7	2.5	3.1	3.2	3.5	3.4	3.4	4.0	4.2
8 years	2.9	3.4	3.4	3.6	3.1	2.9	3.3	3.6	2.8	3.1	3.1	3.8	3.3	3.4	3.6	4.2
9 years	3.1	3.4	3.2	3.3	3.2	3.0	2.7	3.4	2.8	3.1	2.8	3.1	3.4	3.1	3.3	3.5
10 years	2.9	3.4	3.4	3.2	2.8	2.9	3.2	2.8	2.3	3.2	2.7	2.9	3.4	3.4	3.1	3.5
11 years	3.2	3.4	3.2	3.6	2.8	2.9	3.0	3.3	2.3	2.5	3.1	3.1	3.4	3.2	3.6	3.1
12 years	3.1	3.6	3.9	3.4	3.6	3.2	3.4	3.1	3.0	2.6	3.1	2.9	3.6	3.8	3.5	3.6
13 years	3.9	4.5	4.1	4.4	5.1	4.2	4.8	4.5	3.1	3.2	3.3	3.2	4.6	4.1	4.4	4.1
14 years	6.1	5.1	5.4	5.2	6.0	6.1	6.1	6.4	3.6	4.2	4.1	4.3	5.2	5.5	5.3	5.7
15 years	8.2	8.5	7.3	6.9	9.4	8.4	8.4	7.9	6.2	5.1	6.3	5.1	8.9	7.4	7.0	7.3
16 years	12.7	11.0	10.8	8.8	11.6	10.8	11.3	10.9	8.7	8.1	8.5	7.6	11.3	10.6	9.1	9.2
17 years	15.9	14.3	12.3	12.1	12.0	11.2	10.2	9.4	12.7	11.0	11.7	10.4	14.0	12.3	12.0	10.7
18 years	2.7	3.0	2.6	2.5	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.2	16.3	16.7	13.8	13.2	2.6	3.1	2.8	2.5
19 years	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.6	1.1	0.7	0.5	<.1	0.2	0.2	0.5
20 years	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Missing data	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	<.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	<.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Asian	0.2	0.2	0.1	<.1	0.3	0.2	<.1	<.1	0.3	0.2	0.2	<.1	0.2	0.2	<.1	<.1
Black	29.2	26.5	24.0	22.9	27.8	22.2	21.6	23.9	31.1	25.2	23.9	23.4	26.2	23.8	22.1	23.3
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	5.7	5.2	5.0	5.9	5.1	4.4	5.3	5.5	5.7	4.5	4.9	5.5	5.2	4.9	5.3	5.9
White	61.1	64.3	63.1	64.1	61.4	57.8	55.7	65.1	58.2	61.1	59.7	63.4	64.1	61.0	59.6	65.5
Two or more races	0.9	0.0	0.0	3.6	0.2	0.0	0.0	3.6	1.2	0.0	0.0	2.2	<.1	0.0	0.0	4.6
Unable to determine	2.5	3.5	7.5	3.2	4.8	15.2	17.1	1.4	3.3	8.6	11.1	5.1	4.0	9.9	12.6	0.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total waiting children	1,692	2,014	2,524	2,665
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	562	485	640	746

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	3.5	5.6	5.7	5.4
1 year	6.0	8.2	8.2	7.8
2 years	6.9	7.3	8.0	7.8
3 years	6.7	6.4	6.9	6.5
4 years	5.3	6.9	6.4	5.9
5 years	4.7	5.5	6.4	5.5
6 years	5.0	4.0	6.1	5.8
7 years	4.5	4.1	4.2	5.7
8 years	3.6	4.3	4.4	4.8
9 years	3.9	4.5	4.1	4.8
10 years	4.8	3.8	4.0	4.2
11 years	4.3	4.8	4.3	4.3
12 years	4.3	4.5	4.2	4.7
13 years	4.7	4.8	5.0	4.5
14 years	5.4	5.1	4.7	6.0
15 years	7.4	5.9	5.5	5.5
16 years	9.4	7.6	5.7	5.7
17 years	9.5	6.9	6.0	5.1

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.2
Asian	0.1	0.0	<.1	<.1
Black	22.8	18.1	15.7	17.3
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.2
Hispanic (of any race)	5.7	6.2	7.1	6.7
White	68.1	69.4	65.5	69.9
Two or more races	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.5
Unable to determine	2.9	6.1	11.3	0.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total children adopted	972	772	813	1,159

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	2.3	3.6	3.7	4.4
1 year	11.2	11.7	14.0	11.8
2 years	9.8	11.0	12.5	11.9
3 years	7.3	8.4	8.0	9.3
4 years	8.5	7.9	7.7	8.4
5 years	7.6	7.5	5.9	6.9
6 years	5.8	5.2	5.0	8.0
7 years	3.8	5.7	4.6	4.1
8 years	4.7	3.2	4.4	6.1
9 years	5.6	4.9	5.3	3.5
10 years	4.9	4.1	3.1	4.0
11 years	3.4	3.4	4.1	3.5
12 years	4.3	3.1	5.2	3.7
13 years	4.9	3.8	3.3	3.4
14 years	3.1	3.8	2.8	2.8
15 years	4.3	3.5	4.1	2.1
16 years	3.9	4.8	3.2	3.0
17 years	4.1	3.8	3.1	2.7
18 years	0.4	0.6	0.0	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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0
Asian	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0
Black	17.8	16.7	11.7	9.4
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	6.5	6.0	6.0	7.7
White	70.0	70.3	76.1	77.6
Two or more races	4.2	4.1	3.9	4.7
Unable to determine	1.1	2.6	2.2	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.

Tennessee

OUTCOMES DATA

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children without a recurrence	96.7	97.0	97.3	97.6
Children with one or more recurrences	3.3	3.0	2.7	2.4
Number	4,430	4,566	4,681	4,761

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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.04	0.11	0.07	0.11
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.96	99.89	99.93	99.89
Number	12,732	13,060	14,025	14,488

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	16.0	14.5	13.7	18.7
Guardianship	1.6	2.9	4.7	4.5
Reunification	71.6	70.2	71.9	67.7
Other	10.8	12.0	9.7	8.7
Missing data	<.1	0.4	<.1	0.4
Number	6,088	5,364	5,983	6,218

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	13.3	16.7	14.4	14.5
Guardianship	2.6	2.5	2.3	1.0
Reunification	62.2	55.7	59.2	62.5
Other	21.7	24.6	23.9	21.5
Missing data	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.6
Number	608	711	568	512

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	3.0	3.0	2.5	3.1
Guardianship	0.7	1.4	1.8	2.2
Reunification	75.0	71.0	74.9	74.0
Other	21.2	24.3	20.6	19.8
Missing data	<.1	0.3	0.2	0.8
Number	2,854	2,421	2,663	2,490

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children age 12 or younger at entry	6.3	5.3	3.0	3.7
Children older than 12 at entry	93.7	94.7	97.0	96.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	556	508	472	427

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	American Indian/Alaska Native				2010	Asian				2010	Black			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	8.3	25.0	0.0	0.0	12.5	7.7	0.0	0.0	9.8	10.5	7.2	7.6		
Guardianship	0.0	16.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.7	0.0	0.0	1.6	4.4	5.0	4.8		
Reunification	83.3	50.0	60.0	60.0	75.0	76.9	100.0	100.0	76.8	68.9	75.6	76.3		
Other	8.3	8.3	40.0	40.0	12.5	7.7	0.0	0.0	11.8	15.7	12.0	10.7		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.5	0.2	0.6		
Number	12	12	5	10	16	13	10	2	1,896	1,352	1,431	1,452		
	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander				2010	Hispanic (of any race)				2010	White			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	20.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	18.3	18.9	16.6	25.9	19.3	17.0	18.0	23.3		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0	1.2	3.0	1.2	1.6	2.7	5.1	4.8		
Reunification	80.0	75.0	100.0	66.7	70.1	69.3	70.6	65.4	68.4	68.5	67.6	63.4		
Other	0.0	25.0	0.0	33.3	9.3	10.7	9.8	7.0	10.7	11.4	9.3	8.3		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.5	<.1	0.3		
Number	5	4	4	3	344	244	296	344	3,543	3,276	3,570	3,943		
	Unable to Determine				2010	Two or More Races				2010	Missing Data			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	5.5	6.0	4.0	5.0	33.3	0.0	0.0	22.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	1.0	1.1	2.8	4.1	1.4	0.0	0.0	4.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	83.0	86.4	86.4	85.6	61.1	0.0	0.0	66.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	80.0		
Other	10.5	6.5	6.6	5.0	4.2	0.0	0.0	6.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	20.0		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	200	463	667	319	72	0	0	135	0	0	0	10		

¹⁴ 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. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Less than 12 mos.	76.7	74.4	72.3	70.5
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	17.5	19.1	21.6	23.0
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	3.9	4.4	4.4	4.5
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	1.2	1.6	1.0	1.3
48 or more mos.	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	4,358	3,763	4,299	4,212

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children entering care for the first time	81.7	83.4	82.5	82.3
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	9.3	7.8	8.1	8.3
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	9.0	8.7	9.3	9.4
Missing data	<.1	0.1	<.1	<.1
Number	6,221	6,525	6,596	6,702

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Less than 12 mos.	6.3	6.7	7.7	7.8
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	38.2	40.6	43.0	38.3
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	30.1	29.8	28.7	34.7
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	16.3	12.8	12.2	13.0
48 or more mos.	9.2	10.2	8.4	6.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	972	776	820	1,162

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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children with 2 or fewer placements	77.2	82.4	79.5	79.4	52.0	59.1	61.6	60.7	34.0	33.3	37.5	41.1	100.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	22.6	17.2	20.3	20.3	48.0	40.9	38.4	39.3	66.0	66.7	62.5	58.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	0.2	0.4	0.2	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	7,711	7,881	8,200	8,132	2,888	3,137	3,621	3,847	2,128	2,042	2,204	2,508	5	0	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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Group homes	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.5
Institutions	1.0	1.4	1.3	1.4
Other settings	98.7	98.0	98.1	98.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0
Number	3,429	3,807	3,834	4,016

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

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score¹⁷	128.2	129.4	125.6	123.9
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)	78.2	77.0	76.3	73.2
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)	6.5	6.8	7.4	7.5
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)	56.4	49.5	47.4	46.9
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?	13.5	11.8	12.9	12.5

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	157.3	146.4	151.5	166.5
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?	44.4	47.3	50.7	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?	25.3	24.6	24.0	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?	37.1	31.8	30.0	38.4
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	20.9	12.9	13.6	24.1
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?	73.3	77.2	74.5	76.0

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	161.2	152.6	159.3	164.6
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?	45.1	38.1	38.8	45.7
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?	91.1	91.7	94.8	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?	13.5	12.2	10.6	14.0

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	84.4	92.2	92.3	93.6
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?	75.8	81.7	78.7	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?	52.9	59.8	62.3	61.1
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?	34.6	34.0	38.2	42.1

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 (<http://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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total children under 18 years	6,879,014	6,931,758	6,985,807	7,041,986
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Asian	3.4	3.5	3.6	3.7
Black	11.9	11.7	11.7	11.7
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	48.4	48.6	48.8	49.0
White	33.9	33.6	33.2	32.9
Two or more races	2.1	2.2	2.2	2.3
Child population in poverty (%)	25.7	26.6	25.8	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Child maltreatment victims	64,937	63,474	62,551	64,603
Foster care entry rate per 1,000	2.3	2.4	2.4	2.4
Children in foster care on 9/30	28,860	30,007	29,644	29,589
Children adopted	4,709	4,718	5,039	5,368

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	N/A	N/A	94	94
Numerator	N/A	N/A	315,926	310,691
Denominator	N/A	N/A	336,974	330,294
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	N/A	N/A	81	82
Numerator	N/A	N/A	255,388	254,152
Denominator	N/A	N/A	315,926	310,691

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2010		2011		2012		2013	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children who received a Child Protective Services response for an allegation of child maltreatment	267,823	38.9 per 1,000	272,553	39.3 per 1,000	250,623	35.9 per 1,000	238,706	33.9 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims	64,937	9.4 per 1,000	63,474	9.2 per 1,000	62,551	9.0 per 1,000	64,603	9.2 per 1,000
Child fatalities	222	3.2 per 100,000	246	3.5 per 100,000	215	3.1 per 100,000	150	2.1 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	14.2	14.8	14.8	15.3
1 year	8.6	8.6	8.1	7.9
2 years	8.5	8.2	8.1	7.9
3 years	7.8	7.9	8.1	7.3
4 years	7.2	7.5	7.4	7.7
5 years	6.8	6.7	7.1	7.2
6 years	6.1	6.0	6.2	6.5
7 years	5.5	5.4	5.5	5.5
8 years	5.0	5.0	5.1	5.1
9 years	4.9	4.6	4.5	4.5
10 years	4.3	4.2	4.1	4.1
11 years	3.8	3.8	4.0	3.8
12 years	3.6	3.6	3.7	3.6
13 years	3.3	3.4	3.4	3.5
14 years	3.1	3.2	3.1	3.3
15 years	3.0	2.9	2.8	2.9
16 years	2.7	2.5	2.3	2.4
17 years	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.1
18+ years	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Missing data	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.4
Number	64,937	63,474	62,551	64,603

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/ Alaska Native	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Asian	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.4
Black	16.5	16.2	16.1	16.4
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	46.1	47.2	46.6	46.2
White	31.4	30.4	31.2	31.5
Two or more races	3.2	3.1	3.2	3.2
Missing data	2.3	2.5	2.5	2.1
Number	64,937	63,474	62,551	64,603

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 2013 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2011–2014 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 was a new methodology used to calculate the caseworker visits measures. Because the new methodology limits data comparisons with prior years, caseworker visits data from 2010 and 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.

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Emotional abuse	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.8
Medical neglect	2.9	2.7	2.6	2.7
Neglect	82.5	83.0	83.2	83.5
Physical abuse	21.0	19.8	19.0	18.1
Sexual abuse	9.3	9.8	9.5	9.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	64,937	63,474	62,551	64,603

Response Time (in hours)⁹

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Mean	69.9	76.8	65.2	64.6
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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total number	26,590	28,954	29,963	29,436	15,888	16,770	16,462	16,708	13,619	15,717	16,781	16,555	28,860	30,007	29,644	29,589
Median length of stay (months)	15.0	12.0	12.0	12.1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	17.6	16.0	15.9	16.6	12.0	12.1	12.3	11.8

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	7.0	7.2	7.2	7.2	20.8	20.4	20.0	19.8	3.3	3.1	2.9	2.7	7.2	7.2	7.1	7.3
1 year	9.3	9.8	9.4	9.2	10.4	10.1	9.3	9.2	10.6	11.2	10.5	10.3	9.9	9.4	9.3	9.7
2 years	8.2	8.6	8.7	8.3	9.3	8.5	8.8	8.1	11.1	10.9	11.2	10.8	8.6	8.7	8.3	7.7
3 years	6.8	7.5	7.8	7.7	7.9	8.0	7.6	7.1	9.1	9.3	9.4	9.0	7.6	7.8	7.7	7.2
4 years	5.9	6.5	6.8	6.9	6.7	7.0	6.7	7.0	6.7	7.9	8.0	7.9	6.5	6.9	6.9	6.7
5 years	5.7	5.8	6.2	6.2	5.7	6.1	6.5	6.6	6.3	6.6	7.2	7.1	5.8	6.2	6.2	6.3
6 years	5.0	5.3	5.5	5.8	5.2	5.2	5.5	6.0	5.8	5.7	6.4	6.6	5.3	5.6	5.8	5.9
7 years	5.2	4.8	4.9	5.2	4.6	4.6	4.9	5.1	5.4	5.2	5.5	5.7	4.8	4.9	5.2	5.6
8 years	4.5	4.7	4.5	4.7	4.0	4.3	4.3	4.4	4.6	4.8	4.7	4.9	4.7	4.5	4.7	4.9
9 years	4.5	4.4	4.5	4.3	3.8	4.1	3.9	4.0	4.0	4.4	4.1	4.3	4.3	4.5	4.3	4.4
10 years	4.1	4.3	4.0	4.2	3.4	3.5	3.4	3.5	3.5	4.0	4.1	4.1	4.3	4.0	4.2	4.0
11 years	4.3	3.9	4.0	3.9	3.0	3.1	3.4	3.0	3.5	3.4	3.6	3.6	3.9	4.0	3.9	4.0
12 years	4.2	4.1	3.8	3.9	2.9	3.1	3.2	3.3	3.0	3.2	3.3	3.1	4.1	3.7	3.8	3.7
13 years	4.1	4.0	4.0	3.9	2.8	2.8	3.0	3.1	2.7	2.9	2.8	2.8	4.1	4.0	3.9	3.9
14 years	4.7	4.1	4.1	4.2	2.7	3.0	3.1	2.9	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.6	4.1	4.1	4.2	4.0
15 years	5.1	4.7	4.4	4.5	2.7	2.8	2.8	3.2	2.4	2.2	2.4	2.5	4.7	4.4	4.4	4.5
16 years	5.4	5.0	4.9	4.6	2.7	2.4	2.2	2.6	2.3	2.3	2.2	2.5	5.0	4.9	4.6	4.7
17 years	5.9	5.1	4.7	4.7	1.2	0.9	1.2	1.0	2.1	2.0	1.9	2.1	5.1	4.7	4.7	4.3
18 years	<.1	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	11.0	8.4	7.2	7.0	0.0	0.3	0.6	0.6
19 years	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.0	<.1	0.2	0.2
20 years	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.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	<.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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	<.1
Asian	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2
Black	25.0	24.4	23.8	23.2	21.6	19.9	19.3	18.5	22.7	20.8	20.7	21.1	24.3	23.8	23.0	21.7
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	41.1	41.0	42.4	42.6	40.2	44.2	43.2	43.1	41.2	42.3	43.3	42.9	40.6	42.1	42.3	42.7
White	28.5	29.0	28.1	28.3	31.9	29.6	31.0	32.4	30.3	31.1	29.9	29.9	29.5	28.3	28.7	29.7
Two or more races	4.1	4.2	4.3	4.4	3.9	4.3	4.2	4.0	4.1	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.0	4.3	4.3	4.3
Unable to determine	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.8	1.5	1.9	1.7	1.2	1.1	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.3	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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total waiting children	13,178	14,919	13,267	13,123
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	9,098	12,068	9,445	9,230

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	4.9	6.2	4.7	4.5
1 year	9.6	10.0	9.8	10.1
2 years	8.4	9.2	8.4	7.7
3 years	7.6	7.7	7.8	7.2
4 years	6.2	7.0	7.0	6.9
5 years	5.8	6.0	6.2	5.9
6 years	5.7	5.5	5.9	5.8
7 years	5.0	5.1	5.1	5.8
8 years	5.1	4.6	5.1	5.1
9 years	5.0	4.9	4.6	4.9
10 years	5.3	4.5	4.6	4.3
11 years	4.7	4.5	4.5	4.7
12 years	4.9	4.4	4.3	4.5
13 years	5.0	4.7	4.7	4.6
14 years	4.8	4.9	5.1	4.9
15 years	5.4	4.7	5.4	5.5
16 years	4.2	3.7	4.2	4.8
17 years	2.3	2.4	2.6	2.8

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1
Asian	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2
Black	28.5	27.9	27.0	25.5
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	<.1	0.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	39.4	40.3	41.0	40.5
White	26.5	26.0	26.1	27.9
Two or more races	4.1	4.3	4.4	4.6
Unable to determine	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total children adopted	4,709	4,718	5,039	5,368

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.4
1 year	10.7	12.5	12.5	12.2
2 years	16.1	15.1	16.1	15.4
3 years	11.5	11.3	11.6	11.3
4 years	8.2	9.3	9.2	9.6
5 years	7.8	7.1	8.4	8.1
6 years	7.0	6.2	6.8	6.8
7 years	6.6	5.4	5.8	6.0
8 years	5.6	5.3	4.7	4.9
9 years	4.6	4.5	4.2	4.4
10 years	3.9	5.0	4.2	4.3
11 years	3.9	3.5	3.4	3.7
12 years	3.1	3.3	3.3	2.5
13 years	2.8	3.0	2.0	2.0
14 years	2.3	1.8	2.3	2.1
15 years	1.8	1.5	1.3	1.7
16 years	1.4	2.1	1.6	1.8
17 years	1.0	1.4	1.2	1.4
18 years	<.1	0.1	0.1	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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.2
Asian	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.3
Black	22.5	21.3	22.2	22.9
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	<.1	0.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	42.2	45.2	42.8	44.4
White	28.4	26.9	28.1	27.0
Two or more races	5.4	5.3	5.0	4.2
Unable to determine	1.1	1.0	1.3	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.

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children without a recurrence	97.2	97.1	97.1	97.0
Children with one or more recurrences	2.8	2.9	2.9	3.0
Number	32,674	29,816	30,362	30,651

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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.10	0.19	0.27	0.29
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.90	99.81	99.73	99.71
Number	42,479	45,724	46,425	46,144

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	34.3	29.9	29.8	32.5
Guardianship	1.9	1.9	2.1	2.3
Reunification	51.3	58.5	59.9	57.1
Other	12.5	9.6	8.2	8.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	13,619	15,717	16,781	16,555

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	37.7	40.0	38.1	37.3
Guardianship	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.9
Reunification	37.5	35.9	37.7	37.7
Other	23.0	22.3	22.3	23.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	3,922	3,466	3,180	3,002

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	5.2	6.2	6.2	7.5
Guardianship	1.3	1.6	2.9	3.0
Reunification	38.5	45.0	47.6	48.0
Other	55.0	47.3	43.3	41.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,837	1,904	1,939	2,009

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children age 12 or younger at entry	40.3	39.5	39.2	36.9
Children older than 12 at entry	59.7	60.5	60.8	63.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,533	1,351	1,255	1,227

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	American Indian/Alaska Native				2010	Asian				2010	Black			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	55.0	36.8	45.8	38.9	12.8	17.0	33.3	31.5	33.8	30.7	31.8	34.7		
Guardianship	0.0	5.3	8.3	0.0	0.0	1.9	0.0	1.9	2.3	2.0	2.4	3.3		
Reunification	30.0	42.1	41.7	33.3	69.2	69.8	57.6	55.6	48.5	55.2	54.1	51.5		
Other	15.0	15.8	4.2	27.8	17.9	11.3	9.1	11.1	15.4	12.1	11.8	10.5		
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	20	19	24	18	39	53	33	54	3,085	3,264	3,480	3,490		

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander				2010	Hispanic (of any race)				2010	White			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	0.0	25.0	35.3	20.0	35.1	32.0	29.5	33.7	32.3	25.9	27.9	28.9		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.6	1.7	1.9	1.6	2.0	2.1	2.2	2.5		
Reunification	71.4	75.0	52.9	80.0	51.9	57.9	61.9	58.1	53.0	62.0	61.7	59.7		
Other	28.6	0.0	11.8	0.0	11.4	8.4	6.7	6.6	12.7	9.9	8.2	8.9		
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	7	8	17	15	5,614	6,645	7,273	7,109	4,124	4,884	5,010	4,957		

	Unable to Determine				2010	Two or More Races				2010	Missing Data			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	32.1	27.6	29.4	27.8	44.6	37.0	35.1	36.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	3.0	2.9	2.3	2.0	1.4	2.4	3.0	3.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	60.6	67.2	66.5	68.3	46.5	51.8	54.5	53.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Other	4.2	2.3	1.8	2.0	7.4	8.8	7.3	7.1	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	165	174	218	205	565	670	726	707	0	0	0	0		

¹⁴ 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. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Less than 12 mos.	53.0	50.9	50.6	49.1
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	37.8	43.9	41.2	43.1
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	4.2	2.4	5.2	4.8
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	2.7	1.4	1.4	1.6
48 or more mos.	2.2	1.3	1.6	1.5
Missing data	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0
Number	6,993	9,193	10,050	9,456

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children entering care for the first time	90.5	85.6	89.5	88.6
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	2.9	2.8	3.3	3.5
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	6.0	6.2	6.5	7.4
Missing data	0.7	5.4	0.7	0.5
Number	15,888	16,770	16,462	16,708

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Less than 12 mos.	2.9	3.5	3.5	3.2
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	35.4	42.6	45.9	45.6
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	34.4	28.7	29.8	30.7
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	13.5	12.0	10.0	11.2
48 or more mos.	13.8	13.1	10.8	9.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	4,669	4,707	4,997	5,375

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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children with 2 or fewer placements	84.5	83.2	83.6	84.4	56.6	56.6	57.9	57.6	21.0	21.2	22.6	23.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	15.5	16.8	16.4	15.6	43.4	43.4	42.1	42.4	79.0	78.8	77.4	76.6	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	18,557	20,133	20,242	20,224	11,105	13,712	14,178	14,330	12,815	11,874	12,003	11,587	2	5	2	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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Group homes	3.1	3.7	3.4	3.3
Institutions	4.4	4.0	4.3	4.2
Other settings	92.3	92.2	92.3	92.4
Missing data	0.3	0.2	<.1	0.1
Number	13,893	14,673	14,326	14,470

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

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score¹⁷	114.3	116.2	115.1	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)	62.0	61.8	60.3	58.7
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)	10.8	11.0	11.2	11.3
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)	30.0	32.6	34.6	32.3
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?	5.2	5.9	5.4	4.9

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	112.3	113.5	122.7	129.9
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?	38.3	46.2	49.5	48.8
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?	26.9	25.0	24.1	24.2
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?	28.1	27.6	29.0	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	8.7	8.4	9.4	10.9
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?	44.4	43.7	48.1	50.2

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	97.2	102.2	108.1	109.7
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?	27.9	26.8	29.2	31.4
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?	88.1	90.0	91.0	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?	65.8	60.9	57.9	58.7

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	87.5	86.6	88.2	88.7
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?	84.0	82.8	83.4	84.0
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?	56.7	56.4	57.8	57.5
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?	21.0	21.3	22.6	23.3

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 (<http://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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total children under 18 years	873,019	881,350	888,578	896,589
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
American Indian/ Alaska Native	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.9
Asian	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.6
Black	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.2
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.0
Hispanic (of any race)	16.6	16.7	16.8	16.9
White	75.7	75.5	75.3	75.0
Two or more races	3.1	3.1	3.2	3.3
Child population in poverty (%)	15.7	15.9	15.1	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Child maltreatment victims	12,854	10,586	9,419	9,306
Foster care entry rate per 1,000	2.5	2.3	2.5	2.4
Children in foster care on 9/30	2,885	2,711	2,770	2,710
Children adopted	574	577	562	582

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	N/A	N/A	96	97
Numerator	N/A	N/A	28,596	28,432
Denominator	N/A	N/A	29,674	29,434
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	N/A	N/A	100	100
Numerator	N/A	N/A	28,522	28,330
Denominator	N/A	N/A	28,596	28,432

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2010		2011		2012		2013	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children who received a Child Protective Services response for an allegation of child maltreatment	27,827	31.9 per 1,000	25,571	29.0 per 1,000	24,500	27.6 per 1,000	24,504	27.3 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims	12,854	14.7 per 1,000	10,586	12.0 per 1,000	9,419	10.6 per 1,000	9,306	10.4 per 1,000
Child fatalities	13	1.5 per 100,000	11	1.2 per 100,000	12	1.4 per 100,000	7	0.8 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	8.8	7.7	7.9	9.3
1 year	7.1	7.0	5.6	5.0
2 years	6.9	7.0	5.9	6.0
3 years	7.1	6.8	6.4	5.8
4 years	6.3	6.6	6.6	6.2
5 years	6.2	5.9	6.4	6.1
6 years	5.9	6.1	5.9	6.0
7 years	5.8	5.6	6.0	5.8
8 years	5.4	4.9	5.2	5.1
9 years	5.0	5.1	5.3	4.8
10 years	4.7	5.1	4.6	4.7
11 years	4.5	4.6	4.9	4.8
12 years	4.2	4.5	4.6	4.7
13 years	5.0	5.7	5.6	5.9
14 years	5.2	5.4	5.5	5.8
15 years	4.8	4.6	5.8	5.8
16 years	4.1	4.2	4.3	4.7
17 years	3.0	3.0	3.2	3.3
18+ years	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Missing data	<.1	0.1	0.1	0.2
Number	12,854	10,586	9,419	9,306

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/ Alaska Native	1.9	1.6	1.7	1.8
Asian	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.8
Black	3.0	2.7	2.7	2.5
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	1.7	1.7	1.1	1.3
Hispanic (of any race)	23.1	22.7	20.8	20.5
White	67.8	68.0	71.0	70.5
Two or more races	1.5	1.7	1.4	1.8
Missing data	0.4	1.0	0.6	0.8
Number	12,854	10,586	9,419	9,306

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 2013 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2011–2014 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 was a new methodology used to calculate the caseworker visits measures. Because the new methodology limits data comparisons with prior years, caseworker visits data from 2010 and 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.

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Emotional abuse	51.5	47.1	28.4	29.7
Medical neglect	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.4
Neglect	21.5	22.4	26.8	26.8
Physical abuse	13.3	14.6	41.7	41.4
Sexual abuse	15.9	15.4	21.3	21.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1
Other	23.7	26.4	7.3	6.0
Number	12,854	10,586	9,419	9,306

Response Time (in hours)⁹

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Mean	95.8	98.9	81.7	86.0
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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total number	2,705	2,830	2,637	2,706	2,211	2,021	2,202	2,173	2,031	2,139	2,069	2,169	2,885	2,711	2,770	2,710
Median length of stay (months)	10.4	9.7	10.4	9.7	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	11.3	11.5	11.1	11.5	9.7	10.4	9.7	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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	5.0	5.6	4.7	5.2	14.2	11.9	12.9	14.1	6.0	5.8	6.2	5.3	5.6	4.7	5.1	6.5
1 year	6.5	5.9	4.6	4.8	8.1	6.8	6.4	5.5	9.3	8.8	7.0	7.1	5.9	4.9	4.8	4.9
2 years	4.6	5.1	4.7	4.0	7.5	6.9	6.5	6.3	7.5	7.4	7.2	6.0	5.2	4.6	4.1	4.4
3 years	4.0	4.8	4.8	4.5	6.4	6.9	6.5	5.5	6.9	7.5	6.8	5.3	4.8	4.9	4.7	4.5
4 years	3.5	4.2	4.5	5.2	5.4	5.9	6.7	5.5	5.4	5.9	6.7	6.0	4.3	4.5	5.1	4.2
5 years	3.1	3.6	3.9	4.6	4.7	4.2	5.4	5.1	5.4	4.8	5.4	5.8	3.5	3.9	4.5	4.6
6 years	3.0	3.1	3.1	3.7	4.2	4.5	4.1	4.6	3.4	3.4	4.3	4.9	3.1	3.2	3.7	4.3
7 years	3.0	3.4	3.3	3.5	4.2	4.1	4.8	4.1	3.9	3.9	4.4	4.7	3.4	3.4	3.5	3.6
8 years	3.5	3.3	3.3	3.4	3.5	3.4	3.2	4.1	3.9	4.1	3.3	4.1	3.2	3.4	3.4	3.1
9 years	3.3	3.1	3.1	3.1	2.8	3.4	3.5	3.3	3.2	3.3	3.0	3.2	3.1	3.1	3.0	3.3
10 years	3.5	3.6	2.8	3.6	3.4	2.9	3.5	3.1	3.2	3.5	3.2	2.9	3.6	2.9	3.6	3.1
11 years	3.3	3.3	3.6	3.6	3.2	3.5	3.5	3.4	3.1	2.9	2.1	2.6	3.3	3.5	3.6	4.0
12 years	3.7	3.3	4.0	4.2	3.5	3.9	3.6	3.5	2.5	2.8	2.7	3.3	3.3	4.0	4.2	3.9
13 years	5.4	4.6	4.9	4.7	3.7	5.7	3.7	5.5	2.7	2.8	2.9	3.4	4.8	4.9	4.7	5.1
14 years	6.0	6.6	7.3	5.5	6.3	6.2	5.5	6.9	3.2	3.6	4.5	3.6	6.4	7.3	5.6	6.8
15 years	9.1	8.6	7.8	8.6	7.7	6.9	7.4	7.3	5.1	5.1	4.8	4.9	8.6	7.7	8.7	8.2
16 years	10.2	10.1	10.3	8.9	6.5	7.1	6.4	7.5	5.5	5.2	4.9	7.1	10.2	10.3	9.2	9.2
17 years	11.3	9.8	11.3	11.1	4.6	5.6	5.9	4.7	5.6	5.0	6.6	5.9	9.7	11.3	10.9	9.0
18 years	6.5	5.8	5.7	5.9	0.2	<.1	0.3	<.1	10.8	10.8	10.0	10.1	5.7	5.5	5.8	5.4
19 years	1.5	1.8	1.5	1.2	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	3.1	2.6	2.7	2.7	1.8	1.5	1.2	1.4
20 years	0.1	0.4	0.6	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	1.0	1.0	0.8	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.3	0.0	<.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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/ Alaska Native	3.9	3.3	3.6	3.1	2.3	3.2	2.2	2.7	2.7	2.9	2.7	3.0	3.5	3.6	3.2	2.9
Asian	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.3	0.5	0.9	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.9	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5
Black	5.1	5.3	5.1	4.4	4.6	2.7	3.3	3.5	4.3	3.3	4.2	3.2	5.2	4.9	4.3	4.6
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.7	0.9	1.0	0.5	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.7	0.6	0.8	1.5	0.7	0.9	1.0	0.5	0.5
Hispanic (of any race)	23.3	24.2	22.8	23.1	26.6	24.4	24.0	21.2	25.8	26.7	23.3	22.5	24.2	22.4	23.4	22.0
White	63.9	62.8	64.9	65.7	62.9	66.2	65.5	68.4	63.8	62.4	64.9	67.7	63.2	65.6	65.4	66.3
Two or more races	2.6	2.9	2.0	2.3	2.3	2.0	2.9	2.9	2.3	3.3	2.5	2.1	2.5	1.9	2.3	2.9
Unable to determine	<.1	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.4	<.1	0.2	<.1	0.5	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.2
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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total waiting children	555	566	567	587
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	311	339	307	329

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	6.5	6.4	5.5	5.8
1 year	7.2	6.0	6.5	4.6
2 years	5.9	6.0	4.2	5.1
3 years	5.2	4.4	5.8	6.1
4 years	5.2	6.2	6.3	5.3
5 years	5.6	5.8	5.3	6.0
6 years	3.8	4.6	5.3	5.8
7 years	6.1	4.9	5.5	5.5
8 years	4.3	6.0	4.6	4.6
9 years	5.0	4.2	6.7	6.1
10 years	6.1	4.2	5.3	5.5
11 years	5.4	6.2	4.1	6.3
12 years	6.1	5.7	6.2	6.5
13 years	5.2	5.3	6.2	6.0
14 years	5.2	6.2	6.0	5.3
15 years	6.8	6.7	6.2	5.8
16 years	5.9	6.2	4.9	5.6
17 years	4.1	4.9	5.5	4.3

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/Alaska Native	3.1	2.3	3.2	1.4
Asian	0.7	1.6	0.7	0.9
Black	5.8	6.9	4.1	5.5
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	1.1	1.1	0.0	0.3
Hispanic (of any race)	27.0	22.6	26.5	24.9
White	59.1	62.9	62.1	64.4
Two or more races	3.1	2.7	3.0	2.7
Unable to determine	0.2	0.0	0.5	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total children adopted	574	577	562	582

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	8.7	10.7	8.7	9.6
1 year	18.8	16.6	12.8	16.0
2 years	12.5	11.1	10.5	10.3
3 years	10.5	12.0	11.4	6.9
4 years	7.7	9.2	9.8	8.8
5 years	7.8	7.5	8.9	8.1
6 years	4.9	4.2	7.5	6.4
7 years	6.3	5.2	4.4	5.5
8 years	4.7	5.2	4.4	6.0
9 years	4.2	3.1	3.9	3.4
10 years	3.5	4.0	3.4	3.4
11 years	2.1	2.9	3.0	2.6
12 years	1.4	1.9	2.1	2.9
13 years	2.1	1.9	2.8	2.7
14 years	1.2	0.9	2.0	2.2
15 years	0.9	1.0	0.9	2.1
16 years	1.4	1.4	1.6	1.5
17 years	1.0	0.7	1.4	0.5
18 years	0.3	0.5	0.2	0.7
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.2
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.3	2.9	0.9	2.1
Asian	0.7	0.5	1.1	0.0
Black	3.0	3.5	3.7	1.7
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.5	1.6	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	24.6	29.5	24.0	21.5
White	68.5	58.9	66.7	70.6
Two or more races	3.0	4.0	2.0	3.1
Unable to determine	0.0	0.2	0.0	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.

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children without a recurrence	93.1	94.4	95.4	93.7
Children with one or more recurrences	6.9	5.6	4.6	6.3
Number	6,421	5,761	4,856	4,594

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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.55	0.39	0.08	0.25
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.45	99.61	99.92	99.75
Number	4,916	4,851	4,839	4,879

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	27.0	24.8	25.5	24.5
Guardianship	8.4	8.2	8.4	8.7
Reunification	49.3	51.1	50.8	52.0
Other	15.2	15.7	15.0	14.1
Missing data	<.1	0.3	0.3	0.7
Number	2,031	2,140	2,069	2,169

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	25.3	23.4	24.8	24.4
Guardianship	9.6	8.2	8.4	9.0
Reunification	41.0	43.5	43.4	44.7
Other	24.1	24.9	23.5	21.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1
Number	1,172	1,207	1,155	1,244

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	1.9	1.9	2.8	3.3
Guardianship	9.7	6.2	8.2	10.3
Reunification	46.1	48.3	49.2	48.1
Other	42.3	43.3	39.5	37.0
Missing data	0.0	0.3	0.3	1.3
Number	620	646	638	702

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children age 12 or younger at entry	14.7	14.4	17.0	13.6
Children older than 12 at entry	85.3	85.6	83.0	86.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	204	215	194	213

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	American Indian/Alaska Native				2010	Asian				2010	Black			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	3.6	26.2	8.9	18.8	40.0	33.3	33.3	0.0	15.9	27.1	22.1	13.0		
Guardianship	18.2	8.2	7.1	15.6	0.0	0.0	33.3	0.0	3.4	17.1	11.6	7.2		
Reunification	54.5	39.3	55.4	31.3	40.0	44.4	22.2	71.4	53.4	34.3	41.9	55.1		
Other	23.6	26.2	28.6	32.8	20.0	22.2	11.1	28.6	25.0	21.4	24.4	24.6		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.3	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	55	61	56	64	10	9	18	7	88	70	86	69		

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander				2010	Hispanic (of any race)				2010	White			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	0.0	17.6	29.0	0.0	26.6	27.6	27.0	23.4	28.8	23.1	26.2	25.6		
Guardianship	8.3	11.8	9.7	18.8	11.5	6.5	8.1	12.1	7.3	8.1	8.0	7.1		
Reunification	66.7	35.3	58.1	62.5	48.4	50.5	49.2	49.8	48.8	53.4	51.8	53.8		
Other	25.0	35.3	3.2	18.8	13.6	15.4	15.6	13.7	15.1	15.0	13.7	12.8		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	1.0	0.0	0.3	0.4	0.6		
Number	12	17	31	16	523	572	482	488	1,295	1,336	1,342	1,469		

	Unable to Determine				2010	Two or More Races				2010	Missing Data			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	0.0	25.0	0.0	40.0	34.0	29.6	15.4	37.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	0.0	25.0	0.0	10.0	6.4	14.1	7.7	10.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	100.0	25.0	50.0	50.0	55.3	43.7	55.8	34.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Other	0.0	25.0	50.0	0.0	4.3	9.9	21.2	17.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	1	4	2	10	47	71	52	46	0	0	0	0		

¹⁴ 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. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Less than 12 mos.	74.2	69.4	74.6	68.8
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	21.1	26.3	20.2	25.5
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	3.0	2.0	2.5	3.4
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	0.7	1.5	1.5	0.6
48 or more mos.	1.0	0.8	1.2	1.7
Missing data	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0
Number	1,001	1,093	1,051	1,128

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children entering care for the first time	87.2	83.5	85.1	82.1
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	5.7	6.7	5.9	6.9
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	7.0	9.3	8.8	10.8
Missing data	<.1	0.5	0.2	0.2
Number	2,211	2,021	2,202	2,173

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Less than 12 mos.	32.5	38.5	33.5	34.4
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	53.6	46.8	50.9	48.7
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	7.8	9.2	6.6	12.2
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	3.8	1.5	5.1	0.9
48 or more mos.	2.2	4.0	3.8	3.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	548	530	528	532

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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children with 2 or fewer placements	79.9	80.0	79.2	78.7	44.5	50.3	50.0	50.0	13.6	12.1	13.5	17.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0
Children with 3 or more placements	17.7	17.8	20.2	17.7	54.9	49.2	49.7	48.7	86.4	87.9	86.1	82.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	2.4	2.3	0.7	3.5	0.6	0.5	0.3	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	2,747	2,658	2,754	2,771	1,188	1,195	1,142	1,226	979	993	943	882	2	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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Group homes	0.5	1.0	0.6	0.4
Institutions	1.5	1.4	1.1	1.1
Other settings	98.0	97.7	98.3	98.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,550	1,368	1,539	1,467

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

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score¹⁷	123.1	123.5	125.3	117.7
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)	77.7	77.1	76.4	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)	7.5	8.6	7.4	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)	35.6	40.8	37.7	39.5
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?	11.7	11.4	10.9	12.2

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	155.8	149.8	153.6	164.2
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?	86.1	85.6	84.6	83.6
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?	14.4	14.3	14.2	14.5
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?	14.9	13.1	16.5	19.3
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	3.2	2.4	1.0	7.4
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?	82.3	80.7	83.2	83.3

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	119.9	118.9	121.4	129.1
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?	13.5	14.0	18.7	20.6
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?	98.7	97.8	98.2	98.3
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?	32.3	32.4	33.9	30.3

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	77.9	79.4	78.2	81.2
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?	80.9	81.0	78.5	80.9
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?	45.3	51.1	50.7	51.8
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?	14.9	12.7	14.2	17.7

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 (<http://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 Utah's comments on the State data presented in *Child Welfare Outcomes 2010–2013: 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.hsdcs.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. Additionally, guidance from NCANDS requested we change our mapping allegations dealing with child endangerment from 'other' to 'physical abuse,' thus explaining the seeming increase in physical abuse allegations and the reduction in the 'other' category.

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.

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total children under 18 years	128,601	126,500	124,555	122,701
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	1.7	1.7	1.8
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.4
White	91.2	90.9	90.7	90.4
Two or more races	3.0	3.2	3.3	3.4
Child population in poverty (%)	16.7	14.9	15.5	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Child maltreatment victims	658	630	649	746
Foster care entry rate per 1,000	4.3	5.2	4.9	5.5
Children in foster care on 9/30	953	1,027	988	986
Children adopted	161	134	172	179

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	N/A	N/A	91	95
Numerator	N/A	N/A	10,427	10,949
Denominator	N/A	N/A	11,469	11,469
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	N/A	N/A	56	54
Numerator	N/A	N/A	5,857	5,865
Denominator	N/A	N/A	10,427	10,949

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2010		2011		2012		2013	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children who received a Child Protective Services response for an allegation of child maltreatment	4,117	32.0 per 1,000	3,716	29.4 per 1,000	3,879	31.1 per 1,000	4,396	35.8 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims	658	5.1 per 1,000	630	5.0 per 1,000	649	5.2 per 1,000	746	6.1 per 1,000
Child fatalities	4	3.1 per 100,000	2	1.6 per 100,000	0	0.0 per 100,000	0	0.0 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	4.1	5.2	5.4	6.0
1 year	4.3	6.3	5.4	4.0
2 years	2.4	4.0	5.5	4.0
3 years	4.7	6.7	5.4	6.0
4 years	3.5	6.5	4.9	4.8
5 years	4.3	4.4	4.2	5.4
6 years	6.1	3.8	5.5	5.5
7 years	4.4	5.1	6.3	6.8
8 years	6.7	3.7	2.8	6.2
9 years	6.5	5.7	5.5	5.6
10 years	5.0	5.4	4.0	5.9
11 years	5.8	4.1	4.0	5.2
12 years	4.6	5.6	6.9	5.1
13 years	6.7	5.6	7.2	6.8
14 years	10.6	7.0	8.2	7.5
15 years	8.4	9.5	7.6	7.2
16 years	6.7	5.9	7.1	4.8
17 years	5.3	5.4	4.0	2.8
18+ years	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	658	630	649	746

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Asian	0.3	0.2	0.9	0.3
Black	1.8	1.0	0.9	1.3
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	0.8	0.6	0.5	0.5
White	94.1	95.6	94.9	94.9
Two or more races	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.4
Missing data	2.7	2.1	2.3	2.5
Number	658	630	649	746

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 2013 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2011–2014 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 was a new methodology used to calculate the caseworker visits measures. Because the new methodology limits data comparisons with prior years, caseworker visits data from 2010 and 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.

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Emotional abuse	1.2	1.0	0.9	0.4
Medical neglect	2.9	3.0	2.5	3.1
Neglect	2.3	5.2	3.1	3.5
Physical abuse	37.1	46.0	44.4	42.8
Sexual abuse	67.0	56.5	62.6	67.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	658	630	649	746

Response Time (in hours)⁹

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Mean	115.9	79.1	105.4	104.3
Median	>24 but<48	>24 but<48	>24 but<48	>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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total number	1,047	900	974	937	552	661	605	678	653	540	596	630	953	1,027	988	986
Median length of stay (months)	16.8	16.5	12.6	13.2	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	17.8	15.9	15.4	14.7	16.8	13.1	13.3	12.4

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	3.8	4.1	4.3	5.3	13.6	11.3	14.4	14.0	4.4	4.4	3.9	4.3	4.0	4.1	5.2	6.0
1 year	4.9	5.8	5.6	5.4	7.1	6.8	5.3	5.9	6.6	5.9	7.7	5.7	5.8	5.6	5.6	6.1
2 years	4.0	4.0	5.3	4.2	4.7	7.7	5.3	4.3	5.7	9.3	6.5	5.1	3.9	5.2	4.1	5.5
3 years	3.5	3.7	4.6	4.2	4.0	5.7	3.5	6.0	3.8	4.8	4.9	5.6	3.7	4.4	4.0	3.9
4 years	3.2	3.0	4.3	4.5	4.9	4.5	5.3	3.5	5.7	4.1	5.0	5.1	2.7	4.3	4.5	4.0
5 years	3.3	3.2	2.4	4.4	3.4	3.0	4.1	3.7	3.4	4.6	3.9	5.7	3.1	2.3	4.0	3.9
6 years	2.8	3.7	2.6	2.3	5.1	2.0	4.1	5.2	4.3	2.6	3.0	4.0	3.7	2.6	2.3	3.2
7 years	2.6	3.0	3.5	4.1	2.4	3.6	3.8	3.2	2.9	3.3	2.9	4.1	2.7	3.8	3.9	2.8
8 years	2.7	2.4	2.6	3.8	3.4	1.8	3.3	3.8	2.8	2.8	3.5	4.8	2.3	2.3	3.7	4.1
9 years	3.6	3.3	2.9	2.7	3.4	3.6	3.1	3.4	2.9	3.0	2.9	2.2	3.3	2.9	2.6	3.2
10 years	2.8	3.9	3.4	3.5	2.4	2.6	3.8	3.4	2.0	2.0	2.9	4.0	3.9	3.3	3.3	2.6
11 years	3.2	3.0	4.3	3.2	2.9	3.0	3.5	4.0	2.5	2.4	4.5	3.3	3.0	4.0	3.0	3.5
12 years	4.3	3.9	4.0	4.4	4.0	5.4	4.1	4.9	3.1	2.4	3.2	2.5	3.6	4.1	4.5	4.8
13 years	4.4	5.0	5.9	4.6	6.2	5.9	6.9	4.1	3.7	4.1	4.4	3.5	5.0	5.5	4.4	4.8
14 years	6.1	7.0	6.0	7.8	10.1	8.2	6.8	5.2	4.3	5.7	4.0	4.0	6.7	5.7	7.8	5.2
15 years	11.6	11.0	9.2	9.2	12.3	11.5	10.7	10.2	6.7	6.9	5.2	6.0	10.9	9.3	9.2	9.6
16 years	13.6	13.6	13.6	10.1	6.0	8.9	6.8	8.8	6.3	8.3	7.2	6.3	12.8	13.0	10.0	11.3
17 years	16.0	13.4	12.5	13.9	3.6	4.1	4.5	5.9	9.3	7.0	8.6	8.7	13.2	12.1	13.5	11.4
18 years	3.7	3.0	3.1	2.5	0.5	0.2	0.7	0.3	18.8	15.7	14.9	14.4	4.1	4.1	3.4	3.2
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.9	0.6	1.0	0.6	1.6	1.3	0.8	1.0
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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
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	0.3	0.2	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.8	0.5	0.9	0.5	0.2	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.6	0.6	1.1
Black	2.0	2.2	1.5	1.7	2.5	2.1	2.6	3.2	2.1	3.1	2.3	2.2	2.2	1.8	1.7	2.5
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)	1.0	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.8	0.9	1.3	0.9	1.2	1.1	1.3	0.8	1.3	1.0	1.0	1.0
White	95.9	95.6	95.8	95.4	94.2	95.2	94.0	93.4	94.9	94.6	94.6	95.9	95.6	95.7	95.4	93.6
Two or more races	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.5
Unable to determine	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.5	1.1	0.5	0.3	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.6	0.5	0.8	0.4	0.2
Missing data	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.0	0.5	1.2	0.6	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.4	1.0

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total waiting children	179	196	231	221
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	151	154	175	189

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	4.5	1.0	2.6	1.8
1 year	10.1	7.7	7.8	9.5
2 years	5.0	6.6	6.1	7.2
3 years	5.0	9.2	6.1	5.4
4 years	3.4	3.6	5.6	6.3
5 years	4.5	5.6	10.4	5.4
6 years	3.9	1.5	4.3	4.1
7 years	3.4	3.6	4.3	3.2
8 years	3.9	2.6	4.8	6.3
9 years	3.4	3.6	3.5	8.1
10 years	7.3	5.6	2.6	4.5
11 years	4.5	8.7	4.8	2.3
12 years	5.0	6.1	7.8	3.6
13 years	5.6	7.1	5.2	6.8
14 years	6.7	5.6	9.5	5.4
15 years	6.7	7.1	5.6	8.1
16 years	10.1	5.6	5.2	7.2
17 years	7.3	9.2	3.9	4.5

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Asian	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.9
Black	2.2	2.0	0.4	0.0
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	1.1	2.6	0.9	3.2
White	95.5	94.9	97.0	93.7
Two or more races	0.0	0.0	0.4	1.4
Unable to determine	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.0
Missing data	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.9

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total children adopted	161	134	172	179

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	3.1	5.2	1.7	1.1
1 year	13.0	13.4	14.5	12.3
2 years	10.6	14.2	14.5	8.9
3 years	8.7	6.0	10.5	9.5
4 years	8.1	7.5	7.6	8.9
5 years	8.1	8.2	5.2	10.6
6 years	6.8	5.2	3.5	6.7
7 years	6.2	7.5	5.2	7.3
8 years	1.9	5.2	4.7	6.7
9 years	8.1	3.0	5.2	1.1
10 years	1.9	4.5	2.9	5.0
11 years	5.6	6.0	7.0	5.0
12 years	3.7	0.7	3.5	4.5
13 years	3.1	2.2	4.7	4.5
14 years	2.5	2.2	1.7	2.8
15 years	2.5	2.2	1.7	1.1
16 years	3.1	2.2	1.7	2.2
17 years	3.1	4.5	4.1	1.1
18 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6
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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Black	0.6	6.0	0.6	0.6
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	0.6	1.5	2.9	0.6
White	96.3	88.8	88.4	96.6
Two or more races	2.5	3.7	8.1	2.2
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.

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children without a recurrence	98.4	95.2	93.7	91.8
Children with one or more recurrences	1.6	4.8	6.3	8.2
Number	304	310	303	330

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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.06	0.19	0.00	0.12
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.94	99.81	100.00	99.88
Number	1,599	1,561	1,579	1,615

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	24.2	24.6	28.7	27.8
Guardianship	2.8	3.9	4.0	4.0
Reunification	56.7	58.0	54.0	54.1
Other	16.4	13.3	13.1	14.1
Missing data	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.0
Number	653	540	596	630

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	11.6	23.5	17.6	17.9
Guardianship	2.3	0.0	8.8	3.6
Reunification	37.2	23.5	38.2	50.0
Other	48.8	52.9	35.3	28.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	43	34	34	28

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	2.3	3.0	2.8	1.8
Guardianship	3.1	3.0	5.6	4.5
Reunification	62.9	68.5	63.1	60.8
Other	31.6	25.0	28.0	32.9
Missing data	0.0	0.5	0.5	0.0
Number	256	200	214	222

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children age 12 or younger at entry	21.6	28.3	20.6	10.8
Children older than 12 at entry	78.4	71.7	79.4	89.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	97	60	68	65

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	American Indian/Alaska Native				2010	Asian				2010	Black			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.1	47.1	21.4	7.1	
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.1	7.1	
Reunification	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	66.7	100.0	66.7	0.0	42.9	35.3	57.1	71.4	71.4	
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	33.3	0.0	33.3	100.0	50.0	17.6	14.3	14.3	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	0.0	
Number	0	0	0	0	3	1	3	1	14	17	14	14	14	

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander				2010	Hispanic (of any race)				2010	White			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	12.5	33.3	62.5	20.0	24.7	23.9	28.9	28.3	28.3	
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	16.7	0.0	0.0	2.9	3.9	4.1	4.0	4.0	
Reunification	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	62.5	16.7	37.5	80.0	56.8	58.9	54.6	53.5	53.5	
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	25.0	33.3	0.0	0.0	15.6	13.1	12.4	14.2	14.2	
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Number	0	0	0	0	8	6	8	5	620	511	564	604	604	

	Unable to Determine				2010	Two or More Races				2010	Missing Data			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	50.0	25.0	0.0	50.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	25.0	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	50.0	75.0	0.0	50.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	100.0	75.0	100.0	0.0	100.0	100.0	
Other	0.0	0.0	100.0	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	100.0	0.0	0.0	
Number	4	4	5	4	0	0	1	1	4	1	1	1	1	

¹⁴ 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. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Less than 12 mos.	55.9	64.2	67.1	68.9
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	21.9	18.8	18.9	21.4
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	10.8	8.0	7.8	6.2
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	5.4	3.5	1.9	1.8
48 or more mos.	4.1	3.8	3.1	1.8
Missing data	1.9	1.6	1.2	0.0
Number	370	313	322	341

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children entering care for the first time	76.8	78.8	78.0	79.6
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	10.7	10.9	11.9	9.6
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	12.5	10.3	10.1	10.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	552	661	605	678

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Less than 12 mos.	10.8	12.0	7.0	8.0
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	42.4	31.6	54.4	48.6
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	31.0	31.6	19.3	29.1
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	6.3	16.5	13.5	8.0
48 or more mos.	9.5	8.3	5.8	6.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	158	133	171	175

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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children with 2 or fewer placements	73.6	71.5	72.2	75.6	45.1	45.5	45.1	43.8	20.9	24.6	23.6	22.1	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0
Children with 3 or more placements	26.4	28.5	27.8	24.4	54.9	54.5	54.9	56.2	79.1	75.4	76.4	77.9	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	622	712	695	765	401	374	461	438	574	472	423	412	2	3	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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Group homes	5.4	5.5	6.5	5.0
Institutions	0.9	1.0	0.8	1.1
Other settings	93.7	93.5	92.7	93.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	334	402	382	436

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

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score¹⁷	89.9	104.0	96.8	101.6
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)	54.6	61.4	65.5	68.5
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)	10.1	7.4	6.8	6.6
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)	35.9	27.8	37.3	34.1
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?	18.4	15.3	19.4	19.1

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	133.2	142.4	164.1	156.7
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?	53.2	43.6	61.4	56.6
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?	23.5	26.7	21.7	22.3
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?	18.9	21.9	24.7	30.2
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	8.5	13.5	18.4	19.1
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?	76.5	83.9	83.4	75.0

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	115.1	111.4	123.2	138.5
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?	28.9	28.9	26.7	31.1
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?	95.8	93.7	97.2	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?	46.9	50.8	45.3	31.3

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	72.0	71.0	72.6	73.2
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?	69.7	67.0	68.7	72.4
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?	45.3	45.2	45.1	43.7
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?	21.6	25.1	24.3	22.1

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 (<http://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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total children under 18 years	1,855,025	1,857,585	1,861,323	1,864,535
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Asian	5.6	5.8	6.0	6.1
Black	21.1	20.8	20.6	20.5
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	11.2	11.5	11.9	12.3
White	57.0	56.6	56.1	55.5
Two or more races	4.8	5.0	5.1	5.2
Child population in poverty (%)	14.5	15.3	15.3	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Child maltreatment victims	6,449	5,964	5,826	5,863
Foster care entry rate per 1,000	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.3
Children in foster care on 9/30	5,499	4,861	4,564	4,315
Children adopted	747	755	639	371

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	N/A	N/A	93	95
Numerator	N/A	N/A	48,356	46,372
Denominator	N/A	N/A	52,036	48,983
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	N/A	N/A	74	74
Numerator	N/A	N/A	35,578	34,372
Denominator	N/A	N/A	48,356	46,372

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2010		2011		2012		2013	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children who received a Child Protective Services response for an allegation of child maltreatment	64,849	35.0 per 1,000	61,602	33.2 per 1,000	62,805	33.7 per 1,000	61,527	33.0 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims	6,449	3.5 per 1,000	5,964	3.2 per 1,000	5,826	3.1 per 1,000	5,863	3.1 per 1,000
Child fatalities	38	2.0 per 100,000	36	1.9 per 100,000	33	1.8 per 100,000	33	1.8 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	10.8	10.2	11.0	11.0
1 year	7.3	6.8	7.1	6.8
2 years	7.4	7.6	7.4	6.6
3 years	6.9	7.3	7.1	6.6
4 years	6.5	6.7	6.5	6.0
5 years	6.2	5.8	6.0	5.9
6 years	5.6	5.5	6.1	6.1
7 years	5.3	5.3	5.1	5.6
8 years	5.0	5.0	4.9	6.0
9 years	4.3	4.8	4.6	4.9
10 years	4.7	5.1	4.8	4.5
11 years	4.3	4.5	4.2	4.2
12 years	4.0	4.3	3.9	4.6
13 years	4.6	4.6	4.1	4.7
14 years	4.5	4.1	4.7	4.2
15 years	4.3	4.2	4.3	4.3
16 years	3.8	3.7	3.4	3.3
17 years	2.9	2.9	2.7	2.8
18+ years	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1
Missing data	1.7	1.4	2.2	2.1
Number	6,449	5,964	5,826	5,863

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/ Alaska Native	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Asian	1.0	0.8	0.7	0.6
Black	27.9	27.1	27.2	26.9
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.3
Hispanic (of any race)	10.7	11.0	10.6	11.1
White	51.4	52.7	52.9	51.6
Two or more races	4.4	4.8	5.5	6.1
Missing data	4.4	3.2	2.8	3.3
Number	6,449	5,964	5,826	5,863

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 2013 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2011–2014 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 was a new methodology used to calculate the caseworker visits measures. Because the new methodology limits data comparisons with prior years, caseworker visits data from 2010 and 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.

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Emotional abuse	1.2	1.5	1.1	1.1
Medical neglect	2.4	2.0	1.6	2.5
Neglect	64.5	62.3	64.9	65.6
Physical abuse	28.9	29.6	28.5	27.9
Sexual abuse	14.7	15.3	15.2	15.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	6,449	5,964	5,826	5,863

Response Time (in hours)⁹

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Mean	190.3	154.6	154.7	172.4
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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total number	5,778	5,231	4,861	4,601	2,677	2,416	2,502	2,458	2,956	2,788	2,799	2,743	5,499	4,861	4,564	4,315
Median length of stay (months)	18.8	17.4	15.6	14.2	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	19.1	19.1	17.2	16.5	17.9	16.6	15.0	14.9

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	3.8	3.7	4.1	4.3	13.6	12.9	13.7	13.8	4.4	3.7	3.4	4.2	3.5	3.8	4.2	4.2
1 year	5.1	5.4	4.9	5.6	7.4	7.2	6.1	6.5	6.3	5.7	5.6	6.1	5.3	4.9	5.7	5.6
2 years	5.1	5.2	5.6	5.2	6.6	5.4	5.9	5.5	6.4	6.0	6.2	5.3	5.2	5.4	5.3	5.6
3 years	4.2	4.8	4.9	5.1	5.0	4.9	5.9	4.8	5.0	6.3	5.8	5.9	4.9	4.8	5.2	4.8
4 years	3.7	4.3	4.3	4.5	4.8	4.9	4.9	4.8	4.6	4.9	5.0	5.3	4.3	4.4	4.6	4.6
5 years	3.9	3.7	4.4	4.2	4.5	4.4	4.5	4.9	4.4	4.2	4.3	4.6	3.8	4.3	4.2	4.6
6 years	3.3	3.9	3.8	4.8	4.1	3.9	4.0	5.2	3.6	3.5	4.0	4.7	3.9	3.8	4.8	4.6
7 years	3.7	3.6	4.2	3.6	3.5	3.8	4.0	3.9	3.4	3.9	4.2	4.1	3.6	4.0	3.6	4.7
8 years	3.9	3.4	3.6	4.3	3.5	3.5	3.5	4.1	4.0	3.2	3.6	4.3	3.4	3.6	4.2	3.8
9 years	4.1	3.8	3.2	3.6	3.8	3.3	3.2	3.5	3.7	3.7	3.2	2.9	3.8	3.1	3.5	3.9
10 years	3.9	4.5	4.2	3.7	4.0	4.3	4.5	3.3	3.2	3.8	3.4	3.0	4.4	4.1	3.6	4.1
11 years	4.0	3.9	4.3	4.2	3.9	3.9	3.0	3.7	3.5	3.8	3.3	3.2	4.1	4.4	4.2	4.1
12 years	4.3	4.3	4.5	4.4	4.0	4.1	4.4	4.2	3.1	3.3	3.6	3.5	4.2	4.5	4.3	4.4
13 years	4.8	5.1	4.9	5.5	4.6	5.1	5.3	4.9	2.7	3.4	3.8	3.8	5.2	4.9	5.5	5.0
14 years	6.7	6.0	6.2	6.1	6.3	5.8	6.2	6.0	2.5	3.3	3.2	4.2	6.0	6.1	6.0	6.3
15 years	8.2	8.4	7.5	8.1	6.3	8.4	7.3	7.6	3.8	4.6	4.0	4.2	8.4	7.5	8.0	7.9
16 years	11.9	10.4	10.8	9.9	8.0	8.2	7.4	7.7	4.7	4.3	4.6	4.4	10.2	10.8	9.8	10.0
17 years	13.7	13.5	12.9	12.0	6.2	6.0	6.2	5.7	4.0	3.3	4.9	5.7	13.2	12.7	12.0	11.2
18 years	1.9	2.1	1.7	0.9	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	23.6	21.8	21.1	19.4	2.7	2.9	1.3	0.5
19 years	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	3.0	3.3	2.8	1.2	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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1
Asian	0.5	0.6	0.3	0.5	0.7	0.2	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.3	0.4	0.5
Black	36.9	36.0	32.9	30.9	31.7	29.4	28.4	28.4	34.2	34.5	31.7	28.3	35.8	33.5	31.2	31.1
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.0	<.1	0.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	9.6	10.1	9.4	9.6	9.2	7.7	8.9	9.1	8.8	8.8	8.9	9.2	9.9	9.7	9.4	9.5
White	45.8	46.7	49.8	50.8	52.2	54.7	53.5	51.7	49.4	48.6	51.4	54.5	47.0	49.6	50.8	49.0
Two or more races	6.3	5.9	6.9	7.6	5.5	7.0	7.6	9.1	6.2	6.2	6.7	6.8	6.0	6.3	7.4	9.0
Unable to determine	0.8	0.8	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.8	0.7	1.0	0.7	1.2	0.6	0.5	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.7
Missing data	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	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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total waiting children	1,623	1,413	1,553	1,526
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	1,327	1,007	1,140	1,085

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	1.4	1.6	2.0	2.0
1 year	5.9	5.0	6.4	6.7
2 years	6.0	8.0	6.1	6.9
3 years	6.7	6.5	7.3	5.8
4 years	5.4	5.3	5.8	5.3
5 years	4.9	5.5	5.3	5.2
6 years	5.5	5.2	5.9	5.4
7 years	4.7	5.4	4.8	5.8
8 years	5.1	4.5	5.2	4.4
9 years	5.8	3.9	4.4	5.1
10 years	6.3	5.6	4.2	5.1
11 years	5.8	5.9	5.4	5.2
12 years	5.4	5.2	5.4	5.6
13 years	6.8	5.6	5.5	5.2
14 years	5.8	6.7	6.0	5.9
15 years	7.9	6.9	6.3	6.0
16 years	6.2	7.4	7.3	7.5
17 years	4.2	5.7	6.6	6.8

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1
Asian	0.6	0.3	0.3	0.5
Black	35.9	34.4	29.1	31.6
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.2
Hispanic (of any race)	10.7	10.8	11.0	10.0
White	44.2	47.3	50.7	46.7
Two or more races	7.7	6.6	7.9	10.6
Unable to determine	0.9	0.6	0.7	0.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total children adopted	747	755	639	371

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	1.5	0.8	0.8	0.5
1 year	7.8	8.9	8.1	9.4
2 years	11.5	9.1	11.4	8.1
3 years	8.8	9.7	9.4	8.6
4 years	8.7	7.8	7.7	7.8
5 years	7.2	7.8	6.3	6.5
6 years	7.1	5.2	5.6	7.8
7 years	6.2	5.7	6.1	7.0
8 years	6.0	6.0	5.8	4.9
9 years	6.0	6.5	4.7	4.0
10 years	5.1	4.9	5.3	4.6
11 years	5.6	5.4	4.5	3.5
12 years	4.7	4.2	5.2	5.7
13 years	3.9	4.5	3.8	4.6
14 years	2.5	3.6	3.3	7.3
15 years	3.2	3.6	3.6	2.2
16 years	2.0	3.8	4.4	3.8
17 years	1.7	2.0	3.1	2.7
18 years	0.4	0.5	0.9	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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Asian	0.0	0.9	0.2	0.3
Black	32.9	32.6	31.5	23.7
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	10.2	8.1	11.7	13.2
White	48.7	48.1	49.1	55.5
Two or more races	7.8	10.1	7.0	7.3
Unable to determine	0.3	0.1	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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children without a recurrence	97.6	97.7	97.3	96.9
Children with one or more recurrences	2.4	2.3	2.7	3.1
Number	2,807	2,696	2,852	2,491

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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.18	0.26	0.16	0.21
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.82	99.74	99.84	99.79
Number	8,455	7,648	7,363	7,059

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	23.4	27.0	23.4	26.2
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reunification	47.0	45.9	44.1	45.0
Other	29.0	27.0	28.4	24.3
Missing data	0.7	0.2	4.1	4.4
Number	2,956	2,788	2,799	2,744

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	35.2	37.5	34.5	45.7
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reunification	16.8	19.3	20.2	13.4
Other	46.3	43.2	41.9	33.5
Missing data	1.6	0.0	3.5	7.3
Number	315	285	258	313

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	1.6	2.7	3.3	4.7
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reunification	31.8	35.3	31.2	36.8
Other	65.8	61.8	62.8	54.7
Missing data	0.8	0.1	2.8	3.8
Number	1,005	875	921	877

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children age 12 or younger at entry	20.7	25.4	21.2	22.6
Children older than 12 at entry	79.3	74.6	78.8	77.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	783	678	665	571

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	American Indian/Alaska Native				2010	Asian				2010	Black			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.6	36.8	0.0	7.7	21.1	25.0	22.5	20.6		
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	0.0	100.0	100.0	66.7	42.1	78.6	53.8	41.9	40.6	39.5	43.8		
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	27.8	21.1	21.4	30.8	36.0	34.2	33.8	33.1		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.7	1.0	0.2	4.2	2.4		
Number	0	0	1	1	18	19	14	13	1,011	963	887	776		

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander				2010	Hispanic (of any race)				2010	White			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	0.0	0.0	25.0	33.3	32.3	24.2	30.1	27.8	22.3	27.5	22.6	28.9		
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	75.0	50.0	41.2	51.2	43.0	46.8	50.8	48.5	46.5	45.0		
Other	33.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	25.0	24.6	26.5	21.0	26.6	23.7	26.0	21.2		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	16.7	1.5	0.0	0.4	4.4	0.3	0.2	4.9	4.9		
Number	3	0	4	6	260	244	249	252	1,460	1,354	1,439	1,496		

	Unable to Determine				2010	Two or More Races				2010	Missing Data			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	61.9	27.3	11.1	14.3	29.5	36.2	27.3	28.5	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	28.6	57.6	33.3	50.0	52.5	44.8	47.1	46.2	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0		
Other	4.8	15.2	38.9	21.4	17.5	19.0	24.1	18.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Missing data	4.8	0.0	16.7	14.3	0.5	0.0	1.6	7.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	21	33	18	14	183	174	187	186	0	1	0	0		

¹⁴ 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. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Less than 12 mos.	58.1	59.9	60.6	60.4
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	29.3	28.6	27.4	28.8
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	8.3	7.3	8.1	8.6
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	3.0	2.4	2.0	1.3
48 or more mos.	1.4	1.7	1.8	0.8
Missing data	0.0	<.1	0.0	<.1
Number	1,388	1,279	1,235	1,235

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children entering care for the first time	87.6	88.6	89.8	89.5
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	4.0	5.0	4.5	4.8
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	5.6	5.8	5.0	5.2
Missing data	2.8	0.6	0.8	0.5
Number	2,677	2,416	2,502	2,458

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Less than 12 mos.	3.5	2.7	2.9	2.5
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	22.3	24.5	29.2	30.4
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	29.1	32.7	34.7	35.0
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	27.2	18.8	13.9	17.2
48 or more mos.	17.9	21.4	19.3	14.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	691	752	654	720

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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children with 2 or fewer placements	89.0	88.6	88.3	86.0	71.4	67.1	64.7	65.9	38.8	36.3	35.5	36.5	50.0	100.0	50.0	0.0
Children with 3 or more placements	10.4	11.2	11.4	13.8	28.0	32.5	35.2	33.9	60.7	63.3	64.4	63.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	0.6	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.6	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.2	50.0	0.0	50.0	100.0
Number	3,049	2,801	2,939	2,845	1,980	1,946	1,928	1,961	3,424	2,900	2,494	2,252	2	1	2	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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Group homes	0.5	0.8	0.2	0.7
Institutions	2.4	3.0	3.7	3.3
Other settings	96.9	96.1	96.1	95.8
Missing data	0.2	<.1	<.1	0.1
Number	1,802	1,597	1,675	1,660

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

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score¹⁷	120.2	123.0	110.7	108.1
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)	58.7	61.4	58.8	56.2
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	8.5	9.9	9.8
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)	28.7	32.5	30.4	26.5
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?	3.2	4.1	8.1	7.3

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	83.7	93.5	108.0	114.9
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?	25.8	27.1	32.2	32.9
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?	33.0	31.4	30.2	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?	19.1	23.6	23.2	27.8
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	7.8	8.6	12.0	16.3
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?	40.6	46.3	48.1	49.3

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	108.4	111.0	114.1	118.7
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?	21.5	25.3	25.4	30.5
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?	90.8	91.5	88.4	89.0
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?	44.1	49.1	42.9	41.9

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	104.9	101.3	99.3	98.8
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?	88.9	88.2	87.9	85.4
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?	72.0	67.4	64.8	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?	39.6	36.7	36.2	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 (<http://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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total children under 18 years	1,581,436	1,584,709	1,588,451	1,595,795
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
American Indian/ Alaska Native	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
Asian	6.5	6.7	6.9	7.0
Black	3.9	4.0	4.0	4.0
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8
Hispanic (of any race)	19.1	19.5	19.9	20.2
White	60.8	60.1	59.4	58.8
Two or more races	7.4	7.4	7.5	7.7
Child population in poverty (%)	18.2	18.3	18.5	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Child maltreatment victims	6,593	6,541	6,546	7,132
Foster care entry rate per 1,000	4.0	3.5	3.3	3.6
Children in foster care on 9/30	10,886	9,857	9,911	10,339
Children adopted	1,633	1,583	1,227	1,284

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	N/A	N/A	96	94
Numerator	N/A	N/A	84,107	104,149
Denominator	N/A	N/A	87,640	110,859
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	N/A	N/A	89	88
Numerator	N/A	N/A	74,854	92,072
Denominator	N/A	N/A	84,107	104,149

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2010		2011		2012		2013	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children who received a Child Protective Services response for an allegation of child maltreatment	41,713	26.4 per 1,000	42,554	26.9 per 1,000	43,730	27.5 per 1,000	43,494	27.3 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims	6,593	4.2 per 1,000	6,541	4.1 per 1,000	6,546	4.1 per 1,000	7,132	4.5 per 1,000
Child fatalities	12	0.8 per 100,000	20	1.3 per 100,000	21	1.3 per 100,000	27	1.7 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	11.1	10.5	10.0	9.6
1 year	8.6	7.8	7.6	7.4
2 years	7.9	7.9	7.8	7.6
3 years	7.6	7.7	7.8	7.1
4 years	6.3	6.3	7.3	7.1
5 years	6.0	6.4	7.1	7.2
6 years	6.2	6.1	6.2	6.5
7 years	5.5	5.9	5.4	6.1
8 years	4.9	5.5	5.7	5.7
9 years	4.6	4.8	4.9	4.9
10 years	4.4	4.7	4.4	4.7
11 years	4.1	3.9	4.1	4.3
12 years	4.0	4.4	4.0	4.5
13 years	4.6	4.6	4.2	4.3
14 years	4.3	3.9	4.0	4.3
15 years	3.8	3.9	3.9	3.6
16 years	3.6	3.3	3.6	3.3
17 years	2.1	2.3	1.8	1.8
18+ years	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Missing data	0.3	0.2	0.1	<.1
Number	6,593	6,541	6,546	7,132

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/ Alaska Native	5.7	5.0	5.7	5.7
Asian	1.7	1.4	1.5	1.8
Black	7.0	7.0	6.9	6.8
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	1.0	0.8	0.8	0.8
Hispanic (of any race)	15.3	15.7	15.0	15.3
White	54.4	54.4	55.8	53.9
Two or more races	8.3	9.2	9.0	9.5
Missing data	6.6	6.4	5.4	6.1
Number	6,593	6,541	6,546	7,132

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 2013 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2011–2014 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 was a new methodology used to calculate the caseworker visits measures. Because the new methodology limits data comparisons with prior years, caseworker visits data from 2010 and 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.

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Emotional abuse	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Medical neglect	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Neglect	83.2	86.3	87.6	89.0
Physical abuse	23.3	20.9	21.3	21.0
Sexual abuse	7.2	7.3	6.4	7.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	6,593	6,541	6,546	7,132

Response Time (in hours)⁹

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Mean	53.9	44.5	44.0	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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total number	9,847	9,460	9,406	9,494	6,254	5,589	5,247	5,745	5,215	5,192	4,742	4,900	10,886	9,857	9,911	10,339
Median length of stay (months)	17.9	14.9	14.8	15.3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	17.9	17.1	17.5	18.1	15.9	15.0	15.5	14.8

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	7.1	8.3	8.7	8.2	21.1	21.7	22.0	23.8	4.6	4.7	4.5	4.4	7.7	8.7	7.9	9.3
1 year	9.4	10.1	9.7	10.4	8.7	8.2	8.4	7.5	8.1	8.5	9.3	9.7	9.5	9.4	10.4	9.6
2 years	8.8	9.2	9.2	8.5	8.3	7.5	6.8	7.5	9.8	9.1	9.6	9.9	9.0	9.2	8.4	8.9
3 years	7.0	8.1	8.2	7.7	7.3	6.4	7.3	6.5	8.0	9.3	9.2	9.3	8.1	8.2	7.7	7.1
4 years	6.1	6.3	6.7	7.5	5.2	5.5	6.0	6.2	6.5	7.0	7.1	6.8	6.3	6.7	7.4	6.7
5 years	5.0	5.3	5.6	5.8	5.1	5.3	5.8	5.2	6.1	6.0	7.5	6.9	5.4	5.6	5.9	6.7
6 years	5.3	4.7	4.9	5.3	4.6	4.9	5.1	5.1	5.4	5.8	5.4	5.6	4.7	4.8	5.4	5.4
7 years	4.8	4.6	4.4	4.6	4.1	4.3	4.2	4.7	5.0	5.0	4.8	5.2	4.6	4.4	4.5	5.0
8 years	4.4	4.1	4.3	4.2	3.1	3.8	4.0	4.1	4.2	4.3	4.3	4.5	4.2	4.3	4.2	4.2
9 years	4.5	3.6	4.0	4.3	3.3	3.8	3.6	3.8	4.4	3.6	3.8	4.6	3.8	3.9	4.2	3.9
10 years	4.0	3.9	3.6	3.7	3.4	3.3	3.1	3.2	3.9	3.5	3.6	4.0	4.0	3.6	3.7	3.9
11 years	3.9	3.4	3.6	3.4	3.3	2.8	3.3	3.1	3.9	3.2	3.5	3.5	3.6	3.5	3.5	3.1
12 years	4.1	3.7	3.5	3.3	3.1	3.3	2.6	3.2	2.9	3.4	3.3	3.1	3.7	3.5	3.3	3.5
13 years	4.2	4.1	3.7	3.2	3.9	4.2	3.8	3.3	3.4	3.9	3.7	3.2	4.2	3.8	3.2	3.4
14 years	4.3	4.5	4.2	3.9	4.0	3.9	4.0	3.4	3.8	3.5	3.7	3.2	4.3	4.3	3.9	3.3
15 years	4.5	4.5	4.7	4.6	4.5	4.5	3.8	3.6	3.9	4.2	3.4	3.7	4.4	4.8	4.5	3.9
16 years	5.5	5.0	4.7	4.9	4.0	4.0	4.1	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.9	3.6	4.9	4.6	4.8	4.4
17 years	5.5	5.4	4.9	4.6	3.1	2.6	2.0	2.3	4.2	3.6	2.6	3.2	5.3	4.9	4.6	4.6
18 years	1.2	0.8	0.9	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.2	7.3	6.5	5.2	1.5	1.3	1.7	2.0
19 years	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.6	0.3	0.6	0.8
20 years	0.2	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.2	0.3
Missing data	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	<.1	0.1	<.1	0.1	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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/ Alaska Native	8.3	7.4	7.2	6.4	6.4	5.3	5.4	5.5	5.5	4.7	6.2	4.6	8.5	7.7	6.7	6.8
Asian	0.8	1.0	0.8	0.9	1.4	1.3	1.4	1.2	1.3	1.5	1.3	1.4	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.8
Black	9.5	9.0	8.7	8.3	8.8	9.1	7.7	8.4	9.8	9.5	8.9	9.1	9.0	8.8	8.1	7.9
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.8	0.9	0.6	0.9	0.6	0.7	0.6	1.0	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.6
Hispanic (of any race)	15.8	16.9	17.4	17.2	16.8	17.6	16.6	16.6	15.5	18.4	17.3	17.2	16.5	16.5	17.0	16.9
White	51.6	52.2	52.1	53.2	54.3	52.3	56.7	54.0	54.9	52.4	54.6	54.0	51.6	52.1	53.4	53.3
Two or more races	13.0	12.4	12.8	13.4	10.1	11.3	10.8	11.5	11.2	11.7	10.6	12.3	12.2	12.1	12.8	12.8
Unable to determine	0.6	0.5	0.3	<.1	1.0	0.6	0.2	0.3	1.0	0.6	0.4	0.2	0.6	0.5	0.2	<.1
Missing data	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.3	1.6	0.6	1.6	0.2	0.4	<.1	0.2	<.1	0.7	0.3	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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total waiting children	3,149	2,813	2,884	3,114
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	1,784	1,360	1,337	1,500

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	3.2	2.7	2.7	3.1
1 year	10.5	11.2	12.0	11.6
2 years	10.8	11.0	10.5	11.6
3 years	10.2	9.8	9.5	7.9
4 years	6.8	8.1	8.1	7.1
5 years	6.8	5.7	6.3	8.1
6 years	5.1	5.6	5.7	5.9
7 years	4.8	4.3	4.6	5.4
8 years	4.8	4.7	4.9	4.7
9 years	4.3	4.4	4.8	4.6
10 years	4.7	3.8	5.0	4.5
11 years	3.9	4.4	3.8	4.0
12 years	4.0	3.9	3.9	3.9
13 years	4.3	3.8	3.7	3.6
14 years	4.2	4.4	4.3	3.6
15 years	3.7	4.1	4.8	3.9
16 years	4.0	4.1	3.3	3.9
17 years	3.8	3.9	2.2	2.6

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/Alaska Native	4.7	5.4	4.6	3.4
Asian	0.6	0.4	0.8	1.0
Black	10.0	9.6	8.0	7.4
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.5	0.6	0.3	0.4
Hispanic (of any race)	17.1	18.3	18.4	18.6
White	53.3	53.8	55.6	56.3
Two or more races	13.1	11.5	12.0	12.8
Unable to determine	0.6	0.5	0.2	<.1
Missing data	<.1	<.1	0.1	<.1

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total children adopted	1,633	1,583	1,227	1,284

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	1.0	0.9	1.3	1.3
1 year	11.7	13.5	17.1	15.7
2 years	16.1	14.7	15.8	15.7
3 years	10.7	14.1	14.2	13.7
4 years	9.7	10.5	9.8	7.9
5 years	8.9	7.8	8.1	7.6
6 years	6.3	7.5	5.9	6.9
7 years	6.3	5.3	3.7	5.2
8 years	5.3	4.6	3.9	4.3
9 years	5.3	3.9	3.7	4.8
10 years	4.8	3.5	2.9	3.8
11 years	3.9	3.5	3.1	3.5
12 years	2.6	2.6	2.6	1.7
13 years	2.3	2.0	2.1	2.7
14 years	1.8	2.1	1.5	1.6
15 years	1.6	1.5	1.5	1.5
16 years	0.7	0.9	1.5	1.3
17 years	0.6	0.9	1.1	0.7
18 years	0.4	0.3	<.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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/Alaska Native	4.0	2.6	3.5	3.2
Asian	0.6	0.9	0.2	0.9
Black	8.1	7.6	8.1	6.9
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.2	0.6	0.5	0.2
Hispanic (of any race)	16.4	14.7	18.2	15.5
White	55.0	54.6	56.2	57.0
Two or more races	15.7	18.6	13.0	16.2
Unable to determine	<.1	0.3	0.2	<.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.

Washington

OUTCOMES DATA

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children without a recurrence	93.7	94.2	92.5	92.1
Children with one or more recurrences	6.3	5.8	7.5	7.9
Number	3,061	3,097	3,022	3,418

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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.20	0.19	0.33	0.32
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.80	99.81	99.67	99.68
Number	16,101	15,049	14,653	15,239

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	30.2	30.2	25.4	27.1
Guardianship	10.0	7.4	8.4	7.4
Reunification	50.3	53.4	58.7	58.7
Other	9.3	8.6	7.3	6.1
Missing data	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.7
Number	5,215	5,192	4,742	4,900

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	31.5	40.8	32.5	49.5
Guardianship	9.2	9.3	7.3	6.1
Reunification	35.2	32.0	44.7	35.6
Other	23.6	17.9	15.0	8.6
Missing data	0.4	0.0	0.4	0.1
Number	466	547	492	707

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	1.9	1.8	2.0	2.6
Guardianship	6.0	5.3	6.6	5.1
Reunification	60.1	62.5	62.3	66.7
Other	31.8	30.1	28.5	25.2
Missing data	0.3	0.2	0.5	0.5
Number	1,057	992	831	823

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children age 12 or younger at entry	26.4	27.8	25.4	25.5
Children older than 12 at entry	73.6	72.2	74.6	74.5
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	444	407	311	278

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	American Indian/Alaska Native				2010	Asian				2010	Black			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	27.7	20.3	17.6	22.1	11.9	17.7	3.3	20.9	26.6	26.9	23.3	20.2		
Guardianship	18.3	10.6	18.9	14.2	6.0	5.1	1.7	7.5	12.7	4.1	10.0	10.3		
Reunification	35.3	52.8	52.0	46.9	71.6	68.4	86.7	68.7	51.7	57.4	57.2	60.9		
Other	15.6	11.0	9.5	8.0	10.4	8.9	8.3	3.0	9.0	11.6	9.3	8.1		
Missing data	3.1	5.3	2.0	8.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.4		
Number	289	246	296	226	67	79	60	67	511	491	421	445		

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander				2010	Hispanic (of any race)				2010	White			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	15.6	30.6	16.7	10.4	31.1	24.3	26.8	24.4	30.9	32.1	26.4	29.5		
Guardianship	0.0	5.6	6.7	4.2	9.1	8.4	8.0	7.1	8.5	7.7	7.2	6.6		
Reunification	84.4	63.9	66.7	81.3	51.4	57.7	58.2	63.7	50.7	51.9	59.6	57.0		
Other	0.0	0.0	10.0	2.1	8.4	9.5	6.5	4.1	9.9	8.3	6.7	6.8		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.1	0.0	0.1	0.5	0.6	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.1		
Number	32	36	30	48	806	957	821	844	2,861	2,723	2,589	2,648		

	Unable to Determine				2010	Two or More Races				2010	Missing Data			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	7.8	34.4	29.4	20.0	35.2	40.1	27.4	30.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	0.0	3.1	0.0	0.0	14.0	6.6	8.5	7.3	0.0	9.1	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	86.3	56.3	58.8	80.0	44.4	46.9	55.6	58.1	100.0	72.7	100.0	90.9		
Other	5.9	6.3	11.8	0.0	6.0	6.1	7.9	4.0	0.0	13.6	0.0	9.1		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.3	0.6	0.7	0.0	4.5	0.0	0.0		
Number	51	32	17	10	586	606	504	601	12	22	4	11		

¹⁴ 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. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Less than 12 mos.	71.2	68.3	57.0	56.5
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	15.9	17.5	28.0	25.2
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	6.9	8.9	10.6	13.0
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	3.7	3.1	2.7	3.8
48 or more mos.	2.3	2.2	1.6	1.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0
Number	2,622	2,772	2,783	2,876

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children entering care for the first time	82.0	83.0	83.9	83.8
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	7.8	5.9	5.9	6.8
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	9.9	11.0	10.0	9.1
Missing data	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.2
Number	6,254	5,589	5,247	5,745

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Less than 12 mos.	2.3	2.4	2.7	2.3
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	21.9	26.8	35.0	28.3
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	36.1	32.3	30.4	42.7
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	22.4	19.8	16.8	15.1
48 or more mos.	17.3	18.7	15.0	11.6
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,573	1,569	1,203	1,329

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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children with 2 or fewer placements	87.6	86.4	86.8	84.6	67.4	67.7	67.9	67.7	39.2	37.4	39.6	40.8	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	12.4	13.6	13.1	15.3	32.6	32.3	32.1	32.3	60.8	62.6	60.4	59.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	<.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	6,629	6,154	5,693	6,157	3,693	4,071	4,284	4,094	5,753	4,802	4,671	4,979	26	22	5	9

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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Group homes	0.9	1.1	2.0	1.6
Institutions	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1
Other settings	99.0	98.8	97.8	98.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.1	<.1
Number	5,019	4,501	4,304	4,808

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

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score¹⁷	122.4	119.0	113.4	113.8
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)	72.3	70.4	64.0	64.4
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)	2.4	5.1	8.3	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)	30.6	31.7	21.2	23.8
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?	15.5	13.8	10.1	11.1

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	116.1	126.5	140.6	129.5
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?	24.2	29.3	38.2	30.7
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?	32.6	31.5	27.5	28.7
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?	27.9	31.4	26.7	28.3
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	14.5	14.6	14.9	15.9
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?	60.2	64.7	78.7	66.8

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	123.4	127.6	123.8	127.2
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?	35.7	40.5	35.4	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?	97.0	95.7	96.6	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?	52.7	54.1	51.6	52.2

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	100.9	98.3	100.5	99.5
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?	85.5	83.2	84.8	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?	67.4	67.5	67.7	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?	39.3	37.4	39.8	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 (<http://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 Washington's comments on the State data presented in *Child Welfare Outcomes 2010–2013: Report to Congress*.

Child safety is at the forefront of every aspect of our work as we endeavor to:

- Maintain children in their own homes and prevent out-of-home placement
- Serve and support children during the time they are in out-of-home care
- Return children home safely and as quickly as possible
- Support children in the homes of fit and willing relatives
- Secure permanent families for children who cannot safely return home
- Decrease the over-representation of children of color in the child welfare system

Washington State exceeded two of the six national standards in Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2013 with strong performance in Timeliness of Adoptions and Permanency for Children and Youth in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time. Improvements were noted over Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2012 for discharge to reunification in less than 12 months and the median length of stay prior to reunification.

Increasing the percentage of children who do not experience a recurrence of abuse and neglect continues to be an area of focus for Washington State. Efforts to review, analyze, and plan to reduce recurrence of maltreatment are ongoing. The rate of recurrence in Washington is impacted by the manner in which new information and historical allegations are documented within the SACWIS system which can result in newly discovered information appearing as a recurrence of abuse.

Washington State is taking active steps to continue to improve safe, timely outcomes for children through:

- Implementation of a differential response system
- Close monitoring of timeliness of initial face-to-face contact with alleged child victims
- Focused attention on engagement with children and families in shared planning meetings to facilitate timely identification and implementation of appropriate permanency plans
- Juvenile court improvement projects

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total children under 18 years	387,224	385,283	384,030	381,678
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2
Asian	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
Black	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.8
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	1.9	2.0	2.1	2.1
White	90.3	90.1	89.8	89.7
Two or more races	3.3	3.4	3.5	3.6
Child population in poverty (%)	25.5	25.8	24.6	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Child maltreatment victims	3,961	4,000	4,591	4,695
Foster care entry rate per 1,000	7.3	8.5	8.6	8.6
Children in foster care on 9/30	4,104	4,377	4,825	4,369
Children adopted	662	698	632	877

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	N/A	N/A	95	95
Numerator	N/A	N/A	45,163	45,693
Denominator	N/A	N/A	47,553	48,031
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	N/A	N/A	77	75
Numerator	N/A	N/A	34,729	34,412
Denominator	N/A	N/A	45,163	45,693

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2010		2011		2012		2013	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children who received a Child Protective Services response for an allegation of child maltreatment	34,073	88.0 per 1,000	33,816	87.8 per 1,000	37,082	96.6 per 1,000	39,372	103.2 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims	3,961	10.2 per 1,000	4,000	10.4 per 1,000	4,591	12.0 per 1,000	4,695	12.3 per 1,000
Child fatalities	8	2.1 per 100,000	16	4.2 per 100,000	5	1.3 per 100,000	17	4.5 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	12.2	13.0	11.3	12.8
1 year	7.2	7.7	7.0	7.2
2 years	6.9	7.5	6.7	6.6
3 years	6.8	7.0	6.6	6.0
4 years	7.1	7.1	6.9	6.7
5 years	6.2	6.1	7.0	7.0
6 years	5.7	6.0	5.6	6.5
7 years	5.6	5.6	6.0	6.0
8 years	5.5	5.1	5.2	5.4
9 years	5.0	4.6	4.9	4.9
10 years	5.1	4.7	4.6	4.5
11 years	4.3	4.6	5.0	4.5
12 years	4.0	3.7	4.1	3.6
13 years	3.9	3.4	4.7	4.0
14 years	3.8	3.7	3.7	3.8
15 years	3.4	3.9	3.1	2.9
16 years	3.2	2.7	2.7	2.8
17 years	2.2	1.5	1.9	1.6
18+ years	<.1	0.0	<.1	0.1
Missing data	1.7	2.1	2.8	3.1
Number	3,961	4,000	4,591	4,695

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0
Asian	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Black	2.8	2.3	2.6	2.4
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	1.6	1.2	1.4	1.6
White	86.6	87.2	86.3	85.5
Two or more races	4.3	5.1	5.5	5.0
Missing data	4.7	4.2	4.1	5.4
Number	3,961	4,000	4,591	4,695

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 2013 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2011-2014 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 was a new methodology used to calculate the caseworker visits measures. Because the new methodology limits data comparisons with prior years, caseworker visits data from 2010 and 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.

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Emotional abuse	30.1	29.7	28.8	27.3
Medical neglect	1.6	1.5	1.4	1.2
Neglect	53.6	53.4	54.1	54.3
Physical abuse	30.1	34.3	34.1	33.9
Sexual abuse	5.5	4.4	5.4	5.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	9.8	10.9	11.9	11.3
Number	3,961	4,000	4,591	4,695

Response Time (in hours)⁹

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Mean	—	356.9	395.9	415.9
Median	—	>48 but <72	>72 but <96	>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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total number	4,136	3,999	4,178	4,448	2,841	3,277	3,300	3,290	2,873	2,899	2,653	3,371	4,104	4,377	4,825	4,369
Median length of stay (months)	11.6	10.7	9.6	9.7	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	13.0	12.4	12.4	12.5	10.9	9.8	10.5	9.9

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	5.0	5.8	6.2	5.8	12.3	11.7	11.6	12.4	2.8	2.2	2.6	2.3	5.5	6.0	5.1	6.0
1 year	7.3	6.6	7.2	7.3	5.3	6.0	6.2	5.5	4.9	5.8	5.8	6.6	6.6	6.9	6.9	7.0
2 years	6.6	7.0	6.7	7.5	5.0	5.5	5.3	5.4	7.1	6.0	6.1	6.6	6.6	6.8	7.3	6.9
3 years	5.7	5.6	6.2	5.9	4.2	5.5	4.3	4.8	5.0	4.9	5.4	5.7	5.4	6.2	6.0	6.0
4 years	5.0	5.2	5.7	5.5	3.8	5.1	4.6	4.0	5.3	5.5	5.4	4.9	5.0	5.7	5.4	5.2
5 years	4.7	4.2	4.8	5.3	3.5	4.1	4.6	4.0	4.1	4.4	4.7	4.6	4.1	4.8	5.1	5.0
6 years	4.1	4.3	4.5	4.6	3.4	3.7	3.6	4.1	4.1	3.7	3.9	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.7	4.9
7 years	4.3	4.5	4.3	4.6	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.0	3.4	3.9	3.8	3.9	4.2	4.2	4.5	4.2
8 years	4.2	3.8	3.9	4.0	2.7	2.6	3.4	3.2	3.5	3.3	3.3	3.2	3.8	3.8	3.8	4.2
9 years	3.3	3.9	3.3	3.9	2.4	2.4	2.7	2.4	2.8	2.8	3.1	3.9	3.8	3.3	3.7	3.5
10 years	3.6	3.1	3.7	3.3	2.5	3.0	2.8	2.6	2.9	2.5	2.6	2.6	3.0	3.7	3.2	3.2
11 years	3.8	3.3	3.4	3.6	2.7	3.0	3.1	2.5	3.1	2.8	3.4	3.2	3.2	3.4	3.5	2.9
12 years	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.9	3.0	4.1	3.3	3.7	2.8	2.7	2.6	3.1	3.6	3.7	3.8	3.8
13 years	4.5	5.0	4.6	4.0	5.4	5.1	5.3	5.1	3.1	3.8	3.8	3.6	4.9	4.6	4.0	4.4
14 years	6.0	6.3	5.7	5.6	8.1	6.8	7.0	7.2	4.5	5.2	5.2	5.2	6.3	6.1	5.7	5.5
15 years	7.6	8.0	7.1	7.1	10.2	9.0	9.2	9.7	6.1	7.5	6.7	6.8	8.4	7.2	7.5	7.4
16 years	9.8	9.1	9.2	8.2	11.4	10.9	10.4	11.9	10.1	9.2	9.0	8.7	9.5	9.4	8.7	9.3
17 years	9.5	9.7	9.0	9.4	9.4	7.2	8.3	7.7	12.0	10.3	10.3	9.4	9.9	9.0	9.5	9.2
18 years	1.4	1.1	0.9	0.6	1.1	0.7	0.5	0.7	12.1	13.1	12.1	10.9	1.8	0.7	1.7	1.2
19 years	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1
20 years	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0
Missing data	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1
Asian	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Black	5.2	5.1	4.7	4.4	5.0	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.6	5.0	4.7	4.7	5.5	4.7	4.5	4.3
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	1.8	2.0	1.5	1.3	1.7	1.2	1.5	1.2	1.7	1.8	1.9	1.0	1.8	1.5	1.3	1.4
White	85.3	84.9	85.5	85.8	85.7	86.3	85.3	86.8	86.5	85.4	85.7	86.7	84.7	85.6	85.2	85.9
Two or more races	7.3	7.6	7.4	8.2	6.3	6.6	7.7	6.5	6.4	7.2	6.8	7.2	7.3	7.2	7.9	7.6
Unable to determine	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.7	0.5	0.1	0.4	<.1	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.6
Missing data	<.1	0.2	0.5	0.1	1.0	0.9	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.5	0.6	0.5	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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total waiting children	1,235	1,392	1,487	1,365
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	1,030	1,127	1,143	1,036

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	3.9	5.5	3.6	5.2
1 year	7.9	9.3	8.7	9.6
2 years	9.4	8.8	10.0	9.5
3 years	8.1	8.5	8.1	8.0
4 years	7.3	6.8	7.7	6.7
5 years	5.7	6.0	6.7	6.7
6 years	5.7	5.7	6.3	5.3
7 years	5.1	5.7	5.4	5.7
8 years	4.7	5.5	5.4	5.8
9 years	5.8	4.5	4.8	4.7
10 years	4.2	4.5	3.8	4.8
11 years	4.5	4.4	4.5	3.7
12 years	4.8	3.8	4.5	5.0
13 years	4.0	3.9	3.4	5.1
14 years	5.0	4.2	4.1	2.9
15 years	5.3	5.5	4.2	4.0
16 years	4.7	4.7	4.8	3.9
17 years	4.0	2.7	4.0	3.6

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Asian	0.2	0.1	<.1	<.1
Black	5.3	4.1	4.1	4.3
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	2.0	1.9	0.9	1.1
White	82.8	85.8	84.5	86.4
Two or more races	9.3	7.6	9.7	7.5
Unable to determine	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.5
Missing data	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.1

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total children adopted	662	698	632	877

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	0.5	0.6	1.7	1.1
1 year	7.4	12.2	11.6	11.5
2 years	15.4	14.2	12.3	12.3
3 years	9.8	10.5	10.3	11.3
4 years	11.8	11.2	9.8	10.6
5 years	8.5	8.5	8.4	8.4
6 years	7.3	6.2	6.8	7.3
7 years	5.6	5.7	7.1	7.3
8 years	6.2	5.3	6.2	5.2
9 years	5.3	5.2	4.4	6.2
10 years	3.6	3.2	4.9	3.6
11 years	5.1	4.2	3.6	3.1
12 years	3.3	3.0	2.8	3.6
13 years	3.8	2.9	2.5	2.3
14 years	2.0	2.1	3.0	2.1
15 years	1.4	1.9	1.3	1.4
16 years	1.8	1.9	1.4	1.0
17 years	0.9	1.4	1.6	1.3
18 years	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.3
19 years	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Asian	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.0
Black	2.6	2.1	2.7	4.2
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	2.0	2.6	2.7	0.3
White	89.1	85.0	88.1	85.6
Two or more races	5.9	10.0	6.2	9.7
Unable to determine	0.5	0.1	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.

West Virginia

OUTCOMES DATA

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children without a recurrence	95.6	97.6	97.6	97.7
Children with one or more recurrences	4.4	2.4	2.4	2.3
Number	2,068	1,971	2,305	2,264

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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.30	0.19	0.20	0.27
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.70	99.81	99.80	99.73
Number	6,977	7,276	7,478	7,740

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	22.4	22.9	23.7	25.5
Guardianship	5.3	5.8	5.2	7.3
Reunification	67.6	66.7	67.2	64.4
Other	4.5	4.1	3.4	2.6
Missing data	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.2
Number	2,873	2,899	2,653	3,371

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	18.2	16.7	17.8	16.3
Guardianship	2.2	3.9	2.9	5.4
Reunification	72.8	71.2	72.2	73.0
Other	6.8	8.0	7.0	5.2
Missing data	0.0	0.3	0.1	<.1
Number	1,108	1,157	962	1,095

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	1.1	1.5	1.5	2.0
Guardianship	2.9	3.3	2.7	5.3
Reunification	86.6	86.7	88.4	87.2
Other	9.3	8.3	7.0	5.3
Missing data	<.1	0.2	0.3	0.2
Number	1,202	1,260	1,098	1,323

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children age 12 or younger at entry	12.5	11.3	20.6	21.6
Children older than 12 at entry	85.9	88.7	79.4	78.4
Missing data	1.6	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	64	53	34	37

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	American Indian/Alaska Native				2010	Asian			2010	Black			2010	2011	2012	2013
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2011	2012	2013		2011	2012	2013				
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	12.0	10.3	11.9	23.6				
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.3	6.8	2.4	3.8				
Reunification	0.0	0.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	71.4	76.7	73.8	69.4				
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.3	6.2	11.9	3.2				
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	0	0	1	2	1	1	1	2	133	146	126	157				
	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander				2010	Hispanic (of any race)			2010	White			2010	2011	2012	2013
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012		2013	2010	2011				
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	26.0	28.8	34.0	8.6	23.0	22.8	24.3	25.3				
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	50.0	2.0	1.9	6.0	11.4	5.3	5.9	5.1	7.4				
Reunification	100.0	100.0	100.0	50.0	62.0	65.4	58.0	80.0	67.3	66.6	67.2	64.5				
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.0	3.8	2.0	0.0	4.3	4.2	3.0	2.6				
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.5	0.4	0.2				
Number	1	1	2	2	50	52	50	35	2,485	2,475	2,274	2,922				
	Unable to Determine				2010	Two or More Races			2010	Missing Data			2010	2011	2012	2013
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012		2013	2010	2011				
Adoption	23.1	33.3	9.1	33.3	21.9	32.1	22.8	33.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0				
Guardianship	7.7	0.0	9.1	0.0	3.8	5.7	7.8	7.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	25.0				
Reunification	61.5	66.7	81.8	66.7	69.4	59.3	63.3	56.6	85.7	100.0	100.0	75.0				
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.8	2.9	3.9	2.0	14.3	0.0	0.0	0.0				
Missing data	7.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.0	2.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0				
Number	13	3	11	3	183	209	180	244	7	12	8	4				

¹⁴ 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. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Less than 12 mos.	62.3	65.7	65.3	67.1
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	25.8	25.2	26.7	25.9
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	5.8	4.9	4.1	3.8
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	1.9	1.7	1.1	1.0
48 or more mos.	4.2	2.4	2.7	2.1
Missing data	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2
Number	1,941	1,934	1,783	2,170

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children entering care for the first time	78.7	81.4	80.9	80.2
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	12.1	10.3	10.8	11.5
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	8.8	7.8	7.9	7.9
Missing data	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.4
Number	2,841	3,277	3,300	3,290

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Less than 12 mos.	1.4	2.9	5.4	4.5
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	32.7	33.8	40.4	47.7
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	37.8	39.1	34.2	33.6
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	17.6	14.8	12.6	9.1
48 or more mos.	10.6	9.5	7.3	5.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	643	663	628	861

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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children with 2 or fewer placements	87.8	86.8	87.4	87.8	65.4	65.2	65.3	68.3	39.1	37.6	37.5	36.3	93.3	100.0	100.0	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	12.2	13.2	12.6	12.2	34.6	34.8	34.7	31.7	60.9	62.4	62.5	63.7	6.7	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	3,507	3,929	3,933	4,101	1,782	1,826	2,141	2,254	1,673	1,507	1,402	1,370	15	14	2	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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Group homes	3.1	2.9	3.4	2.9
Institutions	1.3	0.9	0.6	0.9
Other settings	95.5	96.0	96.0	96.0
Missing data	<.1	0.2	<.1	0.3
Number	1,533	1,945	1,935	1,879

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

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score¹⁷	110.4	115.1	110.3	109.6
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)	67.0	67.9	68.2	70.2
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)	8.9	8.3	8.9	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)	48.5	42.8	38.3	43.6
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?	15.3	13.9	15.3	17.1

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	110.8	122.6	119.0	149.2
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?	34.1	36.7	46.1	52.4
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?	28.2	28.0	24.6	23.3
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?	37.7	41.1	34.6	45.8
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	15.5	16.9	15.5	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?	25.5	28.8	18.7	39.0

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	157.8	168.7	155.6	156.6
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?	44.8	52.1	38.8	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?	95.5	97.9	95.0	93.9
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?	24.6	22.0	21.0	16.9

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	100.2	99.5	100.3	100.8
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?	87.4	86.3	86.9	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?	65.3	65.4	65.2	68.1
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?	39.4	37.7	37.6	36.1

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 (<http://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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total children under 18 years	1,336,094	1,325,870	1,316,113	1,307,776
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
American Indian/ Alaska Native	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Asian	3.1	3.2	3.2	3.3
Black	8.7	8.8	8.7	8.6
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	10.2	10.5	10.8	11.0
White	73.5	73.0	72.6	72.4
Two or more races	3.3	3.4	3.5	3.6
Child population in poverty (%)	19.1	18.2	18.2	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Child maltreatment victims	4,569	4,750	4,645	4,526
Foster care entry rate per 1,000	3.4	3.3	3.3	3.6
Children in foster care on 9/30	6,702	6,637	6,515	6,683
Children adopted	755	717	761	745

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	N/A	N/A	97	97
Numerator	N/A	N/A	70,367	69,329
Denominator	N/A	N/A	72,733	71,510
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	N/A	N/A	89	89
Numerator	N/A	N/A	62,470	61,626
Denominator	N/A	N/A	70,367	69,329

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2010		2011		2012		2013	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children who received a Child Protective Services response for an allegation of child maltreatment	32,947	24.7 per 1,000	33,333	25.1 per 1,000	33,643	25.6 per 1,000	32,309	24.7 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims	4,569	3.4 per 1,000	4,750	3.6 per 1,000	4,645	3.5 per 1,000	4,526	3.5 per 1,000
Child fatalities	21	1.6 per 100,000	24	1.8 per 100,000	31	2.4 per 100,000	21	1.6 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	9.6	9.4	9.8	10.5
1 year	6.8	6.9	6.5	6.5
2 years	7.0	7.1	6.6	6.8
3 years	6.9	6.6	6.5	7.1
4 years	6.4	6.6	7.2	6.3
5 years	6.2	7.0	6.5	6.7
6 years	6.0	6.2	6.1	6.4
7 years	6.0	5.8	5.2	6.4
8 years	4.9	5.2	5.5	5.6
9 years	5.1	5.2	4.7	4.8
10 years	4.7	4.5	5.2	4.6
11 years	4.7	4.3	4.5	3.9
12 years	4.8	4.5	4.6	4.3
13 years	3.9	4.5	4.6	4.6
14 years	5.4	4.8	5.1	4.9
15 years	4.1	4.7	4.8	4.3
16 years	4.1	3.6	3.4	3.6
17 years	2.7	2.6	2.5	2.0
18+ years	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1
Missing data	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.7
Number	4,569	4,750	4,645	4,526

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/ Alaska Native	3.4	4.1	4.4	5.1
Asian	1.6	1.1	1.4	1.5
Black	21.2	21.3	20.0	21.2
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	0.1	0.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	8.7	9.6	9.8	9.7
White	52.6	50.8	51.3	47.9
Two or more races	3.0	3.0	3.5	4.7
Missing data	9.5	10.0	9.4	9.8
Number	4,569	4,750	4,645	4,526

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 2013 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2011–2014 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 was a new methodology used to calculate the caseworker visits measures. Because the new methodology limits data comparisons with prior years, caseworker visits data from 2010 and 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.

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Emotional abuse	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.0
Medical neglect	1.3	<.1	N/A	N/A
Neglect	57.0	56.4	58.9	63.7
Physical abuse	20.9	22.1	21.6	20.0
Sexual abuse	30.2	30.2	28.0	23.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	4,569	4,750	4,645	4,526

Response Time (in hours)⁹

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Mean	151.0	131.4	112.9	107.6
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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total number	6,521	6,397	6,363	6,195	4,493	4,413	4,405	4,656	4,317	4,179	4,255	4,170	6,702	6,637	6,515	6,683
Median length of stay (months)	15.4	14.1	14.1	13.3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	11.9	11.2	11.8	11.8	13.8	13.8	13.2	12.2

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	5.4	5.1	5.5	5.5	13.7	14.1	14.2	15.3	4.4	4.3	4.4	4.8	5.1	5.2	5.5	6.0
1 year	6.9	6.9	7.0	7.0	6.7	7.6	7.0	7.0	6.0	6.5	6.3	5.9	6.9	7.0	6.9	7.4
2 years	6.8	7.0	7.3	6.5	6.6	6.6	6.0	6.8	6.9	7.0	7.1	6.8	6.9	7.4	6.4	7.4
3 years	6.1	6.2	6.3	7.3	5.9	5.8	5.7	6.1	6.7	6.5	6.2	6.4	6.2	6.2	7.2	6.4
4 years	5.9	5.8	5.9	6.1	5.0	4.9	5.3	5.3	5.9	5.6	5.9	6.5	5.7	5.9	6.0	6.6
5 years	5.0	5.4	5.2	5.3	4.4	4.4	5.4	5.3	5.0	5.5	5.0	6.2	5.3	5.2	5.3	5.3
6 years	4.1	4.6	4.9	5.4	3.7	4.0	5.0	4.3	4.2	4.3	5.3	4.7	4.5	4.9	5.5	5.1
7 years	4.2	4.1	4.5	5.0	3.8	4.0	4.4	4.3	4.0	3.8	4.6	5.0	4.0	4.5	4.9	5.1
8 years	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.2	3.0	3.9	3.5	3.8	3.6	4.5	4.1	4.6	4.0	3.9	4.2	4.1
9 years	3.8	3.8	3.7	3.7	3.2	3.6	3.6	3.4	3.4	3.7	4.0	3.6	3.8	3.7	3.7	3.9
10 years	3.6	3.6	3.7	3.8	3.0	3.0	3.5	3.2	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.7	3.5	3.7	3.7	3.8
11 years	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.6	3.0	2.9	3.3	3.1	3.2	3.0	3.2	2.8	3.4	3.4	3.6	3.6
12 years	3.6	3.8	3.6	3.8	3.9	3.8	4.0	4.0	2.8	3.3	3.0	3.1	3.8	3.5	3.8	4.1
13 years	4.1	4.5	4.6	4.2	4.7	5.3	4.8	4.8	3.5	3.4	3.6	3.8	4.5	4.6	4.3	4.0
14 years	5.1	5.0	5.2	5.0	6.5	6.2	5.6	5.8	4.5	4.4	4.6	4.3	5.1	5.5	5.2	5.0
15 years	8.1	6.7	6.4	6.6	8.9	7.7	8.1	7.4	6.0	5.8	5.1	5.9	6.9	6.4	6.6	6.5
16 years	9.0	9.3	7.9	7.6	9.3	8.4	7.4	6.9	8.2	7.5	7.6	7.6	9.3	7.9	7.5	6.8
17 years	8.6	8.3	8.4	6.9	4.3	3.6	3.1	3.2	10.4	9.2	8.8	7.2	8.2	8.2	6.9	6.5
18 years	1.7	2.0	1.8	1.7	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	7.2	7.5	7.1	6.6	2.1	1.9	1.9	1.6
19 years	0.2	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.6	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2
20 years	0.1	0.2	0.1	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.2	<.1	<.1
Missing data	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.6	0.7	0.8

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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/ Alaska Native	4.1	4.0	4.0	4.2	4.7	4.3	5.4	5.5	4.5	4.3	4.8	4.3	4.2	4.1	4.4	5.1
Asian	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.8	1.3	0.9	1.1	1.3	1.6	1.0	0.6	1.2	0.6	0.5	0.8	0.9
Black	37.1	35.9	35.0	33.4	27.2	30.8	27.8	27.7	29.5	31.9	30.6	28.2	35.3	35.0	33.1	32.6
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	<.1	0.1	0.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.1
Hispanic (of any race)	9.2	9.5	9.7	9.9	10.0	11.1	11.1	11.6	10.0	10.9	10.7	10.5	9.3	9.6	10.1	10.8
White	43.1	44.2	44.4	44.9	50.2	45.6	47.4	45.5	48.8	45.9	47.0	48.2	44.3	44.0	44.7	43.2
Two or more races	4.7	4.7	4.9	5.4	4.2	4.6	4.9	5.8	4.3	4.3	4.6	5.3	4.6	4.9	5.1	5.7
Unable to determine	0.7	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.6	1.5	1.4	1.8	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.7	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.1
Missing data	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.8	1.1	0.7	0.9	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.5	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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total waiting children	1,167	1,179	1,151	1,183
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	565	654	629	618

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	3.3	2.9	3.2	3.0
1 year	6.6	5.9	6.3	8.7
2 years	9.0	10.1	8.2	7.4
3 years	9.6	10.5	10.6	9.0
4 years	8.1	8.7	9.0	9.3
5 years	8.3	6.9	7.5	7.2
6 years	7.4	6.7	7.1	6.6
7 years	6.2	6.8	6.5	6.3
8 years	6.1	4.7	6.5	5.8
9 years	5.1	4.8	4.6	5.7
10 years	4.1	4.7	4.4	4.3
11 years	3.9	4.0	4.2	4.4
12 years	3.8	4.0	3.8	4.1
13 years	3.8	4.4	4.0	3.4
14 years	3.9	3.9	4.5	3.8
15 years	3.2	3.1	3.6	4.1
16 years	5.1	3.3	3.3	3.7
17 years	2.7	4.7	2.5	3.2

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/Alaska Native	3.1	2.4	3.6	3.0
Asian	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.3
Black	42.7	42.5	38.6	36.3
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	<.1	<.1	0.3
Hispanic (of any race)	11.6	10.9	10.9	12.3
White	35.3	37.5	40.1	40.9
Two or more races	5.6	5.3	5.0	5.5
Unable to determine	0.8	0.6	1.2	1.3
Missing data	0.4	0.3	<.1	0.2

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total children adopted	755	717	761	745

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	6.2	7.4	5.8	8.5
1 year	8.2	10.7	7.8	9.9
2 years	13.5	12.3	11.4	10.9
3 years	10.3	9.8	12.4	9.7
4 years	11.1	8.6	10.9	12.3
5 years	8.2	8.8	7.9	7.7
6 years	7.2	7.4	8.0	7.1
7 years	6.1	6.3	5.0	6.0
8 years	4.6	6.4	5.3	6.6
9 years	5.0	4.2	5.1	3.6
10 years	4.6	4.2	3.5	4.4
11 years	4.6	4.5	3.8	2.8
12 years	2.9	2.2	3.8	1.5
13 years	2.5	1.8	1.8	2.6
14 years	1.1	1.8	2.5	2.1
15 years	0.9	1.3	1.2	1.7
16 years	1.3	1.0	1.7	1.5
17 years	1.5	1.1	1.7	0.9
18 years	0.0	0.3	0.4	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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/Alaska Native	3.4	4.2	3.8	3.6
Asian	0.7	0.6	0.3	0.0
Black	32.6	31.4	33.8	31.5
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	10.7	11.4	12.9	10.6
White	46.1	44.1	42.6	46.3
Two or more races	5.8	7.1	5.9	6.4
Unable to determine	0.4	1.3	0.8	1.5
Missing data	0.3	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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children without a recurrence	94.4	95.4	95.6	96.0
Children with one or more recurrences	5.6	4.6	4.4	4.0
Number	2,178	2,208	2,169	2,148

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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.35	0.34	0.12	0.07
Children not maltreated while in foster care	99.65	99.66	99.88	99.93
Number	11,014	10,810	10,768	10,851

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	16.1	15.6	16.6	18.4
Guardianship	8.7	9.2	10.5	13.2
Reunification	62.2	62.4	60.7	58.3
Other	12.9	12.8	12.2	10.0
Missing data	<.1	<.1	0.0	0.0
Number	4,317	4,179	4,255	4,170

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	31.9	33.1	37.0	33.0
Guardianship	3.8	4.6	4.4	7.8
Reunification	45.1	42.2	39.4	44.0
Other	19.2	20.2	19.2	15.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	998	965	1,009	967

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	0.8	0.8	1.7	1.8
Guardianship	3.7	3.3	3.9	6.8
Reunification	66.7	65.2	63.6	64.7
Other	28.7	30.6	30.8	26.8
Missing data	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0
Number	1,452	1,344	1,286	1,243

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children age 12 or younger at entry	22.7	21.9	22.6	20.1
Children older than 12 at entry	77.1	78.1	77.2	79.9
Missing data	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.0
Number	449	448	443	338

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	American Indian/Alaska Native				2010	Asian				2010	Black			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	10.8	15.2	12.7	15.2	7.0	7.3	7.4	2.0	18.8	16.0	19.0	20.7		
Guardianship	6.2	2.8	11.2	10.1	5.6	2.4	25.9	2.0	11.7	11.4	10.4	14.7		
Reunification	70.1	71.9	65.4	65.7	77.5	87.8	59.3	88.2	53.9	56.3	55.2	51.1		
Other	12.9	10.1	10.7	9.0	9.9	2.4	7.4	7.8	15.6	16.3	15.4	13.5		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0		
Number	194	178	205	178	71	41	27	51	1,273	1,335	1,301	1,177		

	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander				2010	Hispanic (of any race)				2010	White			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	17.2	15.5	19.8	18.5	15.0	14.6	14.6	17.6		
Guardianship	0.0	50.0	33.3	0.0	9.3	10.7	12.1	12.1	7.3	8.2	10.2	13.6		
Reunification	100.0	25.0	66.7	100.0	64.0	66.3	61.0	63.1	65.2	64.6	62.5	59.2		
Other	0.0	25.0	0.0	0.0	9.5	7.4	7.0	6.4	12.4	12.6	12.7	9.7		
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Number	2	4	3	3	430	457	454	439	2,105	1,919	1,998	2,009		

	Unable to Determine				2010	Two or More Races				2010	Missing Data			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	7.0	17.4	11.3	13.9	21.0	26.8	21.9	23.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	7.0	2.2	9.4	9.7	7.5	9.5	8.2	12.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	76.7	71.7	69.8	65.3	61.3	52.5	66.8	60.2	92.3	100.0	100.0	95.0		
Other	9.3	8.7	9.4	11.1	10.2	11.2	3.1	4.1	7.7	0.0	0.0	5.0		
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	43	46	53	72	186	179	196	221	13	20	18	20		

¹⁴ 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. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Less than 12 mos.	70.5	74.4	71.6	71.6
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	19.0	16.6	19.4	19.6
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	5.3	4.6	5.0	5.2
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	2.5	2.1	2.2	2.1
48 or more mos.	2.6	2.1	1.8	1.5
Missing data	<.1	0.2	<.1	<.1
Number	2,685	2,606	2,582	2,431

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children entering care for the first time	74.4	76.3	75.3	77.7
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	15.4	13.0	13.9	11.0
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	10.1	10.7	10.8	10.3
Missing data	<.1	<.1	<.1	1.1
Number	4,493	4,413	4,405	4,656

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Less than 12 mos.	8.5	7.4	7.4	13.0
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	18.2	23.0	22.4	21.6
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	35.7	28.3	27.5	27.1
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	23.7	21.0	21.1	19.0
48 or more mos.	13.6	20.3	21.2	19.0
Missing data	0.3	0.0	0.4	0.3
Number	697	651	706	768

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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children with 2 or fewer placements	87.3	87.5	85.0	87.1	68.0	66.8	67.7	67.0	42.6	44.6	45.3	45.4	95.7	75.0	75.0	81.5
Children with 3 or more placements	12.7	12.5	15.0	12.9	32.0	33.2	32.3	33.0	57.4	55.4	54.7	54.6	4.3	25.0	25.0	18.5
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	5,192	5,236	5,196	5,413	2,383	2,404	2,460	2,525	3,416	3,162	3,104	2,886	23	8	8	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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Group homes	1.9	1.3	1.6	1.4
Institutions	2.7	2.0	2.4	2.3
Other settings	95.5	96.7	95.9	96.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	<.1
Number	2,952	3,024	3,105	3,322

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

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score¹⁷	106.1	103.8	102.5	105.9
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)	67.4	72.2	68.7	68.9
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	7.1	7.9	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)	46.1	47.2	43.4	44.3
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?	17.9	21.0	18.9	18.9

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	117.2	119.5	124.8	134.1
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?	26.6	30.4	29.9	34.7
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?	31.8	32.1	32.7	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?	21.2	20.5	23.3	26.5
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	10.5	13.0	12.4	15.0
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?	75.4	74.8	74.0	74.5

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	128.9	128.1	124.2	136.9
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?	31.7	31.4	33.1	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?	96.7	96.4	95.9	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?	39.9	38.0	47.3	38.4

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	103.7	103.9	102.8	104.2
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?	86.3	86.6	83.9	86.2
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?	68.1	66.7	68.0	67.0
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?	43.4	45.4	46.0	46.4

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 (<http://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 Wisconsin's comments on the State data presented in *Child Welfare Outcomes 2010–2013: Report to Congress*.

Wisconsin's child welfare system is state-supervised and county-administered in 71 counties and state-administered in Milwaukee. Wisconsin's current focus areas are:

- **Promoting Trauma-Informed Approaches:** Scientific research has shown that traumatic experiences in childhood have a “toxic effect” and inhibit the healthy development of a child’s brain. As a result, a child’s cognitive development, social skills, behavior, and physical health are significantly impaired. Wisconsin is incorporating trauma-informed principles into our child welfare system, through training of child welfare workers, birth, foster and adoptive parents, and facilitating the adoption of these principles in other state and local systems that serve children and families.
- **Strengthening In-Home Safety:** Wisconsin is engaged in training child welfare workers and our court partners in how to engage in robust safety assessment and planning, including whether and how supports and services can be implemented to maintain a child safely in his or her own home whenever possible.
- **Achieving Timely Permanency:** The Department is applying a heightened urgency and creativity to achieving permanency for children in out-of-home care. We have established new tools through statute and administratively to reflect this philosophy, including permanency roundtables, family-finding techniques, subsidized guardianship, and trial reunifications.
- **Reducing Re-entry:** Children in Wisconsin re-enter out-of-home care at a rate that far exceeds the federal standard. To reduce the re-entry rate and improve outcomes for children and families, Wisconsin is implementing the Post-reunification Support (PS) Program to provide services and supports to families in the initial twelve months after reunification. The PS program, which began in February 2014, is a Title IV-E Waiver Demonstration program.
- **Improving Health Outcomes:** DCF partnered with the Wisconsin Department of Health Services to implement Care4Kids, a medical home program for eligible children. The program, which began in January 2014, provides comprehensive and coordinated health care for children in out-of-home care in a way that reflects the unique health needs and trauma experiences of these children. The program is improving children’s quality, access, and timeliness of health care.
- **Achieving Educational Success for Children in Out-of-Home Care:** In collaboration with the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, local child welfare agencies and school districts, DCF is working on improving the educational outcomes for youth in foster care through: establishment data exchanges between the child welfare and school systems; development of practices to promote timely information-sharing between the child welfare and school workers; training of school personnel about the needs of children in out-of-home care; and research on the educational outcomes of these children.
- **Supporting Youth Transition to Adulthood:** Youth who age out of foster care face significant challenges. Wisconsin’s Office of Youth Services recently awarded a Youth at Risk of Homeless (YARH) Planning Grant, which focuses on strengthening Permanent connections, Academics, Training and employment, Housing, and Social and emotional well-being (PATHS) for current and former foster 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.

A. Context Statistics¹

General Child Population (Census Bureau)²

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total children under 18 years	135,351	135,407	136,526	137,679
Race/ethnicity (%) ³				
American Indian/ Alaska Native	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
Asian	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.7
Black	0.8	0.9	1.1	1.1
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
Hispanic (of any race)	13.5	13.8	14.0	14.2
White	79.3	78.9	78.3	77.9
Two or more races	2.7	2.9	2.9	3.1
Child population in poverty (%)	14.3	15.6	16.9	X

Child Welfare Summary⁴

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Child maltreatment victims	725	703	705	720
Foster care entry rate per 1,000	7.2	7.3	7.2	7.3
Children in foster care on 9/30	953	882	962	996
Children adopted	75	73	81	86

Caseworker Visits for Children in Foster Care⁵

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children receiving monthly visits (%)	N/A	N/A	98	98
Numerator	N/A	N/A	9,544	10,359
Denominator	N/A	N/A	9,709	10,612
Children receiving visits in the home (%)	N/A	N/A	70	68
Numerator	N/A	N/A	6,649	7,063
Denominator	N/A	N/A	9,544	10,359

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

Overview Maltreatment Information⁷

	2010		2011		2012		2013	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children who received a Child Protective Services response for an allegation of child maltreatment	5,719	42.3 per 1,000	5,393	39.8 per 1,000	5,628	41.2 per 1,000	5,632	40.9 per 1,000
Total child maltreatment victims	725	5.4 per 1,000	703	5.2 per 1,000	705	5.2 per 1,000	720	5.2 per 1,000
Child fatalities	1	0.7 per 100,000	1	0.7 per 100,000	2	1.5 per 100,000	0	0.0 per 100,000

Age of Child Victims (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	10.5	11.7	10.9	10.0
1 year	7.9	7.8	6.2	6.7
2 years	7.2	7.1	7.8	8.2
3 years	9.0	8.4	8.5	6.3
4 years	9.4	6.8	7.8	4.4
5 years	7.4	7.1	7.4	8.5
6 years	6.8	4.4	5.2	7.1
7 years	5.2	5.8	6.8	5.7
8 years	5.2	5.3	4.5	4.7
9 years	5.5	6.8	5.5	5.0
10 years	4.4	5.0	4.0	4.9
11 years	4.3	5.8	4.4	3.1
12 years	2.8	4.3	4.0	5.0
13 years	3.2	3.1	4.0	4.7
14 years	2.9	3.0	4.3	4.2
15 years	2.9	2.1	4.4	4.6
16 years	3.3	2.8	3.0	4.4
17 years	1.9	2.1	1.3	1.8
18+ years	0.1	0.4	0.0	0.7
Missing data	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1
Number	725	703	705	720

Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.8	1.8	1.1	1.4
Asian	0.1	0.0	0.6	0.4
Black	1.8	3.6	2.7	3.1
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	12.8	13.4	13.6	14.6
White	74.9	74.3	75.7	78.8
Two or more races	0.1	0.4	1.1	0.4
Missing data	9.4	6.4	5.1	1.4
Number	725	703	705	720

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 2013 were not available for inclusion in this report; however, they will be included in the 2011-2014 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 was a new methodology used to calculate the caseworker visits measures. Because the new methodology limits data comparisons with prior years, caseworker visits data from 2010 and 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.

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Emotional abuse	19.0	18.3	21.4	20.4
Medical neglect	0.7	0.7	0.6	1.4
Neglect	70.6	75.1	73.3	71.4
Physical abuse	6.6	4.8	2.6	4.2
Sexual abuse	9.2	10.0	10.4	12.2
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	3.6	1.3	1.6	1.8
Number	725	703	705	720

Response Time (in hours)⁹

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Mean	15.0	21.4	14.9	13.3
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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total number	970	876	814	894	977	985	978	1,002	994	979	830	900	953	882	962	996
Median length of stay (months)	7.8	9.0	8.8	7.8	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	7.6	6.6	7.0	7.3	9.1	9.3	7.8	8.0

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)

	In Care on First Day of FY				Entered Care				Exited Care				In Care on Last Day of FY			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	3.3	4.5	4.2	4.4	7.3	7.9	8.4	7.2	2.7	3.6	2.7	3.0	4.1	3.9	4.3	3.3
1 year	6.0	4.6	5.4	6.2	5.7	4.4	4.6	5.7	4.6	4.3	5.1	4.2	4.3	5.3	5.9	6.3
2 years	5.7	7.4	5.3	5.1	5.3	4.3	4.8	5.4	5.9	4.5	5.1	5.4	7.0	4.9	4.9	6.2
3 years	4.8	4.6	6.0	5.1	4.1	5.6	4.9	4.4	5.2	6.5	5.4	4.1	4.3	5.7	4.9	5.5
4 years	5.9	5.5	4.2	6.0	4.9	3.5	5.0	3.6	4.4	4.1	4.9	5.1	5.5	4.1	5.6	4.7
5 years	4.8	5.6	5.0	3.8	3.8	4.7	4.5	5.2	4.5	5.2	5.1	4.7	5.2	4.6	3.5	4.6
6 years	3.7	4.2	4.7	5.5	3.3	2.5	4.1	4.1	2.9	4.4	4.3	4.4	4.2	4.4	5.2	4.7
7 years	4.1	3.9	3.8	4.8	3.2	3.9	4.1	3.0	3.3	3.6	3.6	4.9	3.9	3.6	4.5	5.0
8 years	3.4	4.0	3.7	4.8	3.4	2.4	3.8	3.5	3.8	3.8	3.3	3.4	3.7	3.4	4.6	2.6
9 years	3.3	3.4	4.5	2.7	3.2	4.7	3.0	3.3	2.6	3.5	3.7	4.0	3.1	4.2	2.7	4.9
10 years	3.6	4.2	4.2	5.3	3.8	2.5	2.9	3.7	3.4	2.6	2.5	3.0	3.9	3.9	4.9	2.7
11 years	3.6	4.2	4.2	3.9	2.1	2.4	1.6	2.6	2.3	2.8	2.8	3.6	4.0	3.9	3.6	4.8
12 years	4.6	3.7	4.9	4.3	3.7	4.9	4.6	4.2	3.4	3.7	2.4	2.4	3.5	4.6	4.2	3.6
13 years	5.2	5.6	5.4	5.8	5.0	5.8	5.3	6.4	3.9	4.4	5.2	4.3	5.5	4.9	5.7	6.0
14 years	7.4	4.6	7.6	6.3	7.9	8.8	8.2	7.6	6.5	6.1	7.5	6.6	5.0	7.4	6.1	7.4
15 years	8.4	11.3	9.1	7.8	10.8	11.1	10.0	10.9	8.6	8.3	7.2	8.4	11.3	10.0	8.6	8.0
16 years	11.2	9.8	10.3	9.5	13.6	12.2	12.3	11.3	12.2	13.6	14.0	12.8	10.1	10.5	9.9	8.7
17 years	10.7	8.8	7.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	7.9	7.7	14.0	12.4	12.5	11.1	8.6	6.9	8.1	8.2
18 years	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.4	0.0	0.1	0.4	5.4	2.9	2.8	4.4	2.8	3.7	2.8	2.4
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	0.1	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	0.1	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	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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/ Alaska Native	2.3	2.7	1.8	2.3	1.8	1.5	2.0	0.8	1.4	2.3	1.7	1.6	2.7	1.8	2.2	1.5
Asian	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.6	0.5	0.0	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.1	0.1	0.5	0.2
Black	5.3	4.7	4.7	4.6	2.9	3.6	3.0	3.0	3.7	3.4	3.0	4.4	4.4	4.9	4.4	3.1
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	12.5	13.9	15.0	14.1	13.1	14.2	14.8	17.8	11.5	13.1	15.7	16.0	14.2	15.2	14.2	16.1
White	75.5	74.3	76.8	76.3	77.2	77.2	77.2	75.4	78.0	75.5	77.5	75.4	74.6	76.2	76.6	76.2
Two or more races	1.8	1.4	1.5	1.5	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.1	1.3	0.8	1.0	0.9	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.6
Unable to determine	2.8	2.9	0.1	0.6	3.6	2.4	1.1	1.6	3.7	4.8	0.8	0.9	2.6	0.2	0.5	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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total waiting children	225	208	163	88
Number of waiting children whose parents' rights have been terminated	204	179	119	30

Age of Children Waiting for Adoption (%)¹²

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	8.0	4.3	3.7	2.3
1 year	7.6	8.2	8.0	4.5
2 years	9.8	7.7	8.0	8.0
3 years	8.0	9.1	6.7	4.5
4 years	8.4	7.2	6.1	5.7
5 years	7.6	8.7	5.5	3.4
6 years	5.8	6.7	5.5	3.4
7 years	6.2	5.3	6.1	8.0
8 years	4.4	5.3	4.9	2.3
9 years	3.6	5.8	4.9	5.7
10 years	4.9	2.9	7.4	2.3
11 years	5.8	6.3	3.7	10.2
12 years	3.6	4.8	6.1	5.7
13 years	4.0	2.4	6.1	9.1
14 years	3.6	4.8	3.1	6.8
15 years	3.6	3.8	4.9	4.5
16 years	3.6	4.3	5.5	5.7
17 years	1.8	2.4	3.7	8.0

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/Alaska Native	1.8	1.9	1.2	1.1
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Black	10.2	9.1	9.8	3.4
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.5	0.6	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	8.4	12.0	11.0	13.6
White	76.0	75.5	75.5	78.4
Two or more races	1.3	0.5	1.2	2.3
Unable to determine	2.2	0.5	0.6	1.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS Adoption File)

Children Adopted

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total children adopted	75	73	81	86

Age of Children Adopted (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 1 year	0.0	2.7	0.0	1.2
1 year	9.3	12.3	6.2	11.6
2 years	14.7	6.8	11.1	15.1
3 years	18.7	8.2	9.9	9.3
4 years	4.0	8.2	13.6	12.8
5 years	9.3	9.6	12.3	4.7
6 years	5.3	11.0	11.1	7.0
7 years	8.0	9.6	4.9	4.7
8 years	5.3	4.1	6.2	8.1
9 years	6.7	8.2	4.9	4.7
10 years	2.7	1.4	2.5	4.7
11 years	2.7	4.1	4.9	2.3
12 years	1.3	6.8	2.5	1.2
13 years	2.7	4.1	2.5	5.8
14 years	5.3	0.0	2.5	4.7
15 years	1.3	1.4	0.0	0.0
16 years	1.3	0.0	1.2	2.3
17 years	1.3	1.4	1.2	0.0
18 years	0.0	0.0	2.5	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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.0	1.4	3.7	1.2
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Black	5.3	9.6	4.9	10.5
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.2
Hispanic (of any race)	5.3	2.7	14.8	11.6
White	85.3	78.1	74.1	75.6
Two or more races	1.3	2.7	1.2	0.0
Unable to determine	2.7	5.5	1.2	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.

Wyoming

OUTCOMES DATA

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

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children without a recurrence	98.0	99.0	98.6	99.2
Children with one or more recurrences	2.0	1.0	1.4	0.8
Number	356	311	361	369

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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children maltreated while in foster care	0.00	0.05	0.00	0.00
Children not maltreated while in foster care	100.00	99.95	100.00	100.00
Number	1,947	1,861	1,792	1,896

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

3.1 Exits of Children From Foster Care (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	7.4	7.6	9.3	9.4
Guardianship	5.4	7.9	5.7	6.2
Reunification	76.9	74.4	75.3	74.0
Other	10.3	10.2	9.8	10.3
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	994	979	830	900

3.2 Exits of Children With a Diagnosed Disability (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	16.4	16.7	23.7	7.8
Guardianship	4.3	7.1	7.9	4.3
Reunification	62.9	66.7	55.3	73.9
Other	16.4	9.6	13.2	13.9
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	116	156	114	115

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	0.4	0.2	0.5	1.0
Guardianship	2.0	3.5	2.5	3.8
Reunification	82.4	75.7	76.8	74.7
Other	15.2	20.6	20.2	20.4
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	460	428	367	392

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children age 12 or younger at entry	5.0	7.7	0.0	8.3
Children older than 12 at entry	95.0	92.3	100.0	91.7
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	20	13	5	12

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)¹⁴

	American Indian/Alaska Native				2010	Asian				2010	Black			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	0.0	4.3	21.4	7.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.8	21.2	16.0	22.5		
Guardianship	7.1	26.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.4	6.1	4.0	10.0		
Reunification	85.7	52.2	64.3	85.7	100.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	73.0	63.6	64.0	57.5		
Other	7.1	17.4	14.3	7.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.8	9.1	16.0	10.0		
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	14	23	14	14	4	0	0	6	37	33	25	40		
	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander				2010	Hispanic (of any race)				2010	White			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	2.6	2.3	8.5	6.9	8.3	7.7	8.9	9.4		
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.6	11.7	8.5	6.9	5.2	6.6	5.3	5.9		
Reunification	0.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	79.8	74.2	78.5	75.0	76.1	75.8	75.3	74.2		
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.9	11.7	4.6	11.1	10.5	9.9	10.6	10.5		
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	1	3	1	114	128	130	144	775	739	643	679		
	Unable to Determine				2010	Two or More Races				2010	Missing Data			
	2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013		2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	5.4	8.5	14.3	0.0	7.7	25.0	12.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Guardianship	0.0	8.5	0.0	25.0	0.0	12.5	12.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Reunification	75.7	74.5	71.4	75.0	92.3	50.0	75.0	87.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Other	18.9	8.5	14.3	0.0	0.0	12.5	0.0	12.5	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	37	47	7	8	13	8	8	8	0	0	0	0		

¹⁴ 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. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS Foster Care File)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Less than 12 mos.	76.3	79.1	76.6	74.2
At least 12 mos., but less than 24 mos.	18.7	15.5	19.7	20.9
At least 24 mos., but less than 36 mos.	2.9	3.6	2.9	3.5
At least 36 mos., but less than 48 mos.	0.8	1.2	0.6	0.8
48 or more mos.	1.3	0.5	0.2	0.8
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	764	728	625	666

4.2 Children Reentering Foster Care (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children entering care for the first time	71.4	70.1	71.3	71.8
Children reentering care within 12 mos. of a prior episode	13.4	12.1	11.3	13.8
Children reentering care more than 12 mos. after a prior episode	9.0	12.3	11.8	12.2
Missing data	6.1	5.6	5.6	2.3
Number	977	985	978	1,002

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

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Less than 12 mos.	4.1	10.8	9.1	12.9
At least 12 mos. but less than 24 mos.	29.7	32.4	22.1	34.1
At least 24 mos. but less than 36 mos.	29.7	31.1	40.3	30.6
At least 36 mos. but less than 48 mos.	16.2	14.9	19.5	8.2
48 or more mos.	20.3	10.8	9.1	14.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	74	74	77	85

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			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children with 2 or fewer placements	86.8	86.9	91.3	88.3	56.1	58.8	64.2	69.5	36.5	34.2	37.2	36.7	66.7	100.0	0.0	100.0
Children with 3 or more placements	11.4	11.9	7.8	10.4	43.2	41.2	35.8	30.5	63.5	65.8	62.8	63.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing placement setting counts	1.7	1.2	0.9	1.3	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	33.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	1,215	1,218	1,173	1,247	433	364	369	400	296	278	250	248	3	1	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 (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Group homes	2.5	3.3	3.5	3.1
Institutions	3.5	2.3	2.6	1.8
Other settings	94.0	94.4	94.0	95.1
Missing data	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	516	521	547	555

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

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification¹⁶

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score¹⁷	129.7	130.9	135.5	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)	75.9	77.1	77.2	74.7
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)	6.3	5.8	6.8	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)	58.5	56.4	61.4	60.7
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?	13.1	12.3	11.2	15.1

Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	128.6	137.5	153.7	153.9
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?	33.8	43.2	31.2	47.1
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?	29.6	25.3	29.3	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?	25.4	21.7	30.3	28.6
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	15.6	12.9	23.7	12.9
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?	71.4	73.8	77.8	86.7

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	164.4	149.2	157.3	147.5
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?	47.1	32.0	36.7	36.6
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?	96.3	100.0	97.5	98.9
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?	16.3	21.2	14.3	20.3

Composite 4: Placement Stability While in Foster Care²⁰

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Composite Score	95.2	96.0	103.2	102.9
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?	86.7	86.6	91.2	88.6
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?	56.8	58.6	64.1	69.8
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?	36.5	34.3	37.2	36.6

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 (<http://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 at <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 eight days and incorporates a "trial home visit" adjustment, when relevant. These are explained below.

Exclusions of children discharged from foster care in less than eight days. The calculation of some of the CFSR measures excludes children who were discharged from foster care in less than eight 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 eight days)

(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 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)

Individual 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)

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 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)

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

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.

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 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 eight days. (See C1 for an explanation of the eight-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 the following: (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 sections 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. 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 following:

- The frequency of the visits
- 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 2010–2013 will only report on 2012 and 2013 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 at <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 at <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 and/or 2013:

State	Used Sample in 2012	Used Sample in 2013
Alabama	X	X
Hawaii	X	X
Idaho	X	
Michigan	X	X
Pennsylvania	X	X

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
Section A. Context Statistics	
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
Section B. Child Maltreatment Data (National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System)	
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.
Section C. Characteristics of Children in Foster Care (Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System)	
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
Section D. Characteristics of Children Waiting for Adoption on 9/30 (AFCARS)	
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

ITEMS	DATA SOURCES AND ELEMENTS
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
Section E. Characteristics of Children Adopted (AFCARS)	
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
Outcome 1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect (NCANDS)	
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
Outcome 2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care (NCANDS and AFCARS)	
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
Outcome 3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care (AFCARS)	
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
Outcome 4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Reentry (AFCARS)	
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
Outcome 5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS)	
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
Outcome 6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS)	
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
Outcome 7. Reduce Placement of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS)	
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
Composite 1. Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification	
<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

OUTCOME MEASURES	DATA SOURCES AND ELEMENTS
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
<p>Composite 2. Timeliness of Adoptions</p> <p><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></p>	
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
<p>Composite 3. Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time</p> <p><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></p>	
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
<p>Composite 4. Placement Stability While in Foster Care</p> <p><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></p>	
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 2013: Summary of Key Findings

The following are key findings from *Child Maltreatment 2013*. 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 2013* report is available on the Children's Bureau website at

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/resource/child-maltreatment-2013>

Overview

All 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the U.S. territories have child abuse and neglect reporting laws that mandate certain professionals and institutions to report suspected maltreatment to a child protective services (CPS) agency.

Each state has its own definitions of child abuse and neglect that are based on standards set by federal law. Federal legislation provides a foundation for states by identifying a set of acts or behaviors that define child abuse and neglect. The Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA), as amended by the CAPTA Reauthorization Act of 2010, retained the existing definition of child abuse and neglect as, at minimum:

Any recent act or failure to act on the part of a parent or caretaker which results in death, serious physical or emotional harm, sexual abuse or exploitation; or an act or failure to act, which presents an imminent risk of serious harm.

Most states recognize four major types of maltreatment: neglect, physical abuse, psychological maltreatment, and sexual abuse. Although any of the forms of child maltreatment may be found separately, they can occur in combination.

What is the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS)?

NCANDS is a federally sponsored effort that collects and analyzes annual data on child abuse and neglect. The 1988 CAPTA amendments 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) 2013 data is the 24th issuance of this annual publication.

How are the data used?

NCANDS data are used for the Child Maltreatment report series. 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 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 at <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 2013, CPS agencies received an estimated 3.5 million referrals involving approximately 6.4 million children. Among the 47 states that reported both screened-in and screened-out referrals, 60.9 percent of referrals were screened in, and 39.1 percent were screened out. For 2013, 2.1 million reports were screened in. The national rate of screened-in referrals (reports) was 28.3 per 1,000 children in the national population.

Who reported child maltreatment?

For 2013, professionals made three-fifths (61.6 percent) of reports of alleged child abuse and neglect. The three largest percentages of report sources were from such professionals as legal and law enforcement personnel (17.5 percent), education personnel (17.5 percent), and social services personnel (11.0 percent). 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 (18.6 percent). Unclassified sources submitted the remaining one-fifth of reports (19.8 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.

Who were the child victims?

Fifty-two states submitted data to NCANDS about the dispositions of children who received one or more CPS responses. For 2013, approximately 3.9 million children were the subjects of at least one report. Approximately one-fifth of children were found to be victims with dispositions of substantiated (17.5 percent), indicated (0.9 percent), and "alternative response victim" (0.4 percent). The remaining four-fifths of the children were determined to be nonvictims of maltreatment.

For 2013, 52 states reported 678,932 victims of child abuse and neglect. The victim rate was 9.1 victims per 1,000 children in the population. Using this rate, the national estimate of victims for 2013 was 679,000. Victim demographics include:

- Victims in their first year of life had the highest rate of victimization, at 23.1 per 1,000 children of the same age in the national population.
- The majority of victims consisted of three races or ethnicities—White (44.0 percent), Hispanic (22.4 percent), and African-American (21.2 percent).

What were the most common types of maltreatment?

As in prior years, the greatest percentages of children suffered from neglect (79.5 percent) and physical abuse (18.0 percent). A child may have suffered from multiple forms of maltreatment, and all maltreatment types were counted for each child.

How many children died from abuse or neglect?

Child fatalities are the most tragic consequence of maltreatment. For 2013, 50 states reported 1,484 fatalities. Based on these data, a nationally estimated 1,520 children died from abuse and neglect. According to the analyses performed on the child fatalities for whom case-level data were obtained:

- The national rate of child fatalities was 2.04 deaths per 100,000 children.
- Nearly three-quarters (73.9 percent) of all child fatalities were younger than 3 years old.
- Boys had a higher child fatality rate than girls, at 2.36 boys per 100,000 boys in the population. Girls died of abuse and neglect at a rate of 1.77 per 100,000 girls in the population.
- More than 85 percent (86.8 percent) of child fatalities were comprised of White (39.3 percent), African-American (33.0 percent), and Hispanic (14.5 percent) victims.
- Four-fifths (78.9 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-one states reported 515,507 perpetrators. According to the analyses performed on the perpetrators for whom case-level data were obtained:

- Four-fifths (83.0 percent) of perpetrators were between the ages of 18 and 44 years.
- More than one-half (53.9 percent) of perpetrators were women, 45.0 percent of perpetrators were men, and 1.1 percent were of unknown sex.
- The three largest percentages of perpetrators were White (49.3 percent), African-American (20.1 percent), or Hispanic (19.5 percent).

Who received services?

CPS agencies provide services to children and their families, both in their homes and in foster care. Reasons for the providing 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 2013:

- Forty-seven states reported approximately 3.1 million children received prevention services.
- Based on data from 48 states, 1,294,118 children received postresponse services from a CPS agency.
- Two-thirds (63.8 percent) of victims and one-third (32.6 percent) of nonvictims received postresponse services.

Appendix F

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families,
Administration on Children, Youth and Families, Children's Bureau, <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb>

The AFCARS Report

Preliminary FY¹ 2013 Estimates as of July 2014 • No. 21

SOURCE: Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) FY 2013 data²

Numbers At A Glance					
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Number in foster care on September 30 of the FY	418,672	404,878	397,827	396,892	402,378
Number entered foster care during FY	254,896	256,092	251,365	251,539	254,904
Number exited foster care during FY	277,606	257,806	246,438	240,936	238,280
Number waiting to be adopted on September 30 of the FY	113,798	108,746	106,352	101,737	101,840
Number waiting to be adopted whose parental rights (for all living parents) were terminated during FY	71,381	65,747	62,786	59,063	58,887
Number adopted with public child welfare agency involvement during FY	57,187	53,547	50,901	52,042	50,608

Children in Foster Care on September 30, 2013 • N=402,378

Age as of September 30th			Sex		
Mean	8.9		Male	52%	210,738
Median	8.2		Female	48%	191,608
Age as of September 30th			Most Recent Placement Setting		
Less than 1 Year	7%	26,677	Pre-Adoptive Home	4%	14,537
1 Year	8%	31,402	Foster Family Home (Relative)	28%	113,065
2 Years	7%	28,453	Foster Family Home (Non-Relative)	47%	184,787
3 Years	6%	25,183	Group Home	6%	23,314
4 Years	6%	23,551	Institution	8%	32,602
5 Years	6%	22,271	Supervised Independent Living	1%	4,486
6 Years	5%	20,575	Runaway	1%	4,450
7 Years	5%	18,903	Trial Home Visit	5%	21,241
8 Years	4%	16,879	Case Plan Goal		
9 Years	4%	15,523	Reunify with Parent(s) or Principal Caretaker(s)	53%	204,621
10 Years	4%	14,671	Live with Other Relative(s)	3%	12,791
11 Years	4%	14,058	Adoption	24%	91,694
12 Years	4%	14,607	Long Term Foster Care	5%	17,182
13 Years	4%	16,148	Emancipation	5%	19,499
14 Years	5%	18,828	Guardianship	4%	13,602
15 Years	6%	22,925	Case Plan Goal Not Yet Established	7%	26,253
16 Years	7%	26,413			
17 Years	7%	27,577			
18 Years	3%	10,962			
19 Years	1%	3,750			
20 Years	1%	2,636			

¹ "FY" refers to the Federal Fiscal Year, October 1st through September 30th.

² Data from both the regular and revised AFCARS file submissions received by July 21, 2014 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 30th may not match the sum across ages for that group).

Race/Ethnicity		
American Indian/Alaskan Native	2%	8,652
Asian	1%	2,114
Black or African American	24%	98,201
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0%	686
Hispanic (of any race)	22%	86,993
White	42%	168,302
Unknown/Unable to Determine	3%	11,734
Two or more Races	6%	24,935

NOTE: All races exclude children of Hispanic origin. Children of Hispanic ethnicity may be any race.

Time in Care		
Mean Months	21.8	
Median Months	12.8	
Less than 1 Month	5%	20,901
1 - 5 Months	23%	91,452
6 - 11 Months	20%	78,963
12 - 17 Months	15%	59,105
18 - 23 Months	10%	38,614
24 - 29 Months	7%	28,035
30 - 35 Months	5%	17,936
3 - 4 Years	9%	35,863
5 Years or More	8%	31,498

Children Entering Foster Care during FY 2013 • N=254,904

Age at Entry		
Mean Age	7.5	
Median Age	6.4	
Less than 1 Year	17%	43,085
1 Year	7%	18,512
2 Years	7%	16,680
3 Years	6%	15,203
4 Years	6%	14,324
5 Years	5%	13,761
6 Years	5%	12,620
7 Years	4%	11,162
8 Years	4%	10,075
9 Years	4%	9,053
10 Years	3%	8,468
11 Years	3%	8,226
12 Years	4%	8,937
13 Years	4%	10,466
14 Years	5%	12,450
15 Years	6%	14,768
16 Years	6%	15,004
17 Years	4%	10,578
18 Years	0%	1,075
19 Years	0%	295
20 Years	0%	122

Race/Ethnicity		
American Indian/Alaskan Native	2%	5,465
Asian	1%	1,620
Black or African American	22%	54,835
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0%	534
Hispanic (of any race)	21%	53,786
White	45%	114,666
Unknown/Unable to Determine	3%	7,936
Two or more Races	6%	15,240

NOTE: All races exclude children of Hispanic origin. Children of Hispanic ethnicity may be any race.

Children Exiting Foster Care During FY 2013 • N=238,280

Age at Exit		
Mean Age	9.1	
Median Age	8.1	
Less than 1 Year	4%	10,384
1 Year	8%	18,057
2 Years	8%	18,527
3 Years	7%	16,707
4 Years	6%	15,213
5 Years	6%	14,071
6 Years	5%	12,765
7 Years	5%	11,389
8 Years	4%	10,170
9 Years	4%	9,276
10 Years	4%	8,396
11 Years	3%	7,862
12 Years	3%	7,768
13 Years	3%	7,913
14 Years	4%	8,804
15 Years	4%	10,294
16 Years	5%	11,776
17 Years	5%	12,427
18 Years	8%	18,569
19 Years	2%	5,133
20 Years	0%	910

Race/Ethnicity		
American Indian/Alaskan Native	2%	4,758
Asian	1%	1,692
Black or African American	24%	56,053
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0%	601
Hispanic (of any race)	20%	48,661
White	45%	106,487
Unknown/Unable to Determine	2%	5,702
Two or more Races	6%	13,889

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%	121,334
Living with Other Relative(s)	8%	19,385
Adoption	21%	50,281
Emancipation	10%	23,090
Guardianship	7%	17,664
Transfer to Another Agency	2%	3,717
Runaway	0%	1,124
Death of Child	0%	354

Time in Care		
Mean Months	20.0	
Median Months	13.5	
Less than 1 Month	11%	26,263
1 - 5 Months	15%	35,983
6 - 11 Months	20%	46,734
12 - 17 Months	16%	37,800
18 - 23 Months	11%	27,274
24 - 29 Months	8%	18,499
30 - 35 Months	5%	12,424
3 - 4 Years	9%	20,462
5 Years or More	5%	12,677

Children Waiting to be Adopted³ on September 30, 2013 • N=101,840

Age as of September 30		
Mean Age	7.7	
Median Age	6.8	
Less than 1 Year	4%	3,942
1 Year	9%	9,426
2 Years	9%	9,254
3 Years	8%	8,099
4 Years	7%	7,482
5 Years	7%	6,995
6 Years	6%	6,275
7 Years	6%	5,858
8 Years	5%	5,256
9 Years	5%	4,938
10 Years	4%	4,531
11 Years	4%	4,413
12 Years	4%	4,435
13 Years	4%	4,375
14 Years	5%	4,592
15 Years	5%	4,636
16 Years	4%	4,085
17 Years	3%	3,248

Age at Entry into Foster Care		
Mean Age	4.9	
Median Age	4.1	
Less than 1 Year	25%	25,640
1 Year	9%	9,119
2 Years	8%	8,135
3 Years	7%	7,351
4 Years	7%	7,099
5 Years	7%	6,716
6 Years	6%	6,197
7 Years	5%	5,508
8 Years	5%	5,093
9 Years	5%	4,585
10 Years	4%	3,934
11 Years	3%	3,553
12 Years	3%	2,991
13 Years	2%	2,530
14 Years	2%	1,764
15 Years	1%	1,099
16 Years	0%	432
17 Years	0%	77

Placement Type		
Pre-Adoptive Home	13%	13,174
Foster Family Home (Relative)	24%	24,471
Foster Family Home (Non-Relative)	53%	53,986
Group Home	3%	3,556
Institution	5%	5,167
Supervised Independent Living	0%	103
Runaway	0%	365
Trial Home Visit	1%	653

Race/Ethnicity		
American Indian/Alaskan Native	2%	1,805
Asian	0%	413
Black or African American	24%	24,312
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0%	146
Hispanic (of any race)	23%	23,281
White	42%	42,344
Unknown/Unable to Determine	2%	2,139
Two or more Races	7%	7,335

NOTE: All races exclude children of Hispanic origin. Children of Hispanic ethnicity may be any race

Sex		
Male	52%	53,234
Female	48%	48,602

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	33.5	
Median Months	25.2	
Less than 1 Month	0%	377
1 - 5 Months	4%	4,241
6 - 11 Months	10%	10,075
12 - 17 Months	17%	16,895
18 - 23 Months	16%	16,139
24 - 29 Months	14%	14,026
30 - 35 Months	9%	9,000
3 - 4 Years	18%	17,870
5 Years or More	13%	13,217

Of Children Waiting for Adoption whose Parents' Parental Rights have been Terminated (N=58,887), Time elapsed since termination of parental rights as of September 30, 2012	
Time Since TPR	
Mean Months	22.0
Median Months	10.0

Children Adopted with Public Agency Involvement in FY 2013⁴ • N=50,608

Age at Adoption		
Mean Age	6.2	
Median Age	5.1	
Less than 1 Year	2%	1,161
1 Year	12%	5,947
2 Years	14%	6,968
3 Years	11%	5,781
4 Years	10%	4,875
5 Years	8%	4,181
6 Years	7%	3,560
7 Years	6%	2,958
8 Years	5%	2,620
9 Years	4%	2,235
10 Years	4%	2,016
11 Years	4%	1,788
12 Years	3%	1,513
13 Years	3%	1,366
14 Years	2%	1,090
15 Years	2%	904
16 Years	2%	823
17 Years	1%	613
18 Years	0%	167
19 Years	0%	28
20 Years	0%	9

Time elapsed from Termination of Parental Rights to Adoption		
Mean Months	12.3	
Median Months	8.6	
Less than 1 Month	2%	1,248
1-5 Months	30%	14,869
6-11 Months	34%	16,962
12-17 Months	16%	8,146
18-23 Months	7%	3,619
24-29 Months	4%	1,818
30-35 Months	2%	1,056
3-4 Years	3%	1,489
5 Years or more	1%	740

Race/Ethnicity		
American Indian/Alaskan Native	2%	787
Asian	0%	241
Black or African American	21%	10,800
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0%	88
Hispanic (of any race)	21%	10,695
White	47%	23,594
Unknown/Unable to Determine	1%	627
Two or more Races	7%	3,773

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	67%	33,306
Unmarried Couple	3%	1,278
Single Female	27%	13,579
Single Male	3%	1,489

Sex		
Male	51%	25,789
Female	49%	24,812

Relationship of Adoptive Parents to Child Prior to Adoption*		
Foster Parent**	58%	29,428
Relative	31%	15,524
Non-Relative	26%	13,087
Stepparent	0%	15,484
Missing Prior Relationship	5%	2,471

Receive Adoption Subsidy		
Yes	93%	47,172
No	7%	3,415

* These categories are not mutually exclusive and states are encouraged to select all that apply. Therefore, the total exceeds the total number of adoptions.

** Of the 29,428 children adopted by a foster parent in 2013, 2,535 were identified as also being a relative, 7,032 were identified as being non-relative, and 19,861 did not identify whether the foster parent was relative or non-relative.

Appendix G

Race and Ethnicity of Child Victims Across States

The following tables present state percentages of child victims for each of the measured race/ethnicity data elements compared with the race/ethnicity representation within a state's general child population. Note that the data in these graphs represent unique counts of child victims, and all races exclude children of Hispanic origin. In addition, Pennsylvania was excluded from these analyses due to missing race/ethnicity data for child victims, and Puerto Rico was excluded due to missing race/ethnicity data for the general child population.

American Indian/Alaska Native Child Maltreatment Victims, 2013

State	Child Victims	General Child Population
Alaska	52.1%	17.8%
South Dakota	38.4%	13.1%
Montana	19.4%	9.5%
North Dakota	18.8%	8.2%
Minnesota	8.2%	1.4%
New Mexico	7.6%	10.2%
Oklahoma	6.5%	10.2%
Washington	5.7%	1.5%
Wisconsin	5.1%	1.1%
Nebraska	4.4%	1.1%
Arizona	4.3%	5.0%
Idaho	4.2%	1.1%
North Carolina	3.1%	1.3%
Oregon	2.2%	1.2%
Utah	1.8%	0.9%
Wyoming	1.4%	3.0%
Colorado	0.9%	0.6%
Iowa	0.8%	0.3%
Nevada	0.8%	0.8%
California	0.7%	0.4%
Kansas	0.6%	0.8%
Rhode Island	0.5%	0.5%
Maine	0.5%	0.8%
Hawaii	0.5%	0.2%
Missouri	0.4%	0.4%
Michigan	0.4%	0.6%
New Hampshire	0.4%	0.2%
Louisiana	0.3%	0.7%
New York	0.3%	0.3%
South Carolina	0.2%	0.4%
Mississippi	0.2%	0.6%
Florida	0.2%	0.2%
Massachusetts	0.2%	0.2%
Connecticut	0.1%	0.3%
Arkansas	0.1%	0.8%
New Jersey	0.1%	0.2%
Texas	0.1%	0.3%
Maryland	0.1%	0.2%
Georgia	0.1%	0.2%
Alabama	0.1%	0.5%
Ohio	0.1%	0.2%
Tennessee	0.1%	0.2%
Illinois	0.1%	0.1%
Indiana	0.1%	0.2%
Delaware	0.1%	0.3%
Virginia	0.0%	0.2%
Kentucky	0.0%	0.2%
West Virginia	0.0%	0.2%
District of Columbia	0.0%	0.2%
Vermont	0.0%	0.3%

Asian Child Maltreatment Victims, 2013

State	Child Victims	General Child Population
Hawaii	10.5%	24.6%
Minnesota	2.9%	5.6%
California	2.3%	10.8%
New York	1.8%	7.4%
Washington	1.8%	7.0%
Wisconsin	1.5%	3.3%
Massachusetts	1.5%	6.2%
Rhode Island	1.0%	3.3%
New Jersey	0.9%	9.2%
Utah	0.8%	1.6%
Maryland	0.8%	5.9%
Oregon	0.8%	3.9%
Nevada	0.8%	6.0%
Iowa	0.7%	2.1%
Illinois	0.7%	4.6%
Colorado	0.7%	2.8%
Connecticut	0.7%	4.7%
Alaska	0.7%	5.3%
Virginia	0.6%	6.1%
Nebraska	0.6%	2.1%
Kansas	0.6%	2.5%
Montana	0.4%	0.7%
Wyoming	0.4%	0.7%
Texas	0.4%	3.7%
Georgia	0.4%	3.5%
North Carolina	0.4%	2.7%
Delaware	0.4%	3.8%
Florida	0.3%	2.6%
Arizona	0.3%	2.6%
Vermont	0.3%	1.7%
New Hampshire	0.2%	2.9%
Maine	0.2%	1.4%
Oklahoma	0.2%	1.8%
Louisiana	0.2%	1.6%
Michigan	0.2%	3.0%
South Dakota	0.2%	1.2%
Indiana	0.2%	1.9%
Missouri	0.2%	1.8%
Alabama	0.2%	1.3%
Arkansas	0.2%	1.4%
Mississippi	0.1%	0.9%
Ohio	0.1%	1.9%
Kentucky	0.1%	1.5%
Tennessee	0.1%	1.7%
South Carolina	0.1%	1.4%
Idaho	0.1%	1.1%
District of Columbia	0.0%	2.2%
New Mexico	0.0%	1.1%
West Virginia	0.0%	0.7%
North Dakota	0.0%	0.9%

Black Child Maltreatment Victims, 2013

State	Child Victims	General Child Population
District of Columbia	57.8%	59.0%
Louisiana	44.7%	37.3%
Maryland	44.2%	31.4%
Delaware	42.8%	25.1%
Mississippi	40.7%	43.0%
Georgia	40.1%	33.4%
South Carolina	34.8%	31.3%
Illinois	33.2%	15.7%
Florida	31.0%	20.4%
North Carolina	29.8%	23.2%
New Jersey	29.7%	13.8%
New York	28.2%	15.8%
Virginia	26.9%	20.5%
Alabama	26.2%	29.8%
Michigan	24.5%	16.1%
Ohio	22.2%	14.6%
Minnesota	22.1%	8.0%
Connecticut	21.7%	11.1%
Wisconsin	21.2%	8.6%
Nevada	20.6%	8.6%
Indiana	18.0%	11.0%
Texas	16.4%	11.7%
Arkansas	15.1%	18.3%
Nebraska	14.3%	5.7%
Massachusetts	13.4%	8.0%
California	13.1%	5.4%
Rhode Island	12.6%	7.1%
Missouri	11.6%	13.6%
Iowa	11.3%	4.4%
Tennessee	10.6%	19.7%
Kansas	9.3%	6.4%
Kentucky	9.2%	9.2%
Oklahoma	8.5%	8.1%
Arizona	8.4%	4.4%
Colorado	7.9%	4.1%
Washington	6.8%	4.0%
Oregon	4.6%	2.1%
Wyoming	3.1%	1.1%
North Dakota	3.0%	2.4%
New Mexico	3.0%	1.7%
South Dakota	2.9%	2.2%
Hawaii	2.5%	2.0%
Utah	2.5%	1.2%
West Virginia	2.4%	3.8%
New Hampshire	2.4%	1.7%
Montana	1.8%	0.7%
Maine	1.6%	2.5%
Vermont	1.3%	1.8%
Idaho	1.0%	0.9%
Alaska	0.8%	3.3%

Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander Child Maltreatment Victims, 2013

State	Child Victims	General Child Population
Hawaii	17.0%	11.6%
Utah	1.3%	1.0%
Alaska	1.0%	1.6%
Washington	0.8%	0.8%
Nevada	0.7%	0.6%
Arkansas	0.5%	0.4%
California	0.3%	0.4%
Virginia	0.3%	0.1%
Oregon	0.3%	0.5%
Delaware	0.2%	0.0%
Colorado	0.2%	0.1%
Iowa	0.2%	0.1%
Arizona	0.2%	0.2%
Kansas	0.1%	0.1%
North Dakota	0.1%	0.1%
New Hampshire	0.1%	0.0%
North Carolina	0.1%	0.1%
Rhode Island	0.1%	0.1%
Oklahoma	0.1%	0.2%
Maine	0.1%	0.0%
New Jersey	0.1%	0.0%
Illinois	0.1%	0.0%
Texas	0.1%	0.1%
Idaho	0.1%	0.2%
South Carolina	0.1%	0.1%
Maryland	0.1%	0.0%
Missouri	0.1%	0.2%
Nebraska	0.1%	0.1%
Tennessee	0.0%	0.1%
Georgia	0.0%	0.1%
Kentucky	0.0%	0.1%
Wisconsin	0.0%	0.0%
Indiana	0.0%	0.0%
Louisiana	0.0%	0.0%
Florida	0.0%	0.1%
New Mexico	0.0%	0.1%
New York	0.0%	0.0%
Massachusetts	0.0%	0.0%
Alabama	0.0%	0.1%
Ohio	0.0%	0.0%
Michigan	0.0%	0.0%
Connecticut	0.0%	0.0%
Mississippi	0.0%	0.0%
Vermont	0.0%	0.0%
West Virginia	0.0%	0.0%
South Dakota	0.0%	0.0%
Minnesota	0.0%	0.0%
District of Columbia	0.0%	0.1%
Montana	0.0%	0.1%
Wyoming	0.0%	0.1%

Hispanic Child Maltreatment Victims, 2013

State	Child Victims	General Child Population
New Mexico	61.0%	59.1%
California	54.4%	51.9%
Texas	46.2%	49.0%
Arizona	39.7%	43.3%
Colorado	37.8%	31.0%
Connecticut	30.4%	21.7%
Nevada	29.2%	40.2%
Massachusetts	26.2%	16.3%
New York	25.1%	23.6%
Rhode Island	21.9%	22.5%
New Jersey	21.2%	24.4%
Utah	20.5%	16.9%
Florida	17.5%	29.0%
Oklahoma	16.4%	15.5%
Washington	15.3%	20.2%
Oregon	14.9%	21.6%
Wyoming	14.6%	14.2%
Kansas	14.3%	17.8%
Illinois	13.5%	24.1%
Nebraska	13.4%	16.1%
Idaho	13.3%	17.7%
Delaware	11.5%	14.3%
Virginia	11.1%	12.3%
Minnesota	10.7%	8.4%
District of Columbia	10.6%	14.1%
North Carolina	9.9%	14.8%
Iowa	9.8%	9.5%
Wisconsin	9.7%	11.0%
Indiana	8.1%	10.3%
Maryland	7.6%	12.7%
Georgia	7.1%	13.6%
New Hampshire	6.7%	5.3%
North Dakota	6.5%	4.8%
Arkansas	6.3%	11.4%
South Dakota	6.2%	5.4%
Montana	5.1%	5.5%
Michigan	5.0%	7.9%
Ohio	4.3%	5.5%
Alabama	4.1%	6.8%
Maine	3.8%	2.6%
South Carolina	3.6%	8.3%
Hawaii	3.2%	16.5%
Alaska	3.1%	8.8%
Kentucky	3.1%	5.5%
Tennessee	2.7%	8.3%
Missouri	2.7%	6.2%
Mississippi	2.1%	3.9%
Louisiana	2.1%	5.7%
West Virginia	1.6%	2.1%
Vermont	0.5%	2.4%

White Child Maltreatment Victims, 2013

State	Child Victims	General Child Population
Vermont	94.9%	90.4%
West Virginia	85.5%	89.7%
Missouri	80.7%	73.9%
New Hampshire	79.4%	86.7%
Wyoming	78.8%	77.9%
Idaho	77.3%	75.8%
Arkansas	70.5%	64.3%
Utah	70.5%	75.0%
Kansas	68.2%	67.5%
Iowa	66.9%	80.0%
Indiana	66.7%	73.0%
Maine	61.4%	89.3%
Montana	61.2%	79.1%
North Dakota	59.7%	79.8%
Michigan	59.7%	68.0%
Alabama	58.7%	58.8%
Kentucky	58.1%	79.9%
Oregon	57.8%	65.0%
Ohio	56.7%	73.5%
Nebraska	54.8%	71.1%
Washington	53.9%	58.8%
South Carolina	53.1%	55.1%
Mississippi	52.8%	49.4%
Virginia	51.6%	55.5%
North Carolina	50.7%	54.0%
Illinois	50.1%	52.3%
Louisiana	48.4%	52.0%
Wisconsin	47.9%	72.4%
Rhode Island	47.9%	62.3%
Georgia	47.8%	46.0%
Colorado	47.0%	57.2%
Florida	44.5%	44.3%
Oklahoma	43.0%	54.9%
Delaware	42.4%	51.6%
Minnesota	41.1%	71.9%
South Dakota	39.5%	73.8%
Tennessee	39.4%	66.7%
Connecticut	38.8%	58.6%
Massachusetts	38.6%	65.7%
Nevada	38.2%	37.9%
Arizona	37.5%	41.0%
Maryland	33.5%	44.9%
New Jersey	33.5%	49.4%
New York	32.2%	49.6%
Texas	31.5%	32.9%
New Mexico	23.6%	25.4%
California	21.9%	26.6%
Alaska	18.1%	50.9%
Hawaii	13.0%	13.8%
District of Columbia	0.2%	20.9%

Two or More Races Child Maltreatment Victims, 2013

State	Child Victims	General Child Population
Hawaii	47.5%	31.2%
Oklahoma	25.1%	9.3%
Minnesota	13.9%	4.7%
South Dakota	10.6%	4.2%
Alaska	9.6%	12.3%
Washington	9.5%	7.7%
Michigan	8.6%	4.4%
North Dakota	8.6%	3.8%
Rhode Island	7.7%	4.3%
Indiana	6.8%	3.7%
Arkansas	6.6%	3.4%
Kansas	6.6%	4.9%
Nevada	6.4%	5.8%
Virginia	6.1%	5.2%
Ohio	6.0%	4.3%
Montana	5.6%	4.4%
North Carolina	5.1%	3.9%
West Virginia	5.0%	3.6%
Nebraska	5.0%	3.7%
Connecticut	5.0%	3.6%
Iowa	4.8%	3.6%
South Carolina	4.8%	3.4%
Wisconsin	4.7%	3.6%
Massachusetts	4.0%	3.6%
Oregon	3.8%	5.8%
Florida	3.8%	3.4%
Georgia	3.6%	3.2%
Arizona	3.6%	3.6%
Colorado	3.6%	4.1%
Alabama	3.5%	2.8%
New Hampshire	3.4%	3.2%
California	3.4%	4.5%
Texas	3.2%	2.3%
New York	2.9%	3.2%
Kentucky	2.6%	3.7%
Maine	2.4%	3.3%
Delaware	2.3%	5.0%
Maryland	2.1%	4.8%
Louisiana	2.0%	2.7%
Missouri	1.9%	4.0%
New Mexico	1.8%	2.5%
Utah	1.8%	3.3%
Tennessee	1.8%	3.3%
New Jersey	1.7%	2.9%
Idaho	1.5%	3.2%
Mississippi	1.5%	2.2%
Wyoming	0.4%	3.1%
Vermont	0.4%	3.4%
Illinois	0.0%	3.1%
District of Columbia	0.0%	3.6%